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## LJCC Fall/Winter 2006 Newsletter

### Community Network honors those who ... "make the Valley shine" - Three LJCC Members Honored

Reprinted from the Valley View

The Snoqualmie Valley Community Network held the 9th annual "Rise and Shine Awards" breakfast on June 16, 2005 at the Cedar River Watershed in North Bend.

The event honors those who "Rise and make the Valley shine"; people and organizations going "above and beyond" to strengthen the social fabric of the community encompassed by the Riverview and Snoqualmie Valley School Districts. This year, 12 awards were presented. The following are representatives of the Riverview School District:

#### Linnerooth Realtors

Chris and Sue Linnerooth created a "Support Riverview Schools" program to benefit Riverview schools by donating 10 percent of their commission on real-estate sales referred when this program is mentioned at the first meeting.

More than \$7,000 of their profits went directly to the Riverview schools for staff training materials, books, technical equipment and workshops.

#### Sandy Aitken

Sandy completely rebuilt the

Riverview School District website with a new look and design during the summer of 2004.

She also maintains the websites for the Riverview Educational Foundation and Eagle Rock Multi-Age Program PTSA, in addition to serving on their boards, the District Technology Steering Committee, the District Budget Advisory Committee and the K-5 District Report Card Committee.

Congratulations and thank you all for your contributions to the community we live in!

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From left are LJCC members, Chris Linnerooth, Sue Linnerooth and Sandy Aitken along with three other recipients.

## New LJCC Board Members

By Gail Ritchie

With Al and Sharon Osgood (President and Environmental Chair) moving to Missouri and terms expiring for Chris Linnerooth (Treasurer) and Diana Fewing (Secretary), we found ourselves in need of four Board Members for the Club.

I am happy to report that we were able to fill 3 out of the four position at our fall membership meeting.

David Kern was elected as President shortly after his excellent presentation on

the subject of repaving of NE Lake Joy Road which he has taken on as his challenge.

Kerry Koons offered to serve as Treasurer and was elected to that position.

Wendy Sammarco was previously elected to the position of Environmental Chair at our Spring meeting.

A BIG thank you to all of you for accepting your positions and for being willing to give up your time to volunteer for the Club..

Also a big thank you to Chris Linnerooth and Diana Fewing for their contributions the past few years.



## Secretary (Officer Position) Needed for LJCC Board of Directors

By Gail Ritchie

As mentioned at our fall membership meeting, we are still in need of a Secretary for the Club. Listed below are the duties of the position. I would guess that this position would require 20-25 volunteer hours per year. The duties for the position are listed below:

- Take minutes at membership and board meetings and provide them to the person who will send them out to the membership and/or post on the

website.

- Publish two Club newsletters each year in the spring and fall.
- Prepare any letters or reports that need to be published.
- Maintain the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club.
- Maintain the Terms and Elections spreadsheet of the Club.
- Assist with any letters that the Club

needs to write on an official basis.

- Try to attend all Board and Membership Meetings (critical to this position.)

Needs advanced computer skills (publishing software) and ability to take, transcribe and publish minutes from meetings. Good organizational and follow up skills.

If you are interested, please contact David Kern at 788-0722 or email: [mckern@hotmail.com](mailto:mckern@hotmail.com).

## Pet Lost and Found

By Gail Ritchie

We've had pretty good success this year reuniting lost pets with their owners.

We use the LJCC group email listing to report lost or found dogs (no cats so far) and it's been working well.

If you have lost or found a pet, you can do two things that should help.

First, post a large sign on the first street sign after turning right or left at the Welcome

sign. Put signs on both posts so everyone will see. Putting a sign on the Welcome sign itself doesn't show up and is too far away from the road for people to see.

Then, you can call or email me and I will send out a group email to all members around the lake.

Doing both of these things should help to reunite pets with their owners.

We're also asking again that owners who let their dogs roam around the lake to

please keep them in your yard. With so many pets allowed to roam, it's difficult to tell what pets are lost and which ones are just going for an illegal walk by themselves.

