



# Louise/Susitna/ Tyone Community Association



# Summer 2021 Newsletter

## Welcome

The Louise/Susitna/Tyone Community Association (LSTCA) is proud to represent you. We hope you find this newsletter informative and we welcome your support to make our community the best it can be. Have a great and safe summer.



## A Note From The President

Hello fellow lake enthusiasts. I hope you all had a safe, productive and fun winter season. Now it is time to wait for the ice to go out and get started on summer activities. I think that the 20/21 season was arguably the busiest ever at the lake with lots of fishermen, hunters, boaters and snow machiners utilizing the lake system. I expect the same this summer. This heightened use of the lake system may bring some unintended consequences for all of us. That is a good reason for community members to get involved in the LSTCA. We have two board openings and several committees and a volunteer fire department that could use some help from the community. Please think about getting involved and help shape the future of the lake system. See you at the lake, Joe Stam

## Community Cleanup Day

June 12, 2021 is our annual LSTCA Community Clean-Up Day. Come join us gather trash from our roadways and public areas. Garbage bags will be provided and we will meet at the Lake Louise Lodge at 10 am to coordinate efforts. We will socialize afterward with a mini-picnic and soft drinks for participants to re-bolster their energies. Contact Kerin Fassler at [kifmjf@mtaonline.net](mailto:kifmjf@mtaonline.net) for more information\_and to sign up. (Please put LSTCA Cleanup Day in the subject line).

## Annual Meeting



The annual meeting will be held at The Point Lodge on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Everyone is welcome, a picnic lunch will be provided by the LSTCA. We will be electing two board members at the meeting. Please feel free to bring a favorite dessert to share.



## Channel Report

We are hopeful for a high water year. In any case we ask that you please remember to use caution when traveling between the lakes. Remember to use VHF channel 11 to announce channel passage. All traffic should move north at the top of the hour and south at the bottom of the hour. Please, no fishing in the channel. A work day is scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> of June. Please meet us at the channel at 10 am. Thank you!

## Community Complaints

This year there were numerous complaints regarding the increase of undesirable behavior to the area regarding hunting and fishing. The complaints were of folks herding and harassing caribou with snow machines, pursuing caribou with snow machines as they were fleeing, night hunting with artificial light, wounding and poaching of caribou and other small game, and the shooting from the road and lake towards structures and people.

Littering along the roadside and lake with toiletries, beer cans, water bottles and other miscellaneous waste was also mentioned. The LSTCA would like to hear from the community at our Annual Meeting on July 10th so we can offer suggestions to the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game, Division of Fish and Wildlife Troopers, State Troopers and the Matanuska Borough, for the inherent long-term safety of the Lake Louise and surrounding community and to conserve wildlife for future generations.

## Community Library



The idea of a community book exchange was brought up at the 2020 Annual Meeting. The LSTCA Board decided to sponsor a Community Book Exchange and Bari Gray (former board member) built and donated a book box. The box is located at the Paradise General Store at mile 16.5 Lake Louise Road for all community members to utilize. The goal is to share a love

of books as far and wide as possible. Our library box will function as a neighborhood book exchange. The idea is that someone will take a book which piques their interest, and sometime in the future return that book, or a totally different one.



## What has the LSTCA done for you?

- After receiving complaints about a filthy public restroom at the Mat-Su boat launch, the association reached out to the borough and was able to get them to clean it and maintain it in the future.
- The association published a brochure for visitors and residents to inform them on the lake system and available services. This brochure can be found at all businesses in the community.
- Gave a \$10,000 donation to the Wolf Pack Snow Machine Club to help maintain our community trails.
- Continues to maintain the channel signage and buoys for safety of all boaters.
- Maintains fire extinguishers, pumps and other equipment throughout the entire lake system, allowing a faster response to any fire in our community.
- Supplies satellite phones at 3 strategic locations around the lake system for emergency use.
- Maintains medical equipment such as Defibrillators, and first aid supplies at all community businesses.
- Sponsors projects like the book exchange, the causeway boat launch improvement project, and community cleanup day.

## Matthews Public Safety Building

The MatSu Borough has announced that the Matthews Public Safety building is scheduled to be demolished and removed this summer.

