

Bush Prairie News

October 2011

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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Disaster Preparedness: Map Your Neighborhood (MYN)

One of the BPHA Board 2011 Goals was to continue the implementation an Emergency Preparedness Plan for our neighborhood. With encouragement from our local Fire Chief we are striving to train each resident in our neighborhood to be a first responder using the Washington State Map Your Neighborhood program. This fall we hope to hold training meetings for residents living on sections of Arab Drive, Paddock Ct, Gelding Drive, Western Court, and Bridle Drive. If you live in these areas and would like to have input on when your meetings are held or if you have an interest in helping our neighborhood become better prepared to deal with disasters please contact Alida Abbott at 705-0461 or agpa@uw.edu.

BPHA ANNUAL MEETING

7 P.M., November 11, 2011

**East Olympia Fire District #6 Headquarters
8047 Normandy Street SE
Olympia, WA 98501**

Four Board positions are up for elections. Get your name in the hat by contacting Terry Kirkpatrick.

NEIGHBORHOOD SPEED WATCH

A Speed Watch was conducted on 9/23 on Arab Drive near the storm retention pond from 1:30-3:30 PM. Thirty two vehicles were recorded, all going below 30 mph. A Speed Watch was conducted on 9/24 on Trails End Drive from 2:30-4:00PM. One hundred twenty vehicles were recorded. Thirteen were going over 30mph. Four were going over 35mph and will receive warning letters from the Sheriff's Office.

If you would like to help with Neighborhood Speed Watch there will be a training session in our neighborhood on Monday, October 24, 2011 from 9-11 a.m. at 2012 Arab Dr, SE. Right now we have two people signed up. Call Elena Guinn, 956-3860, if you want to attend.

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WINTER WEATHER MAINTENANCE

The fall and winter rains and winds are already upon us. Just a reminder to everyone, **DON'T** blow leaves from your yard into the street. Rake them up and discard in your yard bin. 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 appreciated 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 downpour, 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.

SUMMER PICNIC

The "Picnic – Hawaiian Style" was a great success! We had a group of about **85** neighbors come out for our annual outing on Aug 27th in The Bowl. The weather was absolutely fantastic! The Teriyaki Chicken and Kalua Pig was "ono-delicious". Palmer Higa outdid himself this year! The Potato-macaroni Salad made by Nani MacLaughlin was also scrumptious. We also had some great appetizers, salads and desserts. Everyone enjoyed watching the children compete in the tricycle races. This year lucky numbers resulted in gift cards for car washes, coffee and lattes, LimeBerry treats and gift cards for Lemongrass Restaurant and Fred Meyer. 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 for helping on picnic day and thanks to all who came!

Disaster Preparedness Tip

In the event of a disaster our city water lines may become contaminated or disrupted. To help families be prepared for such an event did you know that the Department of Homeland Security officially recommends that each family store enough water for three days? Count on each person in your family needing 1 gallon per day. So a family of four would need four gallons per day for a total of 12 gallons of water. For more information you can visit the FEMA website at: <http://www.fema.gov/plan/>

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. Winner will be announced in Winter Newsletter.

BPHA BOARD ELECTIONS

Do you want to be active in keeping Bush Prairie a great place to live? Do you want to be up on the latest happenings? Then consider being a Board member. Four board positions are up for election. Call Terry Kirkpatrick, Secretary, if you would like to be on the Nomination Slate.

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..**