

## Lake Auburn Watershed Neighborhood Association (LAWNA)

### Administrative Policy No. 1 General Administrative

#### **SUBJECT: Outdoor Trails & Recreational Facilities**

#### **Policy Purpose:**

To maintain open space for recreation, protect the Lake Auburn Watershed, and to promote visitor responsibility to stay safe and volunteerism.

In accordance with Lake Auburn Community Center's mission, we are committed to providing quality outdoor recreational opportunities while preserving the integrity of the Lake Auburn Watershed. A positive relationship between people and the land will promote good stewardship; therefore Lake Auburn Community Center encourages visitors to use its outdoor trails.

#### **Scope:**

This policy applies to volunteers, visitors, vendors, employees, and contracted workers.

#### **Definitions:**

Lake Auburn Community Center (LACC) property - includes any owned or leased buildings / rented office space / properties / vehicles on LACC's campus; includes all grounds and any parking lots that are owned by LACC.

Outdoor Trails – Any path that is on LACC property that may be used for recreation. Generally pedestrian use including snowmobiles is allowed and at this time ATVs/UTVs are only permitted in conjunction with authorized and planned trail work.

Users – Any person on LAWNA property.

#### **Policy:**

It is the policy of Lake Auburn Community Center that outdoor trails promoted by LACC may be used by employees, volunteers, visitors, vendors, contracted and workers for recreation provided that they follow LACC's rules, guidelines, and regulations.

The LAWNA is not liable for any injury or damage incurred by individuals on LAWNA property. Individuals bear full responsibility for any damages to LAWNA property from unauthorized activities or abuse of the property & furnishings.

#### **Stewardship:**

All users of the Lake Auburn Community Center are expected to act as good stewards of the watershed lands and to enhance the recreational experience in the community. Behaviors that support good stewardship and the mission of LACC include:

1. Carry in/Carry Out- Users should leave LACC property with everything that was brought in. Examples include but are not limited to: food waste (organic and inorganic), clothing and accessories, outdoor equipment, pet waste, and

- beverage containers. Returnable beverage containers should be donated to the LACC, as they can be used to pay for electricity and the rest room facility.
2. Keep found objects in their place- Users are free to enjoy the equipment and facilities that LACC provides, but must remember to return them to their proper storage place and condition. Natural items and cultural artifacts should be left where found, for user safety, and for the enjoyment of others.
  3. Recreational equipment such as Volley balls and horse shoes are located in the closet built into the sign kiosk on the property. Please ask an LACC representative for the lock combination when anticipated use might occur.
  4. Treat nature with respect- Users should give wildlife space, keep plants and habitats un-damaged. Stay on designated trails and minimize the impact of activities.
  5. Treat other users with respect- Users should be courteous on LACC property to other users by sharing the trail and practicing the other behaviors of good stewardship listed above.
  6. Small cooking and/or warming fires are permitted in the designated areas and shall not be left unattended and shall be extinguished by well water prior to leaving the premises.
  7. Overnight stays are only permitted in conjunction with authorized youth outings and/or with the permission of the President of LAWNA.

### **Community Center Guidelines:**

The LACC is open to visitors during the hours of 8:00 AM and 8:30 PM. Please see guidelines for use below:

1. The structures shall not be used or occupied by the public until it is reviewed and approved by the Planning Board and made compliant with state and local codes for any future intended use. The current use of structures, as private barn/agricultural buildings, may continue, however, their condition is unsafe for public occupancy. The "Ice House" and A.D.A bathroom are the only buildings safe for public occupancy for short visits.
2. Events during phase 1 shall be limited to a maximum of 15 vehicles accessing the site. Vehicles should not be parked on the roadside. Please consider car-pooling, walking, biking, or riding.
3. All refuse and recycling containers shall be located within a refuse enclosure with the exception of trash cans while in use for an event.
4. Any site lighting shall be focused on the property and shall not spill onto adjacent parcels or the public way. Lighting shall be limited to the hours of 7:30 AM to 8:30 PM.
5. Please no excessive noise or gatherings.
6. LACC generally operates on a first come, first serve basis for family reunions, company barbeques, sports matches, etc. Reservations may be made ahead of time at [info@auburnwatershed.org](mailto:info@auburnwatershed.org).

Donations may be made by bringing returnable bottles to the Center and depositing them in the barrels. Donors can also send checks, made payable to LAWNA:

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President  
(Signature on File)

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