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Maintaining your own sense of perspective

From what I am hearing about construction activities, this is shaping up to be a summer of challenges and change for everyone in Klahanie. We will have the road closures associated with the construction on the Issaquah Fall City Road (please read the expanded article in this edition) and the Issaquah school district is planning to construct a new elementary school in Jacob's Creek which is likely to also impact us and the Issaquah-Pine Lake Road.

Now is the ideal time to realize that our "normal" will not be normal again for a few years. Travel times will change, our surface streets in Klahanie will be congested and we will spend more time in "rush-hour" conditions. These are the outward conditions that will challenge us but we can't change.

The key to your peace of mind is in being creative with the things you can change. Explore working from home, or adjusting your commute time, or riding your bike to the grocery store. These will all help, but the real difference is in your self-talk. Seek ways to be kind to yourself and to those around you. Instead of bemoaning the traffic, reframe it as "extra time" you are given each day to listen to a book on tape, or learn Spanish before your next vacation in Mexico. Be creative rather than a grump. One of my favorite ways to de-grump in traffic is to look for a way to help someone else. Generally this comes by letting someone merge in front of me. It makes their day and lightens my mood. Please share some of your personal favorite ways to re-frame otherwise stressful situations and I will pass them along in future issues. We are all in this together, so let's share ways to make it

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easier to endure.

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Vacation Checky

TAKE THIS IMPORTANT STEP BEFORE LEAVING ON VACATION

All Klahanie residents have access to a personal security service while you are away from home. The Klahanie Neighborhood Patrol officers will provide a series of security checks on your home during the time you are gone IF you complete the Vacation House Check for Klahanie Homes form. The form is available on the website and in the KHOA office.

The KHP is staffed with King County Sheriff officers who work in Klahanie in their off-duty hours. They are armed and legally able to fulfill all police services. This services is free and available throughout the year.



Vacation House Check for Klahanie Homes

HOMEOWNER INFORMATION

HOMEOWNER NAME: ADDRESS: DATE DEPARTING: DIVISION:

EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON

CONTACT NAME:

PHONE NUMBER: _

ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER:

DATE RETURNING:

- Klahanie Association personnel will as a courtesy perform cursory house checks of the perimeter of your home, while you are away for extended periods. Klahanie personnel will call the contact person on this form (at the number provided on this form) to report any circumstance observed as out of > The Klahanie Association is not an emergency services provider.
- The Klahanie Association is not responsible for packages or mail. Please make other arrange
- It is your responsibility to ensure your emergency service needs and special circumstances are met. Pets are the responsibility of the owner. Association personnel will not check on pets. Pets deemed aggressive by Klahanie personnel during the course of a house check will void any further house checks and a call will be made to the emergency contact person on this form.
- It is the home owner's responsibility to adhere to the Klahanie governing docu

While the Association monitors the general condition of the recreational facilities and common areas, the condition and security of each Owner's home and any other property located on his or her lot is the sole responsibility of the Owner. The Association does not have and it does not assum any responsibility for any of the following, regardless of cause:

- Any loss (including theft), damage or destruction to any Owner's home or other property, or any accident, event or other occurrence on or in the Owner's home or property.

PRINTED NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER: _



KLAHANIE ASSOCIATION Vacation House Check for Klaha



Blues

By Claudia Coté

On a recent walk around our beautiful Yellow Lake with

beautiful Yellow Lake with friends, the "Varsity Blues" news story came up. As a person who has worked with college bound students for over 20 years, my walking group wanted to hear my take.

For those who have not heard, "Varsity Blues" involves a large cheating scandal that included celebrities and other wealthy people buying test score improvements, positions on college sport teams, and influence to secure their children a place in elite colleges. Outrageous actions like photoshopping their kid's faces into action sport photos and paying tens of thousands to millions for test answer corrections and bribes are all part of the sordid incidents orchestrated by one man who played on the high anxiety some families feel around college acceptance. This is leading to people going to prison and children being expelled from the colleges with their reputations and college records forever marked. Although extreme, the story illustrates risks some people will take to secure their child access in a brand name college - but is a name brand college worth it?

