



NEWSLETTER

Hello Neighbors:

LLECC has a series of events planned this year; some we have done before and some will be new to everyone. I would like to remind everyone that you don't have to be a member of the LLECC to attend any of our events. We put on these events to bring the neighborhood together. We hope you will give your neighbors a chance to meet you and your family.

I am often asked if the Lake Lucerne Estates Club is an HOA. Not at all! The LLECC is a Civic Club. We were incorporated as a non-profit company in 1970. Our purpose is to promote civic activities, social functions, community service and other similar affairs. We also provide control of use, function and upkeep of the lake. All contributions we receive are devoted exclusively to those purposes.

We would like to hear more about the civic type events or community service that interests you. This club belongs to everyone in the neighborhood and everyone is welcome to join.

I have received a suggestion to help the Fire Department on Five Forks Trickum with their annual canned food drive. Maybe you would like to start a Relay for Life team. There are many opportunities for the LLECC to interact with the wider local community. Please contact me or any member of our Board to discuss your civic groups and how the neighborhood can help.

Sincerely,

Cindy Alexander, LLECC President



Welcome New Neighbors,

If you are new to the neighborhood please join us on Next Door* and introduce yourself. We look forward to meeting you at the bimonthly civic club meetings or the next

social event. If you would like more information about our community please feel free to contact one of our Board members or go to our website.

* Next Door is a secure social network for neighborhoods. It can be accessed non any browser or by app available for iPhone and Android.

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Let's Clean up our Community - at the Lake
April 1, 10 AM - Noon

Bring your shovel, string trimmer, gloves, bags, clippers and any tools you can to our work day at the community grounds. Help is needed with pruning shrubs, removing weeds and moving mulch.

Clean up days are a major part of our community cohesiveness.

Please join us by picking up trash or debris in or around your lot, on the road, or from the creeks connecting to Lake Lucerne.



Easter Egg Hunt April 8th - 2-3 PM

Come join us for our third annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Clubhouse Grounds. If it rains the night before, please wear your rain boots or garden clogs. Kids need to bring their own Easter baskets. There will be an activity and a light snack, in addition to bunny prizes. Contact Misty Johnson if you have questions or want to volunteer -

mistykatz80@yahoo.com.

If it rains we will postpone the event until April 15th.



Garden Open House

The garden will be open to All during the Easter Egg Hunt. We still have a few plots available. Gardeners will be available to answer questions.

Clubhouse Rentals

Schedule Your Events Now

We are looking forward to a very successful year for Clubhouse rentals. Rates are currently still just \$35/hour for LLECC members, with a 3 hour minimum. Non-member rates are \$125/hour with a 4 hour minimum. Please call for more information on rates for large groups.

Little Lake Event would like to urge members to reserve dates for any events as soon as possible. Reservations require a deposit. Please contact MB Strickland or Alisa Walsh at 770-558-2904 or littlelakeevent@gmail.com.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

2017 Community Calendar - All events at the Clubhouse and Grounds

- April 1** - Spring Cleanup/Work day
- April 8** - Easter Egg Hunt and Garden Open House (rain date April 15)
- April 27** - COPS Annual Meeting - 7 PM
- May 7** - Rock & Roll Casserole Stroll - 2 PM
- May 18** - LLECC Meeting - 7:30 pm
- July 1** - Pig Roast/Fourth of July Celebration
- July 20** - LLECC Meeting - 7:30 pm
- Sept 21** - LLECC Meeting - 7:30 pm
- Oct 14** - Fall Cleanup/Work Day
- Oct 22** - *Crocktoberfest - 2 pm (rain date Oct 29)
- Oct 31** - LLE Halloween Hayride
- Nov 16** - LLECC Meeting/Election-7:30 PM
- Dec 3** - *Holiday Get-together - 3 PM

*Chairs and volunteers are needed for these events, which are only tentatively scheduled. Please contact Cindy Alexander if you're interested.

Congratulations to our Board Elected for 2017

- Cindy Alexander, President
- Misty Johnson, Vice President
- Cliff Johnson, Treasurer
- Lisa Milton, Secretary

We also wish to thank Bob Mylecraine for his many years of service to our community. Bob was a great Vice President and advisor to many of the past Presidents rising up through the ranks. He held almost every position on the board at one time or another. We can't thank him enough for all of his contributions, and wish him well with his future endeavors.

All of our board members volunteer their personal time to serve, because they care about our community and want to make it a better place to live. So please provide support in the way of positive feedback and acknowledgement of all the improvements they bring to our community. The best way to make a difference is to volunteer.



