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Association

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NEWSLETTER

NO ANNUAL MEETING

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MESSAGE FROM THE WPOA PRESIDENT

The August newsletter provides updates and information since the May WPOA newsletter: wildernesspropertyowners.org/newsletters-minutes

My fellow Board members and I want to express our sincere thanks to Larry Rus for his time and dedication serving the neighborhood as the former WPOA President and board member. We appreciate the accomplishments achieved during his years of service. This change leaves a vacancy on the WPOA Board (Board), details follow in the newsletter.

Since May, the Board has responded to community requests, shared resources and opportunities and addressed greenbelt and other issues in the neighborhood. Through this work and engagement our intent continues to be to serve our community to the best of our collective abilities. We plan to make the WPOA one that works for everyone in the community in a way that is fair, respectful and transparent.

The Board thanks everyone for the continued support and patience. As fall nears and we continue to weather the pandemic, we plan to continue to engage remotely through the fall. If you have feedback, thoughts, and/or suggestions please reach out to the Board at WildernessBoard@gmail.com

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

- **Emails.** Please send us your email address if you have not already. It will reduce costs to the Association for mailings and ensure you receive messages from the WPOA Board (WildernessBoard@gmail.com)
- **General Safety and Awareness.** As fall nears, school begins and the days grow shorter please be aware as students head to and from school and neighbors experience our community outside walking, running and playing.
- **WPOA Community Resources.** The WPOA Website provides several links to resources in our area. Resources, which can be found at: wildernesspropertyowners.org/resources, include contacts regarding issues and concerns for Thurston County and other specific areas such as emergency preparedness, COVID-19 related information, flood plain and public safety. If you have suggested additions for the Resource webpage or note that information provided is incorrect or out-of-date, please provide changes to the Wilderness Board via email at: WildernessBoard@gmail.com

WPOA BOARD VACANCY

Come join a dedicated group of neighbors committed to the long-term health, safety and beauty of our community. The WPOA is managed by a board of seven directors and we have a vacancy. The Board, generally, meets on a monthly basis including Association meetings in May and November. Board members are responsible for responding to questions/comments/concerns both from our community and outside our neighborhood, management of the WPOA Greenbelt and other activities. For more information and details about serving on the Board visit the WPOA website: wildernesspropertyowners.org/covenants-bylaws-and-maps. If you are interested in this position or have questions, please email the Board at WildernessBoard@gmail.com

NEIGHBORHOOD LIGHTS GET A NEW LOOK

In recent years, the WPOA Board has engaged with Puget Sound Energy to replace the streetlights in our community with updated LED lights and fixtures. For the past few years, the WPOA Board has replaced a few streetlights in our neighborhood with the goal of updating all lights. The updated streetlights provide for additional safety in our community with increased lighting exposure. In addition, the move to LED lights has provided energy savings for our community. We are excited to share that this work will be completed this fall with all streetlights updated by the end of September.

WELCOME NEW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS!

Welcome new neighbors and Association members. A stroll through our neighborhood reveals the transition of homes from current to new neighbors. Those new to our community, and a reminder to current residents, are encouraged to visit the WPOA website: wildernesspropertyowners.org, which is a primary tool of communication for the Board. The website provides several resources for all community members, including Association covenants, bylaws, newsletters and other resources. And, please send us (WildernessBoard@gmail.com) your email address to ensure you receive messages from the Board and announcements from the City and County in a timely fashion.

WPOA 2022 BUDGET AND DUES

The WPOA Board will reach out to Association members this fall for approval of the 2022 WPOA budget and associated annual membership dues. Be on the alert for an email or letter in November.

A reminder as you plan ahead:

- The **deadline for payment of 2022 WPOA dues** is no later than **January 31, 2022**.
- **Statements will be sent to all property owners in December.** Please note only those lot owners with no email address on record will be sent a printed statement via USPS mail. All other statements will be sent via email.
- **Tardy dues payments** are subject to interest charges and, if not received by April 1, are subject to additional fees for lien preparation and recording. **Avoid all the associated expense and hassle by paying your dues on time!**