

BUSH PRAIRIE NEWS

JUNE 2020

BPHA SUMMER EVENTS CANCELLED

The BPHA board discussed the annual summer events at their May 14, 2020 meeting. Coronavirus concerns led to the decision to cancel the Multineighborhood Garage Sale scheduled for July 24-25 and the annual picnic usually held in August. The board, as neighbors and volunteers, care about you and want to keep our neighborhood safe and healthy. The other neighborhoods that participate in the annual garage sale agree with the decision. Thank you for understanding.

UPDATES IN THE BOWL

A **Track Ride** was an addition to the playground area last summer. The **Whirl & Twirl** purchased last year will be installed this year. A new **Basketball Hoop** was installed on part of the tennis court? Other update plans include relining the tennis court, put separate lines down for the basketball half court, replace hardware on swings and maybe replace the tennis net. Contact Chris Myers at 360 515-0168 if you want to help with any of these projects. Volunteers needed.

KEEPING BUSH PRAIRIE LOOKING GOOD

Spring and summertime means it's yard maintenance time. Every homeowner is responsible for maintaining their yard, especially the areas visible from the street. The expectation is that at a minimum the lawn is mowed to an acceptable height and weeds aren't the dominant plants in the yard. If your home is a rental unit you the owner should have some understanding with your renter as to proper appearance of the property. If you feel a neighbor is not compliant with the covenants and bylaws, you might reach out to them to see if they are aware of the neighborhood CC & Rs. If more assistance is needed, you can contact any board member, who are all volunteers and elected to the board at the annual homeowners meeting.

HOME IMPROVEMENTS & ARCHTECTURAL CONTROL APPROVAL

The outdoor home improvement season is here! If you are planning projects like a new fence, roof, exterior painting of your home, a yard shed or any major project to your home you need to check the CC&Rs and architectural standards to be sure you will be compliant. You must submit your plans to the Architectural Control Committee for approval prior to start of project. If it is a property line project such as a new fence, be sure you are within or on your property line. Access to the ACC Approval form and submittal is on the BPHA website, click on Covenants & By-Laws, then Architectural Standards to get what is needed.

SUMMER REMINDERS

PARKING & STORING VEHICLES. Boats, RVs and trailers need to be parked so they are screened from public view except for **clearly temporary parking**. These need to be parked on driveways or hardstand, not lawns. **Covenant Article VI, Section 9.** For homeowners who are temporarily parking these vehicles on the street please do not park in an area where your vehicle may be causing a traffic obstruction or safety issue such as a hill/incline.

OPENFIRES. No open fire permitted on any lot except for barbecue facilities. **Art6.Sect14.**

POLITICAL SIGNS. Political campaign signs are permitted but must be removed within seven (7) days after an election. **Art6.Sect3.**

WALKING PETS

The COVID 19 Stay At Home restrictions appears to have resulted in more people walking with dogs in our neighborhood and nearby neighborhoods. Unfortunately it appears there has also been an increase in dog poop left on people's lawns, on sidewalks and adjoining lawn strips. **Pet waste** is unsafe for groundwater and a discourtesy to others in our neighborhood. Doggie waste bags are available in 3 dispensers through our neighborhood for convenience of pet walkers. You must take your pet's waste with you, however. Thanks to all responsible pet walkers!!!

SPRINKLER SYSTEM BACKFLOW TESTING

The City of Tumwater requires that your yard sprinkler system backflow valve be tested annually. Our neighborhood has a group rate from Lacey Backflow & Irrigation LLC. If you are interested in being on list to receive this service contact Al King, the coordinator, at 360 943-4431

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

2019 YARD OF THE YEAR. Very soon a committee (at least 3 persons) will be canvassing the neighborhood to select a Yard of the Year along with 2nd, 3rd places and possible Honorable Mentions. Awards are \$75, \$50 and \$25 respectively and Certificates for Honorable Mention. Yards selected are announced at the BPHA Annual Meeting in November.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for someone to serve as a member of the Architectural Control Committee and chairpersons for the Recreation, Emergency Preparedness and Compliance Committees. Contact Secretary, Terry Kirkpatrick, at 360 943-3293 or terrykirk@comcast.net if you're interested.

STORMWATER PONDS

There are three stormwater detention ponds in Bush Prairie. These are located on Arab Dr in Division 7, Gelding Court and Arena Court. They are fenced, gated and padlocked. They are not safe for children to play in. They are maintained as needed under the Landscaping contract.

BUSH PRAIRIE COMMUNITY AREAS

There are four community areas in Bush Prairie. The largest and most developed is The Bowl on Bridle Drive. It contains a tennis court, basketball hoop, swings, Big Toy, Fly A Round, Track Ride, baseball backstop, running track & picnic tables. The Neighborhood picnic is held here. The Meadow is the open space behind the homes on Arab Dr & Filly Court. The entrance is on Arab Dr next to Doggie Bag dispenser where Saddle Court intersects Arab Dr. The annual Easter Egg Hunt is held here. The Forest Walk is a 1/3 mile walk that starts on Arena Court to the left of 2024 Arena Court. Foggy Bottom is back of the stormwater pond on Gelding Ct. It is a very wooded wetland area that is not accessible for use.

SEE MAP ON NEXT PAGE

New homeowners: If you have moved into Bush Prairie in the past six months and have not been welcomed by the treasurer or a welcome greeter please contact a board member. _

Mission Statement

Our mission, as the Bush Prairie Homeowners Association, is to enhance the value and desirability of all real property within the association and promote the health, safety and welfare of our residents, while fostering a friendly and neighborly community.

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