According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, 19.9 million students attended American colleges and universities in the Fall of 2018. This is lower than the peak of 21.0 million in 2010. More than 80 percent of students attend bachelors-degree-granting colleges that accept more than 50 percent of those who apply. Most studies show that attaining a college education has a long-term impact on financial success. However, the name brand of the college only makes a small difference in the first three years post-graduation; this difference is partly related to family connections that are already part of the lives of many students at elite colleges. For the vast majority of college graduates, their work ethic, intelligence, and degree choice will have the biggest impact on career success. Which college they attended quickly becomes a side note. Think about your work environment. Do you know where all your co-workers earned their bachelor's degree?

Successful attainment of a college degree begins with applying to schools that meet the student's individual education needs. This 'fit' is the combination of academic, social. emotional, financial, and other characteristics that are different for every student. One example is to ask your child when they do their own best learning. Is it in a classroom full of students who seem to find all the answers easily and are competitive, or a classroom with a mix of abilities and a team approach, or one

where the student feels so confident that they often assist others to achieve, too? These factors can be applied to college selection and will lead to a happy and successful student. When we take the emphasis off the name of the college and put it on the future success of students, it makes the process and results go from 'Varsity Blues' to College Success!



Summer of 2019 when the Music Never Ends







Klahanie straddles that midground halfway between Sammamish and Issaquah, so there is no reason not to make plans this summer for two free evenings a week of great music while picnicking in warmth of the early evening.

Over 22 years ago music lover David Harris convinced the Issaquah Parks Department that the summers would be much more enjoyable if there were weekly evening concerts. The Parks staff agreed, with one major caveat, David had to find the way to put on the entire summer of music and cover any of the costs. Not easily daunted, that is exactly what David did and the Concerts on the Green were launched in July of 1997. David's initial concert series were so successful, that the good folks at the City and Parks department, and sponsors like the Rowley Family became progressively more supportive and involved. David was also involved in helping to start similar free, summer-long concerts in Sammamish and surrounding communities.

Now, every Tuesday evening at 7:00 the concerts on the Green at the Issaquah Community Center begin with David introducing the band and the music continues until 8:30. Hundreds of people spread blankets on the grass or bring foldable chairs to sit back and listen to great music, snack and enjoy the times with their friends.

On Thursday evening at Pine Lake Park, the Concerts in the Park

series provides the same type of family-style entertainment in Sammamish. With this much great free music, why not expand your summer enjoyment by taking in two concerts a week? A helpful hint: Plan to arrive early as the venues can get crowded. Fair warning for you dance-averse men, energetic dancing has been known to spontaneously break out.

For the weekly schedules of bands, times and direction visit the City of Issaquah and/or the City of Sammamish web sites.





Daniel Leavitt, Mountlake Terrace High School graduating senior. Engineering major, CalPoly (SLO). Plays saxophone in Jazz Band, excells in Math, and loves his family.



Lucy Artman, Skyline Class of 2019, will play soccer at Cal State East Bay in the Fall while pursuing her degree as a Nurse Practitioner.



Congratulations to our graduating senior, Brandon Cooley! He will be attending Western Washington University in the fall after spending his summer lifeguarding at the Klahanie Pools. We couldn't be more proud of him and his achievements! LOVE, MOM, DAD, AND MADISON

Congratulations!

KLAHANIE GRADUATES

Matthew Siegel graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, AZ with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, focusing on propulsion, thermal sciences and turbo machinery.

Anna Leist has lived in Klahanie all 18 years of her life - 13 years as a Klahanie Shark and working at the Klahanie pools for the past 3 years. She graduated from Eastside Catholic on June 3rd and heads to Dallas, TX in August to attend SMU (Southern Methodist University).









Mpdate Klahanie Pools

Summer swim lessons:

Session 2: July 15-25, register July 12th -13th

Session 3: July 29 - August 8, register July 26th

Session 4: August 12-22, register, August 9th

• Coming soon in Klahanie aqua aerobics:

We'd like your valuable feedback on Klahanie's new water fitness program for adults coming soon; Klahanie aqua Fit! This is a mixed class that combines both aqua aerobics and swimming activities. Please take 5 min to answer the 10 questions survey about wateraerobics: Klahanie.com

• Free 3rd Grade classes:

48 Klahanie 3rd Graders completed the swim safety class and earned a certificate for their achievements!

They were able to gain safety knowledge in and around the water and learned lifesaving swim skills. The Instructors were impressed about the focus during class and the improvement made by the kids.

Wanted

We are interested in Adult Lifeguards and Swim Instructors

To cover aquatic programs and swim time during the days. If interested, please email pools @ Klahanie.com

Lawry

The difference between Dormant and Dead - A little water this summer can go a long way.

