

ShoreScore Update

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Candidate Forum

As announced in our last Update, the Meydenbauer Bay Neighborhood Association (MBNA) is sponsoring a candidates' debate at the Overlake Golf Club next Wednesday evening, Oct. 5th.

The candidates who've indicated they will attend include:

- 1) Jennifer Robertson – running unopposed
- 2) Aaron Laing vs. John Stokes – both new candidates
- 3) Patti Mann vs. Claudia Balducci (incumbent)
- 4) Michelle Hilhorst vs. John Chelminiak (incumbent)

Why attend? Attendees from the MBNA Candidate Forum two years ago reported it was the best candidate event of the year. With attorney Charlie Klinge as moderator, we expect issues relevant to shoreline property owners will be high among the questions posed to candidates. If you're concerned about these issues, and the composition and philosophy of the Council going forward, it should be of great importance before you cast your ballot in November.

Where to Go - Overlake Golf Club – 8000 NE 16th, Medina (7PM)

Lake Sammamish Outflow & Water Levels

First, some practical advice – as you'll understand why in a moment, with wet weather returning, it is important that water craft and other water toys be removed from the shoreline. Left to the elements, they will soon find their way to the outflow channels of our lakes where they cause dangerous obstructions to flow.

On Lake Sammamish, King County has completed clearing brush across the entire width below the weir outlet channel in Marymoor Park. While this will help under extreme wet weather conditions, it must be noted that the County has not yet resolved how it will remove a 10 year accumulation of debris that's built up in the high flow channels. This debris will again act as a dam automatically raising lake levels 2 ft. above the weir during wet periods. You should plan on similar conditions this year, with docks underwater and shorelines inundated, as seen the last several years.

CAUTION: One objective of County maintenance efforts this last month was to make the center channel navigable to small boats such as kayaks. However, in clearing the massive growth, a rock obstruction was discovered mid-way through the area. We strongly suggest that only the most accomplished of boaters venture down the center channel until it is cleared. **We need your help! Write County Council members** urging them to open the channel, removing the dangers to unsuspecting boaters, and help

alleviate lake high water levels. This will even help salmon, easing their trip back to spawning grounds on several streams such as Issaquah Creek. (Write to County Council members at this email address – Council@KingCounty.gov)

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