

# Bush Prairie News

**October 2010**

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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Elena Guinn 956-3860

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### **Webmaster**

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## **Bush Prairie Homeowners Association ANNUAL MEETING**

**6 P.M., Sunday, November 14, 2010**

**East Olympia Fire District #6 Headquarters**

**8047 Normandy Street SE**

**Olympia, WA 98501**

The board would really appreciate your attendance and your input on how we are doing. We'll be discussing the budget and goals for next year as well as voting in new board members. It's not too late to throw your name in the hat.

So set the DVR to record your favorite show or sporting event and join your neighbors for a couple of hours, we really are good people.

## **SUMMER PICNIC**

We had a group of about 65 neighbors come out for our annual outing on Aug 21<sup>st</sup> in The Bowl. We had a 5in1 Combo inflatable house that even the adults could enjoy along with the children. Everyone enjoyed "Texas BBQ", thanks to Palmer Higa for the delicious beef brisket and pulled pork! We also had some great appetizers, salads and desserts. Favorite game for all was the balloon toss. This year lucky numbers resulted in gift cards for car washes, coffee and lattes, pizza meals and hardware store purchases.

Thanks to the picnic committee-Palmer Higa, Natalie Fillippone, Angie Roberts, Jenna O'Grady, Jeanne Kirkpatrick, Elena Guinn & Lynn Lanouette. Thanks also to Terry Kirkpatrick, Bob Lanouette, Nani MacLaughlin & Jutta Bean for helping on picnic day and thanks to all who came!

## “MYN”

### MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



**Please do not use the mailbox units for posting of temporary notices and signs such as garage sale signs.**

One of the BPHA Board 2010 Goals was to implement an Emergency Preparedness Plan for our neighborhood. It was decided to implement the Washington State *Map Your Neighborhood* program. Implementing this program in our neighborhood could mean the difference between life and death in the event of a disaster. A disaster reality is that most neighborhoods will be on their own for the first hours following disaster, and maybe for as long as three days! If people have been hurt, if fire is starting, if property has been damaged, the first responders will be us and our neighbors because 9-1-1 will be overwhelmed by demand. The MYN Program aims to help neighbors become better acquainted with each other and the skills and equipment each possess. It also teaches neighbors 9 steps to take immediately following a disaster.



Spearheading Bush Prairie's program is Alida Abbott, board member. MYN is being organized by Mailbox Clusters. Since June three of the nineteen groups have met and started to organize to be first responders in the event of a disaster. The response

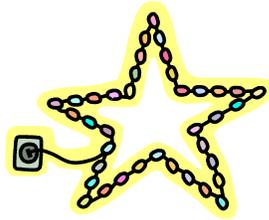
to the meetings has been overwhelmingly positive. If you live in Mailbox Cluster Unit H, J, or L your training has already occurred. If you missed the meeting please contact Alida Abbott to get the name of your Block Coordinator. The Block Coordinator can provide the training materials to you and help you fill out the Equipment and Skills Inventory and Contact List. They will also be providing each neighbor in their cluster with a completed inventory and list when they have met with all of the neighbors in that cluster.

We are looking for volunteers to host meetings in their homes for the following clusters: A-E, G, I, K, O-S. The host family picks a time for the meeting and hosts it in their home. They also help invite their neighbors to the meeting. The host family can present the training themselves or ask Alida to run the training for them. If you are interested please contact Alida at 705-0461 or [agpa@uw.edu](mailto:agpa@uw.edu). We are excited that so many neighbors are taking steps to be more prepared for disasters. Preparedness can help provide a sense of peace and stability in your home.

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## HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CONTEST

The holiday season will be upon us before we know it. Now is the time to be thinking and planning to bring out your Christmas lights and other décor to adorn your house and/or yard. We will be looking through Bush Prairie to select the home with the best decorations of the season. Prize is a \$50 gift card to a local business. The winner will be announced in Winter Newsletter.



## 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.

If you do not have yard service, you can take trees to the Waste and Recovery Center, 2418 Hogum Bay Rd, NE.

## OPENING ON THE BOARD

There still remains an opening for someone to help guide our neighborhood and maintain our covenants. The chair for the Compliance Committee remains open and we are looking for someone interested in taking on this critical role in the association. This position is important in sustaining the value of our homes in the marketplace. Bush Prairie is a

very desirable place to live and we need to make sure it stays that way. Please come to the annual meeting next month and volunteer or call anyone on the Board to get more information. Please join us in making sure we “enhance the value and desirability of all real property within the association.”

## POLITICAL SIGNS

BPHA Covenants Article 6, Section 3 states “Political campaign signs are permitted, but must be removed within seven (7) days after an election.” **Just a reminder for those with signs in your yards..**



## BPHA on FACEBOOK

Thanks to Lex Nepomuceno Bush Prairie now is on Facebook.

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## Mailbox Update

Now that the new locking mailboxes have been used for a few months, the mailbox team is happy to say that there have been very few questions or issues. Evidently everyone is getting comfortable with the clustered mailbox units (CBU) operation. One thing we've noticed, although infrequently, is advertisements, etc. have been posted on the CBUs.

Our intention is to improve the drive-by appeal of our neighborhood and the notices and ads are not very appealing. Thus we ask to refrain from attaching personal or business ads or notices to the mailboxes.

The cost of purchasing and installing the mailboxes have been totaled up and summarized to the Board. The final result was right on budget. We projected a cost per mailbox slot of \$108 and the total cost was \$108.10. Approximately \$11,000 was pulled from our capital reserves to cover the difference between the assessment (\$65 per lot) and the total cost.

If you have any questions about mailboxes, please contact the mailbox team at [mailboxes@bushprairie.com](mailto:mailboxes@bushprairie.com) or any board member.

## 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. There is really no one who comes out to clear the drains on a regular basis. It would be greatly appreci-

ated 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 down-pour, 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.

