



Lake Cavanaugh News

Membership Drive ~ May 2024

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LAKE CAVANAUGH

CALLING ALL PROPERTY OWNERS

PLEASE CONSIDER **JOINING** YOUR LAKE CAVANAUGH IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (LCIA). TOGETHER WE STRIVE TO BE AN INTERACTIVE COMMUNITY.

LCIA Working for you!
(What your dues support.)

Membership dues, along with fundraising, provide the funds for maintaining the Community Center. This enables us to host fundraising events and opportunities for lake residents to enjoy meeting together for social events, potlucks, various clubs, game nights, and parties. But it's much more than raising money. It's about bringing the community together for social gatherings to visit and have fun with old friends and to meet new. In addition:

- Keep connected and receive all issues of the Electronic Newsletter.
- Receive a Discount when renting the Community Center for your private event.
- Member only password for additional website information: Lake Directory, water quality and lake level information, minutes of meetings.
- Vote at LCIA meetings on budget items and proposed purchases. Participate in discussions on important issues that affect every property in the community, such as logging and the Skagit County Shoreline Management Plan.
- Testing lake water to keep it clean, and vibrant.

LET'S TEAM TOGETHER!

Visit our LCIA website:
<https://www.lakecavanaugh.info/>

Join us on Facebook
Lake Cavanaugh Community
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/282192631838163>

Lake Cavanaugh Too Good To Toss
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1678085472442324>

For more information or to join the association, please contact:

Shannon O'Kelley
msokelley@hotmail.com



LCIA MEMBERSHIP FORM

_____ LCIA Annual Dues \$50.00 (Main Household)
_____ LCIA Annual Associate Dues \$20.00 (adult family of main household)*
Dues per calendar year January 1 to December 31
_____ Added donation for special projects and maintenance

Total: \$_____

Directory Sign-up or Directory Listing Update

(By giving data you agree to its publication in the Lake Cavanaugh Directory.)

If you do not want your phone number, email or other information listed you can leave that information out. But we suggest that you list your email because NEWSLETTERS will ONLY be sent electronically; and we suggest listing at least one phone plus lake address so you can be contacted in an emergency. LCIA members can access the directory on the web site.

PRIMARY MEMBER (includes spouse and children under 21):

Name(s) of Main Household Members:_____

Lake Address: _____

Home Address: _____ City:_____ State:____ Zip:_____

Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ Lake Phone: _____

E-Mail(s): _____

ASSOCIATE MEMBER (adult household members 21 and over):

* Associate Members must be connected to a current primary member. Please list above.

Name(s) of Associate Member(s):_____

Home Address:_____ City:_____ State:____ Zip:_____

Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail(s):_____

Either: Mail this form and your check (payable to LCIA)

Lake Cavanaugh Improvement Association

c/o Matt Douglas, Treasurer

35022 South Shore Drive

Mount Vernon, WA 98274

Or: Pay on our web site

<https://www.lakecavanaugh.info>

The link for renewing or joining is on the left side of the Home Page.

Click on Join Today.

Lake Cavanaugh Events for 2024

See noted pages for additional information.

Recurring and Established Events, unless otherwise noted are:

Garden Club. . . . First Tuesday of the month April through October

Book Club. . . . Second Wednesday of the month

Bunco. . . . Third Thursday of the month

Kids Club. . . . Third Saturday of the month beginning

March or April (weather permitting) through November

Community Social/Happy Hour. . . . Third Saturday of the month

Bible Study. . . . Every Wednesday all year (weather permitting)

Church at the Lake. . . . Sundays, June 9th through September 8th. . . Page 9

Annual Special Events:

Hibachi Dinner. . . . Saturday, June 1st. Page 8

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Labor Day Dance. . . . Sunday, September 1st. . . Page 13

Biennial Special Event:

Big Lake Historical Society Display at Big Lake

(will include surrounding lakes including Lake Cavanaugh) August 10th and 11th

We are also looking to create even more fun for our community. What ideas do you have?

Please keep in mind that we also need volunteers to assist with groups, clubs and events.

I will post some of the special events on **FaceBook**:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/282192631838163>

Please refer to our **web site calendar**:

Thank you from your Events Coordinator.

Feel free to contact me at any time.

Larita (Tweetie) Humble

206.794.7141 Cell

larita_humble@frontier.com

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote friendship and cooperation among lake residents, and to solve common problems and to achieve common goals.

