

**LAKE MINTERWOOD BEACH CLUB NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2018**  
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**Dear LMBC Members,**

The 2018 Board of Trustees welcomes you all to our first Newsletter of the year. Highlights so far have included a fun Fishing Derby with young anglers earning prizes for their catch. We are also pleased to announce the rainbow trout planting that took place in May. Each year LMBC holds a fishing derby for the community children ages 0-14. This year's Annual Kids Fishing Derby was held June 9<sup>th</sup> 2018. Board Members and volunteers set up the registration and refreshment tables at 7:30am. Registration opened at 8:00am and went until 8:50am. Fishing began at 9:00am and concluded at 10:00am. Out of the 24 participants, 9 caught fish. The first fish of the day was caught by Randy Vint's grandson George. Alexis Schmidt hooked the largest fish of the day at 1 ¾lbs 16 1/8 inches. Prizes were awarded to all the children who caught fish this year. Thank you to the volunteers and families that participated. This is an event that brings out the best of our neighborhood.



**The next fish** planting will be in August and we shall try to give plenty of notice so you and your youngsters can plan to be there to watch. However, the fish company does not always give us much notice.

**Properties in** Minterwood have been selling quickly and at good prices! We are grateful to the folks who do so much to keep their gardens and homes looking lovely and neat. There are, however, still some owners and renters who forget that our bylaws require properties be kept in a clean and sightly condition, free of junk, old furniture, derelict cars and boats, appliances and the like. The board will be sending reminders to owners of properties in violation. Continued violations could lead to fines under Article III, Land Use Restrictions, Paragraph 4 of the LMBC CC&Rs.

**As always,** residents are concerned about a secure environment for families and homes. The board hears your concern, and to this end we plan on meeting with our sheriff to discuss issues of security. Your feedback could help us determine what we can request of the Deputy during the 14 hours a month he spends here. Let us hear from you! Keep in mind that the Deputies have full time jobs and families in addition to pulling a few short shifts in our subdivision. Our annual dues are very low and can't fund full time security.

**Despite our** affordable dues we have a few members who are seriously in arrears with their dues payments. The Board is seeking ways to recoup those funds and we're asking for your input on how to resolve the matter. We have considered listing in monthly minutes the amounts and names of members owing dues, or sending the debts to collection agencies. Liens are placed on properties in arrears which is an additional expense passed on to the owner when they do pay. Any member actively making payments on a payment plan is not considered to be in arrears. Contact any board member to weigh in on this subject.

**Diving Dock:** The floating dock (diving dock) is in need of repair and will be pulled out of the lake until the repairs can be made. Vandals have continued to unleash the dock from its anchors – leaving the dock adrift and potentially dangerous debris (anchors) in the bottom of the lake. Please let the Board know your opinion on not replacing the dock at all.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Festivities:** Other than having a great time on July 4<sup>th</sup> you are reminded to clean up the debris from your fireworks. We are seeking a Security person to patrol and monitor the common areas for Lake Minterwood members and guests the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup>. Most people have to return to work on the 5<sup>th</sup> but please do your share of clean up. Stop by after work and check to see during the daylight hours if things are cleaned. Above all - Please be Safe and have Fun!

**Dues Statements** will go out the first week of July. Dues are \$270 per lot this year, the first increase in nine years! Please forward your payment promptly.

### **Our Lake Minterwood**

The main attraction for all of us here is, I am sure, Lake Minterwood. The members of the LMBC enjoy non-motorized boating, fishing swimming, and a beach with a pavilion, restrooms and a playground. It is why we are here, as I am sure it is for many of you. The lake itself has roughly 20 acres for use for the member's enjoyment. It is stocked with Rainbow Trout, two or three times a year depending on budget and need. To help ensure the continued health of 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 been dealing with continual seepage and water loss from the lake. There have been various studies trying to find the source of the loss and at least one attempt to plug any leaks with grout. All to no avail.

