Greetings from Lake Cavanaugh!

We’ve had a difficult time shaking off the grasp of winter, but spring is slowly gaining the upper hand. If you haven’t been able to make it up to the lake recently, I hope you make the time to come up and enjoy some quiet time before the summer is upon us.

Although much of the lake has hibernated, activity continues at our new Community Center. I have been fortunate to attend several great events at the LCCC. The kitchen is fabulous, some generous folks have fixed up the jukebox, and many hours have been spent getting the upstairs finished. Although there are ongoing projects, the main floor is virtually complete, and the building is READY TO RENT! Please consider renting the building for parties or other events at the lake. Please contact Barbara Busby for more information. Once again, I would like to thank all of those who have generously donated funds and countless hours making the Community Center a reality.

On a more frustrating note, our lake saw an increase in property crimes this fall and winter, averaging about one a week for several months. Skagit County Sheriff Reichardt has acknowledged the uptick in crime, and is working with his deputies to track these cases. Fortunately, the rate of incidents has slowed down dramatically this spring.

I look forward to working with all of you this year at the lake. We have a fantastic community, and I invite you to help out with LCIA activities and committees.

Getting involved is a great way to meet people around the lake. Contact me if interested, and see inside for opportunities.

If you haven’t sent in your 2011 LCIA dues, please do so! And for those of you haven’t joined LCIA in the past, we are always looking for new members. It’s a great way to support our community! We send this first annual newsletter to all Lake Cavanaugh property owners, but subsequent newsletters are restricted to LCIA members. Please see the form on the back of the newsletter for more information, or bring your dues to the May meeting. We appreciate your support!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the first meeting of the year - Saturday, May 28, 10am, at the Community Center!
Save the Date: **May 29th!**

*Lenore Crutchfield*

The Fire Department Auxiliary is planning and putting all in order for our annual Fire Department Open House/Pancake Breakfast/Logo item sale on **Sunday, May 29 at 8 a.m. until 12 p.m.**

The Fire Department is looking forward to the delivery of the newest addition of a 3,000 gallon tender truck for all of us to see. The fire safety house will again be on display. This year they will also have a demonstration of a thermal imaging camera that the auxiliary is planning to purchase for them, with the profits of this year’s event going toward that purchase.

Our committee that chooses logo items has done another fine job of bringing us a great variety, including some surprise items. Bring your cash or check, and be sure to get there early for the best selection!

In addition to our usual delicious breakfast of pancakes, eggs, ham, and beverages, available once again, will be the omelet bar. The breakfast will be $6 for adults, $4 for children under 12, and the omelet bar an additional $5.

Raffle tickets will be sold for a really special queen size quilt that members of the auxiliary have made.

Please come, enjoy all of the events, and show your support for the Lake Cavanaugh Fire Department.

Lastly, I would like to introduce the new roster of Auxiliary officers:

President - Lenore Crutchfield  
Vice President - Leona Digman  
Secretary - Sue Phillips  
Treasurer - Gloria Wicklund  
Historian - Judy Hunter

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**50 + 22 = Cleaner Roads For All**

*Barbara Busby*

We had **50** volunteers for the 8th Annual Lake Cavanaugh Litter Pick Up on April 30th, covering a total of **22** miles on the roadways around the Lake and leading to the Lake. We had several Lake Cavanaugh Road residents participate as well. In most areas we had extra help so the job went much more quickly than it has in some other years.

Overall, the litter seemed less but that was probably due to the fact that many conscientious individuals pick up throughout the year when they see an area that needs attention. Once again, “Bud” wins in the category of most beer cans being tossed out on the road. Someone even went out of their way to dump a dead pig along the Deer Creek Road.

Following the Pick Up, refreshments were served at the Lake Cavanaugh Community Center.

Sincere thanks to all who participated!

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Joe Busby, Tom Mayes, Art Rorvik & Leonard Ness standing beside the mound of litter and garbage they picked up from Deer Park Road.
The One Room Schoolhouse

Kurt Wold

As Skagit County began to become populated in the late 1800’s, and as the logging industry, farming communities etc began to prosper, the desire for schools for the children began to become important. Lake Cavanaugh prior to the logging industry arrival had its own one room school house here, which eventually moved to Finn Settlement area. I would like to suggest if you have not already, secure yourself a copy of the book “Alpine on the Lake” written by our local lake resident Allan Wenzel - the book spends a bit of time showing you pictures and information regarding schools here at lake Cavanaugh and Finn Settlement during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Below you will see a picture I have included of the one room school houses supported by the English Logging company in the 1920’s with their students and teacher, here at Lake Cavanaugh.

