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LAKE ALICE BEACH RESTRICTIONS

No lot or portion of a lot of this plat, shall be divided and sold or resold, or ownership transferred or changed whereby the ownership of any portion of this plat shall be less than the area required for the Use District stated on this plat; namely six thousand (6000) square feet for (R-1) Residence Use. With a minimum lot or tract width of fortytwo(42)feet. All lots to be used for residence purposes only except Lot A which is buisness (B-1).
Neither the owner or any successor in interest shall ever convey, contract to convey, lease or rent to any person other than the white or caucasian race, said premises or any portion thereof or permit the occupancy thereof by any such persons, except as a domestic servant. The foregoing restrictions run with the above described land and are binding on said purchaser, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns.
No dock or float shall be built from any lot in this plat extending into Lake Alice for adistance of more than 30 feet. No boat propelled by power motor shall be used on the waters of Lake Alice.

The Lake Alice Beach plat was certified in June 1947. These Restrictions appear at the bottom of Sheet 3.

History is what went on...like it or not

A well-written article in *Snoqualmie Living* on July 27, 2020, authored by Melissa Grant, shared the restrictive covenants in the plat of North Bend’s Silver Creek neighborhood in the late 1940s:

“No person other than the Caucasian race shall use or occupy any building or lot except as servants domesticated with any owner or tenant.”

In the 1947 plat of Lake Alice Beach, a similar statement is included in the Restrictions, shown above.

In her article, Melissa Grant offers an interesting summary of U.S. policies that segregated America and later changes which prohibited such covenants. Other mechanisms such as redlining continued to limit housing opportunities for people of color.

(A pdf of the *Snoqualmie Living* article can be requested at our email, above.)

Hop Shed Work On Hold

Many thanks to all who have sent in donations for the Hop Shed work. We will keep everyone informed, but getting funding from King County Preservation is not looking probable.

The 1990s restoration added 5 tiers of new timbers at the bottom, but 9 tiers above that are the original 1888 timbers, which are beginning to seriously deteriorate. In the North side photo at right, from the 2016 Assessment, the shift in timbers now causes runoff from the roof on the east side to fall on the old timbers below,

Thought and discussion about the future are under way. Watch for updates.

