

Fleur du Lac

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Spring 2018 Newsletter



FLEUR DU LAC ESTATES

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2018

SPRINGTIME IN THE SIERRAS

Many winters have passed our way here in the Sierras, each with its own "personality". This one was modest in comparison to many, with little snow to speak of until March rolled around! One might expect with such a late start to our snowfall, for it to be of the usual variety the Sierras have long been famous for: *Sierra Cement*. This March was different. Each storm presented a delightful dose of light and feathery sparkled fluff one could nearly blow off the windshield before heading out for the day. There were some serious avalanche conditions presented by the lack of cohesiveness, but after it had time to settle out, conditions were fantastic out on the slopes!

As winter wanes though, folks are stowing away the skis and boards, and setting to work on their summer toys. They are polishing up the boats, and jet skis, pulling out the umbrellas and lawn furniture, digging out the hiking boots, hammocks, and the camping gear... Summer is nearly here!

Soon the many beaches and hiking trails will be opening. The lake is so full now that the amount of water flowing out of the dam is likely too high to be able run the river without portaging around the bridges, and the bike trail is underwater in many places. It looks like we're in for another fabulous summer here at Lake Tahoe! At Fleur du Lac we've been working



on some fun events for July Fourth, with our annual kiddie parade, lawn games, and even a Barbecue potluck hosted for all by our newest homeowners Robin and Michelle Baggett! Read on to learn about some other fun times and social gatherings ahead, including music provided by our own Ed Platt and **Out of the Blue** (date TBD) and a Rally 'Round the Flag Event to celebrate our new and improved flag pole donated by some of our generous homeowners too...

JULY EVENTS:

7/4/18

10:00 AM ~ Kids Parade: Bikes, Scooters, and Skateboards galore. All decked out in Red, White, n' Blue! Starts at the Tennis Court.

10:30 AM ~ Honoring Earl Hagadorn: Yacht Club

Come together to re-cognize Earl Hagadorn for his years of service to us here at FDL. Snacks, and beverages will be provided.

11:00 AM ~ Lawn Games!

Bocce Ball, 3 Legged Races, Water Balloon Toss, Croquet, and more!

Come join the fun!

12:00 PM ~ Bar-be-que!

Pot-luck style: Smoked & Grilled proteins provided and by our own award winning Robin and Michelle Baggett.

7/6/18

4:00 PM ~ Walk-About Homeowner Property Tour

Anticipate 1 ½ hours to tour the grounds, and learn of past, present, and future plans.

5:30 PM ~ Wine & Cheese Reception

Bob Boldt will present info from the Strategic Planning Committee

7/7/18

9:30 AM ~ Coffee & Pastries

10:00 AM ~ Annual Homeowners Association Meeting followed by Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting at the Yacht Club

Spotlight on... *Doug and Loretta Allred!*



Doug and I have been owners of unit 8 at FDL since 2000. We bought at FDL because we wanted a large home in a Tahoe location that would be easy for our children and our ourselves to access. We also wanted a location with docks, so we could keep a boat in the water as we have always enjoyed boating, waterskiing and tubing with our family.

We both grew up in the Tri City area of Eastern Washington. Doug's father worked on the Hanford Nuclear facility and Loretta's family owned a dairy farm. We met while attending Washington State University, Doug majoring in Computer Science and Loretta majoring in Home Economics

Education. After marriage and graduation, we lived in Seattle one year and then moved to Portland, OR where Doug worked for Evans Products Company in IT and Loretta began hatching babies

After 12 years in Portland, we moved our family of six to the Bay Area when Doug was recruited for a job with loan servicing company. A year later, Doug was recruited to Oracle and after a brief time there, he was on to a little start-up called Cisco Systems. Doug was Senior Vice President of Customer Service (service and support) as the company grew from 200 employees to 40,000. His group grew from 40 employees to 10,000 in 11 years. While he was helping the company grow at such a fast pace, Loretta kept the home fires burning. She liked to think of herself as the principal of the Allred Finishing School for Fine Young Women.

When our youngest daughter graduated from high school in 2002, we dropped her off at college and just kept driving for six weeks across the United States. This time off convinced Doug to retire from Cisco Systems. Since that

time, we have spent our time traveling the world on our bikes, volunteering at our church, serving on boards (both public and nonprofit), and grandparenting. A few years ago Doug took up flying, earning his private and instrument ratings. Flying in and out of Truckee Airport makes our time at FDL even better. In March we flew our plane to Panama via Texas, Mexico, Guatemala and Costa Rica.

