

The Village at Lake Chelan Spring 2020 Newsletter



The Board Corner

The board would like to welcome all the new residents to The Village who have moved in over the last few months. There seem to be a lot of new and friendly faces out there, please stop and introduce yourselves to each other. It makes it so much easier when you have to ask for a favor (pulling garbage in or putting it out) if you are at least familiar with your neighbors. If you are like the Havenwood Drive group, we do a lot of favors for each other and it is really nice to know someone has your back! And we eat well on this block too, thanks to some really special neighbors whose names sound like Mary and Jake!!

Community wide surveys

The board would like to receive owner input on a few topics and will be sending out a survey monkey (or similar) via email in the near future. The results will be used to help the board make some decisions at the June 6th meeting.

Front Gate Saga - Leslie

The front gate work is mostly complete. We need to have some final tweaking done on the opening and closing times for the gates. We found out that the exit gate was set to close at 7:00pm and the entry gate is set to close at 6:00pm. We will have Keyhole reset the exit gate closure to 6:00pm so they both match up.

The concrete was damaged when the truck struck the ped gate pole. Doug Allen's crew will be back out when the temps warm up to repair the concrete. The swing gates are a little sensitive and are getting blown open by the wind, so we are going to inquire as to whether or not the hinges can be tightened down enough to hold the gates closed when the wind blows. If not, we may try putting some extra weight on the gates to help hold them closed.

I guess the gate gods weren't ready for us to close out this project just yet!



Updates and Reminders

Backflow testing

By now you have probably received your letter from the Reclamation District, advising you it is time once again to have your backflow tested. At the bottom of the letter, the district has provided several options for this service. The HOA board is not coordinating the effort this year, so feel free to pick any service off the list, call them and make your arrangements with them. It is not necessary to be home at the time of the test.

Irrigation water turn on

Each resident is responsible for turning on their own irrigation water for their lawn and plants. It is recommended you wait to turn on your irrigation water until after the last of the freezing weather, which can be a bit of a moving target. It does take a special irrigation key, which is basically a long metal pole with an attachment on the end to turn on the irrigation water. Leslie and a few other residents have one if you need to borrow it. Likewise, if you don't want to handle this little chore yourself, you can always contact a landscaper or plumber who will be able to help you for a fee.

Rental property and house sales

If you will be having new renters in your home or plan on selling your home, please be sure to leave the mailbox keys and pool card for the new tenants/owners. If you take the keys/card you have with you, it will be of no use to you and will require the board to issue new items. Rather than deactivate the pool card and issue a new one, it would be great to simply change the name on the spreadsheet and be done with it. Likewise, the Association only holds the master keys to the mailboxes, so each time someone loses their key or does not pass it along to the new residents, we have to make a new key. Pool replacement cards at \$20 each.

Which brings us to the mailboxes:

Within the next month (we are tentatively scheduled for April 1st), the board will be working with the post office to re-number the mailboxes in sequence. This should help alleviate mail being put in the wrong slots. The boxes will start with #100 and run numerically to the last house address.

YOUR KEY WILL REMAIN THE SAME!!! We will be moving the lock core to your new box location, so there is no need to reissue keys. The boxes will be labeled by the post office and you will be advised in advance of your box location. This “little” project is going to take the better part of a day, so if mail service is interrupted for a few hours, please be patient!

Mending Fences

The board budgeted to have the east side fence stained this summer, so as to offer a layer of protection to the boards which will hopefully extend the life of the fence. Last year, Manson Fence did a great job of replacing old boards and resetting posts where needed. Sealing the boards with a good layer of wood protectant should enhance the look and life of the fence for several more years. The east side also does not take the beating that the west side fence takes, so it should last considerably longer.

