

# Bush Prairie Homeowners Association

<http://www.bushprairie.com/>

## Bush Prairie News

**June 2009**

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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### Locking Mailboxes

Many of us have had mail security issues and have observed the unsightly appearance of many existing mailboxes around the neighborhood. Over the next several weeks you will meet neighbors canvassing Bush Prairie asking for your support for a project that many people asked for in our recent Bush Prairie questionnaire. The majority of responses to the questionnaire called out for the installation of locking mailboxes. Your Board agrees. In April, the Board created a group headed by Roger Fish and Lex Nepomuceno to investigate several locking mailbox options and that group is now recommending a plan to construct locking mailboxes throughout the Bush Prairie neighborhood. The recommended plan calls for 17 separate locations strategically located around Bush Prairie where primarily 16-box clustered mailboxes would be installed to provide mail service for the nearby residents. The total cost to each homeowner is \$65 with the Homeowner's Association picking up the rest of the cost.

The project will require support of at least two-thirds of the homeowners in Bush Prairie in order to assess the one-time \$65 contribution by all homeowners. Assessments would go out by mail in a separate mailing once approval of our homeowners and the Board is received. If all goes well, installation could begin later this summer!

Please consider your support for the locking mailbox project! This will help increase and maintain the value of our properties, increase the appeal of our neighborhood and eliminate one more reason for vandals and criminals to target our community. There is more information on the Bush Prairie website, [www.bushprairie.com](http://www.bushprairie.com). The website will be updated every month to keep you up to speed on the project's progress. If you have any questions, Roger (360-753-7100), Lex (206-219-3783) or any Board member would be happy to answer them.

### BUSH PRAIRIE PICNIC

The Recreation Committee is making plans for the picnic on Saturday, August 15, 2009. The theme is "American Traditional". We hope you will save the date on your calendar and we see you all there for hamburgers, hot dogs, games and fun. More details to be out later.

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## Noxious Plants and Weeds

The arrival of spring brings the blossoming of beautiful flowers and new growth of leaves and other plants. Some of these other plants can be garden pests, like weeds. Some plants have been placed on the noxious plant list and should be eliminated from the landscape as much as possible. The common ones you'll see are Scotch Broom and Tansy. Did you know that Butterfly Bushes have also been declared noxious (they can get out of control)? Get rid of these pests before they flower and go to seed. They can produce millions of seeds that can stay in the ground for MANY years waiting for the right conditions to grow and spread more plants.

Go to [http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/tcweeds/weed\\_list.htm](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/tcweeds/weed_list.htm) for *Thurston Count Noxious Weed List*.

## COVENANTS

A reminder to all that **boats and RVs** 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.

Pets, such as dogs, when outdoors must be contained on owner's lot or on a leash and under owner's control.

## **BUSH PRAIRIE PICNIC**

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## TRAFFIC SAFETY

A reminder that the speed limit in Bush Prairie is **25 mph!!**

Now that summer is here more people are out walking and children are out playing on the street or close to it. We have already had three street accidents this year. So, remind family members and friends to **keep the speed down!** Also, if your property is on a corner be sure your landscaping and any parked cars are not blocking the view of traffic.



## CRIME IN BUSH PRAIRIE

There have been several incidents of car prowls and burglaries in Bush Prairie since January. Items were stolen from a car and garage and located near a business by Black Lake. Items included mail that had been taken from mailboxes.

## CRIME PREVENTION HINTS:

**Get to know your neighbors and...**

**...help each other keep watch!!**

- Secure your property- vehicles, garage doors, house doors & windows, bicycles, equipment
- Motion sensor lighting on exteriors
- Shrubbery low and trimmed
- Report suspicious vehicles and people in the neighborhood. Get license numbers and auto descriptions if needed.
- Retrieve mail daily, have a locked box, have mail held when away
- Install an alarm system in your home