

Admirals Cove Beach Club Spring Newsletter May 2018

NEW WEB MASTER

We have a new ACBC Web Master: Heather Tenore. Welcome Heather and thank you for volunteering! Our current Web Master, Katelyn Posego, wants to care for a new family member as a Mom. Congratulations! We want to thank Katelyn for doing a wonderful job updating the ACBC website that is now easier to navigate, is informative, is attractive and a valuable service to our community!

NEW ACBC DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors has a new Director: James Meek, a Lieutenant with the Central Whidbey Fire Department, is filling the remainder of Greg Behan's term. James was accepted at the 3-17-18 Board meeting. We want to thank Greg for volunteering and serving ACBC as a director. Greg is furthering his career education. We wish him well.

ACBC DIRECTOR OPENING

Jennifer Wilder has resigned from the BOD and the nominating committee is looking for a member to fill the remainder of her term ending January 2020. Thank you, Jennifer, for your service to our community. We wish her well. If you are interested, contact a member of the nominating committee or a board member. ACBC-whidbey.org has their contact info.

Welcome to the ACBC NEW AD HOC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE.

Our Mission is to provide a framework for information flow among all members of the ACBC community by means of a website, newsletter, bulletin boards and other media. Events, concerns, facts and data related to our common life can be shared and feedback received

Buyers are choosing Admiral's Cove!

Chances are you have some new faces on your street! Property sales in Admiral's Cove have been steadily rising over the past three years and homes are selling faster and faster. Lots are also selling and in some cases combining. New homes are being constructed all over the neighborhood. Rental rates are going up as well. These robust numbers tell us that Admiral's Cove has become a desirable community that people are readily choosing to move to and invest in. Be sure to welcome your new neighbors and encourage them to use the club amenities that their dues help maintain.

Digital Newsletters

Thank you to members that have requested the newsletter and other ACBC notifications to be sent by email instead of regular mail. This helps us cut down on costs and we can get out information much quicker as well. If you want to receive the newsletter and other ACBC notifications via email, and have not notified us before, please submit your request via the ACBC-whidbey.org web site. (Click on Members and then subscribe). We understand not all members have computers and we will gladly mail publications to you. If you are a renter in Admiral's Cove and would like to receive the Newsletter, please sign up on the website. If you are an owner with renters who are interested in our community, please let them know this option is available to them by signing up at the website.

Committee

WELCOME COMMITTEE:

Since July 2017, the Welcome Committee has had the pleasure to present welcome packets to 28 new households! Introduce yourself to your new neighbors and welcome them to our community. Invite them to an ACBC event and share our beautiful Cove with them.

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Thank you to all members who have made recent payments! Timely payments keep us on track to provide the recreational club services you request and enjoy. Your Board of Directors would like all members to fully participate in all aspects of our club.

ACBC is improving your ability to access your account information! As of May 1st, 2018, our bookkeeping services will be provided by Branch Services, a local Coupeville business. You may contact them directly with questions about your ACBC account:

Email: frontdesk@branchbusinessservices.com Phone: 360-687-7543 Fax:360-678-4452. Please continue to send all other inquiries/comments to the Board.

POOL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

“The project is on schedule and under budget.”

WMS, a pool contractor from Ellensburg, WA, has been selected as the contractor to refurbish the pool. We have applied for all the necessary permits. The architect has completed the drawings and they have been approved by ACBC BOD and submitted for approval by the State and County. WMS started working on the pool April 2 and is scheduled to be complete August 1st. WMS has recommended we install heat pumps as soon as we can because of the reduced cost of heating the pool. We will be asking that a ballot be sent out to authorize the BOD to add the heat pumps to the refurbishment project as long as no additional assessment is necessary. The phase we are working on now is getting the pool resurfaced, raising the deep end from 10 feet to 6 feet 6 inches, putting electrical and plumbing infrastructure in before a new deck covering, moving the mechanical building to the other side of the deck which frees up the current location for possible building improvements/expansion in the future, pouring a new pool deck, new lighting, not only in the pool but conduit for future outdoor deck lighting. The project is on schedule and under budget.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

Many thanks to the hard working member volunteers who trimmed trees along our road (lower Byrd) along the lake! It looks great! Thanks go out to our volunteers who keep the trash picked up on the beach and near Admirals Drive's entrance at Hwy 525. Island Transit has installed a trash can at the bus stop, hoping that will help keep the area cleaner.

