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LaCrosse HOA Newsletter

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Happy Fall!

Thank you to those that joined us for the many fun social events we've hosted since summer including our Family Game Night, National Night Out, and Movie Night – they were great successes!

Special thank you to Sandy Taylor, Michelle Williams, Nisha Rikhi and Cynthia Curtis! These ladies organized these fantastic events for our neighborhood. We have another fun event coming up before the end of the year, so please be on the lookout in your inbox for announcements. We have also recently launched a members' only Facebook page, so please take a minute to search for 'LaCrosse Community', then ask to join.

Thank you again to all the volunteers helping out in the social events. Your continuous involvement in the neighborhood helps the LaCrosse Community stronger and a desirable place to live!

Recap of Summer Events

Family Game Night: It was a big hit with over 100 people showing up to meet new neighbors and catch up with the old. The kids were so excited to tour the fire truck and received hats provided by the Renton Fire Department.

National Night Out – Ice Cream Social: It was a great turn out! We had over 120 neighbors cooling down with ice cream on such a hot Tuesday! The kids (and some of the adults) had a great time hanging out with the Renton Police Department and competing in an epic water fight and donut eating contest.

Movie Night: The weather cooperated for our 2nd Annual LaCrosse Movie Night showing Paddington 2 with over 80 neighbors attending! Prior to the movie, kids and adults had a blast competing in a hula hoop contest, a candy grab, and multiple rounds of tug-a-war.

Upcoming Fall Events

Community Garden Happy Hour - Saturday, September 15th, 5:00pm- 7:00pm: Let's celebrate the end of summer with a happy hour at the community garden! Snacks 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 if you are interested in helping out.

Halloween Tips:

The following tips will help everyone have a fun and safe Halloween:

- Be sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit and free of obstacles that could cause falls.
- Keep candlelit jack-o-lanterns and other open flames away from doorsteps, walkways, landings and curtains. Place them on sturdy tables, keep them out of reach of pets and small children, and never leave them unattended.
- Drive safely and watch out for trick-or-treaters.
- Turn off your front lights if you are not home so trick-or-treaters won't stop at your house.





Multi-Use Park Upgrade

Have you checked out the multi-use park recently? It was an amazing transformation! Two trees were removed, new drain system installed, new sod, new play chips, and new bark! Come on by and play on the cleaned-up play structure and on the newly installed adult fitness equipment!

We couldn't have done this without the help of our volunteers that attended two work parties! Thank you so much for taking your time giving back to our neighborhood. We are proud to be part of the LaCrosse Community. **THANK YOU!**

Scoop That Poop

Most dog owners in LaCrosse are responsible and pick up after their dog. Unfortunately, there are still a few bad apples that let their dogs roam the neighborhood and poop in their neighbor's yards. Please be considerate of your neighbors and pick up after your beloved pet.

City of Renton – Code Compliance

The City of Renton has adopted rules and regulations which are designed to ensure safe and attractive neighborhoods, both in existing and developing areas. The City's Code Compliance and Enforcement Program is intended to assist in this growth process by providing enforcement of these rules and regulations in a responsible, fair, courteous and impartial manner. Please make sure you comply with the following:

- Grass and weeds must be 12 inches in height or less on a developed lot
- Shrubs and trees cannot encroach on to private property, public sidewalks or streets

Fence Repairs

Damaged or worn-down fence? If the fence in question is on a property line between your property and your neighbors, both parties have a responsibility for its maintenance and replacement. Discuss with your neighbor the steps to take for the repair before you begin the process. Make a plan that is agreeable to both parties. For example, you could both work on it, or hire a contractor and split the costs. All

arrangements and costs should be understood beforehand.

End-of-Season Community Garden Patch Clean-up

Fall garden clean up makes it possible for us to get an early start next spring. Please remove the following items to prepare your patch now for spring:

- String and plastic planting containers
- Tomato cages
- Large sticks & trellis materials
- Diseased or dead plants
- Litter & trash

Get ready for winter

Now that fall is here, it's time to get ready for winter. Here are some things you can do to help yourself and the HOA prepare:

- Remove hoses from outdoor spigots to prevent bursting and costly water damage.
- Keep a shovel on hand to help clear sidewalks, driveways and curbs.
- Use only space heaters with automatic timers and/or ones that turn off if tipped over.

Stay Informed

LaCrosse wants to reduce paper used to provide information to the neighborhood. Please subscribe to our mailing list at <https://lacrossehoa.org/news-events/> to help.

Don't forget to join our LaCrosse Facebook page: 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 and request to be added.

