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October  
2021

Well maintained  
landscaping and  
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a home's exterior

## A Yearly Insight into the Happenings in LMBC

# your neighborhood



## current topics >>>

### Annual Membership Meeting held at the Park Pavilion, April 17, 2021

Due to Covid-19 the 2020 Membership meeting was postponed until the membership met for the 2021 Annual Meeting.

Holding the Annual meeting at our own Park Pavilion was well attended in person and via proxy. A financial recap for the past two years was presented. Information on Lake preventative maintenance was presented.

For reading the unofficial minutes go to [www.lakeminterwoodbeachclub.org](http://www.lakeminterwoodbeachclub.org)



## Knowing your Community

### Making a good neighborhood counts!

*It takes work to keep a neighborhood healthy and strong. Your LMBC HOA encourages you to know your neighbors and help each other out in time of need.*

*We are a healthy neighborhood that looks out for each other!*

The Kid's Fishing Derby was held on June 19, 2021. There was lots of participation and lots of fish caught and lots of happy kids!



The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration was on a Sunday with the holiday on the 5<sup>th</sup>. This made for a fantastic display of fireworks over the lake for the whole community.

LMBC Annual Yard Sale July 16-18, 2021 had great participation throughout the neighborhood which brought many visitors to our hood for the great clean-up. Besides making space for new purchases many raked in some \$\$ for their efforts. Thanks to all that participated and to those who bought those keep sakes!



On August 21, 2021 the HOA Annual Picnic was held in the Park Pavilion. Cake, Hamburgers, and hotdogs were provided. Everyone there had a great time meeting old neighbors and meeting new ones.



set the stage >>>

# Would you like to be a volunteer on the Board?

Check the website  
calendar for monthly  
meeting dates as it is  
always changing – time  
and location.

## Current Officers

President: Alanna Hartzell  
Vice-President and Secretary:  
Gail Howe-Jennings  
Treasurer: Gary Krancus

## Current Committee Chairs

Lake Management: Don  
Thomson  
Property Management: Adam  
Lamecker  
Welcoming: Alanna Hartzell  
Security: Alanna Hartzell  
Social Media: Alanna  
Hartzell

## Bookkeeper

Felice Capone

## Other Members

Katie Wilkinson  
Les Hall  
Judy Scott  
John Baxter (Fish)

## Contact Information

Available on our website:

[www.lakeminterwoodbeachclub.org](http://www.lakeminterwoodbeachclub.org)

## Other Information

available on our website:

**Bylaws and  
Amendments  
ACC Permits**

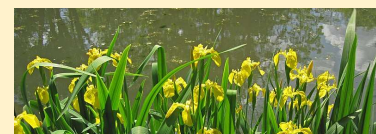
For Animal (Dog) Complaints please contact Pierce County Animal Complaints. A complaint can be filed online. See more information on our Website under Contacts.

## Yellow Flag Iris

Yellow flag iris has begun to establish itself along properties along the edge of the lake shore. The flowers are lovely and property owners may enjoy seeing them in bloom but the iris is a noxious and invasive weed that is listed by the State of Washington as a class C weed and should not be allowed to get a foothold wherever you see it.

The weed is very difficult to remove once established – requiring both labor intensive physical removal and or chemical treatment to eradicate. The resin on the leaves is also an irritant which may cause a skin rash on you or any of your guests that come in contact with it. The resin also adds to the difficulty of removal.

Please, if you see any Yellow Flag Iris on your property, remove it immediately before it gets established. Infestations can become severe and if ignored, can cover your entire shoreline.



Doug Dorling, Northwest Aquatics on Lake Minterwood

## Lake Treatment!

Your HOA dues help to maintain our beautiful lake for the enjoyment of all!

