

# SUMMER 2020 NEWSLETTER



Amazing Summer Nights at Fleur du Lac!



## FLEUR DU LAC ESTATES ASSOCIATION



**SPOTLIGHT ON...**

# **CRAIG AND LISA JORGENS**

**Craig and Lisa are excited to join the Fleur du Lac Community after enjoying the West Shore location at Chambers Landing for the past eight years. Tahoe is a convenient reach from their Orinda, CA home where they raised their family starting in 1992 after a move from Connecticut.**



**The Jorgens have two daughters, Laura, 30, and Emily, 28. Laura is engaged to Johan Hornell of Sweden, and they will be married at the Edgewood Resort in August 2021. Emily now works in New York City for a FinTech start-up in the credit card space after a good stint with Uber. Both daughters graduated from Duke with degrees in Economics. Laura added Wharton Business School after her BlackRock start. Like her sister, Laura switched to the start-up world and works for a New York based internet fraud prevention e-commerce company and, in these unique times, works remotely from Stockholm for now. Laura and fiancée plan to settle in the US. It delights Craig and Lisa that Tahoe is a big draw for all of them.**

**Craig retired from the wireless telecommunications industry. His background is in engineering and business, having graduated from Harvey Mudd College, part of the Claremont Colleges in Southern, California. Currently, Craig serves on the Fire Board in their community and has another election this fall. Lisa's degree is from Duke...Go Blue Devils! They've attended many games including Final Fours. Lisa's career was trading commodities for Cargill. She's also active in garden clubs and other local causes. They both admire the landscaping beauty at Fleur du Lac. Craig says, "Our family has enjoyed traveling which we appreciate all the more with Covid. While scuba diving will wait, hiking and boating can continue here! We are already enjoying getting to know some of our neighbors in this beautiful location with its fascinating history, and we anticipate many happy times at Fleur du Lac!"**



# FLEUR DU LAC 4TH OF JULY FESTIVITIES

**"COVID style"**

Despite COVID being a reality during this year's 4th of July festivities, the Childrens Parade was a hit as usual, with some special family social distancing measures put into place by Loretta Allred. Music, fun and food was enjoyed by all. A special flag illumination after dusk set the tone for this patriotic Fleur du Lac family event.





# MAINTENANCE REPORT



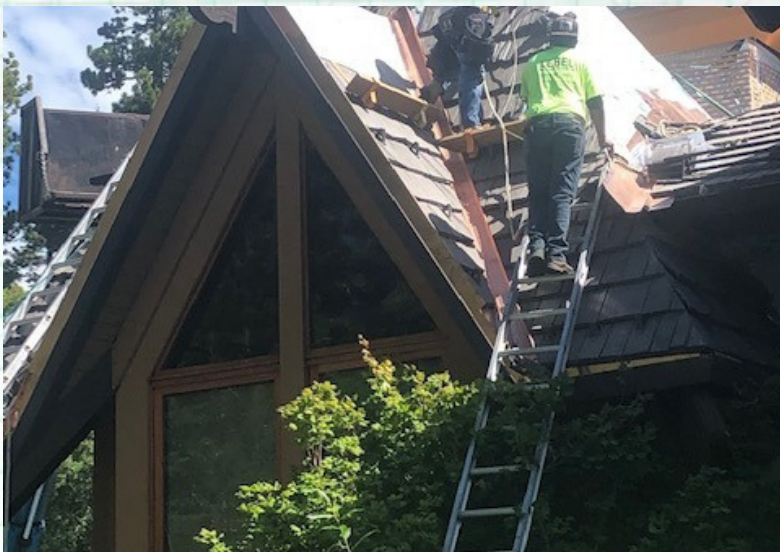
**Lebel Roofing is nearing completion with roofing of the triplex 16-17-18 with only gutter and finishing yet to be done.**

**Class A Roofing has now completed the warranty work replacement roofing on the Boat House, Yacht Club, Office, Aspen House, Units 3 and 4. They are starting on Units 7 and 8 the second week of September.**

**We are nearing completion of the second phase of the waterline replacement. This phase includes Units 13-20. Digging will be completed the second week of September, and hookups will be completed by the third week of September. The brown water which we have experienced for years should go away. The steel water pipes have been replaced by durable poly pipe. There could still be residual silt in the house plumbing so it may take time. Ed's suggestion is to run as much water as you can through your pipes to flush the lines.**



**In addition, some smaller projects were accomplished this summer. We have rebuilt the bridge across the dry creek at the South end of the serpentine walkway.**



**Upgrades to the goose fencing are being completed with additional fencing installed above the beach near Unit 2. Access to the south beach is now through a "goose gate" located at the end of the serpentine walkway.**

**A new steel ladder was installed along the serpentine pathway into the harbor for swimming access.**





# 2ND ANNUAL CRAWFISH CHALLENGE

Not as many participants and not as many crawfish showed up for the crawfish Family Challenge this year, due to COVID concerns or timing, but everyone had a great time regardless. Stewart Koch served as this year's judge and crawfish counter. The Boldt family walked away as winners once again with a haul of 49 crawfish. The Skarakis family took second but vowed to return next year for a win, and the Rufers showed up in numbers again to enjoy the food and social time as well. With the unexplained reticence of crawfish to inhabit fishing spots in great numbers around Fleur du Lac this year, the Boldts imported 30 pounds of crawfish from Louisiana.

