
WoodBridge Ranch Newsletter

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Lake Park Non-Resident Visitors

Now that daylight savings is back and the weather is warm we are experiencing the usual increase in non-residents coming to Lake Park to fish or play disc golf.

Our security company, Capital Private Patrol (CPP), at the Board's request continues to ask anyone they encounter during their foot patrols of Lake Park and Petite Creek Park if they are residents and if so, who they are and their address. We truly appreciate residents who are cooperative with the CPP officers who are merely doing their job.

Several non-residents are asked to leave the park by CPP each week. Most are here to fish, having found our lake using Google Maps or Google Earth. Others heard about the Disc Golf course from a friend and came to play a round.

The Drought

The Association is supportive of the need to conserve water and will not be enforcing the lawn maintenance rules. However, that doesn't mean the landscape

can be ignored, weeds need to be kept under control, any weeds 6 inches or taller need to be removed. Smaller weeds need to be killed by a herbicide or removed. Also dead trees, dead branches or dead shrubs need to be removed per the landscape rules.

For fire safety, yards with a natural landscape need to have their weeds mowed per County fire code.

We're all in this together, everyone should be working to conserve water.

Lake Park Water

Most of Lake Park's water comes from a permitted well. Both the sprinklers that water the interior lawns and the water in the lake come from ground water. In accordance with the mandatory water usage reduction you will see the lawns won't be watered as often and the water in the lake will diminish.

Each year we allow the lake level to fall prior to winter but this year we won't run the pump as much to conserve water. Despite fewer storms this year they did provide enough rain to almost fill the lake to capacity. (There is an overflow culvert that runs

under the covered wooden bridge into Linda Creek.)

Because the lake is shallow we need to retain a certain water level during the summer to maintain the fish population and not allow the water to get so warm that the lake turns to solid algae.

Walker Safety

We do not have sidewalks and walkers have to share the road with tons of steel on wheels. When there isn't a separate sidewalk pedestrians should **ALWAYS** walk facing traffic for personal safety.

In the past year there have been 3 incidents on Country Creek Drive where mailbox columns have been destroyed by vehicles that veered slightly to the right. There have been similar incidents on other WBR streets over the years.

If in one of those incidents there had been a pedestrian walking with the flow of traffic instead of a mailbox we probably would have had a fatality.

The only way to avoid being hit by a vehicle that comes too close to the edge of the road is to walk facing oncoming traffic and have time to react

and get out of the way. If you are walking with vehicles approaching you from behind you won't stand a chance if there is driver error.

Last New Year's Eve

The Social Committee's New Year's Eve Progressive Dinner and Dance Party was a roaring success for the 20 couples in attendance.

Five couples hosted appetizers with 3 couples joining them. An hour later another 5 couples hosted the soup or salad course followed by another 5 couples hosting the entrée.

Then it was off to the last stop for dessert, a sock hop and celebrating the New Year on Mountain Time. There was a whole lot of dancing going on and everyone had a great time.

Canada Geese

It is that time of year again when the Canada Geese lay eggs and hatch their goslings. We have worked diligently all year long to make the geese feel unwelcome in Lake Park. Despite our best efforts one pair has raised two goslings somewhere other than along the lake and have now taken up residence in Lake Park.

Last year we had the misfortune of having three pairs hatch 15 goslings in the surrounding area and once the goslings were old enough

walked them to Lake Park. The result was a lot of goose poop on the walking paths, ball field and picnic area for three months. Shortly after the goslings are born the adults lose their flight feathers and until they grow new ones in July we are stuck with them.

Website

Recently we lost our webmaster and **Jonathan Bird** volunteered to take it on even though he had never worked on a website. He learned very quickly that our website was programmed in a very archaic language that few if any websites use today. This made it very difficult to do even the simplest updates.

Thankfully another resident volunteered to assist and when he became aware of our website's structure agreed to design a new website using state of the art software. This is just about to get underway. So check out the website in the next month or so and see how we've changed.