UPDATE: Just heard today that a dog that was found and published through email found a new home with a community resident! Cool, huh?

# Identify Theft

By Gail Ritchie

You may be growing tired of hearing about identify theft but it IS on the rise and it IS happening here around the Lake.

I think some of us tend to think that because we're away from town that it won't be a problem for us but that's certainly not the case.

We've had trouble for years with people stealing mail and tossing in the ditches or on the road. But lately, it has turned more invasive with thieves being observed or heard going through people's

garbage and/or recycling.

Rowland Brasch, LJCC Safety Chair, has been communicating to us about this problem for some time and the importance of having a shredder to "shred" your sensitive material. Dan Griner suggests using the shredded material to light your fireplace and wood stoves to really get rid of it.

If you observe anyone tampering with mailboxes or mail or you have had mail stolen or have seen/heard someone going through your recycling, please report all instances to Mike Swift, Neighborhood

Watch Coordinator at 788-9579 or email him at [ljswifts@hotmail.com](mailto:ljswifts@hotmail.com).

Then report the problem to the King County Sheriff's Office at 206/295-3311.

You may want to consider a locking mailbox. We are currently looking into locking mailboxes and the possibility of purchasing in bulk at a discount.

I personally found a local resident that is interested in doing the installations for a very reasonable price.

We'll keep you informed.

# Safety and Security in the Community

## Lake Joy Neighborhood Watch Program

We are still looking for volunteers for the position of Block Captains. If you are interested, please contact Mike Swift, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at 788-9579 or email:

[ljswifts@hotmail.com](mailto:ljswifts@hotmail.com)

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SIGNS GOING UP SOON!!



## Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.)

The Carnation-Duvall Citizens Corps Council is continuing to hold CERT training courses and is encouraging all Block Watch Captains to get CERT trained. The LJCC Emergency Response Team is looking for volunteers to fill a couple of positions. If interested, please contact Kathy Brasch at 788-8260

Or email to: kb1@cablespeed.com



## Tolt Triangle Fire Council and Firewise

We have a very dedicated group of volunteers who are formed the Tolt Triangle Fire Council. Their mission is to educate homeowners in our community on how to prevent wildfires from destroying their homes and how to be "Firewise". Our LJCC member, Dan Griner is the Chairman of the Fire Corps.

[www.toltfirewise.org](http://www.toltfirewise.org)  
[www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org)



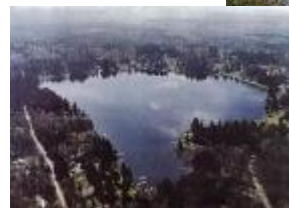
# Cover Photos Needed for Next LJCC Directory

By Gail Ritchie

It's time to start taking those great photos of the lake and surrounding area so we can have some beautiful photos to pick from for our next cover for the Club directory.

We've decided to publish the directory in January each year as that coincides with the end of the membership drive so you have all spring, summer and fall to take some great shots. Please send your photos to me

Past photos include:



## NE Lake Joy Road Improvements

By David Kern

As was discussed at our last membership meeting, the docket request for designating NE Lake Joy Road as a "Collector Arterial" was submitted to the King County Road Services Division around the first of December.

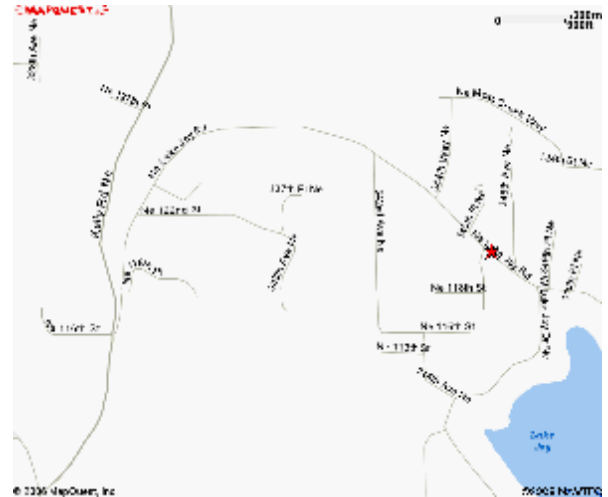
The docket will be reviewed by Road Services and a recommendation will be sent to the King County Council.