Community Center Wifi:

LCCCHub-Guest:

No Password Required

✓ Agree to disclaimer

LCIA 2024 Officers

President: John Matusak
Vice-Pres: Shannon O'Kelley
Treasurer: Matt Douglas
Secretary: Debbie Stinson
Directors: Mick Steinman
Priscilla McElhose
Rick Diedrich
Kim Kelly

LCIA General Meeting Dates 2024

May 25, July 6, Aug 3, Aug 31

All lake residents are welcome, whether you are a member or not. We discuss issues that are pertinent to all lake residents.

COMMITTEES

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Property Manager & Event Coordinator:
Larita Humble
larita_humble@frontier.com cell 206-794-7141

<https://www.lakecavanaugh.info/contact>

Update on Lawsuit Related to Logging on Frailey Mountain

Dear Lake Cavanaugh Neighbors,

In the summer of 2019, I learned of Forest Practices Application (FPA) 2817112 from Cathy Katte who was then the President of the Lake Cavanaugh Trust. FPA 2817112 was approved on August 29, 2019, by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR). This approval allowed the timber harvest on a portion of approximately 270 acres of forest lands on Frailey Mountain abutting the Plat of Lake Cavanaugh Subdivision No. 3. Access to the timber harvest areas on Frailey Mountain was shown on the FPA through a residential lot owned by Richmond JPJ (JPJ) located within the Plat ("JPJ Property"). The address of that lot is 33242 South Shore Drive. **The title of the property clearly shows there is a Plat Covenant which states: No lots shall be used for commercial business or manufacturing purposes.** This Plat Covenant is present on almost all lots around Lake Cavanaugh. Regardless, in August of 2019, Nielsen Brothers Inc. (Nielsen), a logging company, applied for, and later obtained, a permit from Skagit County to construct a commercial access point to South Shore Drive from the JPJ Property.

The commercial use restriction on the Plat is one of the reasons we moved to Lake Cavanaugh. We appreciate the relative peace and quiet that a purely residential community can provide and this planned use of a residential lot for commercial purposes would violate the Plat Covenant and would erode our property rights. When I learned of this prohibited use of a residential lot, I reached out to DNR to inform them of the commercial use restriction on the lot and their response was that it was not of their concern. I then reached out to Skagit County, and they refused to pull back the permit they issued even

though it was clear to me that the commercial road violated the zoning as well as the restriction. Having nowhere else to turn, I filed a Complaint with the Skagit County Superior Court in October 2019 as a property owner of a lot in the Plat of Lake Cavanaugh Subdivision No. 3 to prohibit the use of the JPJ Property for commercial logging purposes because it violated a covenant that prohibits lots being used for commercial businesses. **Nielsen and JPJ raised a number of affirmative defenses including that the Plat Covenant has been abandoned and counterclaimed to condemn a private way of necessity.**

In April 2020, we moved to have the court, The Honorable Laura M. Riquelme, rule as a matter of law that Nielsen's use of the JPJ Property violated the Plat Covenant. Riquelme denied the Motion. We then moved for reconsideration or, in the alternative, a preliminary injunction. Riquelme denied both motions. Nielsen started constructing the commercial road through the JPJ Property shortly thereafter. **In October 2020, we moved to dismiss Nielsen/JPJs counterclaim to condemn a private way of necessity for failure to join necessary parties. The Skagit County Superior Court granted that motion.**

A trial was initially scheduled for June 2021, but was rescheduled to November 2021 due to a competing criminal trial. After a two-day bench trial, the court ruled that Nielsen's logging activity did not violate the Plat Covenant in a decision dated January 31, 2022. We appealed to Court of Appeals Division One. Briefing was completed on October 10, 2022, and the court heard argument of counsel on January 25, 2023. On February 13, 2023, the Court

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of Appeals Division One issued a decision reversing the previous ruling by Riquelme. **The Court of Appeals determined the Nielsen/JPJ's use of the JPJ Property did violate the Plat Covenant.** JPJ/ Nielsen petitioned the Washington Supreme Court for further review. The Washington Supreme Court declined review in an order dated September 7, 2023. The Court of Appeals Division One issued a mandate to Skagit County Superior Court on September 29, 2023. An agreed order was filed with the Skagit County Superior Court on January 31, 2024, and Riquelme signed the agreed order February 8, 2024, which states, in part:

"It is ORDERED that Defendants, Defendant's officers, agents, employees and any other persons acting directly or indirectly with any of them, are permanently restrained and enjoined from using the JPJ Property for commercial business purposes, which specifically includes, but is not limited to, commercial logging."

