

BUSH PRAIRIE NEWS

JANUARY 2019

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CONTEST

The best holiday display was at 1841 Arab Drive SE, home of the Higas. They received a \$50 gift card to Fred Meyer. Second Place, \$30 gift card, awarded to 1230 Bridle Dr, the Smiths and Third Place, \$20 gift card, awarded to 2011 Arab Dr, the Weaklands. Honorable Mentions to 1708 Arab Dr, the Gibsons; 2020 Horseshoe Ct, the Orgills and 1440 Arab Dr, the Grahams. Thanks to all who decorated their homes bringing holiday cheer to Bush Prairie!

ANNUAL MEETING HAPPENINGS

The meeting was held at the Tumwater Fire Dept. Training Room at 7 p.m. November 18, 2018. Thirty people attended. Committee Report highlights: The Architectural Control Committee received 6 requests for project approvals in 2018. However, at least three projects were discovered that were not submitted for approval and found not in compliance with CC&Rs and standards. Landscape Maintenance chair has created a CAD data base of Bush Prairie for use in future projects. Maintenance projects needed are stormwater improvement in The Meadow, removal of two danger trees on the Forest Walk and improved lighting for Bush Prairie entrance signs. The Welcome Committee delivered 22 baskets to new homeowners in 2018. End of Year projections for finances: Operating Fund-\$29,489, Capital Reserve Fund-\$34,446, Stormwater Fund Division 7-\$20,264.

Three board positions needed to be filled. The outgoing members and Linda Moehrke volunteered to serve. Vicki Huntley then removed her self-nomination. The 3 remaining nominees were elected by acclamation. The new Architectural Control Committee Chair is Mike Roberts. David Rothschild and Diane Buckley volunteered to fill the other two committee positions.

Capital Reserve Update- End of year unexpended income in past several years has been placed in this fund so it is currently \$14,000 over the minimum needed in the reserve plan. The board will consider how to use some of these funds. Enforcement- Primary violations of the CC&Rs, ByLaws and ACC Standards involve trailers, boats, RVs and failure to obtain ACC approval for projects. Enforcement procedures and a fine schedule are in place. The homeowners present gave approval for the board to pursue active enforcement of the CC&Rs, ByLaws and ACC Standards.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

Election of Board Officers for 2019 were: President – Roger Fish and Vice President – Debbie Hoxit. Michelle Fields will resign as Treasurer after the January 2019 mailing of Homeowners Dues statements. Vicki Huntley, outgoing board member, will become the new Treasurer and will work with Michelle for a smooth transition of these duties. A HUGE thank you to Michelle for being the treasurer since 2015. The first meeting of the board in 2019 is Monday, January 14, 6:00p.m. at 1739 Arab Drive. The agenda will include Board goals for 2019. All homeowners are welcome to attend board meetings.

BEST YARDS OF 2018

Congratulations to the Hendricksons at 2015 Mare Ct SE for “Best Yard of 2017”. They were awarded a \$75 gift card to Home Depot. Second place, \$50 gift card, were the Sniders at 1923 Arab Dr and Third Place, \$25 gift card was Patricia DeNeui at 1425 Arab Dr. Honorable Mention were the Schaeffers at 1827 Gelding. Your beautiful yards were a pleasure to see & assets to the neighborhood. Thank you so much!

2019 BPHA BUDGET

The budget for 2019 was approved at the annual meeting as follows:

Income: \$40,320 (includes dues, stormwater fund, interest & finance charges & \$6960 in Capital Reserve)

Expenses: \$40,320 (including Capital Projects-\$7000 and Capital Reserve Transfer-6960)

FUTURE PROJECTS

The Board is considering improvements to existing capital assets as available funds and board approval permit. Some project ideas follow: Building a covered picnic area over the new metal picnic tables. Adding another piece to the expanded playground area. Water and electricity for the Bowl. A suggestion was made to convert the tennis court to a basketball court since it's been costly to maintain the tennis court.

TRAILS END PROPERTY UPDATE

The main buildings have been demolished and the City of Tumwater has been working on a city-wide gopher plan to identify areas with gophers, means of dealing with them, federal requirements of the Endangered Species Act, etc. So progress is at a standstill until this plan is completed and also because of a lack of money. Tumwater has purchased “Gopher Credits” that should help speed this process. The overall plan for Trails End has not changed. We still expect to get a park and a meeting room and uses. You can be sure the city wants a Public Works depot on part of it, so they are doing all they can to make things happen. But ultimate completion of the project is going to take a while – probably years.

WINTER WEATHER MAINTENANCE

A walk around the neighborhood shows storm drains covered or blocked by leaves and other debris. Just a reminder, if you have a drain near your residence if you can check for blockage and clear drain as needed so we can prevent flooding from heavy downpours. Thanks for your help.

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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