Kathy Lambert's office was also sent a copy of the request and has stated that

they will help in our efforts to pursue the arterial designation.

There has been no information regarding the timeline for the County Road Services review so it is a matter of patience.

The King County budget for 2006 has already been voted on, so it is likely that even if the request is granted that the funds would not be available until 2007.



## Harris Creek Bridge Intersection

By Gail Ritchie and Dan Griner

I think most of us would agree that the City of Duvall did a great job of realigning the intersection down on Big Rock where the "S" curves used to be.

The same cannot be said about King County's realignment of the new Big Rock/Kelly intersection. While it is a vast improvement coming up Big Rock to an intersection that is now a "T" and much easier to merge onto Kelly Road, the deep hole and cement catch basin have been of great concern to many around the Lake.

The subject was discussed at the last Community Club Meeting when Dan Griner was asked to speak about his communications with King County on the intersection and potential problems.

While I won't go into all of the discussions that Dan has had with King County, suffice it to say that he has been relentless in his pursuit of a solution to the so-called wet pond and catch basin which is no more than a big hole in the ground with a cement catch basin drain next to the road.

Dan's concerns (along with others) are two fold. First, cars coming up Big Rock not realizing the sharp turn to the left and sliding into the hole and second, cars traveling up Kelly Road from Stillwater that mistakenly cut through the hole and/or collide

with the cement catch basin rather than seeing the left turn on the road.

On December 20th, at night, an elderly couple did just that. They didn't see the left turn and severely struck the top of the catch basin with an impact sufficient to completely destroy the cement over a foot below the new drain (hence the orange cone that has been on top of it for the last couple of weeks.) Fortunately, their air bags prevented them from serious injury but their car was totaled from the impact.

Dan has discussed guardrails, fencing and better reflectors on the road itself, additional reflector wands, filling the hole to just a dip and removing or lowering the cement obstacle.

Originally, some were concerned about children getting into trouble in a hole full of water and it was thought that fencing might be a good solution. However, since there is no more than a shallow puddle in the hole after 23 straight days of rain (as of 1/10/06), fencing doesn't seem necessary.

Guardrails were discussed but King County says they are not justified according to county standards since it was perceived that there was an adequate (not safe) recovery area (where, in the hole?).

Dan has repeatedly requested an on-site evaluation with King County and finally got

them to agree to meet on Friday, January 20th. We will advise you of the outcome.

After all of his numerous email discussions, Dan has concluded that the best course of action is to have the hole refilled and the cement catch basin removed and is continuing to pursue this solution with King County.

If you have thoughts or information on this subject, please contact Dan Griner 425/788-5746 first for an update, and then if you like, communicate with the person at King County Roads that Dan has been communicating with,

Larry Jaramillo, Supervising Engineer

(email: [larry.jaramillo@metrokc.gov](mailto:larry.jaramillo@metrokc.gov))

**UPDATE: Friday, January 20th.** As a result of the meeting between Dan Griner, Angie Ish, Gail Ritchie, representatives from the County (3) and Kathy Lambert's office(1), King County has agreed to add reflectors along the retaining pond that will show to traffic on Kelly Road going towards Big Rock. Additionally, they will replace the road separation reflectors and add an additional light standard at the northwest side of the intersection. They also agreed to "build up" the area around the cement catch basin drain which they will have to repair or replace after the accident. We're still working on getting the pond raised up.

## Online (Internet) Purchasing Security

By Gail Ritchie

Like me, I'm sure many of you purchase things online, perhaps from eBay and perhaps you have established a PayPal account to purchase your eBay items with.

PayPal is an eBay company that they set up to make it easier for purchasers of eBay items to pay the sellers and it's great! You can also use PayPal to send money to anyone else that has a PayPal account. However, to fund your PayPal account, you have to allow PayPal to access your bank account to transfer the amount you have specified from your bank account to your PayPal account.