The ACBC portion of the bluff has been hydro seeded, per the county's suggestion for erosion control. Upcoming work will be the repair of the basketball hoops, and playground cleanup, TBA. All the firewood stacked next to the fence by the clubhouse is exclusively for use by members in the club's fire pits. The wood was donated to ACBC and then split and hauled by member volunteers and a few others to enjoy at our awesome beach fire pits.

Reports

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

The Social Committee continues to host Tuesday morning coffee at the shelter from 10 a.m. to noon. Come join us! It's a good way to meet your neighbors, have some coffee, tea and conversation.

As of May 1st we will no longer host Game Night on the first Thursday of the month because of lack of participation, but will continue Movie Night on the third Thursday of the month at the shelter at 7 p.m.

The pool may not be open the first part of the season due to its renovation, but we will still have our Memorial Day potluck/barbeque on Sunday May 27th from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and the 4th of July potluck/barbeque on July 4th from 1 p.m. to 5 pm. Chicken, hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided by your Social Committee along with condiments. Please bring your favorite side dish to share with others. Dennis Egan will be providing his famous homemade root beer and homemade ice cream. Hope to see you there!

A summer community garage sale is in the works. We have not yet made final plans. Let us know if you would like to be part of the sale. We're thinking of having it the same weekend at Crocket Lake Estates community garage sale on July 28th. Please contact Mary Saurer 425-761-6279 if you would like to assist or participate in having a garage/yard sale with us on the same day.

A special thanks to the much appreciated ladies (Sue, Patti, Trudy) that have always been there to lend a helping hand.

Joan Pickerill passed on in March after a long battle of neck cancer. Joan was one of the nicest people in the Cove. Joan and Bob opened/closed Tuesday Coffee at the Club House for a long time and were very active in our community and supported the pool. Her grandkids loved to visit her, Bob, the pool and the beach.

LAKE COMMITTEE:

Pro Vac was here April 17th to flush and scope the lake's outfall pipe. Once we have an engineer review the video, we'll know whether or not any repairs or replacement is needed. In the meantime, we are working with the county and state on our Shoreline Conditional Use Permit to be able to work on the outfall pipe and also the tide gate (you might have seen the yellow public notification signs posted). The current tide gate works really well, but we would like some flexibility in the future to slightly lower the level of the lake during the winter months (most likely no more than six inches). In a couple of years the county will be routing storm water runoff from the upper roads more directly to the lake to help the bluff, and when that happens more water will come in faster. We want to be able to create more room in the lake for that water. Also, there has been erosion on the north end banks, and lowering the level of the lake during the winter storms might help with that (they lower Lake Washington every winter for this reason). It's a little complicated because the current tide gate might be able to be simply modified to accomplish this, or we might need to install a new tide gate. We're still exploring that. Our lake is a wonderful part of our community. Explore it in your kayak and see the abundant wildlife up close!

ADDITIONAL NOTES and ANNOUNCEMENTS :

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS:

Tell your friends about Associate Memberships! Invite them to join ACBC as an Associate Member where they can enjoy a full year of use of the Club House, Shelter, Beach and Pool. This year's membership fee is half price @ \$150 (regular fee is \$300) because due to the refurbishment of the pool, we are scheduled to open August 1st. Last year we had 5 Associate Members.



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Status of 2013 Vote Validity Law Suit:

The scheduled court date of April 6th was cancelled in the Wilbur, Corliss, ACBC case and at this time no new court date has been established. Wilbur has filed an amended plea. Corliss has asked for more time to do discovery. At this point, the court has not indicated whether or not it will accept Wilbur's amended plea. This case deals with the validity of the 2013 vote to decommission the pool. At this point, the 2016 vote to refurbish the pool is not before the court and we are moving ahead with the pool refurbishment. More than 400 of our members have paid their pool assessment fee and the Directors feel obligated to move forward and have done so.

A Garden of White Tubes?

Have you been wondering about all of the white tubes that are in the fields along Highway 20 and Wanamaker Road? They are part of a project in the Crockett Lake Preserve owned by the Whidbey Camano Land Trust, a local non-profit conservation organization. The Trust is working to improve this important bird habitat by eliminating noxious weeds and replanting with low growing native shrub species. More than 3,000 plants now dot the landscape with their protective white tubing. You can get more information about WCLT and the Preserve at their wonderful website, www.wclt.org.

If you would like to know more about your club, please visit our website at:
www.acbc-whidbey.org