When you consider the times, and if you read back through all the stories regarding English logging company and how they treated their employees, Ed English (owner) was quite the progressive person, he took care of his employees and their families - just consider it was the 1920’s and he was supporting a school for his employees children. There are countless stories of Ed English taking care of his employees - including the time he was kidnapped by an employee cuffed and held for ransom. The kidnapper was apprehended, but Ed English thought he meant well, so he did not press charges and continued to employ the person.

The one room school house was created by local residents’ desire for educating their children, they would asses via a tax (local voted) and the money collected was used typically only for materials and teacher wages, and the citizens themselves would construct a school house. Sometimes bonds were issued to what was labeled at the time to “New York parties and they would pay as much as 9% interest. The local community would hire a teacher for as many months of the year possible under local financial conditions - which typically meant a 3-4 month annual term at a wage typically around $40.00 per month.

Kids would walk to school, residents considered a 3 mile range as reachable. Kids walked though woods, good and bad roads and when the weather and conditions just got to bad, school was suspended until the weather improved. The typical school, had eight grades with one teacher, there was a recitation bench in front of the teachers desk to which groups of children came in turn while the rest were supposed to be studying. There were typically no books, some paper texts that were shared, and maps and charts were very rare. Most children learned from an elder child as well, and each took responsibilities, such as carry in wood, stoking the stove, ringing the bell, and bringing in a pail of water that everyone drank from.
As the county grew, in the early 1920’s the decline of the country school house to a more regionalized larger school system began. The State of Washington was concerned that the one room school house may not be able keep up to standards. An attempt was made to define standards and the concept of instituting standardize examinations at the end of the 8th grade began and continue until the great depression. (Sounds like the WASL of today - history repeats itself again). The State also began to certify teachers as well, however the supply / demand imbalance for teachers allowed anyone that wanted to give a try at teaching a chance.

As secondary schools (high schools) began to arrive and there was a desire for certain children to progress past 8th grade, the local communities were surprised to see how well the one room school house children fared when they arrived at high school in comparison to the city kids of Mt. Vernon that had more formal and longer annual terms of primary education.

Our local one room schoolhouse boy does well:

One of the great examples of a one room schoolhouse student (and one of the most famous Skagit County residents) attended a one room school house in Blanchard Wa. Blanchard is about 5 miles north of Burlington on Chuckanut Drive. This student - Edward R. Murrow - was the pioneering broadcaster of WWII and early television, as well as mentor to Walter Cronkite. See picture below.

The one room school house, though gone in most places we live today, they continued on in many rural areas up into the mid 1900’s and did well, as our homeschoolers thrive today.

Data various sources, including - Skagit Settlers - Trials and Triumphs 1890-1920.

Edwin R. Murrow on the right as a school boy 1918 in Blanchard, WA., in his Sunday’s best with his brothers.

On the cover of Time magazine, September 30, 1957.
An Open Invitation to an Open House

Barbara Busby

Please come by and tour our Lake Cavanaugh Community Center during Memorial Day Weekend. The Community Center will be open both Saturday, May 28th and Sunday, May 29th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Refreshments will be served.

We are very proud of this beautiful facility that so many of you have helped to build. Although not completely finished, the building is very functional for many events.

Please consider using the Community Center for your “Special Event”. Rental information will be available at the Open House.

In addition, there will also be a Petition for residents to sign requesting Cell Phone service to the Lake Cavanaugh area.

DNR Meeting Scheduled for May 20–All Are Welcome

Barbara Busby

Bring your friends, bring your neighbors and come hear the discussion about the current and future logging operations in the area. Leading the discussion will be Calvin Ohlson-Kiehn (Pre-Sales Unit Forester), Mark Arneson (Compliance Officer) and Al McGuire (new DNR District Manager).

