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# LaCrosse HOA Newsletter

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## *Warm Summer Greetings!*

We want to thank all the homeowners that paid the annual dues on a timely basis. We're pleased to report that 100% of our residents are current.

As always, we've been working hard to keep our LaCrosse community well-maintained and safe. Recently, we replaced parts of the neighborhood perimeter fence that was destroyed by the windstorm after a thorough vetting process. We strive on being cost effective in our decision as possible. We have been able to manage our association well – without the need of an outside management company. Self-management is saving us over \$30,000 annually!

Thank you for keeping LaCrosse a beautiful and safe neighborhood. Enjoy your summer!

### **Recap of Spring Events**

**LaCrosse Egg Hunt 2018:** We had another successful year! The rain stayed away and the kids came out! We had more than 2,000 eggs hidden for the kids to find! A special **THANK YOU** to Rosemarie Engman for organizing this fun-filled family event!

**Community Garden and Entrance Cleanup:** The community garden and the entrances wouldn't be looking great without the sweat and hard work from all the volunteers that came out to help out! A special **THANK YOU** to Priscilla Fitzgerald and Cindy Dorey for chairing this event! The community garden and entrances are looking amazing!

**To the un-sung heroes: THANK YOU!**

### **Upcoming Summer Events**

**Family Game Night - Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm- 7:00pm:** Let's celebrate the beginning of summer break! Family Game Night will take place at the grassy park, filled with lots of games and activities for all ages, including a chalk drawing contest, giant Jenga, tug-a-war, kickball, raffle prizes and much more! You can participate or just relax and watch the fun! Hot dogs, snacks and drinks will be provided.

**National Night Out - Tuesday, Aug 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm:** Ice Cream Social! Come join us at the grassy park to meet your neighbors and enjoy some ice cream! Have fun making your own ice cream cone, sundae, or root beer float, plus more!

**Movie Night - Saturday, Aug 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm:** Bring your family to the grassy park to watch the movie, Paddington 2, under the stars! Games and dinner start at 7:30pm, with the movie showing at dusk. Hotdogs, popcorn and drinks will be provided.

**\*Volunteers Needed** - In order to make these events a success, we need volunteers! Please email us at [LaCrosseHOA@gmail.com](mailto:LaCrosseHOA@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out. Thank you!





## **Multi-Use Park Upgrade Grant Money**

LaCrosse has been awarded grant money from the City of Renton to complete the installation and improve the overall usability, safety and maintainability of our Monterey Lane NE Park. The plan is to upgrade the surfaces and fix drainage issues under the Children's Play and Adult Fitness Structures located in the park. A **requirement** of all Renton grants is they must be **matched** by the neighborhood in the form of **volunteer hours**. With that said, we are looking for volunteers to help out with this exciting project. We'll be working mostly on weekends and will start in the month of June. Please email us at [LacrosseHOA@gmail.com](mailto:LacrosseHOA@gmail.com) if you are available to give back to your neighborhood.

## **Perimeter Fence**

If your house is next to the perimeter fence, please do not allow plants to grow up against the wooden surface of the fence. This causes the fence to deteriorate prematurely. If a section of fence falls apart due to damage from a homeowner's trees or bushes, the cost of those repairs will fall on that homeowner. The homeowners are also responsible for maintaining their own fence.

## **Summer Reminders**

- For your planned exterior architectural improvement, such as painting, new driveways or new roof, please remember to submit to the ACC for approval. Submittal forms are available online at our LaCrosse HOA website ([www.lacrossehoa.org](http://www.lacrossehoa.org)).
- Be considerate of your neighbor and pick up after your dog. It's a violation of Renton City Code to allow them to run loose.
- Trash/Recycle bins are not to be visible from front yards. Please do not put them on the curb earlier than the night before pick up and remove them same day as pick up.
- Please No Overnight Parking on streets
- Homeowners still need to keep their lawns from turning brown. Try to strike a balance to use the minimum amount of water without letting your lawn turn brown.

## **Summer Plant Tips**

Plants have different water needs. Plants with large leaves (Hydrangea, Rhododendron) or with shallow root systems (Azalea, Dogwood) are usually the first to suffer during drought periods. Shrubs under large trees are especially susceptible because of the large volume of water taken up by tree roots.

To save money on tree/shrub replacement, why not take your hose and give a tree a good long drink. Thirty minutes would be great and since the roots stretch as far as the widest branch, if you move the hose every few minutes it can circle the tree's roots.

## **Propane Grill Safety**

July is peak month for grill fires. There's nothing like outdoor grilling in the summer but a grill placed too close to anything that is flammable is a hazard.

Even though you may have wrapped your propane hose in duct tape to discourage animal chewing, to ensure a summer of safe grilling, check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department.

## **LaCrosse is on Facebook**

Please don't forget to join our LaCrosse Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/groups/LaCrosseHOA/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/LaCrosseHOA/) and click on the blue "Join Group" box.

If you are unable to locate the LaCrosse Community FB page, no worries! Email [LaCrosseHOA@gmail.com](mailto:LaCrosseHOA@gmail.com) and request to be added.

*Have a Safe Summer!*