Watering your lawn can be expensive, but so is replacing your entire lawn. For the Best Practices, we asked Scott Young the owner of Golden Rule Landscaping for his suggestions on summer lawn care. Scott's advice is to:

- 1. The lawn should receive one inch of water each week. This could be from the occasional rain storms or by use of your sprinkler. Helpful hint: Take a tuna can or open mouth jar and see how long it takes for it to fill up with an inch of water. This will be your indication of how long to let your sprinkler run.
- 2. Allow the water to soak the top six inches of the soil under the lawn. Short frequent water will not be

- as effective in preserving the lawn.
- 3. Water in the cool of the morning or evening so the sun won't evaporate the water.
- 4. NEVER allow the water to run off into the street
- 5. If your yard faces south you may need twice as much water to offset the additional sun that hits your yard.
- 6. If you don't water the lawn it will go from the dormant stage to dead very quickly. Once it is starved of water, it is very challenging to bring it back to a healthy condition. The fall rains will help the lawn to recover but it will be damaged and this is when the dreaded moss and weeds will begin to take over the unhealthy lawns.



Naiting for the Poop Fairy

For most people who get a pet dog, they soon buy a book on responsible pet ownership. You all know the book. In Chapter One it tells you to carry little plastic bags with you when ever walking your dog. The instructions are clearly stated to use the bag to collect the dog poop, tie a knot at the top and presto you are on your way to becoming a responsible owner. However, there is a good deal more to the book than just Chapter One!

Chapter Two goes on to say, that after you gather the precious poop in the bag, you must take it with you to one of the 28 dog poop collections stations in Klahanie and dispose of it.

Apparently, this message is getting misunderstood and these bright little bags are left behind littering the trails, tossed into the weeds or tucked under a nearby fern, as if the owner believes that Klahanie provides a Poop Fairy to follow them around and clean up after them. Imagine that, a new HOA service- personal poop fairies!

Sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but there are no Poop Fairies in Klahanie. Plenty of poop stations but not a fairy in sight.

So read Chapter two and proudly become a real responsible dog owner. We will all appreciate your efforts.

Poop Trivia: To service the 28

poop stations, the KHOA orders 60 cases of bags each year, containing 18,000 individual bags. The maintenance crew devotes three hours, twice a week to check, refill and dispose of properly placed bags of poop. Bags and labor alone cost over \$13,000 each year. The bags are made with blend of polyethylene and limestone, so they are biodegradable... but not compostable... so they need to be tossed out in the trash, NOT the yard waste or recycle bins.



Your Against Special Assessments

By law, every HOA most have a Reserve Fund for your protection. The money set aside in "Reserve" is structured to pay for all of the things we own including buildings, pools, park equipment and even irrigation systems. When those items need replacement, we pay for those changes out of the Reserve funds. To make sure that we've set enough money aside, we consult with outside professionals annually who update a special Reserve plan called a Reserve Study. They estimate how much it will cost to replace windows, roofs, siding, and plumbing for each thing the Association owns over the next 30-years, and tell us how much we should pay into the Reserve from the Operating Funds of the Association, so that there will always be

enough in savings to pay for any replacements.

Annually, the Reserve funds are evaluated by a Reserve Specialist to ensure that the HOA is saving enough money. To gauge how an association is doing, each Reserve Account is rated with a percent score. The lower the score, the more likely it is that a Special Assessment could be required to pay for some costly expense.

For many years, through strong fiscal management, the KHOA has been rated at 100%, meaning we have saved all the funds needed to cover replacement items. Last month the Reserve specialists did their annual review and made a significant change in how they treat the office building.

Following their inspection they decided that the almost 40-year old mobile office building has reached the end of its safe and useful life. It no longer made sense to rate the component parts when the entire building was no longer worth saving. The wooden building frame has no foundation and the supports are rotting. Their decision, which we have to abide by, is to move the \$600,000 cost of replacing the office building into the Reserve Plan. This will drop our funding level to just to 71% because we have a \$600,000 building as an unfunded liability.

The Board will be discussing the financial strategy to rebuild the Reserve fund and will have updates to share with you over the summer.



Compliance What Everyone Needs to Know about the

Compliance Process

One of the benefits of living in an HOA like Klahanie is that every homeowner has agreed to live under a common set of expectations surrounding their home and yards. The Architectural control committee (ACC), made up of volunteer residents, work to create a palette of colors for painting homes, or acceptable conditions for the landscaping, etc. The core incentive behind these expectations is to provide a guide for the families living in the HOA to uphold the standards and therefore the values of the properties.