The meeting will take place at the Lake Cavanaugh Community Center at 3 p.m. Many may remember meeting Calvin several years ago; this meeting promises to be as informative as the last. All are welcome.

A Sad Update…

Barbara Busby

On the evening of March 27 we were returning home to Lake Cavanaugh. At approximately Mile Post 6 on Lake Cavanaugh Road, we observed two cars stopped and a couple of men who were trying to approach an elderly, large brown dog, obviously lost or abandoned.

In the following days we observed this dog wandering in the area. Weather conditions were terrible, and we agonized for this poor creature. I contacted Officer Emily Diaz, Animal Control Officer with the Skagit County Sheriff’s Dept. Since the dog did not have a collar, it was likely she had been abandoned. Our attempts to approach the dog did not work. Officer Diaz suggested that we feed the dog in the same spot for several days. It was her hope that the owner may return or a resident may adopt her; if not, a trap would be set with food and she would be transported to the Humane Society.

Residents from Lake Cavanaugh were there in force with food. The dog was responding and I did hear of a couple that would consider adopting her. Sadly, the dog was found dead in the road on the night of April 10th.

Unfortunately, the dog lay on the side of the road for a week. The Dept. of Fish & Wild Life is responsible for wildlife deceased on the road, but not domestic animals. I contacted Dale Klinger from SCPW, and since he had a crew working in the area, he had the dog removed. However, that is not a responsibility of Skagit County Public Works.

It should be noted with the recent Skagit County cut-backs, Officer Emily Diaz is the only person in the Skagit County Animal Control Dept. She is responsible for handling 2,000 square miles and handles over 1,300 calls per year. She puts in massive amounts of her own time, including nights and weekends. I know what a fine person she is and what a great job she does with what resources are available to her.

Thanks to all who tried to help on this mission to save the lost or abandoned dog. I am very sorry we were not successful.
New Bridge Coming in 2012

Lise Richardson

“If you build it, they will …”

… Travel more safely! After 95 years in the road business, the one-lane Pilchuk Creek Bridge is scheduled to be replaced, beginning in 2012. Although still providing safe passage for the 1,300 drivers who use the bridge on a daily basis, the Hwy 9 corridor serves as the only major north-south route available to drivers in the event of an I-5 closure. If that happened, the current bridge would not be equipped to handle the traffic load.

With this possibility in mind, the new Pilchuk Creek bridge has been designed for modern safety and traffic standards and will be a wider, two-lane, stronger bridge. Construction of the new bridge includes a roadway realignment to improve sight distance. The current one-lane bridge will stay open until the new bridge is ready to support traffic. WSDOT held an open house on April 13 to showcase the preliminary design of the new bridge and roadway changes.

For more information about this project, go to:
www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR9/PilchuckCreekBridge.

Lake Cavanaugh Community Center Update

Barbara Busby

With the lower floor of the Community Center mainly completed we are now focusing on getting the carpet and vinyl installed upstairs. At that point the area should be somewhat functional. Completion of the upstairs kitchen and rest room will come later as funds are available.

We are working on the Rental Agreement and have had several inquiries into renting the facility. We appreciate the time and expertise of Jim Lovell in drawing up this Agreement.

The Juke Box donated by Thomas Farris is a welcome addition. It did need some repair and Joe Brown arranged to have that done. Thanks to the nine residents that helped to offset Joe’s expense.

It is difficult to try to mention everyone that has contributed to this monumental project but some recent contributions include the chair rack, donated by Jim and Mary Kaye Johnston, painting services by Wes Knight and the installation of door hardware by Dave Searing.

We have a Management Committee that will oversee the building. Members include Moe Wagner, Barbara Busby, Brent Humble, Priscilla McElhose, Rebecca Getz, Dave Searing, Charlene Spaeth, Julie Bolser, Jean Thompson, and Pete Ostenson.

The Community Center is a huge asset to this community, being a welcome place to share good times and events with your friends and neighbors and also a place to meet with County Officials but we still need your donations to get the work completed.

Check out another opportunity to support the Community Center on page 11!
In all volunteer fire departments there are things that can be controlled and things that can’t. For instance, the Governing Body (Commissioners) and Operations Officer (Fire Chief) can insure that the fire department has good, properly maintained equipment that is best suited to protect the community for which it serves. They can also ensure that there are plenty of training opportunities for the volunteers so they are prepared to respond to emergencies.

