

Lake Louise Community Non-Profit Corporation
Soon to be Louise/Susitna/Tyone Community Association)!

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“Serving the Louise/Susitna/Tyone Lake Community”

Winter 2015 Newsletter

Current Board of Directors -

President: Joe Stam; Vice President: Aaron Bunker; Treasurer: Yvette Delaquito; Secretary: Kerin Fassler; Member: Bob Rolley; Member: Tom Lohman; Member: Sharon Clark

From The President

Happy Holidays to all of you from the Board of Directors. We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. 2014 was a challenging year for the LLCNPC but things are definitely moving forward. We have some great projects to work on and we have the funding to accomplish most of those projects. As you will note when you read the Dumpster Project update, some of the issues the membership wanted us to work on have gotten more complex. We are having the January 10th Board meeting in Palmer in the hopes that we will get participation from the MatSu Borough folks we work so closely with. All of the projects we are working on would definitely benefit from more of the membership getting involved. So please, get involved and help us out. We have a great organization that has accomplished some great projects for the community in the past and we can accomplish more in the future. Thank you, and I hope to see you all “at the lake”!

Topics of General Interest

LLCNPC Name Change

During our annual meeting in July, the general membership voted to change the name of the Lake Louise Community Non-profit Corporation to a name that was more representative of the entire tri-lake community. We agreed to change the name to include all three lakes – Louise/Susitna/Tyone. Much discussion during the annual meetings (and other board meetings)

has centered around the function of the LLCNPC as being much more aligned with that of a community council, rather than a non-profit corporation. To that end, we have decided to move forward by incorporating both ideas into the new name, which will be the Louise/Susitna/Tyone Community Association. Paperwork has not yet been filed with the State for this name change, but the process is straight forward and the name change should be complete before the next annual meeting.

Emergency Call Procedure

At the last annual meeting it was clear that not everyone understood the emergency call protocol, so here is a refresher.

When calling 911, the caller needs to ensure they are speaking with Palmer Police dispatch. Responders refer to Palmer Police as 9GBase, so if you hear this term, you're talking to the right people. Palmer dispatch will then call Lake Louise Lodge, and if there is no response, they will contact Mike Fassler, our EMS Chief. Palmer dispatch will also simultaneously call Sutton to respond. In addition to the protocol described here, please note the list of first responders and their phone numbers on the LLCNPC website. We encourage everyone to print this page and keep it handy.

Bylaws review/revision

It was agreed during the annual meeting that the bylaws would be revised/updated before the next annual meeting. We do not anticipate a significant overhaul, just minor changes. Some of our bylaws are more relevant to a pure non-profit corporation rather than a community association, which is more in line with how the LLCNPC functions. It is with this in mind that we will approach our recommendations for revisions. A committee led by LLCNPC Board Vice President Aaron Bunker has been formed to explore and make recommendations for changes to the bylaws.

Membership Committee

We are looking at establishing a permanent membership committee headed initially by Kerin Fassler in an effort to continue the great momentum we have established in growing our membership over the past year. We will discuss and vote on the prospect of creating this committee at our January board meeting. This committee will also work on updating the Community Directory.

Fire Department

This has been one of the most closely followed and passionately debated topics to be addressed by the Board and the general membership of the LLCNPC. Our intent for this Newsletter item is not to reopen the debate, but merely to explain where we are in the process of reestablishing a fire department that is ready for service when the 2015 fire season begins. A training schedule for 2015 will be posted on the community website and an updated call list for reporting fires will also be posted there.

Due to the separation from the LLCNPC and the formation of a separate Non-Profit Corporation, the original Lake Louise fire department lost its enabling authority which is required to be a

registered fire department and is no longer recognized by the State Fire Marshal as the representative volunteer fire department for the Louise/Susitna/Tyone Community. The new volunteer fire department (the Louise/Susitna/Tyone Volunteer Fire Department - LSTVFD) is operating under the umbrella of the LLCNPC and is headed up by Fire Chief John Hicks. It has been registered with the State Fire Marshal and is now the only registered volunteer fire department recognized by the State serving the Louise/Susitna/Tyone Community.

LSTVFD Mission Statement – To provide basic fire prevention, fire preparedness and fire suppression services for the lakes Community and to assist the Alaska State Troopers with search and rescue incidents in the area.