Does this make you a little nervous?

Well, it should. The first thing security experts says is never give anyone your bank account information. With that said, PayPal is an extremely secure site with millions of members that I don't believe has ever had a hacker get it to. However, there is always the chance that that could happen or that a PayPal employee could take your account information.

So, why not try to protect yourself a little further?

I opened a separate checking account at my bank that I call my "Internet" account. This is the account number that I provide to PayPal and I only leave a couple of hundred dollars in it. That way, if some-

one was able to get to the account, they wouldn't get much and would not have access to my main accounts.

It's easiest if you sign up for online banking with your bank so you can transfer funds from your "internet account" to your PayPal account whenever you need to.

Give this a thought. It wasn't my great idea—Bank of America was promoting the idea a few months ago and I jumped on it!

Just another idea on how we can try to keep our personal information safe.

## This It So Cool!

By Gail Ritchie

Ever wonder what the protons within the electrons of the nucleus of a leaf cell look like? No? Me neither until Rowland Brasch directed me to a website that takes you visually from 10 million lights years from the Milky Way in increments down to the nucleus of a leaf cell on the property of the High Magnetic Field Laboratory in Florida. This is worth the view and to keep. Thanks Rowland!

<http://tinyurl.com/hck>

## King County Lakes

By Gail Ritchie

Did you know that there are 102 lakes in King County? Did you further know that of that 102 total, only 11 are over 100 acres in size (Lake Joy is 105 acres).

Here's a table showing the biggest to the smallest (of those over 100 acres) with their acreage and maximum depth.

It's interesting to note that Lake Union, while so much larger, is no deeper than Lake Joy.

\*Walsh Lake is a King County watershed

Lake	Size (acres)	Depth
Lk. Washington	22,128	214
Lk. Sammamish	4,897	105
Youngs Lake	700	72
Lk Union	598	50
Lk. Sawyer	279	58
Greenlake	255	24
Lake Hancock	236	36
Lake Meridian	150	90
Walsh Lake*	105	n/a *
Lake Joy	105	50
Angle Lake	103	52

## Lake Joy Community Membership Drive Ended 12/31/05

By Cindy Druschba

Our new membership cycle is September 1 through August 31 of each year. The membership drive starts at the annual picnic in September and officially goes through December 31st of each year.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, you will be switched to "inactive" at the end of February and will no longer

receive emails and newsletters from the Club.

We don't want to lose you so please get your renewal form and check in as soon as possible. The form can be downloaded from our website at

<http://www.lakejoycommunity.com/LJCCPage.html> or you may contact me at 788-5264.



## LJCC Website Has Something for Everyone

By Gail Ritchie

For those of you that have visited our website, you know there is a tremendous amount of helpful information contained on the website and by way of "links" to other sites.

The [Home Page](#) gives you links to many government agency websites and to sites that we, as members of the community and the Lake Joy Community Club are involved in.

The [Environmental Page](#) gives you links to many agencies that provide information and guidance on environmental concerns and lake living.

Our [Safety Page](#) provides information and links on safety and security matters such as home security, living in an earthquake zone, links to disaster supply lists and a crime prevention handbook. It also covers our Neighborhood Watch

Program and Emergency Response Program.

On a lighter note, I wanted to bring to your attention our "[Kids Corner](#)". I spent some time researching website for kids and found that many government agencies have specific websites just for kids to teach them about safety, what to do in an emergency and how to plan ahead, and others that have just really cool website such as NASA, FEMA, Discovery for Kids, USGS Service for Kids, the Whitehouse for Kids and National Geographic for Kids, etc.

I also included links to fun sites such as Crayola and Disney.

If you have kids, check out our Kid's Corner. These sites are really well done and you might enjoy them yourself!

Many of the sites, along with providing a lot of useful educational information, also

games and activities for fun and for learning about what they read on the sites.

Don't remember what you learned in school about how the government works and is set up? It's all there in "[Ben's Guide to Government for Kids](#)" and it's broken down into sections for certain ages, from first grade to adults.



