



Note from the President – James Curtis

LaCrosse HOA and our region are in unique and interesting times. The events of the last two months have challenged us as individuals, families and as a community. I want you to know the Board of Directors is working to make sure we follow the steps, ensure safeguards are in place and communicate with you. Based on the recommendations from the health districts and King County, we postponed our Spring events and closed our play equipment until May 4th. We are watching the developments as you are and basing our decisions on facts.

The Governor of Washington implemented a “stay home” order which prohibits travel outside of the home except for essential activity or essential employment. This limits our activity to only getting food and supplies, health and safety needs, caring for family members and outdoor exercise. It is still okay to walk around the neighborhood and maintain a 6 foot social distance. For this reason, we left Grassy Park and the Pea Patch open and only close the playground equipment at the Hillside Park. We will monitor the situation and adjust as needed.

We are in a precedent setting time and need to follow the directions from our health care professional, local government and CDC. Following their guidelines these techniques are intended to slow the spread of Covid-19 (Corona Virus). Remember to practice social distancing, wash your hands and cover your cough.

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Spring Lawn Care

Like many maintenance jobs, everything goes smoother and you'll get better results with proper preparation. Early spring is the time to get ready for lawn-growing and mowing season.

Sharpen mower blades to ensure clean cuts. A dull blade tears the grass leaving jagged edges that discolor the lawn and invite pathogens. Sharpen mower blades once each month during grass-cutting season. Have a backup blade so you always have a sharp one on hand.

Tune up your mower with a new sparkplug and air filter. Your mower might not need a new sparkplug every season, but changing it is a simple job and doing it every year ensure you won't forget the last time you replaced it. Gas that has been left to sit over the winter can accumulate moisture that harms small engines.

Clean up your lawn. Time to get out the leaf rake and remove any twigs and leaves that have accumulated over winter. A thick layer of wet leaves can smother a lawn if not removed in early spring. Cleaning out old debris clears the way for applying fertilizer and herbicides.

Your grass will now start growing in earnest, so be ready for the first cutting. Don't mow when the grass is wet – you could spread diseases, and wet clippings clog the mower.

Fertilize and Aerate. Both spring and fall are good times to fertilize your lawn. Aerating punches small holes in your lawn so water, fertilizers, and oxygen reach grass roots. Pick a day when the soil is damp but not soaked.

Add color to your landscape. It's possible to have color and flowers from March to November with a little planning. Not only can you add color but you can attract pollinators like butterflies, bees and hummingbirds.

These pollinators are essential for the survival of many species of plants including most of the food we eat. That and the plants are essential for the pollinators to survive and reproduce.

Perennials are those flowers that come back year after year without having to be replanted. They provide nectar for the pollinator and a place to lay their eggs. Many perennials also provide food for songbirds as the flowers fade and seeds form. There are perennials for both sun and shade areas of the yard and many of the sun loving will bloom as long as they get at least four to six hours of sun a day. Examples:

Hostas	Cone Flowers
Hydrangeas	Salvia
Day Lilies	Herbs including Bee Balm

LaCrosse Community Garden News

We look forward to our upcoming 2020 gardening season! Great news – we have three open pea patches available for new participants or for existing participants if you want an additional plot. We limit two pea patches per family. Contact Sandee Hanan, 425-444-4590 if interested.

There is a lot of work to be done in the garden to get it ready for spring planting. In the past we have held a work party, however, in today's environment with social distancing, we will handle this differently this year. Look for an email coming soon! Also, this summer we will be renovating the Meditation Center, more information to come.

We are always appreciative of the volunteers that come out to help and a reminder that this is open to all residents, not just garden participants. Let's all work together to maintain the garden and keep it as beautiful as possible.

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