On the other hand no one in a completely volunteer organization can ensure that there will be enough volunteers available at the time of an emergency. Depending upon the day or time of day, there may not be anyone in the district to respond or there could be a dozen. On Saturday the 3rd of July last year, Lake Cavanaugh Fire Department had 7 volunteers that responded to a boating accident. Weekends and holidays are a great time to need help! But since there are more work days than weekend days, volunteer fire departments county-wide have put together and rely on Mutual Aid Agreements and Dispatching Plans to give the best chance of getting a viable response. Lake Cavanaugh Fire Department, along with all of the Districts in Skagit County, have signed on to a single Mutual Aid Agreement which allows resources to be shared County wide.

Neighboring Districts can work out specific Mutual Aid Agreements amongst themselves, for example, Big Lake Fire Department and Lake Cavanaugh Fire Department have a Mutual Aid Agreement to divide coverage on the Lake Cavanaugh Rd. This agreement has Big Lake covering out of their District up to the 7½ mile mark on the Lake Cavanaugh Rd. and Lake Cavanaugh covering out of District from the 7½ mile mark to the District line just west of South Shore Drive. Mutual Aid Agreements are also in place between all Skagit County Fire Districts and Central Valley Ambulance, also known as Skagit County Medic One. When you request medical aid, both Lake Cavanaugh Fire Department and Skagit Medic One are called simultaneously.

Due to the number of firefighters and the large amount of water that it takes to fight a structure fire, the Dispatching Plan for Lake Cavanaugh has Big Lake called simultaneously; Clear Lake is called to back up Big Lake through their Dispatching Plan, and so on. If all resources are not needed, the first person on scene, through radio communication, can cancel any or all companies that are incoming. Dispatching Plans also cover what to do if no one responds. In this case, if Lake Cavanaugh has a call and no one responds, then Big Lake or Lake McMurray is called. If Big Lake has a call and no one responds, then Lake Cavanaugh, Clear Lake or Mount Vernon would be called.

We had another example of how well the system works the first weekend in March. Sometime early Saturday morning, a fire started in a 4,000 square foot garage/shop/apartment. A neighbor on the way to fetch his morning newspaper saw smoke coming from the building and quickly called 911. A little after 7am, just as several Big Lake firefighters were sitting down to have breakfast at their annual Pancake fund raiser at their fire station, Lake Cavanaugh, Big Lake and Clear Lake Fire Departments were paged.
First to arrive were two members of the Lake Cavanaugh Fire Dept., followed shortly by an Engine Company (3 firefighters) from Big Lake and an Engine from Lake Cavanaugh. As they laid out their hoses and equipment to attack the fire, 2-3,000 gal water tankers (Tenders) - one from Big Lake and one from Clear Lake - arrived followed by a Rehab Van from Clear Lake.

An attack team made up of volunteers from Lake Cavanaugh and Big Lake entered the building and quickly located and extinguished the fire, keeping the fire from spreading beyond the front part of the building. An OUTSTANDING response and outcome! The SYSTEM WORKS!

And speaking of Lake Cavanaugh Firefighters…

Please join us in congratulating the following firefighters who successfully completed the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course:

- Jake Sisley
- Kip Hibbard
- Victor Swanson
- Eric Pepper
- Robert Housner

CONGRATULATIONS!

LCFD Firefighters at Work

District Chief
Scott Lemke 422-6803

Assistant Chief
Vic Swanson

List of Volunteer Firefighters

ANDERSON, JOHN
DOMBY, CHUCK
DUVALL, MARC (EMT)
HAWK, LARRY
LEMKE, SCOTT (CHIEF/EMT)
PEPPER, ERIC (EMT)
PHILLIPS, JIM
SISLEY, JAKE (EMT)
SISLEY, LEROY (CAPTIAN/EMT)
STEADMAN, JOEY
SWANSON, VIC (ASST. CHIEF/EMT)
SWANSON, VICTOR (EMT)
SWANSON, NICK
HIBBARD, KIP (EMT)
HOUSNER, ROBERT (EMT)
HUSTON, DENNIS (EMT)
HUSTON, NICK
LEMKE, HOWARD
CRUTCHFIELD, RICH (COMM/CAPTIAN)
HAWK, LARRY JR. (COMMISSIONER)
WICKLUND, JAY (COMMISSIONER)

Fire Department Commissioners

Jay Wicklund - Chairman 422-5066
Rich Crutchfield - 422-6488
Larry Hawk, Jr. - 422-8302
email: "com_wicklund@lake-cavanaugh.net"
Sara Lemke, Secretary

Meetings are open to the public and are held at 7 p.m. the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Fire Hall.

