

SPRING 2007 MLPOS MEMBERSHIP LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is time to renew our annual M.L.P.O.S. memberships. Your membership renewal application for 2007 to 2008 has been mailed to you. Boaters and tennis players are also requested to submit renewal fees at this time. Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated.

Boaters, please remember that proof of \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance on your vessel must accompany your renewal. If you do not provide proof of insurance, your moorage contract will not be accepted and your slip will be assigned to someone else. The waiting list for moorage is getting longer each year as new residents move into Magic Lake Estates and the word gets out about the fabulous facility we have at bargain basement moorage rates.

The Marina is in good condition despite all of the winter storms. The piling on A Dock has been repaired and fortified. Dock replacement work on the remaining older slips will continue in April and May. If you can help out with this project, please call Brian Starkey, Marine Projects manager at 629-8356 and volunteer your handy services.

Thieves Bay is one of the best land-based whale watching areas in the Southern Gulf Islands. While we are extremely proud of our marina and encourage everyone to enjoy the view and the orca antics, we are also very concerned about people parking their cars at the end of the road. Please remember that there is no parking allowed on any part of the road leading to the breakwater. This is for emergency access only and violators will be towed. The designated loading zone is meant for short term loading and unloading not for parking. We have considered putting a gate up to limit vehicle access but this seems incredibly unfriendly and, for the most part, inappropriate to deal with a tiny minority of thoughtless people. So, for now, we will increase and improve the signage, and we will diligently tow parked vehicles - at the owner's expense. Please, help us by parking in the designated parking lot and by reminding others to do the same.

All indications seem to point to a hot dry summer that will put pressure on the limited water supply we have in Magic Lake Estates. Water conservation is everyone's responsibility, so please do your part and conserve at every opportunity. Alternative water collection devices - like cisterns to hold rainwater runoff from your roof - are incredibly efficient and effective. Also, hot, dry summers ignite our fear of fires. Please try to compost or chip yard waste. If you choose to burn this spring (prior to the annual summer ban on all fires), please burn small, hot fires. Never burn green wood either inside or outdoors, wait for the debris to dry out even if this means waiting until later in the spring or until next Fall. And remember, it is illegal to burn garbage.

The "2nd All Community Garage Sale" will be on Saturday May 12th from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Once again, all proceeds will be donated to the Community Health Centre's Building Fund. Book a table by calling Beth Arcand at 629-6763.

We are all looking forward to a very busy summer and we thank all members for their involvement and participation in keeping Magic Lake Estates a great community!
Encourage your neighbours to join – it's the best \$20 they'll ever spend!!

Sincerely
Sue Bailey, President