Per the Order, there can be no commercial activity on the property at 33242 South Shore Drive. It is important to watch for this to protect our property rights. **If any commercial activity is noticed, please document, and send a notification to: rpm32927@gmail.com.**

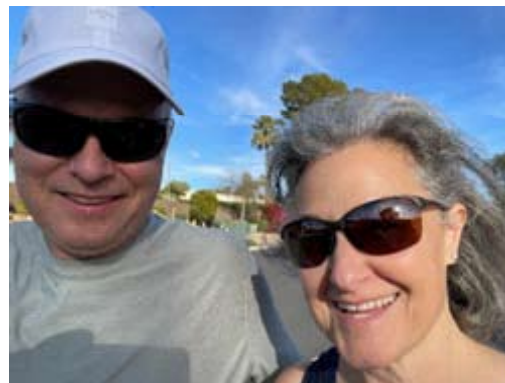
To be clear, the complaint and all the legal proceedings were my efforts and not those of the Lake Cavanaugh Trust. As you can imagine, there is satisfaction in having preserved our property rights regardless of the time and expense, but I do not believe this will be the end of it. For the sake of our community, please get involved in the Lake Cavanaugh Trust or the LCIA to help preserve our beautiful and special piece of Skagit County.

The Lake Cavanaugh Trust was formed November 17, 1994, with the purpose of "The Preservation and management of the natural

environment in the Lake Cavanaugh watershed and surrounding lands". The Lake Cavanaugh Trust is actively seeking interested community members to join and to also serve in various capacities on the Board. Please contact Alexander McCullough, the current president, if you are interested and/or want more information: mccullough1645@gmail.com

Special thanks to those of you that supported my efforts, we could not have prevailed without your generous support.

Thanks,
Bob and Marta McCullough
32927 South Shore Drive



North Shore Update *by Larita Humble*

I am sorry to say that I have made very little progress to restore our use of N Shore. I am committed to the weekly Skagit County public comment session where I am awarded a three minute time allotment to plead our case for reopening. I read my written presentation to the commissioners and then follow up by sending it via email for their review and files, also copying Grace Kane the Public Works Director.

If you would like to join the meeting in person it is located at: **1800 Continental Place, Suite 100 in Mount Vernon**. You are also able to join their meetings via Zoom at:

<https://skagitcounty.net/Departments/CountyCommissioners/main.htm>

To sum it up, I have used every possible scenario and reiterated the reasons why our road should be restored and reopened. Most importantly I am concerned about emergency travel time for our volunteer firefighters, but in addition there is the garbage and delivery trucks, snowplows and graders and our mail. The road closure is a significant inconvenience for those services let alone for residents and our needs. The road tax portion of our property tax dollars goes into the county general fund and from there the money is used based on priorities. We are not high on the priority list due the number of people served as proved by the traffic count strips that are put out periodically. I was instrumental in having the counting strips out for 8 days and during a summer weekend, but still our increased traffic volume was not sufficient for Public Works to consider the road restoration.

Currently the county is creating turnarounds at both closure points and cleaning up debris on N Shore within the barriers.

If you would like to write to the commissioners on this or any other matter of concern, their contact information is below.

Skagit County Commissioners address:

1800 Continental Place, Suite 100

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

360.416.1300

Skagit County Commissioners

email: **commissioners@co.skagit.wa.us**

Grace Kane, Public Works Director (same address)

email: **gracek@co.skagit.wa.us**

If you would like to reach me for further information and details of my conversations with the Skagit County, please contact me any time at:

cell: **206.794.7141** or email: **larita_humble@frontier.com**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Advertising — solicit candidates that would like to advertise in the newsletter and on the web site. Periodically promote the advertisers on the Lake Cavanaugh Facebook page.

Newsletter — looking for someone that enjoys graphic design, is detail oriented, and is able to work on a schedule. You can use any platform that you have available such as Microsoft Publisher or Adobe InDesign.

We still need volunteers to help with short term events and on-going projects. Each of the following positions can be filled by multiple volunteers working independently or as a committee.

Welcome Committee — consists of meeting and greeting new residents, giving out swag bag and community information along with a friendly handshake and smile.