DRILL SCHEDULE
(6 p.m. at the Fire Hall)

May 29
June: 7 & 21
July: 5 & 19
Aug: 5 & 19
Sept: 6 & 20
Oct: 4 & 18
Nov: 1 & 15
Dec: 6 & 15
Fireworks: Staying Fun, Safe & Legal
Larita Humble

From the Office of the State Fire Marshal:
The dates and times common fireworks may be legally sold or discharged in areas with no ban or restrictions are:
June 28th........Between 12:00 noon and 11:00 PM
June 29th thru July 3rd...Between 9:00 AM and 11:00 PM
July 4th............Between 9 AM and 12:00 Midnight
July 5th ..........Between 9 AM and 11:00 PM
Dec. 31st........Between 6:00 PM and 1:00 AM

Legal Fireworks
RCW 70.77.136 “Consumer fireworks” means any small firework device designed to produce visible effects by combustion and which must comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations of the US consumer product safety commission, as set forth in 16 C.F.R. Parts 1500 and 1507 and including some small devices designed to produce audible effects, such as whistling devices, ground devices containing 50 mg or less of explosive materials, and aerial devices containing 130 mg or less of explosive materials and classified as fireworks UN0336 by the US department of transportation at 49 C.F.R. Sec. 172.101 as of June 13, 2002, and not including fused set pieces containing components which together exceed 50 mg of salute powder.

Illegal Explosive Devices
M-80’s and larger, dynamite and any improvised, homemade or altered explosive devices such as tennis balls or cherry bombs are illegal explosive devices. Persons in possession or using illegal explosives devices can and should be charged with a felony.

From the office of the Washington State Patrol:
What is an Illegal Explosive Device?
Illegal explosive devices are often wrongly referred to as fireworks because they look like large firecrackers, but they can have as much explosive power as a ¼ stick of dynamite.

What kinds of fireworks are illegal in our state?
Firecrackers are ¼ “x 1 ½” or less and contain less than .13 grams of powder.
Bottle rockets are ¼” x 1 ½”, attached to a 12” stick, and their color may vary.
Skyrockets are ½” inside diameter, attached to a stick for guidance, and contain up to 20 grams of powder. These fireworks are illegal, except on tribal lands, and cause 90% of all fireworks related fires in Washington State.

There were 1,236 firework-related injuries and/or fires reported to the Office of the State Fire Marshal in 2009 by fire departments and hospital emergency rooms. This is a 57% increase from the previous year’s total of 785. Of the 1,236 reports received, there were 1,036 fires and 200 injuries. These incidents resulted in $5.6 million in property loss.

There were 89 fireworks-related residential fire incidents in Washington State during the 2009 fireworks season. Residential fires accounted for 8% of the total fires reported in 2009 and 96% of the fire loss. The heat from spent fireworks on roof surfaces can ignite exterior roof covering. Several of these fires were large losses.

Fireworks related injuries by age and gender show that male youth and young adults are most often injured. The leading type of injury reported was burn injuries, accounting for 59% of the total. The second leading injury type was trauma at 30%.

Fire Department firework related calls in Skagit County totaled 68 and 184 in Snohomish County.

From 2005-2009, there were 4,937 fireworks-related emergency incidents in Washington State with a five year average of 987 incidents annually.

M80’s, M100’s, M1000’s are not fireworks; they are illegal explosive devices. They can cause amputations or other severe injuries and possessing them has legal consequences.

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Fireworks Threaten Animals

Fireworks display and celebrations bring confusion, anxiety and fear into the lives of animals, causing many terrified animals to run away from their homes in an effort to escape the frightening and traumatizing detonations.

