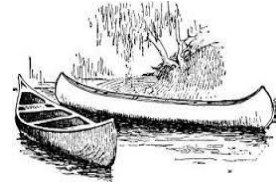


# The Ken Laker



*The July 2025 Newsletter for the Lakemoor Community Club  
Olympia, Washington [www.kenlake.org](http://www.kenlake.org)*

**Volunteer needed** to maintain the Little Library at the Ball Park! Contact [kenlakesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:kenlakesecretary@gmail.com) if interested! Also, the intent of the little libraries is to take one and bring one... please contribute

The *Safety & Security Committee* is seeking volunteers! Please consider lending a hand and helping make meaningful contributions!  
[aliciakenlake@gmail.com](mailto:aliciakenlake@gmail.com)



Please consider volunteering for our upcoming events!! Sign up here!  
<https://tinyurl.com/LCC2025Events>  
**Link also on the website!**

**Park permits must be posted on the gates at the time of your event!**

A friendly reminder to folks fishing from docks to not leave behind trash, bait, lures and especially fish hooks! Lake access can be restricted for those leaving these items behind.



**Please remember that parties of 10 or more will need a party permit. Under 10, just use your guest bands. Our website has the calendar where you can check availability and make requests!**

FYI- The City of Olympia may be repaving some of the roads in Ken Lake since the recent PSE ground wire update.

If you are new to our amazing neighborhood, please reach out to the lovely Erin Murray at [kenlakewelcome@yahoo.com](mailto:kenlakewelcome@yahoo.com) to obtain your *Ken Lake Welcome Packet*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup>- DOG DAYS OF SUMMER @ WEST SIDE 9-11. PLEASE REGISTER

AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup> – CONCERTS IN THE PARK @ 2:00 - SEE INSIDE

AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>- LCC PLANNING MEETING @ 6:00

AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>- LCC BOARD MEETING @ 6:00

AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>- LAST FRIDAY OF MONTH SUMMER SOCIAL @ MAIN REC, 6:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>- DOG DAYS OF SUMMER @ WEST SIDE 9-11. PLEASE REGISTER

SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>- LAST FRIDAY OF MONTH SUMMER SOCIAL @ MAIN REC, 6:00 PM

## Notes from the LCC Board Meeting July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

(these are just highlights, official minutes to be posted when approved and shared by board)

The board meeting was held outdoors at Main Rec (a perfect evening!). Community comments included noticing a decrease in bats on the lake, and concern for low hanging cedar branches blocking access to the canal.

There was no security report, but President Mike Gowrylow talked about the NO MOTORS allowed on the lake rule. Several complaints about a hydrofoil last week prompted this discussion, and a reminder that no motors of any kind- including battery operated, trolling or remote control are allowed.

The Common Areas report was shared for Mike Frank by Randy Lubert. The main project now is trying to deal with the sinking West Side dock. It is still under warranty, but the company is refusing to address it. Mike is working with other companies, and the board will soon be deciding how to proceed, involving our attorney. Several trees need trimming, and this along with the low hanging trees in the canal was discussed. It was decided to save costs by trimming and removing them all at the same time.

Leslie Turner, Treasurer, reported that our finances are good, still “in the black,” and that she and the finance committee are working on a 2026 draft budget for community review in the next couple of months.

The ACC approved tree removals at 2121 Lakemoor and 2049 Lakemoor, and a patio installation at 2167 Lakemoor.

The Lake Committee report was submitted by Al Hatten, and discussed the updates on the Lake Committee. They are still seeking volunteers for various subgroups of the committee. The lake is currently healthy, no e coli found in the water, and the clarity is good to 4 feet. The water is 8 inches below normal for this time of year, and currently around 78 degrees. The entire report will be on the website on the lake information page (under neighborhood links). Also, the Ken Lake Beaver still lives here and if he is bothering your trees, Marian Bailey suggested using paint mixed with sand to paint the base of the tree trunks as that deters a beaver from chomping at your tree.

Also, the lake will be treated soon for weeds and lily pads, just waiting on the permit from the Department of Ecology (has been approved since meeting date).

