

Wilderness Property Owners'  
Association

# WPOA

FEBRUARY 2020  
NEWSLETTER

Semi-Annual Association Meeting

**Tuesday, May 19**

**6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Grace Community Covenant Church  
Fellowship Hall



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## MESSAGE FROM THE WPOA PRESIDENT

Dear WPOA Neighbors:

The days are getting a little longer and winter is coming to an end. As daylight continues to extend be sure to be aware as neighbors experience our community outside walking, running, and playing.

The February newsletter provides you with updates and information since the Annual WPOA Association meeting in November. Included is information about new WPOA materials on the website, WPOA Officers for 2020 and a "Save the Date" for the Semi-Annual WPOA Association Meeting in May.

We value the engagement of our neighbors and the support for the Board. It is the Board's intent to continue to serve our community to the best of our collective abilities. We continue to strive for a WPOA that works for everyone in the community in a way that is fair, respectful, and transparent.

If you have feedback, the best way to reach the Board is via email at [WildernessBoard@gmail.com](mailto:WildernessBoard@gmail.com). We appreciate any feedback and welcome your ideas, thoughts, and suggestions.

Lastly, I want to thank my fellow Board members and volunteers who create newsletters, manage greenbelt issues, and countless other duties that make our neighborhood great. Your work is much appreciated!

## SOME IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Save the Date:** The WPOA Semi-Annual Association Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, May 19 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Grace Community Covenant Church**. We will begin with a presentation and Q&A with a representative from the City of Olympia Parks Department to discuss plans for development around our community. The WPOA Semi-Annual Association Meeting will follow. Details can be found at [wildernesspropertyowners.org](http://wildernesspropertyowners.org)

**Emails:** Please send us your email address if you haven't already. It will reduce costs to the Association for mailings and ensure you receive messages from the WPOA Board and announcements from the City and County in a timely fashion.

## FIND US:

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## WPOA ASSOCIATION DUES

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Thank you to all members of the Association who have submitted their annual WPOA dues. The deadline for dues was January 31, 2020 and **late fees as identified in the WPOA Covenants will be assessed for late dues**. There are 57 members of the Association who have not yet paid their WPOA dues. The WPOA Board encourages members who have not yet paid their dues to please do so.

## WPOA OFFICERS 2020

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In January, as required by the WPOA bylaws Article 2 Section 9, the WPOA Board elected a slate of WPOA Board Officers for 2020:

- Julie Garver, President
- Phil Harlan, Vice President
- John Cusick, Treasurer
- Dick Fankhauser, Secretary

## NEW: COVENANT FAQ

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As our community continues to grow, welcoming new neighbors and enjoying others who have made Wilderness their home for years, the WPOA continues to receive questions about the Association. Over time the WPOA Board noticed some common questions. To assist with increasing awareness and education around the WPOA Covenants, which are the governing documents for the Association and our community, the WPOA Board has created a Covenant Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document. The FAQ includes common questions from Association members and areas for which we hear from you. The new document is posted on the WPOA website, under the *Covenants, Bylaws and Maps* tab. Be sure to check it out:

[wpoadotus.files.wordpress.com/2020/02/frequently-asked-questions-final-2.2020.pdf](http://wpoadotus.files.wordpress.com/2020/02/frequently-asked-questions-final-2.2020.pdf)

## TRAFFIC CALMING NEXT STEPS

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At the Annual WPOA Association Meeting in November, the WPOA Association heard from the Thurston County Public Works Department about traffic calming solutions.

The County informed the Association of its traffic calming program. The program provides educational, behavioral, and environmental solutions to assist in addressing traffic safety concerns in neighborhoods. The County's program consists of two phases intended to obtain neighborhood participation coupled with low cost activities by the County to assist in changing driving behaviors and, if necessary, consider environmental changes to the roadway system.

The first phase focuses on changing driver behavior. There are multiple options for engagement by neighbors in this phase. If you want more information, go to: [wildernesspropertyowners.org/resources](http://wildernesspropertyowners.org/resources) and view the links under *Traffic Calming*.

The second phase focuses on changing the roadway environment. To begin this phase the County requires a petition that includes signatures from 30% of lot owners (84 signatures) – one signature per lot – of the Association. To date the Board has received 17 signatures. If you are interested in pursuing the second phase you may collect signatures and send them to the Board. The WPOA Board will not be collecting signatures but will submit a completed petition once the threshold has been reached.

A link to the petition is on our website: [wpoadotus.files.wordpress.com/2019/11/neighborhood-30-petition.pdf](http://wpoadotus.files.wordpress.com/2019/11/neighborhood-30-petition.pdf)