Kids Club — is in need of volunteers to set up and tear down tables and games, providing and/or coordinating snacks and extra assistance for special events such as Halloween and the Easter Egg Hunt.

Fund Raising Assistance — helping with and setup of events, such as the Hibachi Dinner, is order taking, set up/decorating and clean up. The Classic Car Show and the Labor Day Dance community event activities consist of scheduling, hiring and general coordination including set up and tear down.

Rummage Sale Assistance — duties consist of sorting, pricing, and selling and boxing up the remaining goods for pick up. The rummage sale generally runs about a week and a half, beginning to end, giving room for many volunteer time and opportunities.

Community Events — including Labor Day Dance, FunFest , and Classic Car Show and consist of scheduling, hiring and general coordination including set up and tear down.

Volunteer signup page —

<https://www.lakecavanaugh.info/lcia/volunteer>

“Grill on Wheels”



Lake residents!

***Join us for a very special
Dinner Show Event!***

Private Chef AJ from “Grill on Wheels” is coming to the Lake Cavanaugh Community Center to cook a delicious Hibachi Dinner.

AJ is excited to once again entertain our lake residents with his griddle skills of spatula spinning, egg tossing and cooking right in front of your eyes.

This very special presentation is on:

**Saturday, June 1st
Social Half-Hour at 5:30pm
Dinner to follow at 6:00pm**

This is an LCIA fundraiser of a \$100 donation per person for a Teppanyaki Japanese style dinner with hosted beer and wine (over 21).

There are only 24 seats available, therefore early reservations are suggested. All proceeds to benefit interior and exterior maintenance.

This may be the last event of this kind so if you haven't joined the fun previously you may want to seize this amazing opportunity.

Please call Priscilla McElhose at
360.422.5606
to make your reservations.

Link to video:

<https://fb.watch/aWRHjPZILN/>

Get Hyped for the Rummage Sale July 4-6

Once again, the Lake Cavanaugh Community Center will host the **HUGEST SALE** on the lake over the Fourth of July Weekend. We have a core crew that loves this event, but we need more busy hands, nimble minds, and fun people to make this a success. Please consider volunteering for a shift or two before or during the sale. It's also a great opportunity for teens to get community service hours and fun for whole families to give back to the lake. Preparing lunch or snacks for the crew is another appreciated way to contribute. Please contact Wendy Ostenson at 206.228. 3339 or wendelinann@gmail.com for more information.

Start your donation piles now! We'll accept anything in sellable condition, with the exceptions of tires, printers, TVs, doors, and tube lightbulbs. For larger items such as boats and furniture we ask that you leave contact information if it doesn't sell.

SET-UP begins Sunday, June 30 NOON to 4pm (after Church)

SET-UP continues 9am – 4pm July 1, 2 and 3

Volunteer to HELP set-up

**SALE RUNS from 9am – 4pm on July 4-6
(Thursday, Friday and Saturday)**

**CLEAN-UP begins 9am on July 8 Monday
We need VOLUNTEERS ON CLEAN-UP DAY.**

Please join us for the greatest sale on the lake!

Church at the Lake

Please come to join us at the Community Center for fellowship and learning about Jesus. Remember it's every Sunday, June 9 through September 8 at 10 AM. When events happen on a Sunday we still have church but go upstairs, so, we do not skip getting together.

Of course, we have coffee and treats that are brought by whom ever has a treat to share to enhance our fellowship time mostly after the service.

Patricia Anderson is our meeting leader and scripture reader and Del Lawton is our worship leader. They will be on hand to keep us organized.

Pastor Patrick Vance will be our pastor all summer long! His teaching makes God's Word interesting and applicable to our lives. He will continue teaching about sharing our faith which will be a follow-up of last years theme. Much of his summer series will come out of the book of Acts and he will be calling it "Witness Too" teaching how we can also be witnesses for Christ.

Hope to see you there at our friendly non-denominational Cavanaugh Community Church! ***Aloha ke akua, Irene***

THIRD ANNUAL WHEELS AT THE LAKE 2024

Here we are in 2024, let's rally some wheels at the lake shore.

Meet up on the 13th of July, we hope you continue to like the reason why.

Open up your garage bay, fire up that ride, enjoy the day.

Cars and motorcycles to view, we are working on some food too!

From electric to steam and everything between.

Invite your friends with a vehicle to share, come on up, enjoy the lake air.

What ever happened to the Amphicar? It would certainly be a star.