Lake Lucerne's First Rock & Roll Casserole Stroll

Sunday, May 7th 2:00-5:00

Live music provided by Old & Decrepit. Followed by several School of Rock bands from Gwinnett School of Music.

Neighbors are invited to compete in a casserole contest. The casserole may be an appetizer or dessert. **Prizes will be awarded!** Competitors must be prepared to give out samples for 50 people and will receive free entry and entertainment. Tables, cups, napkins and spoons will be provided.

Individual tasters and listeners will be charged \$10. Kids under 6 are free. Or, families will be admitted for \$20. All proceeds will go toward the construction of a driving path from the parking lot to the clubhouse.

Email landstrick@gmail.com or call 770-558-2904 to reserve table space or for information.

*The Road Project will provide a road from the parking lot to the Clubhouse.

Two Events on May 7th to Benefit the *Road Project*

LAKE LUCERNE'S FIRST FISHING TOURNAMENT MAY 7TH 8 AM - 2 PM

LLECC will be sponsoring a bass tournament on Sunday, May 7th. This will be our first spring tournament and will allow kayaks and canoes only. No trolling motors will be permitted.

Registration is open first to members of LLECC and then available to people outside the community allowing an opportunity for outside fisherman to try their luck in our lake. The prizes will be based on the total inches of your three biggest fish. There will also be a side prize for longest fish. Pictures will be made with your cell phone showing fish measurements. Rulers will be handed out at registration.

There will be spaces for 20 kayaks or canoes and 30 spots for fishing off the 500 foot sea wall. Registration for boats will be \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. Spots on the sea wall will be \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. *NOTE: Dues must be paid by 4/1 to be considered a "member."

Registration can be made by contacting landstrick@gmail.com or by calling 770-558-2904.

The gates will open at **8 a.m.** and the contest will end at 2 p.m. See you there!



C.O.P.S. Update & Annual Meeting April 27th at the Clubhouse - 7 pm

This is our third year in the Gwinnett County neighborhood watch program, C.O.P.S. and we couldn't have done it without such strong involvement of our homeowners. Join us for the annual COPS meeting on the evening of April 27th at the Clubhouse where Angelina Edwards #1411, Crime Prevention Officer with GCPD/South Precinct, will discuss Active Shooter Basics and other current info on crime prevention.

Please remember to report all criminal activity first to the Police and then to your street captain, to get the word out to the entire community. Your street captains are John McKinney for Lake Lucerne Way, Steve Freeman for 4300 block of Alpine, Lisa Milton for 4500-4700 blocks of Alpine, Jeff Floyd for 4800-4900 block of Alpine, Bob and Elba McCue for Geneva Drive, Frank Roescher for Lake Lucerne Drive, MB Strickland for Matterhorn Drive. Their contact information will be available at this meeting or you can send a private message through Next Door. --Jay Hancock, COPS Program Coordinator for Lake Lucerne Estates

OUR COMMUNITY IS A WATERSHED

WHAT THAT MEANS AND WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT IT.

First article in a series on protecting our neighborhood's environment

A watershed is the land surrounding a body of water that drains into the body of water. Our community and the surrounding area drains into the creeks, ditches, and streams that flow through Lake Lucerne and into the Yellow River. If you care about the quality of your drinking water, recreational activities, and wildlife habitat in your area, then be aware of everything you do on your property that might affect the soil and water flowing downstream.

Everything we do outdoors, including treating our lawns and plants, washing or repairing our cars, treating garden or household pests, and also anything that would de-stabilize the soil affects the quality of the water in our Lake and beyond. One of the reasons we see so much silt returning to our Lake, is from erosion and increased disturbance of soil upstream of Pounds Creek. **But "upstream" also means our own yards.** Reducing erosion in your own yard is a basic responsibility of any land owner.

When rain falls on exposed soil, it can wash soil away from the land. This runoff can erode bare ground, wash away valuable topsoil and make landscaping more difficult. It also carries soil, nutrients and other pollutants into streets, gutters and ditches, where it then travels untreated to our lake.

These tips will help solve a lot of problems:

- * Areas that cannot grow grass should not be left bare. Convert these areas to mulch beds. Don't try to grow grass where it won't grow - its a waste of time and a waste of soil.
- * Keep existing native trees, bushes and plants on your property.
- * Schedule large landscaping projects for dry weather.
- * Build terraces to slow the flow of runoff. Terraces are highly effective at slowing down water flow.
- * Route downspouts and other drainage to heavily vegetated areas, not into yards or onto slopes.
- * Use crushed rocks, pavers or other alternatives that allow rainwater to seep into the ground for walkways, patios, drives, and under decks.
- * Leave an un-mowed buffer strip of thick vegetation along stream banks and the lakeshore.