On the other hand, the west side fence has been repaired and propped up several times over the past few years. It is likely close to needing to be replaced, at least certain portions of it. Manson Fence has advised replacing it with vinyl fencing, similar to the fence along the highway. The irrigation from the lawn watering by the owners who live outside The Village, along with the wind, sun and extreme temps have left many boards twisted and cracked and several posts are being propped up in the northwest corner.

The three-person board has their hands full right now with daily stuff and projects and is looking for a volunteer or two to assess the condition of the fence and report back with their recommendation(s). If you are interested, please shoot the board an email or flag down and chat with a board member when you see one.

Upcoming Road Work

The tentative dates for the road repairs, sealing and striping is scheduled to begin April 20th and end on the evening of April 23rd. **During that week, all residents will need to turn off their irrigation water so it does not spill onto the roadway and affect the sealing outcome.**

Parking will also be affected since we cannot drive on the roads that are sealed that day.

The work will be done in three sections, one section each day, so only certain streets will be affected during the work period.

As we get closer and have an idea how the weather and final scheduling is lining up, we will send out an email with more details. Garbage pick-up should not be affected, as we will have the work starting later on Thursday of that week.

Lawn Mowing Season is Near

Felix and his crew from Arbor Valley will be mowing all the residential front lawns and common areas. If you have a side yard or back yard that you would like to have mowed by a service, you can contact Arbor Valley directly and make those arrangements or any other service of your choosing. Arbor Valley also completed quite a bit of trimming of hedges and trees this year and can handle that work if you are in need of that type of service. You are also free to use any service of your choosing for trimming or other landscaping needs.

Pool Opening

Even though we just had snow, we are still beginning to prepare for the pool season! Bob Connor will be our Pool Committee Lead once again this year. We are so fortunate to have Bob in our neighborhood. He does so much to keep our pool and pool area looking fresh and clean.

In addition, Margaret Taboada has volunteered to keep the hedges in the pool area trimmed again this year. This is a sizeable job and makes all the difference in how the landscaping looks. Thank you again Margaret for your work!

Helping Hands

Our local Food Bank needs our help. During this difficult time when many families are experiencing food uncertainty, we want to pitch in and do our part.

The Food Bank's inventory partially comes from Northwest Harvest and 2nd Harvest, and is supplemented by food drive donations as well as purchases it makes from cash donations.

The Food Bank is 100% volunteer staffed. Several of our Village neighbors volunteer there; they can vouch for how great the need is in our community. In 2019, the Food Bank served 6,238 households representing 22,055 souls, and supplied those households with a total of 249,520 pounds of food. That's an average of 120 households per week, and 4,798 pounds of food per week.

The Village is holding a food drive. The greatest needs, according to the Bank's director, Richard Springer, are: dried pinto beans, #3 diapers, bargain-priced hot dogs, and 16-18 ounce jars of peanut butter. Cash donations are always welcome, as well.

If you are interested in donating to the food drive, you can leave your items next to the front door at Leslie's house (602 Havenwood), or contact her and she will pick up from your home. All cash and food donations will be delivered directly to the food bank by our neighborhood food bank volunteers. Donations accepted immediately through March 31st.

Thank you for helping. It takes a Village!!



Dog Park Disposal Assistance

- Leslie

A huge thanks to Harold, Brenda and Daisy Gelwicks for volunteering to help dispose of the bagged dog poop from the waste container in the dog park each week. It is a small job, but not the most glamorous and I would like them to know how much their assistance is appreciated!

On side note, I have been thrilled with how clean the dog park has been recently. I don't know for sure what has changed, but the users are now consistently cleaning up after their pets and it is very much appreciated as well!

Board Meeting Notice

The next HOA Board meeting will be June 6th at 9:00am. It will be held in the Manson Parks building, located at 142 Pedoi Street, Manson.

Village Yard Sale - Leslie

I have received word that one of our residents is interested in hosting and coordinating the annual yard sale, that will likely take place in June. Each owner may hold a sale in their driveway/garage on the specified day. More to come when I get details from the host.

Community Corner Classifieds

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