11 AM to 3 PM is the time, entrance won't cost you a dime.

Come down to the community center and have some fun.

Talk cars and bikes and relax in the sun.



For more information or to reserve your spot, please contact:

Rene Mather at 425.772.6428 or Larita (TweeTie) Humble at 206.794.7141

Lake Cavanaugh Community Center located at 35022 South Shore Dr, Mount Vernon

Auxiliary Report by Carol Pletz, LCFDA President

The 2024 Lake Cavanaugh Season is upon us. As I write this it looks and feels like Spring. It's time to open our cottages, dust off the cobwebs and get out to meet and greet old friends and new. The Fire Department's first fund raising event will be our annual Open House and Lake Wear Sale on May 26th. Our design team has selected several items that we are sure will appeal to all ages. We heard you last year when you said you wanted to see more items for kids. Our team made that happen. Once again, we have limited numbers of items. The new Sweatshirts are always popular, so if you want to get your "Cavanaugh On" show up early to our event. Open House starts at 9:00AM till Noon.

Looking down the road a bit, I want to remind you that the Fun Run will happen in August. We are going to try to get the ok to have bikers as well. Between now and then, we are looking for a creative "someone" to design our Fun Run Shirts. We encourage everyone to submit a picture of your design by June 15th. We are even encouraging our Kids Club to submit entries. PM me your artwork via our Facebook page. This should be lots of fun.

In closing, I would personally like to invite anyone and everyone to join our auxiliary team. There are no age requirements. We have a lot of fun and it is very rewarding to raise funds for our volunteer fire department that isn't otherwise given by the county. This past winter we were able to purchase a trailer for our Fire Boat. Previously the boat has been housed in a shed near the boat launch. It is hard to get the boat in and out of its berth using the existing antiquated system. After building Station 2, we now have a dry place to store the Fireboat all year that will allow easy access via our new and improved boat launch. This saves a lot of time getting the boat in the water if there is an emergency.

Just a reminder that 100% of all Auxiliary Fund-Raising money is specifically allotted for goods and equipment for our LC fire department. We truly appreciate every dollar you contribute throughout the season to Lake Cavanaugh Fire. In addition, we are always looking for new fire recruits. If you would like to join this team, please speak to one of our volunteers at Open House.

Invitation to the community ~

Design

the Fun Run T-Shirt for 2024!

Send your artwork to:

cpletzski@gmail.com

In May we will pick the designs that stand out and let you all vote for the winner.

Up-Coming Events

OPEN HOUSE AND LAKE WEAR SALE

SUN. MAY 26th - 9AM TO NOON

4TH OF JULY PARADE & LAKE WEAR SALE

9AM TO NOON

ONCE AROUND THE LAKE FUN RUN

Saturday, AUG 10TH

REGISTRATION & T-SHIRT PICKUP 8AM

START TIME 9AM

FILL THE BOOT

SUN. SEPT 1ST - 2:30 PM TO 5:00 PM

Lake Cavanaugh Volunteer Fire Department 7

Volunteers

Bollinger, Hayden	Firefighter/EMT
Bollinger, Michael	Firefighter/EMT
Bollinger, Haily	Firefighter
Campbell, Rhonda	Firefighter
Crutchfield, Rich	Firefighter
Domby, Chuck	Firefighter
Hamilton, Braelyn	Firefighter/EMT
Hedeen, Sean	Firefighter
Henry, Doni	Firefighter/EMT
Henry, Mark	Firefighter
Hofstad, Joel	Lieutenant/Firefighter
Huddleston, Paul	Firefighter
Huston, Dennis	Captain
Kauffman, Donnie	Firefighter
Lakey, Bob	Firefighter
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Lemke, Scott	Fire Chief
McCash, Mark	Firefighter
Miller, Kyle	Firefighter/EMT
Paur, Sarah	Firefighter/EMT

