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Echo Falls Newsletter

Graduation Days

This year our EF community has seen four of our young adults graduate from high school or college. For many of us it has been especially gratifying to have witnessed their accomplishments over the years. Now that they have grown, there is no doubt that these exceptional young people will continue to achieve their highest aspirations. Aubrey Knutson, daughter of Cheri and Glen, graduated from Cedar Park and will be receiving leadership experience when she embarks on the City Church Internship program for one year. Upon completion, Aubrey will decide where she will further her education. Brooke Mathews, daughter of Yvonne and Don, graduated from Cedar Park and will be attending Seattle University, where she will major in Molecular Biology. Brooke's long term goal is pursuing a career in the medical field. Lauren Langston, daughter of Layne and Jeff, graduated from Archbishop Murphy High School and is in the process of selecting a university where she will major in Business. Morgan Harry, a Cedar Park alumni and the daughter of Terri and David, graduated from Gonzaga University where she majored in Mathematics/Finance. Morgan had several offers for employment and opted to work for DNV GL, an International company that focuses on energy for the future. Morgan hired on as a Data Analyst. Congratulations to all of our graduates!

Way to Teach

David McNickle, our former EF HOA president, was notified that he is one of five finalists for University of Washington's Bothell-campus Teacher of the Year award. Considering that this is only David's third year of teaching, the honor is even more significant. Congratulations, David, for a job well done.

Welcome to The Neighborhood

The community of Echo Falls continues to grow as we welcome new homeowners into the neighborhood. Many homeowners who have since moved away continue to be part of our lifelong circle of friends. These friends will always be part of the Echo Falls family.

Today we'd like to recognize the newest members to the wonderful community we call home. Join me in welcoming Susan and Jim Geiser, who just moved from back to Washington from Kona, Hawaii. Jim, a retired Seattle police officer/detective, looks forward to the many rounds of golf he intends to play. Susan, who was a floral designer, will be spending much of her summer using her talents gardening.

Bonnie and Ken Holstad, who were one of the first to have their wedding reception at Echo Falls twenty years ago, moved here from Lost Lake. Prior to retirement Bonnie owned her own flower shop and Ken was an electrical contractor.

Gary and Shelly Lacroix are very familiar with Echo Falls, having just moved from Kenmore. They are both in the Finance industry, but during their off-hours, you'll likely find Gary out on the golf course and Shelly gardening or preparing a gourmet meal – two of her favorite hobbies.

Laurie and TW (5th generation Theodore) Ingram just moved from their home state of Texas to Washington where TW will work for Boeing. Laurie will be working from home for the same Texas company in the IT security field. This is the first time that any member of the Ingram family has left Texas – even their two sons stayed back for Texas colleges. Laurie and TW love golf, hunting and fishing. They certainly picked the perfect house for those hobbies!

Welcome home, neighbors!

Splash Bash by *Marianne Bourland*

Since summer has come in a blaze of glory this year, perhaps you find yourself like me daydreaming of outdoor parties and night time soirees poolside this season. I believe there is no greater cure for bored children than a dip in the pool. So how do you go about reserving the pool? Simply notify the Pool Committee in writing or through our website (www.ef-hoa.com) two weeks before your desired date. There is a pool calendar located in the women's changing room that shows what dates/times are available. A couple things to remember to ensure a safe and fun time at your event: EF does not provide a lifeguard. One adult per three children in the water is strongly recommended. An EF homeowner must be present at the party at all times and your reservation of the pool does not mean that you can close the pool to other homeowners. This should prove to be a fantastic pool season. If you are considering throwing a party at the pool, please take a moment to read the EFHA 2016 Swimming Pool Rules.

Echo Falls Book Club

The following are the dates for the summer session of the book club:

Tuesday 6/28 The Art of Hearing Heartbeats by Jan P. Sendker
Tuesday 7/26 The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd
Tuesday 8/23 The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen
For information contact Cheryl Wehdahl 360-668-6297

Echo Falls Bible Study

The members of the Bible Study group would like to welcome new members to join them for their summer session.

Wednesday June 15 Greenside Grill at 11:00am
Wednesday July 13 Italianissimo at 11:00am
Wednesday August 10 Greenside Grill 11:00 am
For information contact Ruth Milliken 360-668-2955

Wine Country

We are fortunate to live so close to Washington's wine country and the events that the wineries provide for us. If you haven't done so already, take a look at Chateau Ste. Michelle's Concert on the Green summer schedule. Several concerts are sold out, but with added performances, you may be able to find lawn seating. Also check out Matthews Cellars on Friday nights at 6:30PM. They provide live music, great food, and of course, their award-winning wines by the glass or bottle. Dancing is optional! Open to the public of all ages.

Critters, Big Critters

If you haven't heard the latest, we definitely have a bear in the neighborhood: it's been spotted three times. If you see it, immediately call 911 so that the authorities can have it relocated. Also, a female coyote and her four pups have been seen several times throughout the golf course. Be vigilant, keep your pets safe, and be sure that no food is left outside.

Mark Your Calendars

Don't miss out on the annual Block Party which will be held at the pool on July 17th. A flier with additional information is forthcoming. Pam Mannon will be hosting a Wine Sensory Party at the clubhouse to fully learn how to appreciate our local wines. Pam is planning a Sep/Oct date, depending on the winery's schedule.

Annual Garage Sale

A shout out to Marianne Bourland for organizing another successful garage sale. Although it rained for most of the day, we had an outstanding turnout of eager buyers – some even went as far to say that they never miss our annual event!

Beautiful Landscapes

After a record-breaking wet winter, our lawns and yards suffered dramatically. However, in the past sixty-days we have seen a significant improvement in the upkeep of our yards and gardens. Thanks to everyone who has trimmed their bushes and trees, planted flowers and shrubs, reseeded their lawn, or spread mulch/bark on their grounds: the amount of effort has truly beautified our neighborhood.



If there is something you would like to see in an upcoming newsletter, contact Marianne Bourland at 206-226-5114 or Charlie Valentine at 425-501-3264. The next issue will be August 2016.