Our Lake Manager, Don Thomson does a wonderful job collecting data for water samples, keeping the well running in top notch condition and calling for treating of lake algae growth and/or unwanted vegetation growth. It is an ongoing project! The HOA also plants fish 3 to 4 fish times a year for those fishermen out there. See pg 4  
**For more information go to Lake Status:**  
[www.lakeminterwoodbeachclub.org](http://www.lakeminterwoodbeachclub.org)

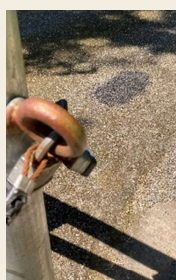
Thank you volunteers >>>

## The Architectural Control Committee works to keep our neighborhood in tip-top shape

Creating curb appeal! Making a good first impression counts. Maintain your property in a clean and sightly condition. It benefits everyone! We have a neighborhood “help” committee, if you need assistance contact Alanna Hartzell, President HOA, [alannahartzell@gmail.com](mailto:alannahartzell@gmail.com) For rules and regulations check out LMBC Bylaws and Covenants on our website plus see when you need an ACC Permit. As property owners, when you bought you also signed on to abide by the LMBC documents.

A big **THANK YOU** to those who help to maintain LMBC HOA owned property. Planting and watering flowers by our signs – filling in potholes with asphalt on our driveway to park – sanding and repainting park benches, trash receptacles and picnic tables – repairing the swim float and the safety floats – emptying trash cans over the winter – maintaining playground equipment – garbage galore pickup at 113<sup>th</sup> cul da sac – picking up dead fish after the June heatwave bomb – helping to organize and assist at HOA events and for picking up the garbage on the neighborhood streets.

**You don't go unnoticed!**





# Trees Make A Difference

## TREES

BY JOYCE KILMER

I think that I shall never see  
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest  
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,  
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in Summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;  
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree.



## ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Pollution Interception: Help to improve air quality

Carbon Sequestration: Trees absorb carbon dioxide, store the carbon in the wood and release oxygen we breathe.

Fuel Use: Trees can reduce the use of fuel for heating and cooling. Trees provide shelter and reduce windspeed, thus reducing heat loss from buildings during winter. They also provide shade in the summer, and provide cooling in the summer.

Noise Reduction: Trees can play an important role in attenuating noise through reflecting and absorbing sound energy.

Hydrology: Trees can reduce erosion and improve water quality through the interception of pollution. Trees can also reduce groundwater runoff.

Other Benefits: Shade cast on road surfaces can significantly increase the life of a road by reducing the surface temperatures during hot weather.

**ROOF MOSS CONTROL** - Nobody wants moss on their roof. It can hold moisture, causing leaks and serious damage. Yet many moss removal treatments can harm our environment and waterways. Follow the tips below to help prevent and treat roof moss in an environmentally friendly way.

### Low-chemical removal:

- Newly established patches can sometimes be removed with gentle wet sweeping or a leaf blower.
- In the summer, try sprinkling powdered dish or laundry detergent on moss-covered areas. Wait three or four days and remove moss with a broom or brush.

### Chemical removal:

- If you use moss control products, choose from the safer options that are available. Look for products containing soaps, fatty acids or ferrous sulfate which are less toxic and designed to protect the environment.
- Avoid products containing copper, zinc and iron sulfate. These substances can pollute our lake and are toxic to aquatic animals.

### Prevent runoff:

- Don't allow moss control products or contaminated rinse water to run into a storm drain or into the street, where it will drain to the lake.

## A maintained septic system keeps you and the environment healthy and helps:

- Reduce the risk of people getting sick from untreated sewage.
- Reduce the risk of contaminating groundwater and surface water.
- Save you money and extend the life of your system.

Do you know where your SEPTIC System recorded documents are that show their location on your property?

Go to [www.tpchd.org/asbuilt](http://www.tpchd.org/asbuilt)

## The True Cost of Buying a Home

*Includes maintaining your home!*

*Paying Property Taxes and paying your HOA dues!*

## Reminders...

Annual Dues are always due before August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. 2021-2022 amount is \$270 per lot. If needed, contact Felice, Bookkeeper, for a payment plan.

Garbage/yard waste/recycle containers should be brought in within 24 hours of pickup.

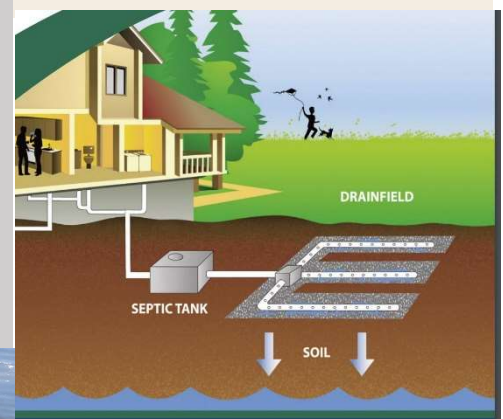
Dogs are allowed to swim in only the far north end of the lake.