## Lake Joy Emergency Response Plan Needs Volunteers

By Kathy Brasch

Most of you are aware that we have an Emergency Response Plan (ERP) in place here in the community in the event of an emergency or disaster.

In the event of an emergency/disaster, all ERP Volunteers would meet at the Lake Joy Fire Station which has been designated as our "Emergency Operations Center".

Block Captains would check each house in their assigned "block", tagging each house as to whether assistance is needed

or not. Requests for assistance (medical, transport, tree removal, etc.) would then be communicated to the Emergency Operations Center Coordinators who would dispatch help.

We have an open position on our Emergency Operations Center Team for a "Communications Coordinator". The Communications Coordinator is responsible for communicating with outside HAM radio operators and agencies to bring in any help that we need. A person with experience communicating with HAM operators, or with their own HAM radio

is needed for this position.

If you are interested in this position, please me Kathy Brasch, Lake Joy Safety Committee, at 425/788-8260 or [kb1@cablespeed.com](mailto:kb1@cablespeed.com).

## Road Cleanup Scheduled for Saturday, February 18th!

Our next "Adopt A Road" cleanup will be held on Saturday, February 18th starting at 10am. Please meet at the Welcome to Lake Joy sign. Safety hats, vests and bags are provided. Coffee and muffins will be provided. Please bring your car as you may be sent to a location a mile or more from where we meet.

# Crime Prevention in the Lake Joy Community

By Gail Ritchie

As mentioned in a previous article, "Identity Theft", we have had a rash of mail tampering going on lately and it has occurred on different occasions in the past.

We here in the Lake Joy Community are not immune to crime because we live in the country. But, I believe some people here do tend to take for granted that nothing will happen to them because of where we live. I think that is an assumption that could get many of us in trouble.

Here are some crime statistics from the King County Sheriff's office for 2002 & 2003. It appears they are not keeping statistics after 2003 since Carnation doesn't contract with King County any longer after joining forces with Duvall. These statistics are from within the city limits of Carnation.

	2001	2002	2003
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	1	3	1
Robbery	1	2	0
Aggravated Assault	2	2	2
Burglary Commercial	8	6	7
Burglary Residential	7	10	12
Larceny >\$250	7	11	5
Larceny<\$250	26	26	27
Vehicle Theft	3	4	4
Arson	3	2	2
Dispatched calls	377	387	342
Adult charges /arrests	39	57	27
Juvenile charges/ Arrests	17	14	8
Domestic Violence Incidents	12	24	23

These statistics are pretty disturbing for a town of 1,905 people.

So what can we do here? Rowland Brasch has spoken numerous times about identify theft. We have a

Neighborhood Watch Program but are in need of 3-4 watch captains to fill empty spots. It is imperative that everyone be a participant in the Neighborhood Watch by watching out for your neighbor's property and reporting any suspicious activities or people you see around the lake.

The King County Sheriff's Office has published a Crime Prevention Handbook that is very well done. Unfortunately, they published the 15 pages in 6 separate sections rather than in one document. (I have emailed them with a suggestion to combine to one file).

A link to the handbook on the Sheriff's Department website is available from our website Safety Page and the individual sections are also available directly on our website.

It covers block watch programs, the Crime Stoppers Program, vandalism, how to report a crime, Operation Identification, home security, doors and locks (in detail), personal security in your car, home and on the street, vehicle and bicycle security, and fraud prevention.

I strongly suggest that you print off this handbook and have every member of your family read it.

## "Operation Take Charge"

AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) has started a new campaign in Washington state to help protect against identity theft and fraud against people. The campaign is sponsored by Attorney General Rob McKenna and the Washington State Crime Prevention Association. There are many resources on their website. [www.aarp.org/wa](http://www.aarp.org/wa) then scroll down to "Operation Take Charge".

## Your Role

Citizens can do four things to prevent crime and improve the quality of life in your neighborhood.

**Be alert** to suspicious activity, and call 911 immediately if you think a crime has happened or is about to take place. If you don't call, the police/sheriff cannot respond.