Please consider signing up for the new volunteer fire department! Membership information and sign up forms are on the community website – www.lakelouisecommunity.info

Another issue relative to the fire department is ownership of assets, most importantly the fire boat. . President Stam met with the Borough Deputy Director Emergency Services to gauge Borough interest in taking ownership of the boat. The Borough expressed interest and committed to covering insurance and operating costs. The boat would remain at Lake Louise for public safety use. Written confirmation of those discussions is forthcoming, and we will have an update at the January 10th Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Following are the current balances left in from our grants for the past three years. A final accounting for monies spent for 2014 may change the balance listed for these individual grants. A current remaining balance will be available at the January 10, 2015 board meeting for each noted year grant.

2012: \$22,710.00

2013: \$26,506.81

2014: \$20,200.00

Grant Projects

Channel Safety

The channel continues to be an important topic and improving the safety of the channel and during the annual meeting was ranked in the top five of the projects to be worked on. Board Director Bob Rolley will be chair of the channel committee and will look at potential safety enhancements for channel use.

Fire department equipment

The LLCNPC is in the process of purchasing equipment to build ten more fire boxes to be strategically placed around the Lakes Community. Chief Hicks is working with the Division of Forestry in identifying the most effective locations for the new and current fire boxes. We are purchasing new equipment that includes additional fire boxes, pumps, and miscellaneous supplies. The funding for this project was received in a 2012 grant from the MatSu Borough.

Boat Ramp repairs

President Stam discussed this project with Hugh Leslie, Borough Parks & Recreation Director. The borough is interested in helping us with the planning and permitting of this project. Follow up discussions with Director Leslie are pending. Director Leslie has discussed this project with the MatSu Borough Capital Projects Division and they have provided some initial advice on how to proceed. The LLCNC will need to hire a civil engineer to do the legwork of getting permits from the Corp of Engineers and the State of Alaska to extend the existing boat launch. The LLCNPC has grant funding to accomplish this project.

Dumpster Project

President Stam discussed this project with borough Public Works Director Terry Dolan. Mr. Dolan informed Stam that the borough is currently studying the satellite dump sites and one option is to eliminate them in areas where commercial trash service is available. Since there is commercial trash service available through Glennallen, the Lake Louise site is one of the sites that could be eliminated. It is a high priority for the Board to ensure that this does NOT happen. Dolan has been invited our January 10 Board Meeting.

Water Quality Monitoring

Community resident Tim Thornock is researching this issue and we hope to have more to report at our January Board Meeting.

AEDs

EMS Chief Mike Fassler has researched this and feels refurbished units will be a cost effective way to address our needs. We anticipate cost to be \$995.00 per unit. The board had originally approved the purchase of two units based on estimated cost for new units. As the original budget was \$5,000, we are considering the possibility of acquiring additional units. This will be a topic for consideration at the January Board meeting.

Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan Team has been working throughout the fall and early winter months on updating the 1998 plan. The background section has been thoroughly vetted and revised to reflect current conditions. Team members have stepped up to the plate and are working outside the monthly meeting structure to gather information and draft language. A discussion of current goals and recommendations is scheduled for the January meeting. Upcoming meetings are slated for January 6 and February 2, 2015 the Borough Animal Care Facility from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. For more information check the Borough's website at

<http://www.matsugov.us/planning/plans/comprehensive-plans>, and scroll down the page until you see Lake Louise. Feel free to contact Mat-Su Borough Planner Sara Jansen with any questions you might have at 861-7865 or sara.jansen@matsugov.us. Upcoming events

January Board Meeting

Our next Board Meeting will be held in Palmer at the Borough Animal Control building located at 9470 East Chanlyut Circle in Palmer. This facility is located right next to the MatSu Borough on 49th State Street. We opted to hold the meeting in Palmer in hopes that we could perhaps get greater attendance from Borough personnel essential to some of our projects. The agenda is posted on the community website.

Annual Meeting

The date and location of our annual meeting in July is tentatively scheduled as follows:

When - Saturday, July 18th

Where – The Point Lodge

Other Community Events

March 7th – The Wolfpack Weekend – Basket Auction

Details on this event will be posted on their webpage found at www.lakelouisesnowmachineclub.com

March 14th – Glennallen School Wrestling Mexican Dinner and Live Auction – Details on this community event, please feel free to contact Yvette at Lake Louise Lodge at 822-3311.

April 11 & 12th – Rocket Club Launch – Lake Louise

Please contact Lake Louise Lodge for more information at 822-3311.

Homemade Take & Bake Pizzas will be available at Lake Louise Lodge to assist in supporting the Glennallen Wrestling team for their mat resurfacing costs of \$8000.00. These will be available starting February 1st thru the spring season. Call Lake Louise Lodge for details and preorders at 822-3311.