

Wilderness Property Owners'
Association

WPOA

MAY 2023
NEWSLETTER

IN-PERSON SEMI-ANNUAL
MEETING

May 9th 6:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

Grace Community Covenant Church
5501 Wiggins Rd SE

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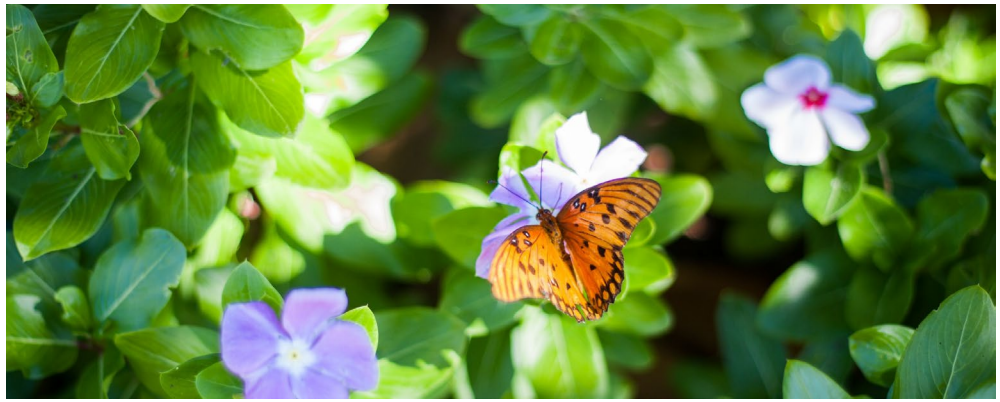


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MESSAGE FROM THE WPOA PRESIDENT

Spring has arrived in our community! Yes, it's been cold but the days are still longer and the flowers are blooming. The WPOA Board is happy to share with our community this May WPOA Newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

WPOA SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING. The Semi- Annual Association Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 PM** at Grace Community Covenant Church in the Fellowship Hall.

Guest Speakers:

- **6:30 PM - Jason Casebolt**, from the **Thurston County Sheriff's Office**, will update us on crime and crime prevention in the area.
- **7:00 PM - Brandi Schroeder**, from the **Thurston County Public Works**, will update us on the recent traffic study data collection and next steps.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE. If you are interested in joining an **Architectural Control Committee (ACC)** to review member's requests to approve construction of new permanent structures on their lots, please email the Board at WildernessBoard@gmail.com. (See covenant B-2 Architectural Control for further information about the ACC.)

WPOA BOARD VACANCY. Come join a dedicated volunteer group of neighbors committed to the long-term health, safety, and beauty of our community. There is a current vacancy for an "at large" Board member. If you are interested in this position or have questions, please email the Board at WildernessBoard@gmail.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD AWARENESS. As we welcome spring and warmer weather, be sure to be aware as neighbors experience our community outside walking, running, and playing.

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. Send your email address to: WildernessBoard@gmail.com.

WPOA WEBSITE. Check out the WPOA website (wildernesspropertyowners.org) which contains information about resources, covenants, Frequently Asked Questions, and more.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK. If you have feedback, the best way to reach the Board is via email at WildernessBoard@gmail.com. We welcome your ideas, thoughts, and suggestions.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



Spring is a time of change and growth and the WPOA Board has been no exception. Due to the recent planned and unplanned resignations of Dick Fankhauser, Julie Garver, Melissa Macchiarella and Dan Phillips, we lost some 25+ years of cumulative Board experience. Thank you Dick, Julie, Melissa, and Dan for your commitment to voluntarily serving our community as long as you did!

Earlier this year, the WPOA Board elected the following 2023 WPOA Board Officers:

- John Cusick, Acting President
- Nate Skuza, Vice President
- John Cusick, Treasurer
- Raghavendra Paturi, Secretary

Treasurer John Cusick agreed to serve as *Acting President* until one of the other recent Board members feels comfortable and familiar enough with our covenants and processes to serve as President.

We're fortunate to welcome back former Board member and President, Larry Rus, as a member-at-large. Larry agreed to contribute his past experience and expertise to help us during our transition as new members join the Board.

The Board continues to meet monthly via Zoom. Minutes from the meetings can be found on the WPOA website.

COVENANT SPOTLIGHT



The WPOA Covenants provide the agreed upon and legally binding guidelines for the planned community as defined by the Plats of Wilderness and Wilderness Division. In other words, the **Covenants are the rules for the neighborhood**. The Covenants address a range of issues from community areas to signage and temporary structures.

This newsletter we are shining a spotlight on **C-4: Natural Beauty** which states:

"To preserve the natural beauty of the areas, no tree, shrub or plant shall be cut, dug, trimmed, moved, or in any other way molested, to change its natural state without approval of Wilderness Property Owners Association."

This Covenant supports our community's commitment to provide for the continued aesthetic, healthful, and uniform development, use, and enjoyment of our community. Find out about all of the Covenants for WPOA at our website (wildernesspropertyowners.org).

Concerned About Trees on Street Islands?

We have a number of street islands in the Wilderness Development with trees on them and sometimes we see trees that may be diseased or damaged. These islands, including 10-15 feet on each side of our streets, are considered to be in Thurston County right-of-way and are **not maintained by WPOA**. Any concerns should be reported to the Thurston County Public Works Department.

WPOA BOARD FURTHERS PROACTIVE GREENBELT WORK

After losing several years because of the pandemic, the WPOA Board is moving ahead with implementing the recommendations made in the 2018/2019 comprehensive evaluation and inventory of the WPOA Greenbelt. Volunteer Christi McGinley and Board member Raghavendra Paturi are working diligently to make up for lost time on this project.

Our focus is on identifying and removing or pruning hazardous trees. We are prioritizing greenbelts that have a high number of these trees. **Division 17**, which includes **Donnelly Drive and 48th Court**, is nearly complete. Our next area of focus is **Division 1 and 4** which encompasses **Ferndale Court and 46th Court**. Then, we'll move on to **Divisions 6, 6A, and 9** which are greenbelts in and around **Highline Drive and Frontier Drive**.

We also plan to walk through all 20 greenbelt tracts this year so, even if a greenbelt near you doesn't have hazard trees identified right now, you may see Raghavendra and Christi walking there to look for unidentified issues and to get a general sense for the health of those greenbelts. So be sure to say "Hi!" introduce yourselves if you see them!