Fireworks explosions can produce a blind panic in animals that can lead to serious injury, deep-rooted, debilitating fears, or even death. The ears of most animals are considerably more sensitive than the human ear. One can only imagine what they think, given how much more sensitive their hearing is than ours. The explosion of a firework (which can emit sounds of up to 190 decibels, a full 110 to 115 decibels higher than the 75- to 80-decibel range, where damage to the human ear begins) not only is proportionately more disturbing to an animal, it can also affect an animal’s acute sense of hearing. Fireworks generate a noise level higher that the noise from gunshots (140 decibels) and low-level flying jets (100 decibels).

Fireworks produce light, noise and air pollution. The explosion of fireworks also releases poisonous chemicals and particle-laden smoke, contaminating our natural environment. As a consequence, fireworks pose a hazard to wildlife living in or near areas where fireworks displays occur, as well as wildlife downwind. In addition, we cannot forget humans with asthma and other health problems.

Violation/911 calls regarding Illegal Fireworks

When contacted and asked the question, The Skagit County Sheriff’s office states that currently they respond to virtually every call. The number of deputies has decreased and they are forced to prioritize calls based on their severity. A report of illegal discharge of fireworks would be a lower priority call. If the report was during a burn ban, it would receive a much higher priority. The Sheriff’s office generally issues a verbal warning for a first offense; however subsequent offenses or if during a burn ban could result in a citation being issued. The offense is a criminal violation with a bail of $250.00 or violations of over one pound of explosives is a $500.00 bail. The actual penalty could theoretically include jail time, but the penalty is set by the judge. Information for the Snohomish County Sheriff’s Department was not complied at this writing.

For additional information and questions contact:

Ms. Karen Jones
Deputy State Fire Marshal
Phone: 360.596.3916
karen.jones@wsp.wa.gov

Or

Mr. Dan Johnson
Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal
Phone: 360.596.3913
dan.johnson@wsp.wa.gov
Quilt Raffle for the Community Center!

Purchase a raffle ticket (or more!) for a chance to win this beautiful panel quilt made and donated by resident Karen Vander Stoep. Note the beauty of the “Lake Theme.” It will be on display at the Community Center.

Tickets prices are: 1 for $1, 6 for $5, and 25 for $20. The drawing will take place after the festivities on the 4th of July.
Volunteer Opportunities

We have many opportunities to get involved with LCIA. Most are a minor time commitment; all provide a great way to meet other people in the community. Please contact Pete Ostenson in the Praise/Complaint Department if you would like additional information about any of these opportunities. Ideas for new LCIA activities are always welcome!

Boating Safety Chair: After many years of dedicated service, Larita Humble has stepped down as Chairperson of the Boating Safety Committee. The person in this role is responsible for communicating Boating Safety information to the Lake Cavanaugh community, and keeping in touch with changing rules and regulations with watercraft on the lake. Thank you for your service, Larita!

Newsletter: After a number of years editing the newsletter, Chris Nielsen is scaling back her role - Chris, we appreciate your continued advice and help with the advertising! Thanks to Lise Richardson who has put in a tremendous amount of work producing the May Newsletter, and also to Barbara Busby who continues to play a key role in generating valuable content for the newsletter. We need more folks interested in helping create and produce our community newsletter! Reminder: Everyone is welcome to contribute memories and pictures for inclusion in the newsletter!

Community Center: Although we have achieved a great deal with the Community Center, there are always ways to help with both time and money. Please stay tuned for future work parties and fundraising events. Contact Barbara Busby if you would like to help in any way.
Block Watch Update

Pete Ostenson

This fall and winter brought a rash of property crime to Lake Cavanaugh. There have been 24 reported property crimes (16 of which were burglaries) since September 1, 2010. The Sheriff’s Office has acknowledged this increase in crime and the community’s concern, but to date have not been able to apprehend any suspects directly related to crimes. However, the Sheriff has been responsive to reports from Lake Cavanaugh residents. Please continue to report any suspicious activity immediately to 911. Please secure your own property and keep an eye on your neighbors. Let’s make it difficult on the bad folks who are active on the lake. Ron Carlson (cccranch@hotmail.com) organizes our neighborhood Block Watch; please contact Ron if you would like to be added to the Block Watch email mailing list.