**Work** with your local King County Sheriff's office precinct or storefront, or your local police. You can provide useful information for preventing crime and crime-related problems.

**Support** efforts in your community to solve problems and attack the root causes of crime. Get involved with a Neighborhood Watch program.

**Adopt** the crime prevention philosophies and techniques in the handbook. Criminals look for easy targets; protect your home and your personal surroundings, and you will discourage crime.



# 2005 Holiday Boat Cruise



By Gail Ritchie

Our holiday boat cruise this year was the best one yet. Dave Smith and his two boys decorated the new high dive float with lights and a blue tree on top. Then, Dave and Karen hauled out chairs, a table and hot buttered rums to help fight off the freezing temperatures. The first night out, we cruised from Boyer's around the lake. By the time we got to the float, everyone was too cold to stay long. However, the second night out we went straight for the float and had a great time. Dave and his boys also helped Dale Johnson get the Dundas' party barge out to clear water as it was surrounded by ice. This was the coldest weather we've had since starting our holiday boat cruises and it was very strange to be cruising through ice on top of the lake. If you haven't joined in yet, it is really fun. A little hard work to decorate your boat and get the necessary batteries and inverters, but well worth it!



Dave & Karen Smith



High Dive



Margie Boyer & Ted Kusters



Richard Sinnema



Allison Swift & Morgan Wilhelm

*Photos by  
Mary Wilhelm*

## Lake Joy Community Club



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### Board of Directors—2006

President	David Kern	788-0722
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Safety	Rowland Brasch	788-8260
Social/Webmaster	Gail Ritchie	788-7689

The Lake Joy Community Club was established in 1952 to protect the interests of its members in the preservation and protection of the environment and wildlife of the Lake Joy area, to support public safety and to encourage a spirit of good fellowship among the people of the Lake Joy Community .

We appreciate the commitment of all members and volunteers of the community in keeping our area a lovely and safe place to live.

Did you know that since the reopening of the Lake Joy Fire Station in February, 2005, that volunteer EMT's have responded to 20 calls? While the Carnation station also responds to every call, having EMT's working out of the Lake Joy station means that anyone up here can potentially get served much sooner when our local EMT's are available.

Thanks Eastside Fire & Rescue!

We're on the Web!

[www.lakejoycommunity.com](http://www.lakejoycommunity.com)



## CERT, First Aid & Adult CPR Classes Offered Soon

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training begins it's next round of classes in March. Become CERT trained and be trained to help your community in the event of an emergency or disaster.

[www.cdcncl.org/certsigup.htm](http://www.cdcncl.org/certsigup.htm)

First Aid and Adult CPR Classes will be offered next month. February 18th in Duvall and February 25th in Carnation. For info and sign up call 425/788-8260 or go to [www.cdcncl.org/first\\_aid\\_class.html](http://www.cdcncl.org/first_aid_class.html)

Sponsored by the Carnation-Duvall Citizens Corps Council.

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*Learn more and join today!*

## Assistant Needed for Social Chair

By Gail Ritchie

Since I took over the position of Social Chair in 2001, many new duties have been added to my position, mostly by me so I can only blame myself for being over-loaded.

In addition to the LJCC, I also coordinate a Crafters group and do most of the work for the classic Volvo car club I belong to. Hence, I need someone to help by taking over the initial duties of the Social Chair.

This position would be considered a "committee member".

- Welcome new members to the community by delivering a welcome pack. Track for sale signs/sold signs, prepare packs and deliver when new residents move in.
- Set up all membership meetings including providing refreshments.
- Coordinate the annual garage sale.
- Assist with coordinating the annual picnic.
- Prepare signs to be posted regarding events.
- Place necessary advertisements to publicize events.
- Need to have a computer, with MS Office for reprinting welcome pack documents, and a color printer.
- Need to have intermediate computer skills.

Anyone interested should contact me directly at 788-7689 or [lakejoy-girl@yahoo.com](mailto:lakejoy-girl@yahoo.com)