



NEWSLETTER

Winter 2009

Lushmeadows Association Inc.

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LUSHMEADOWS EVENTS CALENDAR

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MARCH 21, 2009

Mondays: Playgroup at Dawn Lake

10:30 AM Mondays

Mondays: Poker players at clubhouse

6:30 PM

Wednesdays: Men's Coffee Group at clubhouse

8:30 AM

Second Wednesday of each month - LM Board meeting

7:00 PM

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7:00-8:00 PM

Special event

St. Patrick's Day Dinner March 17, 2009

By Carol Skyrud

The Lushmeadows annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 17th at the Lushmeadows Clubhouse. There will be corned beef, cabbage, vegetables, salad, Irish soda bread, and desserts. The social time will start at 6 PM and dinner at 6:30 PM. The price is \$6:00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12. Reservations must be received no later than March 11th. Please call Sharon Schurman at 966-3145 or Carol Skyrud at 742-7547. We hope to see you there!

Editor's note: There are so many good choices at this dinner that some of your favorites, if not all, are bound to be there. It's an absolutely home-cooked bargain.

Gratitude... Thank you to Ellis Schurman, chair, and all the members of the Lakes and Grounds Committee. They are the reason that the Clubhouse functions and the lakes are in such good condition. This involves a lot of talent in the area of windows (repaired), coolers, heaters, road repair, weed cutting, pipes repaired, night lights installed, pruning, and countless other jobs. The Association is also grateful for the work done by the committees who give us wonderful holiday dinners. We hope to see you at all the community events!

Treasurer's Report: Marian Folker

Currently we have sufficient funds to cover anticipated insurance, taxes and other budgeted expenses until June 30, 2009, but only a fraction of the attorney's bill was budgeted. A letter from the Board of Directors exploring several options to cover the remaining attorney charges is included in this newsletter. Many dues payments were received in January and February. It appears likely that income for the fiscal year will reach or exceed the budgeted figure of \$40,500. Thirty-nine owners still owe back dues. Several of them are making payments. Some may be waiting to learn whether the Appeals Court will reverse at least part of Judge Cole's decision. Any member who would like more information about Association finances may attend Directors' meetings or Membership meetings where detailed lists of income and expenses are presented.

You may also 'phone me at 209-966-3448. Our financial records are always available for review by members. Invoices for 2009-2010 dues will be mailed early in May.

The Lushmeadows Playgroup Gussie Kidd

The playgroup meets each Monday morning at 10:30AM. All children between the ages of 0 (newborns) to 5 years are invited to come. During school holidays the school age brothers and sisters are included.

This winter an average of 12 children, 10 moms, sometimes dads, and grandparents have attended. The children love swinging on the swings, climbing on the bars and playing on the playground equipment. They also enjoy digging in the woodchips, playing with the playground balls, and "hiking" around Dawn Lake. A snack is provided and paid for by the parents. We are looking forward to two new babies in the spring and are excited about a March wedding.

The parents and I are concerned about the unleashed dogs that run loose in the area. Also I am concerned about the trash that gets dumped in the bathrooms and around the lake. Dawn Lake belongs to all of us. It is beautiful, and we are privileged to live here. I hope we will all work together to take care of the lake and the grounds.

Pets are to be on a leash at all times Laura Lee

(Number 7 of Section 1 of the General Rules of the Rules and Regulations Of the Lushmeadows Association)

Several weeks ago I was waiting for my walking companion to finish her walk around Dawn Lake. As I was seated at a table, two dogs came bounding up to me with no owner in sight. Both dogs stood at almost my eye level. If they had tails to wag, I didn't notice any. And if animals can smell fear, there must have been a noticeable scent in the area. Since one of my neighbors had been seriously bitten at Dawn Lake not very long ago, that was on my mind. Both dogs barked, but I can't tell a friendly bark from some other kind. I had a lot to think about and a fast beating heart. The owner arrived to tell me that they just wanted to play. They became friendlier and wiped their noses on my clothes to show their good will, a semi-happy ending.

The county, too, has a leash law when the dogs are out for a walk. Please remember that many people are out enjoying nature and shouldn't be confronted by loose running pets. We shouldn't have to walk with a weapon in hand or pepper spray.

What happens at the Club House!!

County meetings

Memorials

Weddings under the oak tree

Birthday parties

Mariposa class reunions

Community meetings

Wedding receptions

Lushmeadows Assoc. Directors' meeting Second Wednesdays 7:00 PM

General Membership meetings The next one is on Saturday March 21, 2008 10:00AM

SSSS For private gatherings: \$50 per day rental fee
(Includes kitchen supplies and table settings)

Did you Know? There is a modest book collection, properly shelved, at the Club House. You may donate books any time it is open or you may bring them to me at 5521 Clouds Rest for relatively speedy delivery. If you want to read a book, there is no check out system. The expectation is that you will return it in time or perhaps replace it.

New book titles include Gandhi, Sybil, and Coming into the Country (Alaska).

This book collection began when one of the residents had to leave some of her book collection behind when moving.

Other books have been added resulting in an interesting variety to explore.

Abandoned Automobiles: If you happen to own an automobile that isn't operable or a trailer, tractor or anything with wheels that needs to be towed away, call the Mariposa Habitat for Humanity. Have your proof of ownership available.

Their office is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00AM to 12:00 P.M. Call 966-7444 for more information.

A variety of volunteer positions are available.

Other numbers that you may call are 966-5511 or 966-2168.

Any profit made from these transactions goes to the building of affordable housing for those who qualify.

Welcome to Chuck and Tara Schiff our new neighbors at 5531 Clouds Rest.

Lushmeadows Annual Christmas Dinner

Dick Hutchinson

On December 12th, over thirty Lushmeadows Association members, their families, and guests came to celebrate Christmas Holiday and to enjoy some great home cooked food. The potluck committee supplied cooked turkey from Ed and Pat Drechsler, baked ham from Carol Skyrud and Sharon Schurman, and dressing and gravy from Nancy and Dick Hutchinson. We also had tasty hors'd'oeuvres from the two Frank families. All the tables and the Christmas tree were festively decorated by the ladies of the committee. We also had Christmas carol singing with Kurt Frank playing the guitar.

Thank you to everyone who helped and everyone who attended. We hope to see you next year.

In Memorium

Francis Howerton

Jim Jensen

A life that touches the heart of others goes on forever