The Events Committee just appointed a new interim chair, Alicia Roberts Frank (thank you Andrea for your service). **However, the spot is open for a permanent volunteer!** Alicia has added some Dog Days of Summer events, a couple of Friday Night Socials at the Main Rec., and is looking for a volunteer to resurrect the Summer Movie Nights. There is a concert planned for August as well. Many thanks were given to the twenty plus volunteers who did so much to make the July 4th event successful this year! Set up & clean up, grilling, wrapping, sound system,

food prep, helping with the bike race and parade – all of you made the day rewarding for the hundreds of attendees.

The Garden Committee had a successful Garden Swap last week. Neighbors met, and shared plants from their yard and a good time was had by all!

The Technology Committee submitted a report as well. They are seeking about \$1200 to do a prototype for a new website, equipment for hybrid meetings, and more. The board is going to review the survey sent out last month, make some changes, and possibly resend it to residents again as not everyone saw it embedded in the newsletter.

Marian Bailey reported on the Urban Forest Committee, and a successful work party with adults and children that helped trim back the trail and clean it up. Marian replaced the cut down trees with 38 new ones, but they are dying due to the dry summer we are having.

Some board members attended a city meeting regarding zoning changes, which may allow businesses in residential areas. The proposed zoning changes also would permit multifamily housing in single family neighborhoods. The city sends many messages each week to HOA's. If you'd like to receive these messages from the City of Olympia, email [kenlakesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:kenlakesecretary@gmail.com) to get on that list.



## *A note from the LCC President...*

Apartments anyone?

Ready for a four-plex unit next door?

Your Ken Lake Board of Directors has been closely following a major zoning change proposal for the City of Olympia that would allow multifamily housing to be built on single-family lots.

Lakemoor's covenants specify that only one home can be built on a lot, but city planners say if this higher density zoning is approved by the City Council, it will issue permits for builders to construct multi-family properties on our lots.

While our covenants prohibit such construction, the city has told us that it would not check our covenants or those of other communities before issuing multifamily construction permits. City

planners say they cannot track all the various covenants throughout the city, so it will be up to communities to defend their covenants after the city issues a permit. On top of that, the city doesn't plan on alerting communities to new construction permits it issues.

That situation means communities will need to be vigilant about construction activity within their areas and be prepared to file a lawsuit to stop construction that violates their covenants.

This situation is frustrating to say the least, and places an unreasonable burden on HOAs to spend the time and money to defend their covenants.

We don't know yet when the city will conduct hearings on this upzoning, but we encourage our residents to contact the city to protest this plan. You can contact [cna.olympia@gmail.com](mailto:cna.olympia@gmail.com) to oppose this proposal. Unless, of course, you want apartments to gradually change the nature of our community.

Mike Gowrylow  
President



*Water Lilies!???? How to deal with them from our lake*

*treatment expert/aquatic biologist.*

*"The community members should leave the lilies in place. The treatment is performed using a foliar method, meaning that the product must be left on the pads for an hour or two to get absorbed and translocated to the rhizomes. By cutting them, it likely caused the plant to send more pads up to make up for the ones that it lost."*

*In addition, please note that there was a delay in permitting with the Department of Ecology, and the lake will be treated very soon.*



*Ken Lake Dog Days of Summer are Back!*

*Sign up on the website to attend!*

*August 16<sup>th</sup> and September 20<sup>th</sup>*

*From our Park Manager:*



Workers will be removing muck and aquatic vegetation from the West side beach area over the coming weeks. Material will need to be dried before full removal. A portion of the shore near the large cedars will be used as the drying area. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**LAKEMOOR COMMUNITY CLUB PRESENTS**

# **MUSIC IN THE PARK**

**SATURDAY, AUG 16**

**2:00 PM  
THE LEMMINGS**

The Lemmings is an original rock band from Olympia featuring Ken Lake resident Jake Peetz. Drawing inspiration from the roots of rock and roll while incorporating elements of blues, country, and modern rock, Lemmings crafts catchy, well-produced songs with a distinctive sound.

**4:00 PM  
GENERATIONS**

Generations (featuring Ken Lake resident Dave Pitts) is a South Sound-based band that showcases the classics from the '60s to the present. Made up of different "generations" (from college to retired) they pay homage to rock music greats like the Beatles, Steppenwolf, Billy Idol and Kaleo, with some original songs mixed in.

