

Bush Prairie Homeowners Association

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Bush Prairie News

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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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Three Accidents at 79th Street Entrance

In the past several weeks there have been three separate automobile accidents at the south entrance to Bush Prairie. Two damaged shrubs and trees. One severely damaged our sign, the wall next to it, the electrical service and the landscaping. The driver of one vehicle has been identified. The other two were "hit and run."

The police suspect the vehicle that ran into the sign was a Volkswagen. The vehicle should have visible damage to the rear half. Anyone having any information on the "hit and run" accidents, please contact Bill Moneer at 943-4776. He is working with our insurance company.

Addition to our By-Laws

Article XIV (Common Area Conditions and Restrictions) has been updated to include a prohibition of "air" guns.

Section 3. Prohibition of "air" guns.

(a) "Air" gun, for the purpose of this restriction, means any pistol or rifle that uses air to fire a steel ball (bb gun), pellet (pellet gun), or plastic ball (soft air gun).

The propellant may be compressed air, carbon dioxide, or any other gas.

(b) The use or possession of air guns is prohibited in Bush Prairie common areas. The firing of any projectile into a common area is also prohibited.

(c) Any person violating this prohibition will be denied use of Bush Prairie common areas for a period of up to six months.

(d) In accordance with RCW 9A.12.230, laws of the State of Washington, any person who discharges an air gun, or other weapon, in a Bush Prairie common area, even though no injury results, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor, punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW. If injury results, the person may be guilty of a felony under chapter 9A.36 RCW.

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BEST YARD OF 2008

Congratulations to Bob & Ardis Houbrigs at 1949 Arena Ct. They were awarded a \$50 gift card to Home Depot. The nicely maintained flowers, shrubs & lawn made their corner lot beautiful.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Just a reminder about disposing of your Christmas tree. Residents who have yard waste service with Pacific Disposal can put your trees out at the curb along with your yard waste bin. If trees are very tall you need to cut them into smaller pieces. If you don't have yard waste service you can take trees to the Waste and Recovery Center, 2418 Hogum Bay Rd, NE from Dec 26 -Jan 11 except Jan 1. www.co.thurston.wa.us/holiday.

2009 BPHOA BUDGET

This budget for 2009 was approved at the annual meeting and is presented below.

Income:	\$32,792
Expenses:	\$32,792
Community	2,800
Covenants/By-laws	200
Gardng/Matnce.	13,750
Insurance	2,450
Legal & Acctng	500
Mgt Fees	4,800
Office Expenses	400
Postage	600
Stormwater Fund Exp.	1,392
Taxes	300
Utilities: Power	4,700
Water	900

Dues Increase

At the October Board meeting, the Board voted to increase assessments, beginning January 2009, by \$1/month. Notification was provided to owners in the Annual Meeting notice and the increase was discussed and supported at the Annual Meeting on November 9. This is the first increase in assessments since 1997. Inflation and maintenance of additional improvements, such as the sprinkler systems at the two entrances to Bush Prairie, have caused expenses to exceed revenues. This increase will raise \$2,796/year. We will still be required to dip into our reserves about \$1,000 to balance the budget for 2009.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS CONTEST

The record snowfall and the **snow filled** roads for two weeks kept the committee from being able to get to all areas of the neighborhood to view holiday decorations. Therefore, this year no one was selected for the award. Thanks to all who decorated their yard and homes.

ANNUAL MEETING HAPPENINGS

There was a better turnout (34) for this year's meeting and some new faces. The election for three board of directors resulted in Bill Moneer, Lex Nepomuceno and Jess Valler elected to the Board. The homeowners present voted approval of the By Laws amendment prohibiting air guns in the Bush Prairie common areas and also approved the proposed 2009 budget presented by the Board. A continued discussion of hiring a management company in particular to enforce compliance of covenants and bylaws showed little support for hiring a company at this time. However, several homeowners volunteered to work on the Compliance Committee (which has been inactive for two years) and Dustin Quinn Campbell offered to chair the committee. We thank these neighbors for volunteering!!