These standards are written in the ACC Guidelines, which everyone receives a copy of when they purchase their home and updated versions are available on the Klahanie. com web site.

To make sure the standards are kept and met, Klahanie has a compliance officer, Michael Shane, who is responsible to let homeowners know when they are not in compliance with the rules. Most people never hear from Michael, but if you do, here is the process that you will be accountable to.

First, the registered homeowner will receive a letter with a color photo stating the compliance issuelawn needing mowing, a dead tree requiring removal, a home that needs to be painted, etc. The letter clearly says that the homeowner has two options.

1st option, this is the easiest way to stop the compliance process by taking a digital photo of the cured violation (lawn mowed, tree removed, fence repaired, etc.) and emailing it to compliance@Klahanie.com. Once received, the violation file can be closed

2nd Option is to use your legal right to be heard by attending the Fine Committee meeting to say why the violation is in error.

Failure to take one of these two options will lead to being included on the agenda for the Fine committee. At this point ignoring the original

letter can get expensive quickly. The normal fine assessed for failure to cure an ACC violation is \$100 Plus \$20.00 a day until the violation has been resolved and Michael has been notified. The fines are added to the assessment owed to the KHOA.

Continue to ignore the situation and eventually the late assessments are turned over to the collection attorney and from this point forward it is handled by the established legal process. Now it is very expensive!

The quick lesson is that the process is in your hands once you receive the first letter from compliance. Deal with it when it is easy and free, by taking a photo showing that the condition is solved or attend the Fine Committee meeting. Ignore it and could get expensive.



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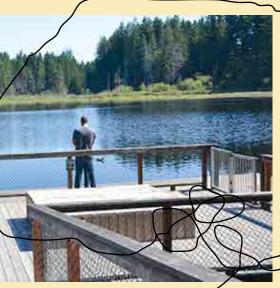
KEEPING Yellow Lake SAFE

When you visit the Yellow Lake dock you will notice a fishing line bin for the disposal of monofilament fishing line and hooks. The fishing line is removed by Klahanie's maintenance staff and sent to a recycling facility.

The recommendation for a Fishing Line Recovery and Recycling program was presented to the Klahanie Board of Directors by Bonnie Anderson and Diane Weinstein. Over the years Bonnie and Diane have witnessed the impact discarded fishing line had on wildlife and the natural environment. They reported seeing a mallard entangled in fishing line, dangling from a tree, only to fall to her death. A grebe was found on Klahanie Boulevard entangled in fishing line and struggling helplessly. And, an American Coot was discovered in Yellow Lake strangling with fishing line around its neck. The environment suffers as it can take up to 600 years for monofilament line to decompose.

In the five years since Klahanie placed the first fishing line bin, Bonnie and Diane have worked with state, county and city officials to promote the Fishing Line Recovery and Recycling program. To date, the program has been implemented at 137 Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) locations, 31 state parks and 74 city and county parks. And, over 150,000 feet of fishing line has been recovered in WDFW locations, alone. Bonnie and Diane are continuing their advocacy to expand the program to more WDFW locations and state parks. If you want to learn more about the program see Monofilament Recycling at the Washington State Parks web site.

Klahanie is proud to be part of this important program. By remembering to place your fishing line and hooks in the disposal bin you are keeping our natural environment and the wildlife we are so fortunate to enjoy, healthy and safe, for our generation and those to come.







RoadConstruction

Sammamish Project on Issaquah-Fall City Road - Work is scheduled to begin this summer

Notice just came from the City of Sammamish that they have all the required permits to begin the first phase of the large road project on the Issaquah-Fall City Road (IFCR). Their current construction estimate is that the scope of work will take two years.

The first portion is the closure of the heavily traveled IFCR so that construction can start on the new bridge they are constructing between 247th and Klahanie Drive. While all projections in a complicated project like this are optimistic before it begins, past history with road projects says we should expect it will take longer than the current timetable of eight months.

While they construct the bridge, Klahanie Drive will remain open for traffic coming from the east and north to use Klahanie Drive as a main access route to Sammamish, Issaquah, Bellevue and beyond. For all those heading home in the afternoon, they will also have to traverse through Klahanie since the IFCR will be closed to eastbound traffic at 247th by the Pacific Cascade Middle School.

