



## 2018 WPOA Board Members

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### REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES EACH JANUARY

The WPOA relies on its annual \$175 membership property assessments to pay our community's expenses, from street lights, common area or greenbelt maintenance to insurance and taxes. Annual membership assessments are due in January. In accordance with WPOA covenants, liens have now been recorded on unpaid 2018 dues on to the delinquent property owners. Costs of recording liens on properties with unpaid dues are increasing by over 33% on June 7, 2018. Paying our dues on time avoids a lot of unnecessary costs.

#### Street Lighting Retrofit Continues

Plans have begun to take shape for replacing 15 more existing halogen street lights with energy efficient LED's. Last year 12 lights were replaced. They are located primarily at existing intersections. The next phase will include lights on more intersections, high traffic areas, Highline Drive, Frontier Drive, and Claridge Drive. The new lights are brighter and more focused on the roadway, but are less expensive to operate. Replacing the old lights requires total replacement of the entire light fixture and not just replacing a bulb. The Board felt this was an essential improvement for safety and energy efficiency. Since there are no funds set aside in the current budget for this work, the replacement will be staged over the next several years. The first stage was completed in September of 2017. If you have a street light you believe should be included in the next phase of the upgrade, please contact or email any Board member.

#### WPOA Position Available

We are currently seeking a WPOA Member Member-at-Large position for the Board. If you are interested in being an active member of the Board, please contact Larry Rus (President) at 360-491-1101.



### Semi-Annual Meeting

**When:** May 29, 2018 at 7:00 pm

**Where:** Grace Community Covenant Church (Fellowship Hall), 5501 Wiggins Road

**Please send us your email address if you have not in the past**

## Greenbelt Management Initiative

With the intent of transitioning from a reactive to proactive approach to greenbelt management, we are embarking on a process of developing a plan to manage our greenbelt areas. This process will include identifying and labeling each greenbelt area within our development, identifying and understanding the maintenance needs of each section, and developing a plan to achieve the intent stated above. While there will always be a reactive component to the maintenance of the greenbelt areas due to unforeseen circumstances, the board believes that a proactive management plan of the greenbelts will allow us to maximize the resources available to maintain these areas. We are working with an associate from the Evergreen State College in the initial stages of this process. Stay tuned!

## New Landscape Provider

There's a new team in the neighborhood. H.A. Lawn Care of Oakville is the new landscape maintenance contractor. They were selected through a competitive bid process. The contract is for a two year period which began last month and will continue through January 2020. Say hello to them if you see them in your area. If you have any questions about the contract, contact Dick Fankhauser, WPOA Secretary.

## Donnelly Swale Clearing

We recently received a packet from Thurston County regarding the necessity to maintain the two swales that requiring the submission of a maintenance report by August 3, 2018. I plan to bring the packet to the next board meeting. **View marked location at:** <https://wpoadotus.files.wordpress.com/2018/05/wilderness-swale-maint.pdf>

## Bus Stop Improvements

Intercity Transit, the public transit provider in this region, has been working with the City of Olympia to identify bus stop improvements that can be made within the public right-of-way. The bus stop adjacent to 3320 Donnelly Dr. SE was identified for the project and a letter send in September 2017 to notify property owners of their intent and to begin discussions if needed.

Intercity Transit has completed the engineering phase for the 63 bus stops selected for this project and is now moving into the construction phase. They anticipate the construction to occur between May and August 2018.

They understand that at times it can be a challenge to accommodate changes to the right-of-way and ask that should you have a sprinkler system, plants, bench etc. they'd be happy to assist you with the removal. **View complete letter at:** <https://wpoadotus.files.wordpress.com/2018/05/ict-11-april-2018-1.pdf>