

President's Report

July 2020

The 4th of July weekend events went well for the LH community. The Safety Advisory Committee, led by Darrell Melcher, did an outstanding job implementing a new traffic pattern that made vehicles traveling to and from Beach I a smooth process. The addition of a County Deputy and Haines Security kept the crowd attending the beach and the spectacular fireworks display under control. (Plans are to again sign a contract hiring the same pyrotechnic company for next year.)

The annual Boat Parade, organized by Judy Schumer of the Activities Committee, had sixteen participants and was enjoyed by all viewers on shore. Competition was fierce with so many beautiful and cleverly decorated boats. The three category winners were: Most Patriotic, the Lewia family-'Captured British Ship': Most Original, Traczyk family-'Viking Ship': Most Entertaining, Mills family-'Tiger King'.

The lake will be 50 years old in 2022. The Lake Committee, headed by co-chairman Jim Pagenkopf, presented an excellent informational comprehensive report to the Board of Directors and interested community residents about the lake history and its current state. The lake water quality is good and plans are being made into the next decade to ensure it stays that way. For those who were unable to attend the presentation, the program is available on the LH website and YouTube.

The Finance Committee is working on the 2021 budget. Currently the budget is balanced without raising assessments next year. The final budget proposal will be presented to the Board for approval at the August meeting.

Construction is scheduled to begin in August on the dog park located on Country Club Rd. Fencing and gates have been ordered. The opening will most likely be in the fall or the first of next year if grass is established and seasonal rains being the deciding factors.

Nothing has changed since our last meeting in regard to Va. Governor Northam's mandates during the pandemic. The Board will review conditions and decide if any changes in our current virus protection program are warranted. (Discuss)

Scam alert! Several Board Directors have received requests, supposedly from me, asking for gift cards, google play cash, cash etc. for payment of LH bills to be mailed to a questionable address, with a promise to be reimbursed by the office. Rest assured, I would never ask members to personally pay any LH debts. These are computer generated scam artists attacking the LH Outlook website. We are susceptible to this type of computer phishing because of the nature of the web account. John Stover has investigated these requests and feels they are coming from the Czech Republic. He has made some recommendations and changes will be forthcoming to alleviate these distractions.