We are also implementing Operation ID, which is a program designed to deter residential theft. To participate, residents inventory their property and mark valuables with an engraver. The LCIA has purchased a number of decals which can be placed on residential doors. We will have decals available at LCIA meetings and perhaps other events, and will hopefully have engravers to lend out to interested folks. The more people who participate in this program, the better impact it will have. In addition, there are some new signs posted around the lake indicating our Neighborhood Watch is active. At our late April meeting with the Sheriff, he noted a few things helpful to detectives in the case of property theft. Having property labeled is important, and in the case of jewelry and other small items, photographs are helpful. If there is photographic evidence of trespassers or a vehicle in your driveway (ideally with license plate in view), this can be very helpful to the police. The Sheriff noted that cameras on the roads are difficult to use as evidence due to the challenge of linking a car or an individual to a particular piece of property.

Add your photo(s) to the Lake Cavanaugh 2012 Calendar!

Please forward your favorite photo(s) for the Lake Cavanaugh 2012 Calendar to Barbara Busby at: LKCAV@aol.com

or send it (them) to:

35217 Phipps Dr.
Mount Vernon, WA 98274

The Rummage Sale is coming! July 2nd, 3rd & 4th

Sharon and Dean Crider will once again head up this annual event. Please save those items you no longer need but others may want!

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Notes from the 4/29/11 Meeting with Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt and Sheriff Will Reichardt

Barbara Busby

The meeting with Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt and Sheriff Will Reichardt was held on Friday, April 29, 2011. Approximately 30 Lake Cavanaugh residents attended this meeting at the Lake Cavanaugh Community Center.

The possibility of cell phone service was discussed. Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt suggests we get a petition together from Lake Cavanaugh residents and letters from the Sheriff’s Dept., Public Works Dept. and the Fire Dept. Sheriff Reichardt previously sent an email confirming their support of Cell Phone Service as did Dale Klinger from Public Works. We will now have that done in the form of a written letter.

Re: Possible Speed Limit change on Lake Cavanaugh Road. Last August Will Reichardt suggested to me that I get Lake Cavanaugh residents to sign a petition to have the speed limit changed on Lake Cavanaugh Road on the section from Granstrom Road to Hwy 9 to 45 miles per hour with warning signs at the curves. That is what I did and I had close to 200 signatures. I submitted it to Skagit County Engineering Dept. as instructed and never heard another thing about it. Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt will follow up on this.

Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt discussed the problems with the Assessor’s office. Besides missing the new construction that should have been taxed in 2010, the assessor granted a 10% reduction in valuation to the commercial properties in the county.

Since the county collects the same amount of money (not the same millage but the same amount of dollars) each year the residential property owner’s millage rate and eventual taxation was increased to cover the loss from the commercial properties.

Commissioner Dahlstedt further revealed that the Assessor’s office did not inform the commissioners of the 10% reduction or the failure to assess the new construction in 2010. The commissioners were not aware until the newspaper published the story.

The assessor blamed the problems on lack of staff. Commissioner Dahlstedt went on to explain that the other departments were able to complete their assigned task with the staff reductions.

The county has asked the state to investigate the assessor’s office performance. The county and state are currently in discussions about this matter.

Sheriff Will Reichardt talked about the increase in burglaries and theft in the Lake Cavanaugh area. He supports Operation ID.

Currently there are approximately 100 deputies in the department with 40 assigned to patrol in the county. Two deputies have retired recently and will not be replaced. The Lake Cavanaugh area is not patrolled on a regular basis but there is a response to every call to report a crime. Whenever there is a slow period deputies do patrol the Lake. The same is true for other remote areas such as Concrete, Marblemount and Guemes Island.

The Sheriff’s Dept. has two boats that patrol the County Lakes. Big Lake gets the most patrols, then Lake Cavanaugh, Lake Campbell and Shannon Lake. They will be acquiring a third boat through a grant from Homeland Security. It will be docked at Anacortes and will be policing the marine activity in the Anacortes Harbor and it has some fire fighting ability. The boat is designed for salt water use.

Both Commissioner Dahlstedt and Sheriff Reichardt joined in a discussion about the inmate litter crew. Due to the overcrowding at the county jail most of the inmates are the dangerous ones that should not be out on the street. Only the non-violent ones are allowed to work on County litter pick up programs, washing County buses, cleaning and painting County Fairgrounds, etc. Some work all day, return to jail at night but get to spend weekends with their families. All of these individuals are tested for drugs and alcohol on a daily basis.

