



Message from your President – *Eric Riffe*

I would like to take this opportunity to talk about what happened at the Board meeting on Thursday evening, July 18th. On behalf of the Board, we would like to apologize for our part in the chaos during that meeting and assure you, the residents of Scott Lake, that it will not happen again. A meeting agenda is available before the meeting. Community comments are welcome, and a timeframe for when they will occur is on every agenda. They typically occur after the Board reviews and accepts last month's minutes. We will strictly adhere to that agenda at all future meetings to assure you that what took place Thursday will not happen again. A copy of the rules for meeting etiquette will also be available next to the agenda for anyone needing a refresher on what is acceptable for anyone attending. We want to reiterate that actions such as exceeding the time limit or causing disruptions during the meeting will not be tolerated. The consequences will be, first, a warning that your 3 minutes are up or you are causing a disruption; second, a request to leave the meeting; and lastly, if necessary, we will call the Sheriff to remove you so we can continue to conduct business in the manner for which the community that elected us, expect us to do.

The Board encourages the community to attend the monthly Board meetings either in person or via Zoom and voice your dissatisfaction or bring forth your suggestions during the 30 minutes, 3 minutes per member, timeframe allocated for community comments, and our responses in a civil, constructive manner. We will no longer entertain outbursts in the middle of meetings, abusive language, or the hurling of baseless accusations. We would like to let you know that you can also expect the same courtesy from us. We gladly welcome input from the community and would like to hear your thoughts and ideas civilly and constructively.

Also, to address the accusation that the doors were locked during the July 18th meeting, this is partially false. Both doors were unlocked at the start of the meeting, the one facing the ballpark and the street facing door. Both doors were used by various members of the Board and public before and during the meeting. To diffuse the situation with one community member, after her request for a board member to meet her outside, we opted to lock the street facing door. The ballpark facing door remained unlocked the entire time. We adjourned the meeting at 8 pm.

Upcoming Events: **AUGUST 2024**

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- **National Night Out @ the Park – Aug. 6th @ 5 pm**
- **SLAMS Club – Aug. 13th @ 6 pm**
- **Board of Trustee Meeting – Aug. 15th @ 6 am**
- **Community Garage Sale – Aug. 17 from 9am-4pm**
- **School Supplies Handout @ the Park– Aug. 24th @ 10 am, while supplies last**

Message from the President continued:

Finally, I would like to address our Secretary, Penny. Penny is an employee of the Board and takes her direction from the Board President, Eric Riffe. She is the person answering the phone and staffing the office, keeping the community moving forward daily, and informing the Board at any given time when something arises that needs immediate attention. At the same time, we, the Board, work full-time jobs elsewhere; the information Penny provides the Board when something arises for them to act exponentially for you is essential to keeping the community running. Essentially, she is the face of the community. Because of that, someone made accusations that she was making decisions on behalf of the Board without Board approval. That is simply untrue. When you call to talk about your grievances, please remember she is an employee; she is not there to take abusive phone calls. If you have a grievance, please conduct yourself appropriately or email it to the office.

We are a board of nine. Not everyone will be happy with the decisions that the Board makes. Without community input, decisions are made by nine opinions. Your voice matters. If you don't say it, we don't know what you want, so we will decide based on what we think you will enjoy. If you can't attend, email your ideas to the office. Many board members do not participate in the various Facebook groups, and airing your grievances or making suggestions there will most likely go unnoticed except by those who wish the Board to fail. If the Board fails, the community fails. Let's change the narrative. Your ideas and feedback are crucial to us as a community. Please send us your ideas, and let's move the community in a positive direction for future generations.

The SLAMS Club is proud to introduce Hammy the Deer as Unofficial Mayor of Scott Lake 2024!

Thank you to everyone who voted. Your donations will fund future events for our neighborhood.



National Night Out, August 6th 5pm to 8pm at Scott Lake Park

This is a night all about community! The goal of this national event is to build safer, stronger communities through neighborhood camaraderie and police-community partnerships. Meet the Thurston County Sheriff's deputies who patrol our neighborhood, check out a fire truck with representatives of West Thurston Fire, get crafty with the Timberland Library, and more! Kids can decorate their bikes or scooters and participate in a parade led by a fire truck! Enjoy some friendly neighborhood competition with classic games like tug-o-war; then grab a hotdog, chips, and some watermelon. Round out the evening with live music from homegrown Scott Lake talent! This event is 100% free!

Community Garage Sale, August 17th 9 am to 4 pm

The annual Scott Lake community-wide garage sale will be held Saturday, August 17th, from 9 am-4 pm. We will advertise on local social media pages and Craigslist and will place signs at major crossroads from 93rd to Scott Lake. Each garage sale participant is responsible for their signs from the main road to your sale. If you are interested in participating, please message Stephanie Stender, stephstender@yahoo.com, or Sarah White, sarah.emelissa@gmail.com. Last minute additions are welcome, advance notice just helps us advertise.

School Supply Drive, August 24th 10am while supplies last

Let's give Scott Lake students a great start to the new school year! Saturday August 24th, starting at 10am, volunteers will be in the park shelter giving away school supplies. This event is open to all Scott Lake kids pre-k through 12th grade.

Collecting Donations Now! Your donations make events like this possible! A donation box is available at the community center and one will also be available at the park during National Night Out. In addition to the common supply lists, backpacks and insulated lunch boxes are always very needed. New and gently used items accepted. For questions please contact Anna Kolowinski at awonin@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity!

SLMC Parks Committee Update

The Parks Committee would like to update the community on the committee meetings' time change and the installation of the new picnic tables, floating swim dock, tennis court, and pickleball nets.

The parks committee voted to change the date and time of the meetings to the first Wednesday of every month, from 6 to 8 p.m. All community members are encouraged and welcome to attend!

The ground prep for the picnic tables will begin on Monday, July 22nd, with the cement pour the next day, July 23rd. The picnic table should be fully usable by the weekend. The cost of the cement to secure the tables is \$6,782.83. While we know this was not the original idea to secure the tables in this manner, we felt, as a whole, that cement would be more secure, ADA-compliant, cost-effective, and in the long run, the way to go. Because the tables are very lightweight, the tables could easily be removed with tiedowns. The monies used for this project had already been allocated for park improvements, so no additional HOA monies were used.

As of Tuesday, the swim dock has been moved and anchored out in the swim area and ready for use.

The Tennis court has been painted and the net should also be up next week. A new net was ordered and should arrive very soon.

The Pickleball courts have been painted, and we are awaiting the arrival of the nets. Because the nets will be mobile for now, the decision by the parks committee is to purchase lock boxes and put them away after each use, using a similar locking system as the boat launch, until we have a more permanent and feasible solution available. With the summer season half over, this was the best solution for the tennis and pickleball enthusiasts to be better able to enjoy the courts sooner. There has been some talk that you can use the tennis court interchangeably; while that is true for those who want to play less seriously, the more seasoned players would like the courts to be accurate. A tennis net is 42 inches high at the posts and 36 inches at the center, and approximately 42 feet long from pole to pole, while a pickleball net is 36 inches high at the posts and 34 inches high at the center, and approximately 22 feet long from pole to pole. We hope this clears up some of the questions and confusing information circulating. If you have questions, please get in touch with the parks committee for the most up-to-date and accurate information.

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