

Bush Prairie News

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BPHA 2011 GOALS

The Board continues working on the goals for the year by :

1. Conducting neighborhood meetings to implement the Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Plan (the Japan quake and tsunami shows how important this is!)
2. Improving the appearance of the Trails End Drive entrance to Bush Prairie by renovating the planting beds.
3. Finding ways to improve neighborhood communications through the creation of a BPHA Facebook page, and updating the Bush Prairie Website.
4. Increasing the frequency of Speed Watch and getting more neighbors trained to participate.



Attend a monthly board meeting to meet your neighbors and be heard.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Hi Neighbors!

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on **Saturday, April 23, 2011 at NOON SHARP in The Meadow** near 1739 Arab Dr.

There will be the Egg Hunt, pizza, games and prizes. **The Egg Hunt is first and is over quickly so be on time!** The egg hunt is for children up to 10 years old. Bring a basket for egg gathering! Rain or shine we hope to see you there.

See the story on page 3 for more information on the Meadow.



Emergency Preparedness Committee Update



In 2011 the BPHA board created the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPP) to help foster a sense of preparedness in our community. Given the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan many of our residents are wondering how they can become better prepared to handle a disaster in our area. One easy way to start is to attend a disaster training held in our neighborhood. Our committee has been working to train each family in our

neighbor in the State's *Map Your Neighborhood (MYN)* program. The MYN Program teaches neighbors 9 steps to take immediately following a disaster and how to become disaster responders.

Neighborhood disaster training is occurring by mailbox clusters. Since January, clusters "O" and "E" have conducted meetings. Thank you to Tammy Greenwell and Don & Susan Richards for

hosting these trainings in their homes. If you live in these areas and missed the meeting you can contact these wonderful hosts or the EPP chair to receive your disaster preparedness packet and training. Alida Abbott, BPHA VP, is currently chairing this committee. If you'd like to help out or schedule training in your section of the neighborhood please contact Alida at agpa@uw.edu or 705-0461.

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.

Have you checked out the Bush Prairie web site, lately? The Webmaster has made some changes recently, one being a link to our neighbor, Bush Prairie Farm, located at the original homestead of George Washington Bush. Did you know that BPHA has been on Facebook since last November? Visit our

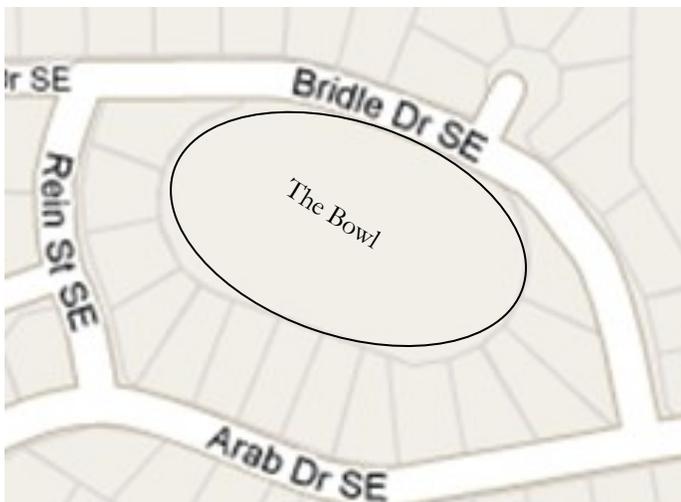
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wall and post a "like" to be sure you receive notification of upcoming local events this year.

We also have a "Neighborhood Alert" email list that we use to let the neighborhood know when important weather or safety issues arise. Contact the secretary, Terry Kirkpatrick,

terrykirk@comcast.net, if you want to be on the list. One of our goals is to improve communications and we're open to ideas.

Contact Randy Taylor, randy.taylor@bushprairie.com, if you have input.



Bush Prairie Community Property

The open space next to Bridle Dr is a great place for families.

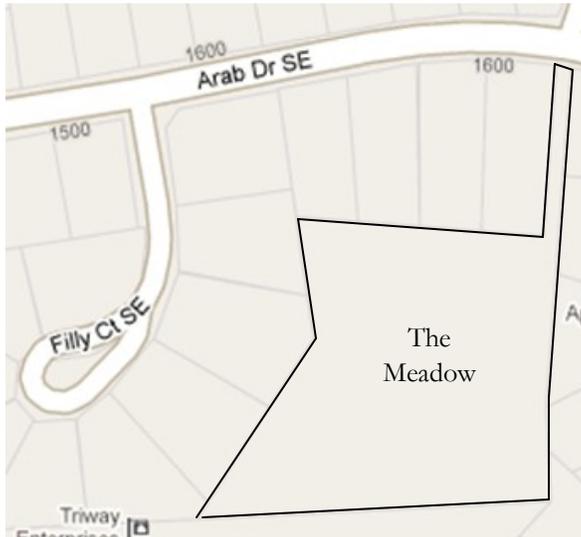
There is a tennis court, basketball hoop, Big Toy, Swing set, picnic tables, baseball back stop, running track, and wide open spaces great for

Frisbee.

Bush Prairie Community Property

The open space behind the homes on Arab Dr & Filly Ct is Bush Prairie Community property. It is called the Meadow. The entrance to the Meadow is between two houses where Saddle Ct intersects with Arab

Dr. The Meadow is where the **Easter Egg hunt** is held every year.



SPEED WATCH

You may have seen or gone through the **Speed Watch Setup** on Arab Drive in mid-March. We did the watch for about two hours (2 – 4 pm) and tracked 94 vehicles. Thirty seven were going over 25 mph, 9 of these 30 or over. Anyone going 35 mph or higher will receive a Letter

of Warning from the Sheriff's Office. Expect to see a setup in various parts of Bush Prairie periodically in the future. We have done three in the last year and plan to do more this year. Thurston County will come to us to do Speed watch

Training if we can get six people to take the training. If you are interested in taking the training and helping with Speed watch, call Elena Guinn (956-3860). The board is very interested in safety of our streets and deterring speeding.

The entrance to the forest walk trail is located on Arena Ct. to the left of 2024 Arena Ct. It is a 1/3 mile walk.

STORMWATER CLASSES

Did you know that maintenance of neighborhood storm water facilities are homeowners' responsibility?

The City of Tumwater is offering free classes for homeowners who live in

areas that have wet ponds, dry ponds and swales. First class is on Saturday, April 16, 2011
To register:
Call 754-4140

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Bush Prairie Farm – Local Vegetables Close to home

Bush Prairie Farm will open for business this June, growing

delicious vegetables for Saturday morning direct sale.

Tumwater High School alumni, Mark and Kathleen Clark purchased the farm to preserve the soil

by using sustainable farming practices. The farm is located about a mile from the neighborhood off of Old Highway 99 at 84th (right at the Pacific Pride fuel station). The Clarks are

excited to meet their Bush Prairie neighbors and find out how the farm can contribute to your health and sense of community. They plan to build a gate from the Bridlewood neighborhood which will provide a walk able route from the Bush Prairie neighborhood onto the farm. The farm has a remarkable history—it is the site where some of the first U.S. citizens settled in the Puget Sound region. George and Isabella Bush built their cabin here in 1845 and planted a Butternut Tree which still stands on the property 165 years later. The Clarks are preserving this historic site and invite you to come see the tree

and hear more about the early pioneers.

The farm will be open for direct sale of vegetables and flowers on Saturdays from 10 am – 1 pm starting in June. This will be a great time to come tour the farm and meet the Clarks. A nice way to get a little physical activity just outside your front door.

For more information about the farm, please go to the website at

www.bushprairiefarm.com or call the Clarks at 360-357-4526.