## **Bylaws Review and Revision**

The LSTCA formed a committee to update the LSTCA bylaws with the goal of presenting a final draft of the revised bylaws to the LSTCA membership at the Annual Meeting in July for discussion and adoption. The updates to the bylaws are being guided by the State of Alaska, Division of Community and Regional Affairs Handbook. The committee is soliciting input for consideration from the membership. If you would like to offer input on the LSTCA bylaws revision, please contact Board Member Jake Anders ([alaskananders@yahoo.com](mailto:alaskananders@yahoo.com)) A draft copy of the updated bylaws can be found at: <http://www.lakelouisecommunity.info>



## **Lake Louise Road Resurfacing**

The State of Alaska Department of Transportation will be resurfacing the road from MP9 – MP19 this summer starting in late July. They will replace or upgrade 5 - 6 culverts, clean additional culverts, fill in a pond at MP 12.6, and level the road. The road will be reduced to one lane during the construction.

## **Board Member Vacancies**

The LSTCA Governing Board has seven members of which two or three are elected each year at the annual meeting. (This allows for carryover from year to year.) We have two positions to be filled at the July 10, 2021 Annual LSTCA Meeting to be held at The Point Lodge. If you have ever wondered what goes on in the community beyond your visits here, come join us. Members in good standing are eligible to be on the Board. If you have any questions about being a Board Member, contact any member of the current Board or send a note to Kerin Fassler at [kifmjf@mtaonline.net](mailto:kifmjf@mtaonline.net) (Please put Board Vacancy in the subject line).

**Current board members** are Joe Stam, President; Joann Hobbs, Vice President; Kerin Fassler, Secretary; Jake Anders, Treasurer; Wendy Simpson, Board Member; and Kristina Murray, Board Member.

# Become a member

Are you an LSTCA resident over the age of 18 who owns real property or has a written lease, license or rental agreement for real property within the boundaries of the LSTCA community for at least one year? If so, then you are eligible for membership! Membership is currently only \$5.00 for a single membership and \$10.00 for a family. You can conveniently pay online by going to our website at:

<http://www.lakelouisecommunity.info>. You can also download a membership application and mail it in if you would rather pay by check. Join us and have input into how LSTCA can support our community.

## **FIREWISE Your Property**



Firewise USA is a national program with standards that describe actions home and property owners can take to reduce home ignitability in event of a wildfire. Online resources can be found at [forestry.alaska.gov/fire/firewise](http://forestry.alaska.gov/fire/firewise) or [nfpa.org](http://nfpa.org) and click on the Firewise USA tab. A Community Wildfire Protection Plan is being created for the Lake Louise, Susitna, Tyone, Crosswind and Tolsona Lake communities. Provide input on fire preparedness through this online survey, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R5ZJ25F> or contact the Valdez/Copper River Area Division of Forestry at 907-822-5534 for any questions. Jenny Moser has been invited to the annual meeting and will give a presentation on FIREWISE.

## **New Community Directory**

The current directory was printed a number of years ago and needs updating. If you want to be included in the new directory, please provide us with the information you would like in the directory. The directory will list names, mailing and email addresses, phone numbers, radio channel and call

sign, location, and emergency contact numbers. Please forward the information you want listed in the directory to Kerin Fassler at [kifmjf@mtaonline.net](mailto:kifmjf@mtaonline.net) or [lstca.ak@gmail.com](mailto:lstca.ak@gmail.com) or mail it to LSTCA, HCO-1 Box 1678; Glennallen, AK; 99588. You can also provide your information to us at the annual meeting. The cutoff date for inclusion in the new directory is August 1, 2021.



### **Alphabet Hills Prescribed Fire**

The Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) continues to plan the Alphabet Hills prescribed fire. The burn window for the operation is between June 15 and September 30. The Division of Forestry and the Alaska Fire Service will be conducting the burn for the ADF&G. Access to the area will be restricted during and after the burn. Burn information will be

available on the Glennallen media outlets and at [www.akfireinfo.com](http://www.akfireinfo.com). Sue Rodman, the ADG&G employee planning the prescribed fire has been invited to the annual meeting. Sue will give an update on the plan and this will be a good opportunity for questions from community members.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The LSTCA remains financially stable, due in large part to the funding provided through the MSB's Community Assistance Program and membership dues. Anticipated major expenditures in the upcoming quarter include insurance premiums for the association and volunteer fire department and tax preparation fees for the association's 2020 taxes.

### **Thank You**

The LSTCA Board would like to thank Jim Else for his dedication and service as the association's treasurer, Bari Gray for serving as a board member, and Ken Hobbs for editing this newsletter. .

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