

Note from the President – James Curtis

LaCrosse continues to grow and be a welcoming neighborhood within Renton and the greater Eastside. It is only possible with the support of you and our great volunteers that we can achieve tremendous success and outreach. An example of volunteer work is the recent freshening up of the community garden and the common areas. Several members worked throughout the day to weed, clean and rebuild some areas of the garden. It is easy to participate, fun and we all benefit from just a couple of hours of community work.

This year we implemented new software to streamline some of the work we do each year. For instance, using a city grant, we acquired internet-based inspection software to make our spring property inspections more efficient and easier to manage. This allows for quickly generated violations and online access for you to see with narratives and photos. A link is provided on our website under the LaCrosse Community menu. Remember, if you received a mailed violation notice this is simply a friendly reminder to tackle some of those spring projects. Addressing the appearance of your lot helps ensure we maintain a nice community with visually appealing homes. Working together we can maintain the attractiveness of our HOA and boost those home values.

Board members have recently worked with the Renton City Council to present our experiences with city grants, community events and desired needs. Most importantly, we worked with the council to address numerous concerns about excessive driving speed in our community which occurs most frequently on Lincoln Ave NE and Monterey Ct NE. The City of Renton conducted two speed surveys earlier this year to support our request to drop the speed from 25 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour. The request has been widely accepted and featured in the Renton Reporter as the council considers implementation in all neighborhoods of Renton. This is an example of us hearing you and advocating for positive results.

Remember to like us on Facebook and visit the website for upcoming events or more information on our Rules/Regulations and CCRs.

Board of Directors

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Upcoming Summer Events – Events Committee

Family Game Night - Friday, June 21st, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Let's celebrate the beginning of summer break! Family Game Night will take place at the grassy park, filled with games and activities for all ages, including a chalk drawing contest, watermelon eating 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, August 6th, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
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 – “FINDING DOREY”
Saturday, August 24th

Bring your family to the grassy park to a watch a movie, under the stars! Activities start at 7:30pm with the movie showing at dusk. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

***** Volunteers are needed *****
LaCrosseHOA@gmail.com

In order to make these events a success we need volunteers! Please email us if you are interested in helping out. Thank you!

Recap of Spring Events – Events Committee

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

LaCrosse Egg Hunt 2019: The day provided perfect weather for egg hunting! We had over 135 neighbors attend! At 1:00, the kids raced to the grassy park and designated yards to search for over 2,000 hidden eggs filled with candy, toys and money!



It's as Easy as A B C – Are you planning an exterior change?

Ask the Architectural Compliance Committee (ACC) if your intended change or construction is within guidelines by submitting a request form (found under documents on our website: lacrossehoa.org).

Be approved. The ACC will review your request and respond.

Commence with your project.

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Grassy Park Upgrade – Grant Committee

LaCrosse is working with the City of Renton's Grant Program to improve the overall usability and safety of our grassy park located at NE 35th Place and Monterey Court NE. The plan is to install a drainage system, restore and level existing lawn, cover exposed tree roots, replace dead plantings and shrubs and install a dog station to encourage appropriate pet owner behavior. Shelley Percich and Sandy Taylor presented the plan to the City of Renton's Grant Committee on May 31st and should find out sometime in June how much grant funding will be awarded. Based on the grant amount will determine how much of the plan will be completed this year. Heads up! A requirement of all Renton Grants is they must be matched by the neighborhood in the form of volunteer hours, so we will be looking for volunteers again to help out with this exciting project!



Good Neighbor Reminders

If you have tree/shrub branches that hang over the sidewalk or fence, please trim them high enough for a 6 foot tall person to walk under.

DID YOU KNOW ... the City of Renton City Code, Chapter 8 requires maintenance of sidewalks as a homeowner's responsibility? Or requirements for tree maintenance?

9-8-2 Abutting Property Owners Responsibility: It shall be the responsibility of the owner of property abutting upon a public sidewalk to maintain the sidewalk at all times in a safe condition, free of any and all obstructions or hazardous conditions, including but not limited to ice, snow, vegetation, loose dirt, rocks and debris. (Ord. 5809, 7-11-16)

9-8-3 Expense of Construction, Repair & Maintenance:

Responsible Party: The burden and expense of maintaining sidewalks shall devolve upon and be borne by the owner of the property directly abutting the sidewalk; the property owner shall be responsible only for the sidewalk abutting his or her property. The abutting property owner shall be responsible for performing and paying for sidewalk construction and repairs, unless such improvements are part of a program approved and funded by the City Council. The abutting property owner shall be responsible for performing and paying for sidewalk reconstruction upon a written finding adopted via resolution that a current or past owner caused the hazardous condition(s) defined by Section 9-8-5, Hazardous Conditions of Sidewalk. An abutting property owner shall not be charged with the costs of reconstruction if the reconstruction is required to correct deterioration or damage to the sidewalk that is the direct result of actions by the City or its agents, or to correct deterioration of, or damage to, the sidewalk that is the direct result of the failure of the City to enforce its ordinances. The abutting property

owner shall be liable for the costs of repair, to the extent permitted by Chapter 35.68 RCW.

<https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/Renton/html/Renton09/Renton0908.html>

Read the entire Regulations for Residential Tree Cutting & Removal by going to: <https://edocs.rentonwa.gov/Documents/ElectronicFile.aspx?docid=967514&dbid=1&repo=CityofRenton>

May I remove or prune trees on other privately owned property? Do I need permission? What if the tree grows over the property line and onto my property?

You must obtain permission from private property owners before removing or pruning trees on private property that you do not own. Where trees grow on two properties, both owners must agree to the removal. You may prune trees up to your property line provided the work does not adversely impact the tree.



**NO POOPING
NO PEEING
ZONE**

- City of Renton requires Dogs & Cats to be registered & on a leash.
- You are responsible to clean up after your pet and should not allow them to urinate in your neighbor's yard.
- \$25 violation for each occurrence.

Spring/Summer Home Maintenance

- ✓ Clean gutters & roof,
- ✓ Clean/replace furnace filters,
- ✓ Clean faucets & shower heads,
- ✓ Check/clean dryer vent,
- ✓ Clean outside windows,
- ✓ Check foundation vents,
- ✓ Test smoke alarms.

Board Seat Vacancies

The business decisions affecting LaCrosse Homeowners' Association are made by the Board of Directors. There are no specific requirements to be a member and the amount of time devoted depends on your level/areas of interest. If you would like to be a candidate for one of the open seats, please contact the board at board@lacrossehoa.org.

Read more about the City of Renton's new speed limit

<https://www.rentonreporter.com/news/council-hits-the-gas-on-lowering-speed-limits/>

Renton Famers Market – Tuesdays 3 – 7 pm starting June 4th through September 24th

Buying local means more money stays within our community. Every dollar spent generates twice as much income for the local economy. Local Produce is fresher and taste better because it is usually sold within 24 hours of being picked.