**KEN LAKE - MAIN REC PARK**

Come on down with a chair, a blanket, or your swimsuit and enjoy an afternoon of super local music!







Join us for the Last Friday Socials at the Main Rec.  
6pm, bring a dish to share with neighbors and  
some good cheer! August 29<sup>th</sup> & September 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Kudos Corner!!

Thank you to Becki Lee for keeping our entrance sign updated! Thanks for our mowing posse – you save us so much money! Thanks, Wendy Harris, for organizing the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities!



## **Ken Lake Classifieds & Lost/Found**

If you have lost something, email [kenlakesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:kenlakesecretary@gmail.com) to see if someone has sent a message about it. All messages will be deleted for the next newsletter. If you'd like to renew, please send a new one to [kenlakesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:kenlakesecretary@gmail.com). Understand that these are posted online and may be accessed by non-community members. Submitting an ad indicates acknowledgement of that.

## Lost & Found

We found a like-new snorkel on our beach last week. We'd like to see it returned to the owner if possible! David Brine at [d.brine@comcast.net](mailto:d.brine@comcast.net)

## Neighborhood Offerings

Brooke Harris (15yr CHS honor student) Very responsible, animal-obsessed student who adores DOGS, CATS, and PETS of all shapes and sizes. She will give your dog an active walk and the best play session they can handle, or snuggle and brush your cat while you travel. Experienced with other animal care and meds, also. Reference. Call/text 360-951-5488.

YARDWORK, MOWING (your mower or mine), PRESSURE WASHING (my washer), PLANT watering, experienced and responsible PET sitter (feeding, walking, etc.) Excellent references and experience. Call/text 360-951-5488 Nathan Harris (college freshman earning tuition money).

Eleanor Kinn (age 14) would love to babysit your children for \$10/hour. Also available for summer sitting! Text or call Julie Kinn (360-250-0309) for more info.

Nathan Rothman (15 yrs) Offering babysitting & yard work. Ages 4 and up. Completed babysitting certification class. Loves kids and will play with them, experienced special needs peer mentor. \$9/hr. Lawn mowing, snow shoveling and basic yard work also, with great rates. Call/text 360-480-7742.

BAYER PET CARE- Experienced pet care you can trust! Wendy Bayer (mom), or Ella Bayer (college) depending on availability. Experienced with all age/needs pets. Drop-ins or overnight house sitting. Very responsible with lots of positive neighborhood references available. We will care for your pets like our own! Organizational services while you are away are also available. Text Wendy @205-617-2785 or [wendybayer1@gmail.com](mailto:wendybayer1@gmail.com).

Hi! I'm Adela - Your new Ken Lake babysitter! My key goals are to keep your kids safe, happy, and healthy. I am almost always free on weekends. I'm a cadet in Girl Scouts and an older sister of rambunctious twins. I love kids and have lots of ideas to entertain energetic little ones. I'm Red Cross CPR and Heimlich certified. Can't wait to hang with your children and allow you to have some time for yourself! Rate is: \$12/hr. Please reach out to Ben Widawsky for scheduling or details 503 941 0513

Photojournalist with many years of experience is looking for an excuse to use his cameras. Need someone to shoot a wedding? event? senior portraits? headshots? photos of your dog? - Mark Avery - mobile: 949.616.0471 - email: [averyphotog@gmail.com](mailto:averyphotog@gmail.com) - portfolio: [averyphotog.com](http://averyphotog.com)

Hello, my name is Steven Miller. I am 14 years old, and enthusiastic for work. I can babysit (4yrs+ and \$10/hr), Pet sit, wash windows, pressure wash (driveways or sidewalks), do basic yard maintenance (mowing, edging, weed eating, weeding), or other odd jobs. I am homeschooled, therefore having a flexible schedule year-round, to meet your needs. I charge reasonable prices that are much less than any company. If you have any questions or want to get scheduled, please call or text (445) 265-7918, thank you!

Sapling Grove Childcare is now open in Ken Lake! We offer an art and exploration-based curriculum and include meals and snacks. Call Jackie for details (206) 552-9116 or visit [saplinggrovechildcare.com](http://saplinggrovechildcare.com)



## 2025 Lakemoor Community Club Board of Directors

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