

# NEWSLETTER

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## Come to the 'Save BLACK LAKE' Community Meeting!

Please join us for the second Community Meeting at Black Lake Bible Camp on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm...and join the effort to keep our lake clean, safe, and beautiful for years to come!

This will be a very informative meeting as we'll hear from Long Lake's Association Vice President, Doug Karman. He'll share valuable insight into what they've done to combat the same problems we're facing here at Black Lake. In addition he'll discuss some of the mistakes that Long Lake's Association has made over the years, so that we can avoid those same issues.

*Did you miss the first meeting?  
Here is a summary:*

Archive from 09/30/2010

### Standing room only for our First Community Meeting!

Thank you everyone for attending our first Community Meeting to "save Black Lake!" We had an amazing turnout with nearly 50 attendees. It was great to see the room packed with neighbors sharing a common interest in improving our lake.

We learned some great information from our Guest Speakers: Janie Cville from Thurston County Resource Stewardship - who did a terrific job of introducing us to the different forms of noxious weeds, algae and nuisance weeds that we're dealing with on Black Lake; and Tom Oliva from Tumwater City Council and Barnes Lake who shared his experience and insight into the development of the lake management district they created to address the serious over-population of lily pads that prevented the use of their lake.

Your comments and questions were very helpful as we begin developing a plan of action.

#### Here are a few of the topics that we'll be working on:

- 1- How to remove and/or eliminate the nuisance weeds - those long stringy snowballs of weeds that wrap around our props, legs, and get sucked into our jet skis
- 2- What grant money from the County, State, and Federal levels can we obtain to address the eurasian water milfoil that will take over Black Lake if not contained
- 3- What can be done about the thick lily pads and beaver dams that are choking the drainage ditch on the north end of the lake, causing flooding hazards for homeowners and reducing the flow of our lake water under the bridge
- 4- What are our options to pay for the necessary solutions, without putting the responsibility solely on the property owner - who already pays high taxes for a lake that is available for public use

## We're on our way to Save Black Lake with a \$30,000 grant from Dept of Ecology!

Last fall, we had our first community gathering to discuss our water quality issues at Black Lake. One of the points we all agree on is we should exhaust all funding options from Federal, State, and County to pay for the clean up.

Well, we're on our way! The Department of Ecology has just approved a grant to help the residents of Black Lake. If we can raise \$10,000, the Dept of Ecology will match 3 to 1, giving us an additional \$30,000!

A huge thank you to Deb Wallace for writing and submitting our grant application - and getting it in just before the deadline! Her efforts will allow Black Lake residents to see progress THIS YEAR towards identifying and mapping the locations of noxious weeds and vegetation around the lake. Once this scientific process is complete, we will have the necessary data to submit for a MUCH larger Federal Grant, and onto cleaning up our lake!

This \$30,000 grant is a 3 to 1 match. That means we (the Black Lake Residents) will need to raise \$10,000 to show our commitment to this process

Some of that \$10,000 will be credited in-kind for the volunteer hours donated by the Save Black Lake committee (we need more volunteers!). The rest will need to be raised by fund raising efforts including our Save Black Lake pledge drive

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BLACK LAKE COMMUNITY PLEDGE DRIVE  
CAMPAIGN**

We need your support!