

# LMD Steering Committee

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Second position vacant

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## Walthew Drive/Kyro Road

First position vacant  
Second position vacant

# Our home, our neighbors...

By DJ Smith

"Long Lake has been our home for more than 35 years," said Bill Oliva. "We moved to the Olympia area from Seattle in 1941. Heck, we were all looking for work. When Blanche and I first came down here she accused me of taking her to the end of the world."

Blanche laughed. "I hated it immediately," she added. Bill's sharp eyes winked. "All we saw was the Bailey Motor Inn. It was raining, dark and wet. It was miserable."

But Bill found work, and together, Blanche and Bill raised their family.

"Our good friendxs, Jenny and Knox, lived out here on the lake," Bill said, pointing to a white house across the lake, just east of Holmes Island. "I used to come out here and go fishing with him."

"Almost every Sunday," moaned Blanche with a friendly smile. "The fishing was great. We'd catch all kinds of fish – trout, bass, perch, sunfish – you just needed to know where to look. Knox knew all the good spots."

The fishing was too good. The family moved to Long Lake in 1961.

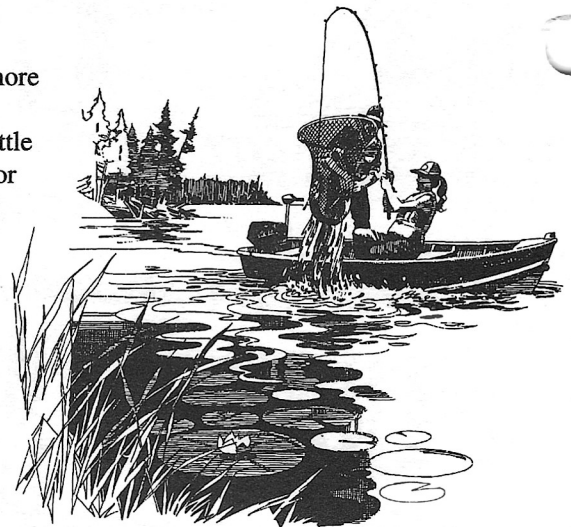
"There was nothing out here but trees and a few houses," said Blanche. "I was convinced that if it ever snowed out here they'd never find us until the summer thaw!"

"Long Lake was mainly a resort area in those days," said Bill. "About every 60 or 70 feet there used to be a little cabin along the lakefront from just past the Fairgrounds up to about 32nd Ave."

"They called it 'Millionaires Row,' said Blanche. "Ray Kidwiller used to own them."

Bill added... "Every one of them was about 20 feet square and about all they had was a water faucet. Every weekend, every summer, people from Seattle or Tacoma would fill them up -- fishing," he said.

Silent memories slid privately between



Bill and Blanche. "That old red barn up there by Vista Village – that really used to be part of a large dairy farm – Richter's Dairy Farm, I think," he said.

"There used to be a big dance pavilion up by Vista Village – like the one's they have back east. It was called Shorewood Villa – that's how the housing division got its name," she said.

"Remember Ralph Pearson?" Blanche asked?

Bill sat forward in the large brown chair. His cotton-white hair gleamed in the afternoon sun. "They used to let the float planes use the lake. Ralph had built a red, experimental sea plane. He tested it a lot out there on the lake."

"I heard a funny noise," recalled Blanche, "but I didn't pay much attention."

"I heard the screaming fire engines – smoke from burning oil and gas poured over the lake," said Bill. "He had crashed up by Duck Island. He was killed." Today it is illegal for float planes to land on Long Lake.

After a moment of silence, Bill and Blanche Oliva exchanged a united nod. "Yes," he said, "we made a good choice. I like it here. Long Lake has been a good home."

*Bill Oliva was fire commissioner for the Lacey Fire District Number 3 for 19 years. In 1962 he helped found the Lacey Chamber of Commerce. He and Blanche share an active community life and work hard to keep Long Lake a good home.*