

BUSH PRAIRIE NEWS

OCTOBER 2017

BPHA ANNUAL MEETING

7 P.M., November 12, 2017

**Tumwater Fire Department
Training Room**

**311 Israel Road SW
Tumwater, WA 98501**

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Calling all retirees, recent empty nesters and anyone else who may have some free time looking for a cause to participate in. What could be better than giving time to making Bush Prairie a GREAT place to live! There will be two board positions open for election this year. We need a new Webmaster and Chairpersons for Compliance, Emergency Preparedness and Recreation. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions please contact Terry Kirkpatrick, Secretary at terrykirk@comcast.net or at 360 943-3293.

Dave Fillippone resigned as Webmaster and Landscape Maintenance Coordinator in September. Thanks Dave for filling those positions, your service is much appreciated. Bill Moneer will assume both positions in the interim.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CONTEST

The holiday season will be upon us before we know it. Decorate your house and/or yard with holiday lights and other décor. The judging committee will be looking through Bush Prairie in mid-December to select the homes with the best decorations of the season. Prizes: 1st Place- \$50, 2nd- \$30, 3rd- \$20. Winners will be announced in Winter Newsletter.



IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOWL

The installation of the new Fly-A-Round in the expanded playground along with two new metal picnic tables on a concrete slab were completed days before the Summer Picnic. They are welcome additions to The Bowl! Thanks to Vicki Huntley and Chris Meyers who were the leads in planning and installing these new additions. Thanks also to all those who came down to help install them (framing, putting down pea gravel and concrete, etc.). It couldn't have been done without you. Just in the last two weeks there have been several Black Cottonwood trees, deemed unsafe, that were removed from The Bowl. This is part of our ongoing maintenance of our capital assets.

FOREST WALK EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Britton Fine of Troop 953 BSA is heading up a project to renovate the Forest Walk. It is about a ¼ mile loop trail that is on Arena Court. Overgrowth has been cleared and new bark placed on the trail. He is expected to complete the project before the end of October.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Residents who have yard waste service with Pacific Disposal can put your trees out at the curb along with or in your blue bin. Remember, cut the tree in smaller pieces if they are tall. No yard service, you can take the tree to the nearest main intersection for pickup by a city crew. Do not block sidewalk, signs and roadway. Remove all nails, stand, decorations and lights. You can also take trees to the Waste and Recovery Center, 2418 Hogum Bay Rd, NE in Hawks Prairie.

WINTER WEATHER MAINTENANCE

The fall and winter rains and winds are already upon us. One of the things that happens is the leaves and other debris are washed to the storm drains as the rain water flows into them. It would be greatly appreciated if you have a storm drain in the street near your home that you help check the drains and clear them as needed. It could mean that any excess flow, such as in a heavy downpour, will not flood onto your property because the drain is clogged. Also, those who walk in the neighborhood regularly could be on the lookout for clogged drains, too.

ANNUAL MULTI-NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE/YARD SALE

Thank you to all the homes that participated in this year's garage/yard sale. We had another successful year with a lot of people coming through. A great big THANKS to Debbie Hoxit who has represented our neighborhood in coordinating the sale for a second year! She has confirmed that all five neighborhoods would like to plan for a 2018 sale. MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JULY 27-28, 2018 (Friday-Saturday) from 8am-4pm. Observations from this year – Friday had the most traffic. Saturday was busy until around 3 p.m. Sunday was very slow. In the Spring Newsletter we will be sending out safety measures for watching for counterfeit money. If you would like to help next year and/or plan to participate let Debbie Hoxit know at Debbie.hoxit@yahoo.com.

SUMMER PICNIC

We had a group of about 50 neighbors come out for our neighborhood gathering on August 26th in The Bowl. The inflatable was a SUPER one with bounce areas and a slide that all ages could enjoy! The snow cones were a BIG hit and our cooks, Chris & Bill, put out some yummy burgers and sausages. We also had some great appetizers, salads and desserts. Favorite game for all was the Balloon Toss with the Trike Races a close second. This year lucky numbers were for gift cards to Regal Cinemas, Fred Meyer and Target. Thanks to Michelle Fields for organizing the picnic and thanks to Josh Fields, Bill Moneer, Chris Meyers, Terry & Jeanne Kirkpatrick and Elena Guinn for helping on picnic day and THANKS to all who came!

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

Board Members

President: Chris Meyers – 515-0168
Vice President: Roger Fish – 753-7100
Members: Bill Moneer – 870-9745
Vicki Huntley – 451-2617

Officers

Secretary: Terry Kirkpatrick - 943-3293
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Committee Chairs

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David Rothschild – 878-1667

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Welcome: JeanneKirkpatrick, TammyGreenwell