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LAKE**  
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**ASSOCIATION  
NEWSLETTER**  
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Dear Blacksmith Lake Lot Owners,

This letter is a winter update for the membership. As you all well know the roads are in poor condition. The board has met via telephone and in person, and plans for repair on the worst parts are completed. We have limited funds, so the work will be also be limited.

In the meantime, the best way to avoid damage to your vehicles is to *slow down*, and choose your path carefully. It's not optimal, but it does work. I can't tell you how many times I've seen drivers blowing past my driveway as though they're late for their own wedding. My philosophy is, "If you need to get there that soon, leave earlier."

Since accepting the position of president of the board, I've had several folks approach me with concerns. Some are dissatisfied with the manner in which the road is maintained. What I find very interesting is that the people with the most complaints are never seen at meetings, nor do they EVER participate in the road work parties.

If you have a complaint, you have the right to express it in the proper forum. However, you also have a responsibility to make suggestions for improvement and be willing to lend a hand to make it work. That said, the pothole filling party that we had in November was very well attended. We had a great turn out, and were treated to lunch following the party. Thanks to Donna Nieshitau, Lynn Johnson, and Jack and Frances Piggott for providing food; and a special thanks to Bill Johansen for making Camp 1421 available to us. It was great! That's what community is all about!

Also, kudos to Robert and Mirka Ramsey, who grabbed shovels and filled potholes using the gravel that had migrated to the side of the road.

As we move into the new year, we will once again be looking to raise dues. We cannot continue to come close to acceptable maintenance without some additional funding. The financial records are available for anyone to look at so that you can see costs and outlay of the money that we do have.

The spring meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., on April 25, 2019, at the library in Belfair. In addition to a dues increase, the election of the offices of first vice-president and treasurer will be addressed, as this is an odd numbered year. Nominations for these offices will be opened at the spring meeting, and elections will be held in the fall.

Treasurer, Jodi Tief, has advised me that she intends to resign her position as treasurer. This is a position that CANNOT remain vacant. If you are interested in filling this essential position, please call Claudia at 360-205-3553. You must be bondable. This is a landline, so don't text. Jodi has served the community in this position for twelve years. She has donated hundreds of hours of her time and effort. Costs for paper, toner, printing, postage as well as other expenses have come out of her pocket; she has asked for no compensation.

When you see Jodi, please remember to thank her for her service.

Keep this in mind: If you see a pot hole, grab a shovel, and scoop migrated gravel from the side of the road. If you're unable to shovel, be creative and think of other ways you can help. By the way, if you have machinery and are willing to help with snow removal, if necessary, please give Jeff Overturf a call.

See you in April!

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