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The individuals that pick up the litter from our yearly litter pick up, are a part of this program. Laura, who is charge of this program for the County, reports how successful this program is. Her workers love to be out of jail during the day and do this service. They are hard working and never let her down. I have met them many times; they are cheerful and ever so helpful.

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Spring has been late in arriving, but it is a joy to see the wild life activity at the Lake. Wild life is returning to the Lake. Good to hear the frogs croaking.

Usually, the hummingbirds arrive about March 25th; this year, not until April 15th. The Goldfinch were also late to arrive but are here now.

Love to see the beavers swim by every evening, often stopping by to nibble our plants. Not a problem. We enjoy them. We also enjoy seeing the otters frolic on our neighbor’s dock.

There also seems to be much deer activity. Please be aware and drive carefully.

Enjoy, this is a very special place.
2011 Boating Information
YOU NEED TO KNOW

Pete Ostenson

Enclosed in the May 2011 LCIA Newsletter is a standalone piece of paper with Skagit County Boating Regulations. Although many of us have many years of experience on the water, I ask you to do a few things:

1. Review the regulations.
2. Discuss the regulations with any family members who use the lake.
3. Post the regulations in a prominent place, so your guests are knowledgeable of the regulations.

Please stay safe on the water, and set a good example for all those who use Lake Cavanaugh.

Washington State Law is starting to mandate a Boater Education Card for those operating boats of 15 horsepower or more. In 2011, all those age 35 and younger must have a card with them on the boat.

When do I need my card?

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Persons required to have a Boater Education Card must carry it on board whenever operating a motorboat with 15 horsepower or greater.
VISIONETES OF LAKE CAVANAUGH PAST

Allan Wentzel, Author of Alpine on The Lake

THE ROPE SWING

Between 1974 and 1978 the lake had a great community rope swing. It was ideally situated on North Shore Drive in one of the only lake front areas absent of cabins and lots. Before it was cut down in 1978, there was a large tree rooted in the side of the embankment at road level sticking out over the lake. From road surface to water surface the drop was a good seven-feet.

With a very short protruding beach and a drop-off commencing only a few feet from the shoreline, there was no physical hindrance to head first diving. The rope was attached from a limb high up in the tree. Users were able to stand with one foot on a large exposed root at the road level with the other foot on the rope’s knotted end, grab hold and swing out over the lake. You could then either continue swinging or dive into the water.

The view of the mountains while in swing motion was great. The attraction brought together neighbors of all ages from around the lake, and the rope swing became a popular summer gathering location. At times the congregation of boaters and those who walked or arrived by car grew into spontaneous parties.

The last occasion I remember using the rope swing was on a late cloudy and cool September afternoon when Glenn Sittner swung out, fully clothed, and lost his grip. I’ll never forget the sight of that soaking wet fifteen-year-old walking out of the water, not sure if he was more embarrassed or more cold.

Photos:
1) The swimming hole, September 2, 1974
2) and 3) September 13-14, 1975
DATES & EVENTS TO KEEP IN MIND:

May 20, 3pm, DNR Meeting:
Lake Cavanaugh Community Center; all are welcome.

May 28, 10am, LCIA 1st Meeting of the Year:
Lake Cavanaugh Community Center; all are welcome (especially those wanting to pay LCIA dues!).

May 28 & May 29, 9am-4pm, Lake Cavanaugh Community Center Open House:
All are welcome. Refreshments served.

May 29, 8am-12pm, Open House/Pancake Breakfast:
Fire Hall; includes the Lake Cavanaugh logo items sale. Sponsored by the LCFD Auxiliary.

July 2, 10am, LCIA Meeting:
Lake Cavanaugh Community Center; all are welcome.

July 4, Lake Cavanaugh Community Center:
Fourth of July celebrations.

August 7, 1pm, LCIA Meeting:
Lake Cavanaugh Community Center; all are welcome.

September 4, 10am, LCIA Meeting:
Lake Cavanaugh Community Center; all are welcome.

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July 2, 10am; August 7, 1pm; September 4, 10am

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