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A monthly newsletter brought to you by Scott Lake Maintenance Company

Message from your President – *Eric Riffe*

Over the last month, the residents of Scott Lake have been experiencing turmoil and uncertainty of what is going on within the community and their Board of Trustees. We ask that you seek the truth by asking questions, to get involved, show up to Board meetings, committee meetings or Clubs. We want your input and participation in the future of Scott Lake.

Scott Lake Maintenance Company is in receipt of the withdrawal of the Petition to Recall the SLMC Board. The February 10th Special Meeting is cancelled and there will be no recall vote. The current Board members will retain their positions until the annual meeting in May that includes a vote for new Board members.

As your president and fellow resident, I am here to serve you and this community to the best of my ability as is every member of the Board of Trustees! The following Board of Trustees give freely of their time and commitment to this community:

Theresa Parsons – Secretary & Water Committee Chair

Judy Zygar - Treasurer & Finance Committee Chair

Mike Piece – Governance Committee Chair

Marci Simmons – Parks & Rec Chair

Tom Culleton – Serves on Water Committee

Joe Viola – Compliance Chair

Have a question that you would like answered & published in the next newsletter? Email it: office@scottlake.net, call 360/352-4787, stop into the office or drop it in the drop box at the community center!

One of the ways changes happen is by getting involved! “Volunteer to serve on a committee”. New ideas and input are what our community needs!

Upcoming Events: **FEB 2024**

www.scottlake.net (Under Calendar Tab)

- **Budget Working Session – Feb. 1st**
- **SLAMS mtg. – Feb. 13th**
- **Board of Trustee Meeting – Feb. 15th**
- **Garden Glub – Feb. 15th**
- **HERS Club – February 21st**



SLMC Financial Corner

Judy Zygar
SLMC Treasurer

Hello from the SLMC Board of Trustees Treasurer! In case you don't know me, my name is Judy Zygar and I am your Treasurer. I would like to share some of the things our financial team has been working on.

At present we have been working with RCAC (Rural Community Assistance Corporation), a non-profit organization that provides training, technical and financial resources and advocacy so rural communities can achieve their goals. RCAC has provided us with valuable information on bringing our Quick Books accounts in order using best accounting practices, separating our Water operations from our Non-Water (HOA) operations. Our Water Chairperson, Theresa Parsons and the Water Committee, the Financial Committee and our Executive Secretary, Penny Dorr have all contributed to creating a comprehensive financial plan for the financial security of the resources that make up the Scott Lake Community.

The SLMC Board of Trustees has also retained a certified financial advisor, Pillar Financial Group, to manage our reserves for future projects, most importantly, our aging water system.

Due to the overhaul of our QuickBooks, we have not posted any Profit and Loss statements because we need to completely separate our books into Water and Non-Water (HOA) to have accurate reports to provide to the community. We are close to completing that process and ask for your patience as we finish this process.

If at any time you have any questions, please contact our office at 360.352.4787 and we will do our best to answer your questions.

Thank you for your patience and commitment to making Scott Lake a great community,

Scott Lake Maintenance Company

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Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am – 4 pm

SLMC CLUBS

SLAMS - The Slams Club, which stands for Scott Lake Active Men's Service Club. – Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month.

HERS – Scott Lake Women's Club, Hospitality, Enrichment, Recreation & Sociability. – Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Scott Lake's Garden Club is a gathering of individuals who share a love of gardening. – Meets 3rd Thursday of each month.

SLMC COMMITTEES

Event's Committee – Meets 2nd Monday @ 6

Finance Committee – Meets 1st & 3rd Monday @ 11:30

Governance Committee – Meets every Monday @ 1

Parks & Recs – Meets 2nd Wednesday @ 6

Water Committee – Meets 2nd & 4th Thursday @ 5

All Club and committee meetings are held at the Community Center, 2631 114th Way SW. Come out & get involved with one or more of these all-inclusive clubs or committees. Everyone is welcome to join & participate. This is a positive way to meet members of your community, share ideas and have some fun. For more information call 360-352-4787.

Need assistance with your water bill?

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) provides emergency assistance to low-income households who are disconnected or are in imminent threat of disconnection. Please go online and contact the LIHWAP if you are interested. Additionally, NW Water Systems has a payment plan for overdue water bills, and when you set up payments arrangements with them, it will stop all the late fees building up on your account. Contact Kim, at 360-876-0958, ext. 115.

Other organizations that might be able to assist are:

Rochester Organization of Families (ROOF) – 360-273-6375
Saint Vincent DePaul Society – 360-352-7554
Salvation Army – 360-352-8596
City Gates Ministries – 360-705-0291
Olympia Union Gospel Mission – 360-709-9725
Sacred Heart – 360-923-0929
Community Care Services - 360-352-3410



Easter Egg Dash @ Scott Lake

It's time again to start planning for our annual Scott Lake Easter Egg Dash to be held Saturday, March 30th. We are currently looking for donations of candy, egg fillers, and items to raffle, as well as volunteers to stuff eggs and help on the day of the event itself. If you would like to volunteer, donate, or learn more about this event, please reach out to Katie Kearney @ katherinescustoms@gmail.com or Sarah White at sarah.emelissa@gmail.com.

General Information about our water system:

- Over 5.5 miles of pipe
- 4 wells
- One water treatment building that uses calcite to neutralize the ph of the water and reduce corrosiveness.
- 2 reservoirs
- 2 booster pump stations
- Parts of the water system were installed in early 1960's

The WA State Depart. of Health requires that we have a certified water operator responsible for the oversight and operations of all water systems of our size. SLMC has contracted with Northwest Water Systems (NWS) to provide that service and the billing.

SLMC and the Water Committee are continuing to move forward with capital projects that help the operation and management of the water system while also moving forward with a strategy to replace the parts of our system that are past their useful life. It took years of delayed and deferred improvements and funding for our aging system to get where we are, and it will take time to move forward with the necessary major projects.

On the positive side, our water system is in substantial compliance with DOH regulations and operates under a green permit status. We are required to have an operating permit from DOH and they use the operating permit as a tool to protect public health by ensuring a system's drinking water is safe and reliable. Green is the highest of a Green, Yellow, Blue, Red rating system. This means even though we have some issues, such as with discolored water, DOH finds our system meeting their requirements.

We are building the reserves necessary to have in place for seeking additional funding for projects and we are overhauling the financial accounting system to help us comply with standard accounting practices.

Please be aware that the SLMC owns the water system and the water services from the main up to the meter. From the meter on to private property, the service is owned by the property owner and the property owner is responsible for any repairs past the meter.

In these winter months where freezing can disrupt water service and even burst pipes, please see [7 ways to winterize your pipes and stop them from bursting | Tom's Guide \(tomsguide.com\)](https://tomsguide.com) for tips on protecting your water service.