Attendees used the opportunity to compare the quality and taste of the two different species; while Louisiana crawfish were plump and deep red in color, the Tahoe species were pinker and notably tastier. Articles had claimed the Tahoe crawfish were more gourmet and superior in flavor; diners clearly agreed.

If you were not able to join the event this year, be sure to put it on your calendar for next year. Or maybe create your own Family Challenge event!





# FLEUR DU LAC LANDSCAPE BEAUTY

## LISA'S LANDSCAPE REPORT



I can't believe the landscape season is now waning here at Fleur Du Lac. It has been amazing to meet and work with so many of you to aid in enhancing your Tahoe home's landscape. We have had many hurdles this season: COVID limiting supplies at nurseries, limited staff for most of the season, a new landscape vendor, as well as myself being new to the position.

Regardless of the hurdles, we managed to implement some new helpful procedures. Working closely with Lane to address what worked in the past and what needed to be changed, we came up with a bi-weekly schedule for the homes, and two forms to facilitate homeowner requests. The Landscaping Committee, consisting of Denise Shackleton, Jennifer Skarakis, Marcy Friedman and Michelle Baggett is helping us to prioritize projects. Together, we are creating a direction for the "bigger picture": a fluid, tidy, natural landscape at FDL. We have accomplished some of our big projects, but we still have a way to go.

Here are a few of the fall projects that we will be working on. For next year's lawn health and perpetual lawn issues, we will spray for clover, aerate, and thatch lawn for root health as well as over seed and fertilize for abundant grass coverage. At wet lawn areas, we will use clean sand to fill and grade. At dry areas, we will add new irrigation line and divide irrigation zones that cover lawn and gardens. We will add nice, consistent-looking mulch to all flower beds to protect them from harsh winter weather. We will hard prune overgrown areas (there are many) and take out large shrubs and trees that are either too close to a home's foundation or in danger of causing issues to roof lines. I enjoy working at this beautiful historic property and look forward to continuing to contribute to the natural beauty of the landscape here at Fleur Du Lac.

-Lisa Brown-Finlayson  
FDL Landscaping Manager





# SERVICE ROAD



**An important project that we tackled this summer was the re-vegetation of the abandoned Service Road. Rather than pave the old road to be in compliance for our Coverage Study, we used the same coverage to pave a road behind the Maintenance Shop. We now have more usable space; we gained five parking spaces for work/staff vehicles; and we are able to hide the unsightly dumpster from view. We worked with our landscape company Greenscapes to re-vegetate; they gave us deep discounts on labor, equipment, and plant material. This is not only a huge improvement to the look of the property; it is one of the steps required to bring us into compliance with our Coverage Study.**





# COTTONWOOD TREE REMOVAL



**Another Summer project was removing some large Cottonwood trees on the lake side of Unit 7. What was left was a destroyed flower bed, a real eyesore. The Board decided to re-sod that entire area going from the flower bed up to the large rock near Unit 7 to have it look consistent and attractive in that whole area. Again, Greenscapes gave us discounts on labor, equipment, and sod...and it looks terrific!**





**Remember**  
**Social**  
**Distancing**

# COVID SUMMMER

Please be considerate of the next person using this Common Area: please wipe down surfaces with sanitizing products provided when you are done, thanks!

COVID has brought forth a few challenges as well as some extra signage and disinfecting products around the property.

# HIKE TAHOE!

Once the California wildfire smoke clears and the Fall season calls you to venture in the wilderness, here are a couple of hikes to check out while on the West Shore of Lake Tahoe.

## Easy to moderate hike:

For an easier hike, simply go from the Meeks Bay Trailhead to the Meeks Creek Waterfall and back. If you have a bit more time and want a bigger challenge, head all the way out to Lake Genevieve and Crag Lake for stunning views and a day full of adventure.

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/meeks-bay-trail-to-lake-genevieve-and-crag-lake>

## For a more challenging hike:

<https://www.hikingproject.com/trail/7036551/stanford-rock-trail>



**View from Stanford Rock**



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West Shore Lake Tahoe