### **The Well**

Sometime in the early 80's the LMBC drilled and installed our well that you may have seen discharging into the lake. The lake is continually supplemented and replenished during the spring and summer

**Garage Sales:** Our annual Garage Sales are scheduled for July 13, 14, and 15<sup>th</sup>. Signs will be out to advertise this event to the public. We hope you can participate.

**Annual Picnic:** This year's Annual Picnic will be held at the park on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 4: to 7: PM. There will be plenty of food, fun and games. Come and meet your neighbors.

**Contact Updates:** Lake Minterwood Beach Club keeps a roster of property owners and their contact information. Please update your telephone number and email addresses with the Secretary at [LMBCSecretary311@gmail.com](mailto:LMBCSecretary311@gmail.com). We will try to get a Distribution List together for future newsletters to help defray the cost of publishing. Of course, those who don't use email will still get a paper copy.

**Monthly Board Meetings:** The Pierce County Library meeting room has changed the hours of availability necessitating a change in our meeting hours. The monthly LMBC Board Meeting now begins at 6PM on the third Wednesday of each month (except December).

months with the well water. The well is, of course, an expense to maintain but without it, the lake would not be nearly as accessible or enjoyable.

## Algae Blooms

Over the last few warm summers, the lake has undergone occasional rapid growth (often referred to as a bloom) of blue-green algae. These types of algae can have nasty toxins when present in large amounts. It is usually not a concern unless it has accumulated to visibly noticeable levels often described as a scum or paint. Pierce County no longer has the budget to monitor blooms for use, so this year LMBC Trustee members collected samples and sent them for analysis. When detected, we notify our members so please pay attention to any warnings the board issues.

Any toxicity associated with the blooms can be minimized by avoiding bodily contact with any high concentration levels (the scum or paint appearance), and do not let your pets enter or drink the water. The blooms are the result of nutrients loading into the lake, but there are some things each of us could do to keep from nutrients flushing into Minterwood.

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. If you use chemical fertilizers, make sure it is well mixed into the soil and please don't apply during periods of heavy rain.

Lake Minterwood is a wonderful asset to this neighborhood. All of us can help maintain it to preserve for ourselves and for future generations to enjoy.

**Join Lake Minterwood Beach Club on Facebook** by answering a few questions to verify residence and provide some contact information. The Lake Minterwood Beach Club Facebook page is intended to be an informal discussion board. A place for the group to have healthy conversation about daily events, ask questions, stay informed about activities in the neighborhood, and most importantly, a forum for us to get to know one another. Feel free to post pictures and discussions.



## **Architectural Control Committee**

Summer is that time of year for construction and maintenance of our homes. As a reminder, the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is responsible for reviewing and approving plans for the construction, addition to or remodeling of homes, garages, sheds, docks, decks, fences (over 4 feet high), and septic systems. This does not include interior layouts or remodels. They also must approve the removal of any tree larger than 3 inches in diameter. An ACC Permit Application form is available on our web site. Gary Krancus can help you with filling out the application and getting it approved. His number is 253-313-5216.

**Summer is Here!** Members please remember your ID cards when on LMBC property. It not only identifies you as a member in good standing but it has the combination numbers to the gate and restrooms! Guests need to be accompanied by a card carrying member. Renters should contact their landlord for ID cards if the use of the park and facilities is included with their rent.

**Most Precious** to us all is our children. Young children should not be unattended at the park or in the swimming area for their own safety.

**Community Spirit is Alive and Well!** A shout out to Mike Gofman who, after checking with the board, kindly cut out the invasive Scotch Broom adjacent to the picnic and fishing area of the park. It was a big job and took a couple of days. Thanks to Mike for his community action!! If you see something that needs to be done please step forward and volunteer. Working together makes Lake Minterwood a secure and pleasant place to live!

To give your input or leave feedback regarding this newsletter please contact any LMBC board member. Names and phone numbers are listed on the [LakeMinterwoodBeachClub.org](http://LakeMinterwoodBeachClub.org) website and on our Facebook page. Comments can also be sent to Rita Cornella – [LMBCSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:LMBCSecretary@gmail.com) or posted on Facebook.