When we bought at FDL, we had one married daughter and one grandchild. Since then our other daughters have married and there are now 14 grandchildren ranging in age from 2 – 19 years. We have so many wonderful memories of our years at FDL. We take advantage of all the recreation offered. In the summer you'll find us using the pool, the hot tub, the playground, the pickle ball courts, riding bikes and scooters around the property, throwing rocks in the lake and catching crawdads at the dock. FDL is a beautiful, safe environment for our grandchildren to roam.

Gearing up for Summertime Fun!

July Fourth

As we gear up for a fabulous summer, we want to let you know about the great line-up we have planned for all Fleur du Lac homeowners, families, and guests on Wednesday, the Fourth of July.

The Children's Fourth of July Parade will begin at 10 AM, starting as always at the tennis courts. This is your kids' and grandkids' chance to decorate whatever mode of transport they wish to ride in the parade in the colors of our great country. Anything goes ... from baby strollers to roller skates, from bicycles to skateboards. This wonderful tradition was started by Loretta Allred and it has become a Fleur du Lac favorite over the years. Whether or not you have a specific little one to cheer on, please join us for this fun family event. Those kids do NOT disappoint!

In the afternoon, the Association is planning a Rally 'Round the Flagpole Event, and a Barbecue at the Yacht Club and everybody is invited. New homeowners Robin and Michelle Baggett have generously offered to furnish the meat, and they will be using their own staff, large BBQ's, and smokers to prepare what is sure to be an incredible treat. If you would like to bring a side dish to share, that would be terrific. We are also planning some games during the BBQ hours for young and old alike, to be held out on the lawns surrounding the Yacht Club ... Three-legged race, Water balloon toss, Croquet anyone? If you are interested in helping us plan or run some of the games - or if you have any fun ideas to share - let Paula Boldt or Jordan Koch know. As with all events, the more people get involved, the more people attend ... and the more people attend, the more fun it will be! 😊

As we continue to tackle important projects at FDLE, we feel it is equally important to continue growing the spirit of community which was highlighted as a priority at last summer's Annual Homeowners Meeting.

Best,
Lane

Parks and Trails...

Tahoe area parks and trails are many and offer a wide variety of adventures for all. Already open for Day Use; Inspiration Point, Baldwin Beach and Nevada Beach (The absolute *best* Sunsets!). The trail-head restrooms at Eagle Falls, Kiva Picnic Area, McKinney Rubicon Trailhead, Sawmill Pond, and Tallac Point all open by May 15th.

Here's a list of tentative opening dates:

- Chimney Beach and Secret Harbor ~ May 1st
- Sandpit OHV Area in South Lake Tahoe ~ May 10th
- Big Meadow Trailhead ~ May 25th
- Pope Beach ~ May 26th

There are some fantastic events planned in our West Shore Parks this year; Living history Day, held annually on the last Sat. in July at the Ehrman Mansion in Sugar Pine State Park, will transport you and your family back to the 1930's with docent's dressed to fit the part leading tours of the mansion, vintage cars and fire engines, live music, food and fun for young and old alike.

This year Sugar Pine Park be also host **Big Bluegrass** on July 27th from 5:00 – 9:00 PM. AND for a special treat, there's *Music in the Castle: Bach, Bossa Nova and Beatles* to be held in the Vikingsholm, July 14th from 5 – 7:30 PM. This event will only seat 30 lucky participants! <https://sierrastateparks.ticketleap.com/music-castle>.

They have many other great things in store for us on the West Shore this summer...

You can learn about them here: <https://sierrastateparks.org/events>

Parks and Trails...

And Fishing!

If you have a hankering to hike some of our trails or get out and do some fishing, here are a few links to investigate: <https://tahoerimtrail.org> for maps and descriptions of the various portions of the Tahoe Rim Trail. *OR...* another option is to just walk out the door right here... Just outside the north gate is Grand Avenue... Go back into the forest there and you'll end up in Blackwood Canyon... Or take the road back in there from Highway 89 just a few block north of here at Kaspian Recreation Area and Blackwood Canyon Snow Park. You can venture up to Barker Pass where you'll cross the Pacific Crest Trail. You can park up there for a quick day hike. Find all the maps you can ever use at MyTopo.com – online maps <http://www.mytopo.com/maps/index.cfm> starting from Homewood, CA 96141.

For fishing excursions, look into gotahoenorth.com/lake-tahoe-activities/fishing, or tahoefishingcharters.com. There's endless fun to be had here at the lake. If you need help finding information about anything – Don't hesitate to ask!

Coming soon! "Marty's Menu"...

