

CAMALOCH ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER MAY 11, 2020



BOARD MEETING - MAY 14 – 7 PM

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Welcome to the revived Camaloch Association Newsletter Issue 2.

We welcome the community to become actively involved in committees of interest and to provide input about ideas or concerns. Your questions and comments will be reviewed and addressed by the appropriate committee or Board Member. Please direct correspondence to camalochboard@gmail.com

Camaloch Board:

Joseph Day, *President*
Steve Anderson, *Vice President*
Rick Bentley, *Treasurer*
Jennifer Seiler, *Secretary*
Duane Schleitweiler
Harvey Scott
Marty Burgess
Larry Shaw

Organizational Development Committee

Rick Bentley, Steve Anderson, Harvey Scott, Cathy Lofton-Day

There seem to be some misconceptions about recent board actions. Over the past few weeks, we've heard a few comments that the board is making radical changes to the way the association is structured and how it does business.

To be clear, what we have done is form a few "action committees", one being the "Organization Development Committee". The purpose of this committee is to evaluate and update the Camaloch

Community Association's business components. We are looking at everything from top to bottom with the goal of bringing our business practices forward to reflect the changes we have seen in our community over the years. We are no longer the small 'getaway' community we once were. Instead we now have a diverse group of full-time residents, snow-birds, young and old, and a 1.5 million-dollar business.

Over the next few months, working with our current management team and staff, we plan to look at the most appropriate and beneficial staffing structure, update job descriptions, procedural manuals, employee manuals, HR policies, and all current operations policies. This will not be a simple task but everyone, including the Board, the employees and the community will benefit.

Pernie Walla

Pernie has been invaluable in transitioning Camaloch Association from Gary Schopf as manager, under an initial plan to work part time and train his replacement in 6 months to a year. With the timeframe of Pernie's employment being extended, he has helped develop three very capable managers: Jason Hannum the Golf Superintendent, Mike Reynolds the Director of Golf, and Connie Kuehn the Office Manager. Pernie has been an important part of the growth of the Camaloch Community, and he has overseen significant improvements to the golf course.

The Board is in the process of evaluating the operations and procedures for the Camaloch Corporation to determine next steps to improve the organization and ensure financial stability.

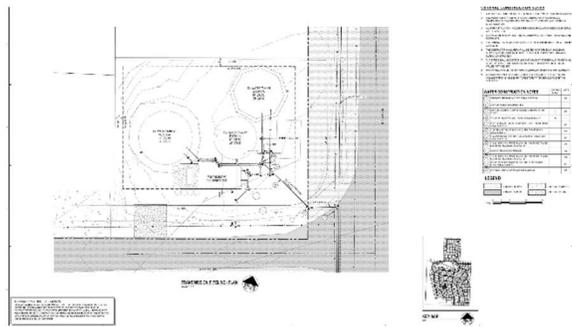
Finance and Long-range Planning Committee

Joe Day, Rick Bentley, Harvey Scott, Jenn Seiler, Cathy Lofton-Day, Connie Kuehn

The Finance and LRP Committee has been revamping the monthly Treasurer’s report. Behind the scenes we are working with Connie to streamline and simplify the balance sheet and profit and loss overview. The goal is to provide complete transparency so everyone knows and understands how our resources are being allocated.

Water Committee

Joe Day, Marty Burgess, Andrew Curry, Larry Shaw, Duane Schleitweiler



The Water Committee is responsible for ensuring that Camaloch has a water system that provides for the needs of the community and meets state and local requirements. New members have recently been added to this committee to provide more depth of expertise for oversight of our multimillion-dollar water infrastructure project and ongoing water operations activities. The committee welcomes Marty Burgess, Andrew Curry, and Larry Shaw and thanks them for their willingness to step forward to help guide us in these endeavors.



Jason and Marty in the Pump House

Pump House, one pump and two meters down.

A pump is out in the drinking water pump house and at least two meters that record flow from wells have failed. Evaluation of the pump indicates it will need to be replaced. We are meeting with King Water to investigate the best way to fix our failed meters so we can comply with the State’s requirements. David Prinzhorn, the lead Engineer for the Water Project (Coffman Engineers), has provided bid packets and blueprints to the Water Committee and we are reviewing the plans so we can update the community on the next phase of the Water Project.



Larry Shaw says the Pump house is like an old friend



Smith Lake Committee

Joe Day, Kathy Neilson, Karen Denyse

The committee is evaluating the aeration system and whether a new air compressor is needed. The committee is working with Jason who is chiefly responsible for oversight of Smith Lake.



Aging Air Compressor Smith Lake Aeration System

Board Updates

Michael Lloyd has left the Board

Michael was a valuable member of the Board for a year and did invaluable work on the Smith Lake Committee, recruiting and guiding a group of ten members. Joe Day will be the new Head of the Smith Lake Committee and Kathy Nielson and Karen Denyse are willing to help continue and organize the effort to maintain Smith Lake.

New Board Member - Larry Shaw

We are fortunate to have Larry Shaw join the Board, and he is willing to help with The Water and Smith Lake committees.

Larry's Bio: Camaloch Board of Trustees (1998-2004). President Camaloch Board (1999-2004); Camaloch Volunteer work crew (1995- 2008)

Projects: Installed 6 miles of course drainage, built bathroom complex on golf course, remodeled rental house and upgrade of chalet complex, installed swimming pool drainage system, roadway catch basins and right of way drainage systems.

