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Disaster Preparedness: Map Your Neighborhood (MYN)

The BPHA Board has again established increasing our neighborhood emergency preparedness as board goal for 2012. Our goal this year is to hold 5 training meetings within our neighborhood in order to train each resident to be a first responder during a disaster. Under the direction of our local Fire Chief we are utilizing Washington State's Map Your Neighborhood program. In March we held a training meeting for residents on Gelding Drive and a small section of Arab Drive by Mailbox Cluster Unit G. We offer our thanks to Fred Schaefer and Pauline Deck for being our wonderful hosts! Residents who attended the meeting found it to be a very valuable experience. If you missed the meeting and live in that area please feel free to contact Alida Abbott or Fred Schaefer to get the details on what you missed. In April we will be holding a meeting for residents who live along Arab Drive and use Mailbox Cluster Unit M.

Your invitation to the meeting will be hand delivered to you about 1-2 weeks before the meeting date. We still need volunteers to offer their homes as places to hold meetings in the following sections of our neighborhood: Bridle Drive, Stirrup Ct, Stagecoach Ct., sections of Arab Drive, and Trails End Drive. If you live in these areas and would like to have input on when your meetings are held or would be willing to provide your home as a place for neighbors to gather please contact Alida Abbott at 705-0461 or agpa@uw.edu.



Happy Easter!

Hi Neighbors! The 16th Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 7, 2012 at Noon in The Meadows near 1739 Arab Dr. The Egg Hunt is for children up to 10 years. Again there will be a light meal, games, and the egg hunt. Rain or shine, we hope to see you there! Be on time and bring a basket for egg gather-

ing!! The egg hunt is before the meal and games and is over quickly. If you're late you may miss out.





Community Service is rewarding

Volunteers and Recreation Committee Chair Needed

Are you a teenager needing community service hours for school? We need help for the Easter Egg Hunt to hide eggs and help with the duck pond and bean bag game and other tasks. Call Elena at 956-3860 if you can help.

We are looking for someone to be the chairperson for the Recreation Committee. If you like to plan parties & picnics and think you'd like to do this call Elena at 956-3860 for more details.

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.

SPRING WORK PARTIES

Spring is here and hopefully everyone has recovered from the January storms. We need help cleaning The Meadow from storm debris in preparation for the Easter Egg Hunt and have planned a work party for Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 1 pm. Tools like rakes, loppers and pruners would be helpful. We also have a work party planned for Saturday, May 12, 2012 from 10 am-2 pm for maintenance

of the Forest Loop Trail on Arena Court. Come out to lend a hand and meet new neighbors. As a courtesy please email me if you can come or just show up. Shawn Deskins, Landscape Committee
shawn.deskins@yahoo.com, 789-4663



Got Paint;
Check with the ACC

HOME IMPROVEMENTS? GET OK from ACC

The outdoor home improvement season is almost here! If you are planning projects like a new fence, new roof, new outside paint, a yard shed or many other projects be sure you check with the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) for their approval. You can access the covenants and the ACC for an approval form that

you can print at the Bush Prairie website. The form should be submitted to the ACC chairperson, Steve Register, Phone 515-0695.

Disaster Preparedness Tip

Do you have a family emergency plan? What if disaster strikes and you are at work, your spouse is at home, and your children are at school or home alone? Does everyone know what to do, where to go and how to contact one another? What if local phone lines are down? FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) recommends that we have in place a Family Emergency Plan. As part of the plan each family should establish an out of town contact person that all members of the family can call in case local

lines are jammed or down. To download a copy of a family disaster plan for your family go to: http://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/Family_Emergency_Plan.pdf



DOGGIE BAG DISPENSERS

Spring & summer bring more people out walking, many with dog friends. A reminder to everyone that there are doggie bag dispensers in several locations in Bush Prairie. One is close to the Bush Prairie sign near the 79th Ave entrance and a second one across from Saddle Court at the entrance to The Meadow. New ones will be installed near the storm retention pond

on Arab Drive and on Bridle Drive at the steps to The Bowl. Please use these bags or carry your own to pick up your pet's waste. Please take your waste with you, though; no cleanup patrol in Bush Prairie. These efforts help preserve our ground water and keeps our neighborhood clean. **Thanks neighbors!**

New doggie bag dispensers are being installed this spring.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

and

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2012

Time to clean out your closets, shelves and garage. Get your stuff organized and priced.

Bush Prairie is planning a community garage sale! The Board will take care of advertising. You just need to have a sale. We hope to have at least 20 homes participate. As a courtesy please contact Elena Guinn, phone 956-3860, no later than May 25, 2012 if you plan to participate.

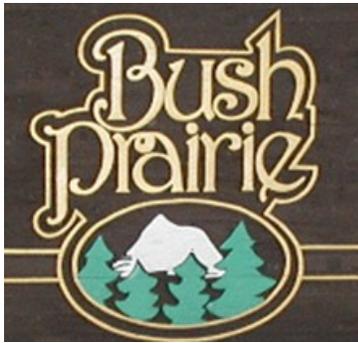


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Dan Griffey to Speak to Bush Prairie



What an opportunity!

This election cycle our neighborhood has been redistricted. We now fall in the 35th congressional district. Dan Griffey, candidate for the State House of Representatives in the 35th district, is coming to speak to our homeowners. He will be speaking at our regularly scheduled board meeting on April 12th at 7:30pm at the home of Alida and Zack Abbott, 2024 Arena Ct. SE. All homeowners are invited to attend. You are welcome to bring friends who live in the 35th district. This is a wonderful opportunity to ask questions of this political candidate, express your concerns about issues facing our community, and get involved in the

governing of Washington State. This kind of opportunity for residents to get to know our political candidates and future leaders is what makes living in the United States such a privilege. If you have any questions, contact Alida Abbott at 705-0461 or agpa@uw.edu.