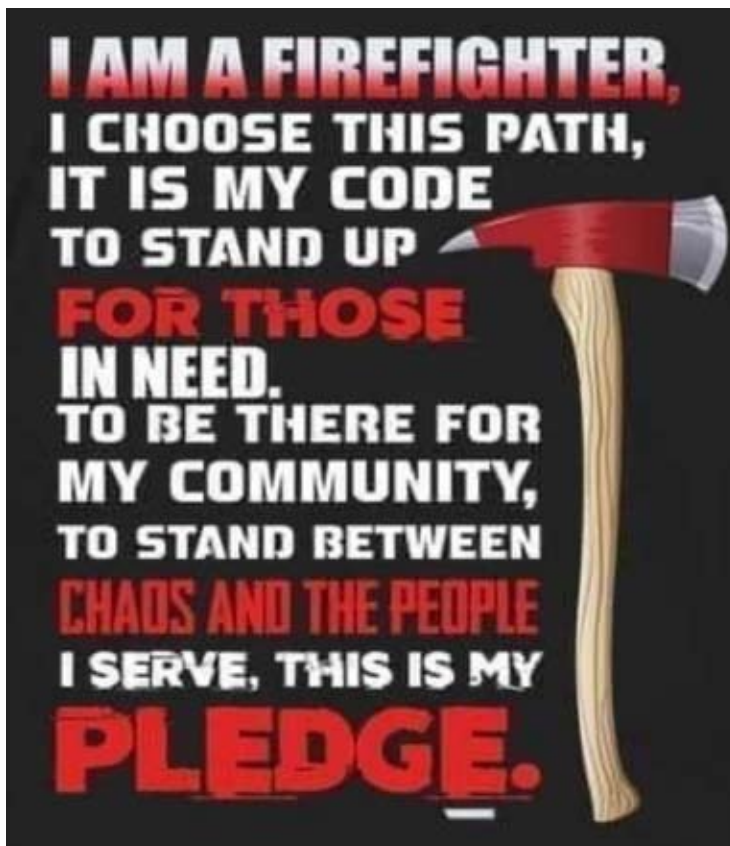
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Puggerude, Daniel	Firefighter/EMT
Pullig, Wren	Firefighter/EMT
Searing, Debbie	Firefighter/EMT
Sisley, Jake	Lieutenant/EMT
Sisley, Leroy	Captain/EMT
Sommer, Spencer	Firefighter
Spaeth, Harley	Assistant Chief/EMT
Swanson, Lucas	Firefighter
Swanson, Nicholas	Firefighter
Swanson, Vic	Firefighter/EMT

Commissioners

Searing, Dave	Firefighter
Hawk, Larry	Lieutenant
Henry, Mark	Firefighter

Secretary

Berg, Tracy



The Craft Fair is Coming

It's at the end of our summer at the lake but it sure comes quickly when you are working on your projects to sell.

We have changed the time this year. We'll still begin at 11:00 but close at 2:00.

The date is Sunday, Sept. 1
We open at 9:00 to accommodate setup.
We also encourage young crafter's under 16 years to participate.

You can register and pay for you spot on our web site or you can pay by check. We'll have a form in the next newsletter at end of June.

If you have any questions email or text me:
Christine Nielsen, text me @ 360-420-7140
or email: 4nielsen@gmail.com

Funfest 2024! Labor Day Weekend

It's the **40th Anniversary of Labor Day Weekend Funfest**, so make this the year to join an event!

There's fun for adults and kids alike: golf tournament, volleyball, fishing derby, pickleball, kids games, horseshoes....And stay tuned for the announcement of a new event! Watch for updates on facebook, web site and newsletter.

If you have ideas for future Funfest events, text me at 360-420-7779.

***Come and join the fun at
our Annual
Labor Day Dance on
Sunday, September 1st
7:30 until 10 PM
at the Community Center.***

***We welcome, and are pleased to
introduce DJ Nate Graybeal. If you
recall from last year, Nate assisted his
wife Janie and were a terrific team!***

A bit about Nate.....

Since childhood, I have had respect, appreciation, and a passion for music. My love of music ultimately lead to my career in Entertainment as a DJ and MC. I specialize in bringing positive energy and professionalism to your event. I will take care of you and your guests and ensure they have the best time. I have extensive knowledge of music and it expands from every decade and genre of music. You can be confident that I will deliver for your big event!

I recently got married in 2023 to my wife Janie Lee Kelley. She's been a DJ for 8 years and we've merged our business's, creating a family business and becoming a power team.



<https://www.nategraybeal.com/>



Fishing Derby

Now - Labor Day

Sign-up begins now until Labor Day.

Fees are: \$5 for bass, \$5 for trout, or \$10 for both.

Prizes for the largest three fish in each category.

To sign-up, contact the Crider's at 360-899-8036

DESHCR@frontier.com

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK



***Lake Cavanaugh
Community***

&

***Lake Cavanaugh
Too Good to Toss***

Both are private groups, just ask to join.