Benches Repaired

About 4 years ago four new benches were purchased for the tennis courts. Recently it was noticed that slats on each bench had been vandalized. Rather than purchase new benches **Neil Cornell** and **Art Hawkins** made new slats using Ipe (Ironwood) that should last indefinitely.

Besides machining the wood to fit, 160 holes were drilled and then 160 counter sinks were drilled in order to bolt the slates to the bench frames.



Annual Picnic Date Change

The results of the survey are in; 22% of those who responded wanted to keep the picnic on the 4th of July, 17% wanted to have it in May and an overwhelming majority, 61%, voted to move the picnic to September. But many commented not to do it on the Labor Day weekend. A tentative date of September 19th has been selected.

Despite this date change, everyone is still invited to come to Lake Park on the 4th at dusk to share fireworks.

New Residents

We welcome three new families to WBR.

Tony and Susan Faryniarz and their two sons took up residence last July. Tony is a roofing contractor whose hobbies include Classic Cars, Fishing & Hunting, Camping and Off Road Cycling.

Carl and Alicia Jewel along with their daughter have moved into their home at 8718 Country Creek Drive. They work in the fire and medical fields.

CJ and Jacqueline Obmann moved into 9860 Country Park Court in February. They have two daughters, Rachel attending Christian Brothers High School and Sydney attending St. Mel School. CJ is the managing partner at Ernst+Young LLP in Roseville. The family's interests includes physical fitness, gymnastics and CJ plays the drums (in his sound proof man cave).

9th Annual Art Studio Trek

Art & Chocolate

One of our residents, **Marcia Murray**, a local artist who participates in this annual event invites you to visit her in her studio to check out the artwork and have a bite of chocolate. Marcia's studio is her WBR home at 3580 Northranch Way. The trek has 17 artists at 10 locations in Roseville and Granite Bay. This is a free two day event, Saturday and Sunday, April 25 & 26 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Driveway Social

The next annual Driveway Social is set for Friday, June 12th. For those who haven't attended before here is what it is all about.

We walk (or drive) to 3 different driveways in WBR where we spend about an hour visiting and enjoying beverages and appetizers at the first two stops and dessert at the last stop. Three families volunteer to host in their driveway. All those who RSVP are assigned to one of the 3 hosts and bring food and/or beverages. This is an adult only event and is not sanctioned by the Association or the Board. Contact Jon Bird wbrsocial@surewest.com to get on the invitation list.

Rodeo in WBR



On Friday, April 10th residents observed something unusual, a calf running loose on Country Creek Drive. Several residents stopped their cars, kids came from all directions and residents came out of their homes to see the spectacle unfold in an attempt to catch the wayward calf. The critter easily avoided capture and the pursuit continued to Country Trail Drive, Blaze Trail Court and Lazy Trail Court.

Several residents dropped off at that point but **Neil Cornell** and **Art Hawkins** decided to continue. Neil stayed in pursuit while Art fetched a rope. With the calf behind a residence on Lazy Trail Neil went home to put on some wrangling clothes. Art waded into the blackberry thicket in hopes of getting a rope on the calf but it was quicker than an

inexperienced (correction – a non-experienced) calf roper and it ran back to Lazy Trail.

The chase continued to the end of the court and eventually Neil, Art and a couple of other residents managed to chase the calf to the side yard of one residence where the neighbors' fences met forming a "V". The calf couldn't go any further and let his displeasure be known with a few hind leg kicks at his pursuers. At this point one of the residents provided a couple of pieces of plywood that finished off a make shift corral.



Not long afterward the daughter of the owner, driving around looking for the calf, saw several people standing at the end of Lazy Trail and inquired "Has anyone seen a black calf?". Perfect timing. She called her father and about an hour later he arrived to "crawl" into the corral and put a rope on the calf. Turns out the calf had bolted through the owner's corral fence located off of Cherry which is across Hazel Avenue the previous afternoon. Just another day at the "Ranch".

Park Reservations

Call **Liz Swithenbank** to reserve Lake Park, 521-1178.

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