The dog leash law is a requirement of Pierce County!

Double check – does your project require an ACC Permit? Check ACC application!

## We are a walking neighborhood. Keep your speed down!

In the Articles of Incorporation, 1974, Article III, section 3, of LMBC CCRs states: "No SIGN, billboard or advertising structure shall be located, placed or maintained on the real property."



# finalthoughts...

*The members of LMBC enjoy non-motorized boating, fishing, swimming, and a beach with a pavilion, restrooms and a playground. This is why we live here!*



Lake Minterwood itself has roughly 20 acres for use for the members enjoyment. It is stocked with Rainbow Trout, two or three times a year depending on budget and need. To ensure the health continues for those who swim in the lake it is monitored monthly, from May through September for bacterial contamination.

## Lake Level

Since the mid-70's the LMBC trustees have dealt with continual seepage and water loss from the lake. There have been various studies trying to find the source of any loss and at least one attempt to plug any leaks with grout. Over the past years the lake level has averaged the same with adequate rainfall and input from our well.

## The Well

Sometime in the early 80's the LMBC drilled and installed our well that discharges into the lake. The lake is continually supplemented and replenished during the spring and summer months with the well water.

## Algae Blooms

Over the last few years, the lake has undergone occasional rapid growth (often referred to as a bloom) of blue-green algae. These types of algae can have toxins associated with them when present in large amounts. It is not a concern unless it has accumulated to visibly noticeable levels often described as a scum or paint. When detected, members and Pierce County are informed. Pierce County no longer budgets to monitor blooms for us, so LMBC Trustee members collect samples and send them in for analysis.

### To help keep nutrients causing blooms out of our lake be aware of the following:

1. Septic Systems. A poorly maintained septic system can drain, not only nutrients but also harmful bacteria into the watershed and into the lake. Frequent inspections, repair and pumping are necessary not only for the health of you and your family, but the health of the reservoir as well.

2. Clean up after your pets. Dog poo can be a major source of the nutrient loading in a lake. Please pick up after your dog. The LMBC provides poo bags for you to use at both the beach club and the Dam (113<sup>th</sup> crossing) end of the lake.
3. Chemical fertilizers. The NPK that is listed on the bags of chemical fertilizers are also perfect for the algae. Be careful if you use chemical fertilizers, make sure it is well mixed into the soil and please don't apply during periods of heavy rain.

*coming soon >>>*

## Holidays

*Please drive carefully*

*Help your neighbor if needed*

*Watch out for children*

*Keep your dog in your yard and  
on a leash*

## Some Fishing Rules & Reminders

The lake was last stocked before Labor Day weekend. Limit is four fish per day per authorized fisherman. Each authorized fisherman is allowed one pole at a time. Catch and release fishing is encouraged. The State requires fishing licenses on Lake Minterwood.

Remember – fishing in Lake Minterwood is for members and guests only. Only members with current member identification cards have fishing privileges. Each lot owner is allowed a maximum of 4 fishing guests at any one time. More fishing guests will require fishing passes. Members must accompany their fishing guests.

## Windsailing and Tree Topping Guidelines

As the winter and windy time of year approaches, members are reminded of guidelines for trimming or windsailing their trees in preparation. A number of years ago the Board of Trustees adopted the guidelines below that more precisely define the meaning of windsailing trees and topping trees so there will be no misunderstanding as to what is meant by each.

1. Windsailing includes removing dead branches, thinning branches, and balancing a tree by trimming branches.
2. Windsailing does NOT include topping a tree (i.e., cutting off the main stem of the tree). Arborists discourage topping trees because the procedure can hasten disease and death of the tree.
3. Windsailing does not require ACC approval. Topping a tree DOES require ACC approval, and the cut must be properly treated.
4. CONTACT ACC before any work is done if you have any questions about windsailing or topping.

