

# Bush Prairie News

2014

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.

## Board Members

### **President**

Roger Fish 753-7100

### **Vice President**

Stephen Manning 350-9816

### **Board Members**

David Rothschild 878-1667

Richard Daniels 943-0603

Chris Meyers 515-0168

## Officers

### **Secretary**

Terry Kirkpatrick 943-3293

### **Treasurer**

Bill Moneer 870-9745

## Committees

### **Architectural Control Committee**

David Rothschild 878-1667

### **Emergency Preparedness Comm.**

Alida Abbott 705-0461

### **Landscape & Maintenance**

Steve Regester 515-0695

### **Mailbox Committee**

Roger Fish 753-7100

### **Newsletter Committee**

Elena Guinn & Bill Moneer

### **Recreation Committee**

Elena Guinn 956-3860

### **Webmaster**

Bill Moneer 870-9745

### **Welcoming Committee**

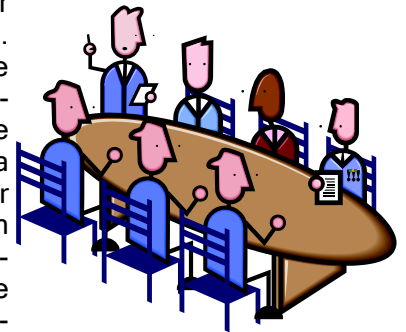
Jeanne Kirkpatrick 943-3293

Tammy Greenwell 570-2205

## ANNUAL MEETING HAPPENINGS

The annual meeting was held Nov 10th in the Training Room of the East Olympia Fire District Headquarters Building on Normandy Street. A major agenda item was the election to replace three board members, positions held by Alida Abbott, Steve Regester and Sonya DeLisle. The results were election of Richard Daniels, Stephen Manning and Chris Meyers as our new board members to fill two year terms. Thank you to the outgoing and incoming board members for their willingness to serve our association!

Roger Fish explained the Capital Reserve Study that shows the Association's assets-numbers, location, age, projected replacement year and cost and total value of all capital assets. The study assists with planning for funds to pay when replacements are needed. Current projections show \$1 per month increase will occur in 2014 and 50 cents per month in 2015 in order to maintain our assets. An increase in dues of \$1 per month was done in 2013 which goes directly into the Capital Reserve Fund. We used the fund to resurface and upgrade the tennis courts in the Bowl at a cost of almost \$9,700. Other projects this year were the continued implementation of an Emergency Preparedness Plan for Bush Prairie and sponsoring a Community Garage Sale again this year. The Board continues with improving communications by revising the BPHA website and by Facebook, email and newsletter. The Board completed all position binders for board members, appointees and committee chairs. These will be very helpful for new persons filling these positions.



## From Your Incoming President

Hi, I'm Roger Fish, your newly elected Board President. I'd like to say thank you to our outgoing Board Members Alida, Steve and Sonya for their service to their neighbors. Alida will stay on as Emergency Preparedness Chair and Steve will continue as Landscaping & Maintenance Chair. To our new Board Members Stephen, Rich and Chris, thank you for joining our team and adding a fresh perspective to what we do. Alida, thanks for a great year in 2013 for our association and we'll try to keep it going!

**To my neighbors** - if you have any questions, concerns or would like to make a suggestion for enhancing our neighborhood, give me a call anytime 753-7100 or drop by 7702 Filly Ct. and let's talk!

## December Board Meeting

At the December 2013 meeting, your Board elected Roger Fish to serve as President and Stephen Manning as Vice President. The board meetings are open to all homeowners and are usually held the third Thursday of each month. The location is posted on the Bush Prairie web site. Next meeting is at 6:00 p.m., January 16, 2014 at the Fish residence, 7702 Filly Court.

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## 2014 BPHA BUDGET

This budget for 2014 was approved at the annual meeting and is presented below.

<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$ 37,320</b>
HO Dues	\$ 30,624
Stormwater dues	\$ 612
Cap. Resv. Fund	\$ 5,568
Interest & Charges	\$ 516
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 37,133</b>
Community	\$ 1,905
Landscaping	\$ 10,600
Maintenance	\$ 2,700
Insurance	\$ 2,900
Mgmt Fees	\$ 4,800
Office Expenses	\$ 500
Postage	\$ 500
Taxes	\$ 50
PSE-Street Lights	\$ 5,760
Irrigation Water	\$ 850
Cap. Resv.	\$ 5,568
Stormwater Fund	\$ 1,000
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 187</b>

## BEST YARD OF 2013

Congratulations to Lonnie Kuenzi at 7710 Arab Ct SE for "Best Yard of 2013"!!! A \$50 gift card to Home Depot was awarded. Honorable Mentions are awarded to 1911 Arab Dr SE, the McCudden's and 2009 Arab Dr SE, the Patters. We thank all of you for contributing to make our neighborhood beautiful.

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS CONTEST

Once again the best holiday display was at 1841 Arab Dr SE, Palmer & Sharlene Higa's home. The display is fresh each year and obviously much work is devoted to it. A \$50 gift card to Fred Meyer was awarded. Honorable Mention is given to: 2011 Arab Dr, home of the Weakland's, 2017 Arab Dr SE, the Acosta's, and 7838 Paddock Ct, the Kiblers. Thanks to all who decorated your homes for displays that added cheer and brightness to the holiday season in Bush Prairie.



## WINTER HINTS

Help keep street storm drains clear so water can flow into them. If there are leaves and other debris blocking one near your home, help clear it! Thanks! Also, we ask that you clear branches from street lights and traffic signs so you and your neighbors are safe.

## Christmas Tree Recycling

Residents who have yard waste service can put your trees out at the curb along with your yard waste bin. If trees are very tall, you need to cut them into max of 3 ft pieces. If you don't have yard waste service you can take trees to the Waste and Recovery Center, 2418 Hogum Bay Rd NE in Lacey from Dec. 26-Jan 12., Weekdays 7am-5pm, Sat-Sun 8am-5pm. Closed New Years Day.

## A message from our Fire Chief

The Santa Visits to the neighborhoods this year brought in a record-breaking amount of food and monetary donations to assist us in supporting local families in need. We believe the jump in support came from the help of many of our neighborhood associations who got the word out and made the event a gathering for their neighborhood. The 4,250 pounds of food collected for the Thurston County Food Bank was almost double what we have collected in the past. We also collected \$1,700 in cash and gift cards. The funds are being used by our Firefighters Association to assist several families that live in our fire district. We **thank you** for helping make this event such a success. We appreciate your continued support. May you enjoy the season with family and friends.....*MELVIN D. LOW, FIRE CHIEF*

## Mark your calendars for BPHA 2014 Events

- Annual Easter Egg Hunt - April 19th
- Neighborhood Garage Sale - June 6th-7th
- Summer Picnic - TBD (need a volunteer)
- Annual Homeowner's Meeting - November 9th

