



Message from your President – Eric Riffe

It's a new beginning!

On Saturday, May 11th, the community came together and let their voices be heard. For the first time in years, we had a quorum present. The parliamentarian, Eric Peters, monitored the procedure of verifying the ballots and then counting them. A big thank you to Alaine Shueman and the Election Committee for their diligence in ascertaining and counting the 128 ballots that were turned in.

Meet your new Board of Directors:

Eric Riffe (3-year term) – President
Tom Culleton – (2-year term) Vice President
Theresa Parsons (3-year term) – Secretary
Judy Zygar (3-year term) – Treasurer
Jeff Curry (1-year term) – Trustee
Jim Johnson (1-year term) – Trustee
Julie Orcutt (1-year term) – Trustee
Mike Pierce (2-year term) – Trustee
Sarah White (2-year term) – Trustee

New Maintenance Technician – Brian Bowes:

After reviewing over 25 applications and narrowing it down to 13, the hiring committee chose 6 to interview. They were all great candidates, making it difficult to decide. It was unanimous, so please say hi to Brian when you see him around the SLMC properties.

Fourth of July:



The board is reviewing policies regarding fireworks safety in our community and closely monitoring the county's fire risk assessment. Please stay tuned for updates.

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am – 4 pm

Upcoming Events: June 2024

www.scottlake.net (Under Calendar Tab)

*** MAY 27-JUNE 1 - NO FISHING @ SCOTT LAKE ***

- KIDS FISHING DERBY – JUNE 1ST @ 7 – 8:45 am
Registration; Derby begins @ 9 am.
- SLAM's Club Meeting–June 11th @ 6pm
- HERS Club Meeting – June 19th @ 6pm
- Board of Trustee Meeting – June 20th @ 6pm
- Garden Club – June 20th @ 10:30am

No Fishing May 27th through June 1st



The lake will be stocked on the morning of May 28th for the annual SLAMS fishing derby. From the 27th through the derby on June 1st, the lake will be closed to fishing. This is to ensure a fun and productive fishing derby for the kids.

SLAMS CLUB
22ND ANNUAL KIDS
FISHING DERBY



Saturday, June 1st
Registration at 7am, 9 am to 11 am

Don't miss the 22nd annual Scott Lake Fishing Derby sponsored by SLAMS! Open to all kids, 14 and under. Every participant will receive a prize, and a few lucky kids could win a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place trophy!

Registration is from 7 to 8:45 a.m., fishing is from 9 to 11 a.m., and hamburgers and hotdogs are available beginning at 11 a.m.

This event is 100% free, thanks to generous community donations and the SLAMS club.

4th of July Family Fun Day-
3 pm to 5 pm

Join your neighbors for a 4th of July picnic and party at the park. We're working on lots of fun activities, including a fun family run, treats, and so much more! Watch scottlake.net and community Facebook pages for more information.



5th of July Park Clean Up- 9 am

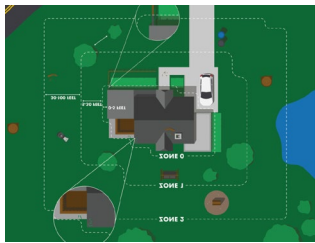
Volunteers are always needed to clean the park after the 4th of July. This year, we're offering coffee and donuts starting at 9 a.m. They're only available while supplies last, so come early! This is just a little token of appreciation for everything our community members do to keep Scott Lake beautiful!



Your home's wildfire safety buffer

Defensible space is crucial for your home's wildfire safety. It's the buffer zone you create between your property and the surrounding wildland area. This space is key to slowing or stopping wildfire spread and protecting your home from embers, flames, or heat. It also gives firefighters a safer area to defend your property.

Defensible space is divided into zones, each with specific guidelines.



In each zone, the intensity of vegetation management increases as you get closer to your home. The goal is to start at your house and work outward, reaching up to 100 feet or your property line.

Zone 0: Zone 0 extends 0- 5 feet from your home, focusing on intense fuel reduction to protect against ember attacks.

Zones 1 & 2: These zones cover up to 100 feet around your home. They're required by law and involve varying levels of vegetation management.

Plant Spacing

Proper spacing between grass, shrubs, and trees is key in slowing wildfire spread. This spacing varies based on vegetation type, size, and land slope – larger plants on steeper slopes require more space than smaller vegetation on flat areas.

Fire Smart Landscaping

Fire-resistant landscaping involves much more than basic yard maintenance. It combines plant selection and upkeep to help stop fire from reaching your home. With smart planning and regular care, you can create a beautiful, water-efficient, and fire-resistant landscape.

For additional information, go to:

[How To Create Defensible Space for Wildfire Safety | CAL FIRE \(readyforwildfire.org\)](#)



It has been found that our water system has PFA's in it. PFAs are a group of manmade chemicals in many products, and how they got into our water system is unknown. The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) Drinking Water Division is working on the requirements for water systems across the state as many have PFA's as well. You can go to their website at [PFAS in Drinking Water—Monitoring and Analysis | Washington State Department of Health](#). We are working to retain engineering support to put together recommendations and cost estimates for alternatives in compliance with the DOH requirements once those are set. This could lead to filtration or the possibility of new wells or other options. As with all water system improvements, this will take time and, unfortunately, money to pay experts as we navigate this and fund any improvements.

Water Meter Replacements

Our development has almost 600 water services, each with a water meter. The current meters are past their useful life, and we are on a 4-year plan to replace all of them with radio read meters. The radio read system will allow for faster meter readings and reduce the chance of human error in recording meter readings. The total replacement will be done in our 2026/2027 budget year. We will also purchase the software and equipment to do the radio reads this year and will begin that process once the 150 meters are replaced this budget year. The non-radio read meters will still be visually read until all meters are replaced in the 2026/2027 budget year.

Summer and Water Usage

With summer approaching, we anticipate an increase in water usage. We kindly request that you remain mindful and use water efficiently. It's worth noting that the higher water flows during warm weather have historically led to sediment disturbance in our pipes. This sediment primarily comprises naturally occurring minerals in our well water, such as iron and manganese, that have settled over the years. We are actively working on plans to replace pipes and mitigate this issue, but it's a complex process that involves engineering, permitting, construction contracting, and, most importantly, funding.