Our landscaping Supervisor, Marty, will be providing Homeowners with a "menu" of perennials that will succeed in our mountain environment. Homeowners will be allowed to select plants from the menu to supplement and beautify (need and extent as determined by Marty) the existing borders and beds immediately surrounding their homes. Marty can't start planting here until after the last frost date of June 1st, but will be getting the menu out to homeowners in early May so you can be planning your selections and be ready when the time comes. We will also have Green Envy's help with spring clean-up, and lawns this year, so Marty and his crew will have time to prune/thin trees, clean up areas near the Highway 89 wall, and hopefully improve the Grand Ave area as well.

PROPERTY STATUS UPDATES

FROM THE DESK OF MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR ~ ED PLATT

Domestic Water Upgrade Project: Flowrite Inc. arrived on April 24 to start the project. They have finished digging under Units 1-8 to expose water line connections. They called USA DIG to mark utilities and are ready to start their replacement operation as soon as the grading permit is granted. Our Consultant, Jan Brisco is submitting the grading permit application to TRPA under an Emergency classification to speed it through. Lane and Ed devised an exit strategy and obtained agreement from Flowrite whereby if, for any reason, there is holdup on this project, we can postpone all or part of the project as deemed appropriate and resume in the fall when homeowners are not on the premises.

Coverage Project: The coverage survey is nearly complete – Travis from Terragraphics Land Surveying is drafting, and compiling the report onto paper, to be reviewed by Jan Brisco and FDLE before submitting to TRPA. This should be in hand within the next couple of weeks.

Drainage in large meadow: The drainage pipes serving this area are clogged with debris and soil; the drain intersections have fallen into disrepair and were either abandoned or landscaped over. We brought out a contractor from South Shore who specializes in this work and has very sophisticated equipment to locate and clear problem areas After walking the property he told us that, **1.)** He cannot perform the task this year due to high water level (making it impossible to clear pipes), and **2.)** He is not sure he can perform this function at all with the

large equipment he has without destroying the lawn. Ed suggests we look into an open, rock-lined drainage ditch option with foot bridges and perhaps small ponds as an alternative drainage plan. This would require professional design and permitting. To be reassessed in 2019 or beyond.

Outer Jetty Vertical Wood: Some of the wooden boards on the lake side of the large jetty are failing and this is very unsightly from the lake. While we have \$41K budgeted for 2019, we will do some minor repairs of the worst offenders this spring. Adding boulders there would be an expensive but permanent fix, similar to what we did at the inner marina.

Goose Abatement: After extensive research, and because our previous attempts had proven unsuccessful, we enlisted our Pest Control Man to assist us in identifying and initiating a Goose Abatement program. We started the spraying on April 20 and have already seen fewer geese as the food source is rendered unpalatable for the geese and they (hopefully) move elsewhere.

Pool and Spa, and Related Equipment Upgrades at the Cabana

Pool, Wader and Spa Re-plaster work is scheduled to start May 21st with Tahoe Pool & Spa. We got them to agree to have job completed before June 30th.

Pool Equipment Room Rebuild: All the repairs, rebuilds, and replacements have been made to the equipment. We are finishing the patch and paint to the interior which is 95% complete.

The additional plumbing required for this upgrade had to be routed from one end of the building to the other, so you will notice the installation of a new soffit above the lockers. The Equipment Room is much more functional now with the addition of the new sand filters and Dispenser Reservoirs.



Vertical Boards along Serpentine and at Boat House: Pacific Built Inc. will be reattaching the vertical boards which are falling off the serpentine and jetty walkways after they finish the Boat House repair project. As they already have the divers, their barge and other equipment here, they have agreed to tack this onto the end of the Boat House repair work.



Summer is just around the corner, and Lake Tahoe is full!

The Harbor opens may 15th. We need to have your current watercraft insurance documentation in our files prior to its arrival in the Harbor for the upcoming 2018 summer season, so if you have not done so yet, please make sure to get that to us if you want to keep your watercraft in the Fleur du Lac Harbor.

“Opening Day at the Lake”

An annual West Shore event held on Memorial Day weekend; May 25th – 27th.

You'll find deck opening celebrations at many of the nearby restaurants, discounted sales at many of our local shops, contests, games, tours and more including the ever popular annual *Mike Brown Seaplane Splash-In* and *Community BBQ* at Obexer's General Store.

This takes place just a mile south of Fleur du Lac and is quite the sight to see right here from the comfort of our own Yacht Club!

Learn more about this family fun event here: tahoetopia.com/news/kick-tahoe-summer-opening-day-lake

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