Lake Cavanaugh Community Administrator: Kurt Wold

Too Good to Toss Administrator: Liha Rinehardt

Fireworks Information

Below are the dates and times allowable to ignite fireworks in legal areas of Washington State including Lake Cavanaugh. For additional information regarding fireworks and related issues, please visit the Skagit County website at:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/FireMarshal/main.htm>

Please share this important information with friends, family and neighbors to help maintain a safe community.

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 through 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

Sky lanterns are strictly prohibited at Lake Cavanaugh.

Skagit County Boating Regulations

REGISTRATION

1. Owners of all recreational boats must apply for a title and registration at a County Auditor's office.
2. **EXEMPT:** Vessels under 16' with 10 or less horsepower.
3. Registration numbers must be permanently attached on each side of the hull in 3" contrasting letters

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

1. **PFD's:** Vessel must carry one US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device for each person aboard & one throwable flotation device. PFD's must be worn by children 12 years of age or younger while vessel is underway.
2. **Sound Signals:** One whistle, horn, or other device capable of producing whistle blasts.
3. **Navigation Lights:** Required for night operation and must conform to USCG regulations or on manually propelled vessels, a white light of sufficient brightness must be available to display in time to avoid a collision.
4. **Fire Extinguisher:** Approved USCG extinguisher required if fuel tanks are permanently installed or in closed compartments.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Lake Cavanaugh speed limit is **40 mph**.
2. No vessel shall be operated in a negligent or reckless manner that would endanger persons or property.
3. All motorboats and PWC shall be operated **150' from any shoreline, dock, float, or other boat, except at its idle/ 5 MPH "no wake" speed.**
4. Swimming activities beyond 150' of the shoreline shall be accompanied by an attendant in a boat.
5. Operation of a motorboat while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drug **is illegal**.
6. Minimum age to operate a motor boat powered by a motor of 10 HP or more is 14 years of age and must be carrying a boater's education card. Persons under the age of 10 years old may not operate any vessel.
7. The operator of every boat involved in an accident is required by law to file a report in writing whenever a boating accident results in a loss of life, injury which required medical treatment beyond first aid, property damage over \$500.00, or a disappearance of a person.
8. It is **illegal** to throw any litter overboard into any waterway. Recreational boats must carry a litter bag.
9. **Teak surfing** is illegal and constitutes a \$100 fine.
10. **Vessel Capacity:** Check maximum weight and number of persons plate on boat for safe loading.
11. **Boater Education Card:** Operators must carry card while operating a vessel 15 HP or more (age applicable per mandatory education and calendar year).



WATER SKIING/TUBING/SURFING RULES

1. Recreational boats which are towing a person or persons shall be occupied by **an operator with a boater's education card** and a competent observer at least 10 years of age.
2. The observer shall continuously **observe** the persons being towed and **shall display a 12" by 12" bright red flag** attached to a 24" handle **whenever the persons are in the water.**
3. All water skiers/tubers/surfers must wear a USCG approved personal flotation device.
4. Water skiing/tubing/surfing is **prohibited ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour after sunrise** and **no towing is permitted and is illegal 1/2 hour after sunset even with the use of running lights.**
5. When moving toward or away from the shore, dock, or float, the water skier/tuber/surfer will travel at an angle between 45 and 60 degrees from the shoreline on the right-hand side of the skier.
6. All water skiing/tubing/surfing shall be in a **counter-clockwise** manner on the lake at least **150'** from docks, etc.



PADDLEBOARDS

1. Must have a life jacket for each person on board.
2. Must wear a sound producing device, such as a whistle.

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES

1. No person shall operate or ride on a personal watercraft without wearing a USCG approved flotation device.
2. A person operating a personal watercraft equipped by the manufacturer with a lanyard type engine cutoff switch must attach the lanyard to his or her person, clothing, or personal flotation device.
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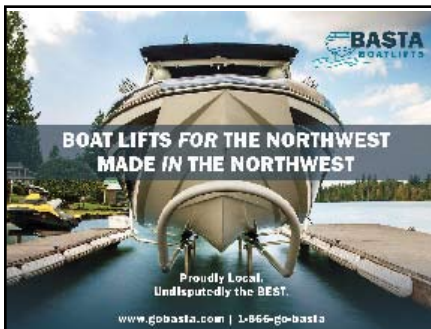
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