When the planners at the city studied traffic volumes several years ago, they estimated 1,800 cars used the road each day. This figure may be low based on the growth over the past few years. The Police tell us that a mile long line of stopped cars will contain 200 vehicles. Klahanie Blvd. and Drive are just a little

over three miles in length. It is not unreasonable to expect a significant three mile traffic jam twice daily, even before our residents are added to the roads.

What is the HOA doing?

We have asked the City to adjust the signal light timing at Klahanie Blvd and Issaquah-Pine Lake road to allow more cars in each cycle to exit in the morning hours and enter in the afternoon. We are also asking for temporary traffic lights or four-way stop signs where neighborhoods intersect with Klahanie Drive/Blvd. We are discussing plans to use our Klahanie Neighborhood Patrol officers to help manage the traffic flow.

We have requested a new crosswalk at 242nd to help students safely cross the road to get to and from the school bus.

The entire project will require a good deal of patience from all of us and perhaps some adjusted work schedules.

Please note that the businesses in the Klahanie Center will be heavily impacted, so please make the extra effort to use their services to help keep them all in business.



CONSTRUCTION WORKS

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KLAHANIE VOLUNTEERS

The Klahanie HOA puts on over a dozen FREE events for Klahanie residents every year! Barely a month will go by without some sort of fun event happening in Klahanie, and they are growing every year in resident participation. This year we have added 3 new events already!

Volunteers are desperately needed to be able to keep these events happening and growing! Why volunteer? It's a great way for students to earn the required community service hours for school and other organizations. It's a great way to get involved in your community. It's a wonderful way to meet new neighbors. It's FUN! But most importantly, without volunteers the HOA will not be able to continue to put on all these great events for the residents of the Klahanie Community.

If you would like to volunteer for YOUR community, contact events@klahanie.com or call the office at 425-392-4663.





July/August

SATURDAY, July 13th, 2019 7:45Pm-10:00pm - Summer Movies In The Park

The first of two outdoor movie nights at Lakeside Park. Bring your blankets, chairs and picnic if desired and watch movies under the stars of Klahanie! Free Shave ice, popcorn and drinks. Movie-Ralph Breaks the Internet

SATURDAY, August 17th, 2019, 7:45pm-

10:00pm - Summer Movies in the Park

event for Klahanie so check the Klahanie Website and Facebook Page often for emerging details.

SATURDAY, August 24th, 2019 11:00am-2:00pm - End of Summer Luau and Pool Party

Outdoor Concert at Lakeside Pool

The last of two outdoor movie nights at Lakeside Park. Bring your blankets, chairs and picnic if desired and watch movies under the stars of Klahanie! Free Shave Ice, popcorn and drinks. Movie- Captain Marvel

at Lakeside Pool Enjoy the waning days of summer with our annual Luau and Pool Party. Featuring music by DJ Steve Rivera. Dress up in your best Hawaiian attire with contests and

games and general pool party fun. With free Hawaiian

WEDNESDAY, July 24th, 7:00pm-9:00pm -

Local band The Soul Proprietors will be rockin' the "stage"

aka Pergola at the Lakeside Pool. This is a brand new

IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

SAMMAMISH WALKS

Once a month from April to October, you can join with local guides to walk through parks in Sammamish. Learn about local plants and wildlife and sneak in a little exercise along the way.

ISSAOUAH AND SAMMAMISH FARMER'S MARKETS

Shave Ice and Subway Sandwiches.

Both communities have robust markets each week from May to September. Issaquah is at Pickering Barn, across the street from Costco on Saturdays. Sammamish takes place in the City Hall Plaza on Wednesdays from 4pm to 8pm.

Welcome to the Food Project

Building Community and Sharing Food

A new and very effective way to help other local families with food shortages is now available in Klahanie. The Food Program encourages families to sign up and a local Neighborhood Coordinator will bring you a bright green shopping bag. Then when you make a shopping trip, just purchase an extra item and

store it in the bag. Every other month the coordinator will come by and collect the nonperishable food or personal care needs you have collected. Your bag will be replaced with a new one and your items will be taken to the Issaquah Food Bank for distribution. Helping others really can be that simple and fulfilling.

The August Request is for canned tuna or chicken, peanut butter and jelly, cereal and pasta.

Issaquah

Sammamish

This is a perfect program to get your children involved in selecting the foods your family will be donating.

For more information contact Jim Berry 425.391.5333 or email to berry@premier1.net







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