



Message from your President – *Eric Riffe*

Back to School Safety Reminders

Ensuring the safety of the children on the roads in our community as they head back to school is essential. Here are some tips for both drivers and parents:



Drivers:

1. **Slow down:** Always reduce your speed in school zones and residential areas. Children are unpredictable, and slower speeds give you more time to react.
2. **Obey Traffic Laws:** Follow all traffic signals and signs, especially those indicating school zones and pedestrian crossings.
3. **Stop for School Buses:** It's illegal to pass a stopped school bus that is loading or unloading children. Always stop when the bus's red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended.
4. **Be Alert:** Children's Safety is in Your Hands. Avoid Distractions!
5. **Yield to Pedestrians:** Always stop for pedestrians at crosswalks and intersections.

Parents and Students

1. **Plan Safe Routes:** Choose routes with sidewalks and minimal street crossings. Teach your child to use crosswalks and obey traffic signals.
2. **Walking Groups:** Encourage your child to walk with friends or in groups. There's safety in numbers, which can be more fun for them.
3. **Bicycle Safety:** If your child bikes to school, ensure they wear a helmet and follow traffic rules. Teach them to ride in the same direction as traffic and use bike lanes when available.
4. **Bus Safety:** Teach your child to stay at least ten feet away from the curb while waiting for the bus and to wait for the bus driver's signal before boarding.

Upcoming Events: **September 2024**

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- **SLMC Admin Office Closed – Sept. 2nd Labor Day**
- **SLAMS – Sept. 10th @ 6 pm**
- **Garden Club – Sept. 19th @ 10:30 am**
- **Board of Trustee Meeting – Sept. 19th @ 6 pm**
- **Water Town Hall Meeting – Sept. 26th @ 6 pm**

Townhall Meeting

SLMC Water System



Thursday, September 26th at 6 pm

This meeting is to discuss the water system, address any issues, provide updates on work being done, engage with the community, and answer any questions to the best of our ability. Please join us either in person at SLMC community center located at 2631 114th Way SW, or via Zoom.



Leash Requirements and What to Do if Attacked by A Dog Off Leash

Scott Lake is a private park, and dogs must be on a leash while in the park.

If another dog attacks you or your dog, here are the steps you should take:

1. **Ensure Safety:** Try to separate the dogs safely. Use a barrier or loud noise to distract the attacking dog.
2. **Seek Medical Attention:** If you or your dog are injured, seek immediate medical or veterinary care.
3. **Report the Incident:** Contact Thurston County Animal Services at (360)352-2510, Thurston County Non-Emergency Number (360)704-2740, or, if urgent, call 911.
4. **Document the Incident:** Take Photos of injuries and gather witnesses.
5. **Identify the Dog and Owner:** If possible, get the contact information of the dog's owner.

Preparing for the Bad Weather



Driving in inclement weather can be challenging, but with the proper

precautions, you can stay safe. Here are some essential tips:

1. **Slow Down:** It's harder to control or stop your vehicle on slick roads. Reduce your speed and increase your following distance to give yourself more time to react.
2. **Use Headlights and Wipers:** Turn on your headlights and windshield wipers to improve visibility and help other drivers see you.
3. **Avoid Flooded Roads:** Never drive through flooded areas. Just 12 inches of rushing water can carry away most cars.
4. **Prepare Your Vehicle:** Ensure your tires are properly inflated and your vehicle is in good working condition. Keep an emergency kit in your car, including a charged cell phone, flashlight, and first aid supplied.
5. **Stay Informed:** It is crucial to be aware of the weather and road conditions before you leave. This will give you a sense of preparedness and control. Listen to local weather stations for updates and plan your journey accordingly.
6. **Plan Your Route:** Knowing your route and having an alternate plan in case of road closures or severe weather is a key part of safe driving. This preparation will give you a sense of security and reassurance, knowing that you have a plan in place.

Stay safe out there!

A Little History of Labor Day

Labor Day officially became a national holiday in the United States on June 28, 1894, thanks to President Grover Cleveland signing a law passed by Congress. This holiday has a meaningful history—it originated from the labor movement in the late 19th century when American workers were dealing with harsh working conditions. The first Labor Day celebration happened on September 5, 1882, in New York City, and since then, it has become a day for families and friends to gather for BBQs and last-minute vacations, marking the unofficial end of summer.

Calling all Halloween Enthusiasts!



The Events Committee is excited to announce that on October 26th at 2 pm, we are bringing back the BYOP (Bring your own pumpkin) Pumpkin

Carving Contest! Then, later that week, on October 31st, from 6-8 pm, we will host the annual Trunk-or-Treat in the community center parking lot! Both events are competitions, so start brainstorming your designs for a remarkable jack-o-lantern and break out your creative ideas for an

Having issues with Rats

Preventing rats from entering your home involves a combination of cleanliness, sealing entry points, and using natural repellents. Here are some effective strategies:

1. **Seal Entry Points** —Inspect your home for gaps or holes in walls, floors, and foundations. Rats can squeeze through very small openings. Seal cracks and holes with steel wool, caulk, or metal mesh.
2. **Maintain Cleanliness** - Store food in airtight containers and immediately clean up crumbs and spills. Dispose of garbage regularly and use bins with tight-fitting lids.
3. **Natural Repellents** —Peppermint oil: Soak cotton balls in peppermint oil and place them in areas where you've noticed rat activity. Same with Eucalyptus oil.
4. **Reduce Hiding Places** - Declutter your home and yard to eliminate potential hiding spots. Trim bushes and shrubs so they don't touch the sides of your house.
5. **Set Traps** - Use snap or electronic traps in areas where you've seen rat activity. Be sure to check and reset them regularly.
6. **Professional Help** - If the infestation is severe, contact a pest control professional for assistance.

Following these steps can effectively prevent rats from entering your home, ensuring a safe and comfortable living environment.

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