

Bush Prairie News

October 2012

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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BPHA ANNUAL MEETING

7 P.M., November 18, 2012
East Olympia Fire District #6 Headquarters
8047 Normandy Street SE
Olympia, WA 98501

FENCE STANDARD CHANGED

The ACC of The HOA has made a change to the standards. Please refer to paragraph j of Annex "A" to By-Laws of Bush Prairie Homeowner's Association Architectural Control Committee standards, found on the Bush Prairie website. It has changed to read:

j. Fencing and walls: Fencing and walls may not extend further than the front of the home or the sides(s) that face the street. Fencing must not exceed 6.2 feet in height. It must be straight across the top with no dog ear fencing or lattice material used or design feature such as scalloping, except as allowed by prior approval of the ACC or the BPHOA Board of Directors.

k. Fencing materials. Acceptable fencing materials are wood and vinyl. Vinyl coated chain link are also acceptable in all divisions except 6 and 7.

This change was made in conjunction with the home owners living on that end and their desire to add privacy and keep the community looking desirable. Fences do not have to be replaced right away. Stephen Regester, ACC Chair, vandsreg@comcast.net - 360-515-0695

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.

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SUMMER PICNIC

We had a group of about 50 neighbors come out for our annual outing on Aug 11th in The Bowl. We had a 5in1 Combo inflatable house that even the adults could enjoy along with the children. Everyone enjoyed "Smoked BBQ Brisket", thanks to our cook, Bill Moneer! 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 Tumwater Auto Spa, Starbucks, Meconis, LimeBerry, Tumwater Bowling Lanes and Lemongrass Restaurant. Thanks to the picnic committee-Palmer Higa, Natalie Fillippone, Jenna O'Grady, Jeanne Kirkpatrick, Elena Guinn & Lynn Lanouette. Thanks also to Terry Kirkpatrick, Bob Lanouette, Nani MacLaughlin & Bill & Lilly Moneer for helping on picnic day and thanks to all who came!

Street Lights

Our neighborhood has really grown "up". Trees are beginning to tower over our streets and some have begun or will soon block the light from the street lights. If you have a light adjacent to your property, the Association asks that you take a minute and make sure that trees have not grown to block the light onto the street. Your Board says thanks for watching out for this safety issue.

SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS

There are two board positions open for election this year. We are seeking nominees to fill the vacancies. If you would like to be nominated for election please contact Terry Kirkpatrick at; 943-3293 or terrykirk@comcast.net.

FAREWELL & THANKS, SHAWN

We sadly bid farewell to Shawn Deskins, our Landscape Maintenance Coordinator for the last five years, in July. He and his family have moved to Arizona. Under his watch we saw major improvements in the Bowl, the laying out of the Forest Walk, new landscape beds at both entrances and a new maintenance contractor. Shawn did a fantastic job to help maintain and improve our neighborhood common areas. He will be a hard act to follow but Steve Register has stepped up and taken over the duties of coordinator. Thanks so much Shawn for all your contributions and thanks Steve for making a smooth transition to this new job.

Dues Increase

As recommended by our recent Capital Reserve Study, dues were approved to be raised \$1.00 per month starting on next year's semi-annual billing cycle. For more details, see the Annual Meeting Notice or the Bush Prairie website for more details.