Daily water system maintenance for 14 years.

Community swimming pool operations 2 years.

During Larry's 29-year Boeing career he developed extensive expertise in organizational operation, conflict resolution and change implementation. Larry's willingness to help at this critical time is much appreciated as we evaluate the Association's operations and begin the next phase of our 2.5M water project.

Jim LaRoche has resigned from the Board

Jim LaRoche has recently left the Board and the position of Treasurer. Jim is a greatly respected member of the community and wants to continue to help Camaloch as a member of committees or wherever he can participate.

We are fortunate that Rick Bentley has been willing to step as Camaloch Treasurer.

New Board Treasurer - Rick Bentley

Rick Bentley has over 40 years business experience at the corporate and executive level. His experience in finance, business planning, organization development, and team building make him an excellent fit for our needs on the Board. He has

eight years of local nonprofit business experience at the Camano Community Center and the Stanwood Camano food bank and thrift store. He has eight years of experience, including positions of Treasurer, Trustee, and President of the Camano Center Board. He has successfully started several companies and brings a rare assortment of skills to our Board.

Camaloch Board President - update

Steve Anderson who was interim President, after Lee Clementson left the Board due to health issues, has recently moved into the Vice President position and Joseph Day was voted to be President of Camaloch Association.

Committee Updates:

Architecture and Roads Committee

Steve Anderson, Marty Burgess, Barb Athanas

The Association issues two types of permits to its membership: • General Work Permit • Roads Right of Way Work Permit. Before starting a project, please complete and follow the Permit Process and call before you dig.

The Architecture and Roads Committee works through our Business office to ensure that the community follows Camaloch's Building and Use Restrictions. You can find these documents on the Camaloch website HOA section:

<https://camalochgolf.com/camaloch-hoa-information/>

Safety Committee

Jenn Seiler, Cathy Lofton-Day

The Safety Committee thanks all members who have provided feedback regarding the safety improvements implemented in late 2019. The radar sign seems to be the most popular reminder to keep speeds under 20 mph. Although some have expressed annoyance regarding the speed bump at the entrance, it does increase visitor and vendor awareness of the need to slow down in our community.

Sign Committee

Rick Bentley, Jenn Seiler, Chris Seiler, Cathy Lofton-Day



Thanks to Jason & crew for removing the old sign and flag pole and progressing on the two new signs. Thanks to all the ground crews and Tom Gascoigne and others who have maintained the flag and pole and lights over the years.

A pergola-like structure has been added to the reader board. Faux stone post covers will be installed soon. The Sign Committee met with Jason and Barb Athanas regarding planting around the new entrance sign. Barb has some great ideas for plants and is completing the landscape design to showcase our new entrance sign.

Pool Committee

Jenn Seiler, Marty Burgess Jennifer Bradley, Milla Freuff

The pool committee will be meeting as soon as Island County allows for phase 2 of “Safe Start Washington.” The committee will research and discuss the safety involved in the opening of our community pools; possibly as early as mid-June as indicated by the WA State Proclamation.

Meet your Neighbors:

Voltar Basti, Master Stone Worker



Voltar Basti has lived on Camano Island for 30 years and in Camaloch for the last 10. He is a master brick layer, speaks 6 languages and is from Hungary. He is a hard worker and honest guy with interesting stories and perspectives.

Tim Eichler, Golf, and Carpenter Ants



Tim Eichler, our friendly neighborhood Pest Control Guy was spotted heading to the golf course for his first round of the year. When asked about the flying ants we see everywhere he cautioned that they are queen carpenter ants and can nest in house structures and damage new wood in your home, not just rotting stumps. *Ask Marty about his experience.*

Harry Chaffee Navy stories and Screwdriver needed to golf at Camaloch



I was walking in the neighborhood with Cathy, Daeva and Kai and was fortunate to meet Harry Chaffee on his 95th birthday. His wife's birthday was the next day. He told a few intriguing Navy stories and one regarding Harry at a high brass meeting in which an ambitious One Star discovered much to his surprise that Harry Chaffee, a Commander, had a higher clearance. He also asked if we knew that a screwdriver was required for golfing in the early days of golf at Camaloch. He and his wife were headed out to play hole #1 and were asked if they had one - to dig up rocks in the fairway!

Dawn and Randy preparing their Jeep to sell



Camaloch Report:

BURGLAR WARNING

Steve Anderson reports that valuables were taken from his car. Please lock your vehicles and houses and let's watch out for our neighbors. Do we have a neighborhood watch?

Entrance Gate takes another hit



The entrance Gate has been damaged once again and requires welding and reattachment of the arm to the gate. We are looking at the money we continue to invest in the gate and are evaluating ways to make the gate less susceptible to damage. Thanks to the gate crew: Jason H, Tom G, Steve A.

Notices:

- Jason and Crew will begin spraying ditches **May 25**. If you do not want your ditch sprayed, place 'No Spray' signs in ditch. Please remember you are responsible for maintaining the ditch if not sprayed.
- The Camaloch Garage Sale has been postponed indefinitely.
- Pools will open at the earliest mid-June as indicated by the WA State Proclamation

Golf Course:

The Golf course opened on May 5th with restrictions. We appreciate your patience and cooperation following the rules. We plan to open the driving range (only for those with T times 30 minutes prior), rent carts for one person per cart, and allow limited access of the putting green. Check the Camaloch website for more information <https://camalochgolf.com/>.

MYSTERY PHOTO: What is this?

