



RIDGECREST NEWSLETTER

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Mark Johnston, Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE to the ASSOCIATION: The board of directors only responds to letters written to official above address

Joe Swatek, VP & Chairman Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

ARCHITECTURAL: The ACC has approved three (3) ACC requests so far this year. ACC does not patrol the plat looking for construction, however if it is noticed they will send a 'request to comply'. ACC relies on the cooperation of residents. <http://ridgecresthomeowners.org/architectural/RidgecrestACCApprovalListing.pdf>

GREENBELT TREES: Under Title 19 **Critical Area Ordinance (CAO)** it is illegal to remove any vegetation from the common area, dead or alive. RHA has a procedure for possible threatening trees that starts with the ACC and incorporates the Kitsap County Community Planning department. Information can be gotten from any ACC member or on the RHA web site. <http://www.ridgecresthomeowners.org/greenbelt/Greenbelt%20Foliage.pdf>

ARBORIST: After getting authorization from the board in February 2017 the BoD hired an arborist to take a professional look at our trees that are close to the backs of homes within Ridgecrest. The RHA is responsible for trees in the common area. The good news is that we live in a healthy forest however the Archon Tree Service found approximately 11 trees close to homes that needed some attention. Notices went out to the homeowners that were affected. Some trees only needed removal of vines and others needed to be taken out. Fortunately for the RHA only two trees needed to be addressed by the association as they were in the greenbelt and dead. The RHA has already received written approval to remove these dangerous trees from the county and the association will pay for these two trees. The other trees are the responsibility of the homeowners and the homeowners know who they are. If there are trees that others need an arborist to look at that they feel are an issue you will have a chance to talk to them when they come out to take out trees in the greenbelt or on private property as the tree service intends on working Deeridge all at one time. You will be notified by U.S. Mail.

FAQ's: Frequently asked questions were originally written about 30 years ago but are still applicable today. <http://www.ridgecresthomeowners.org/newsletters/FAQs.pdf>

MANAGEMENT TEAM: Everyone has a better idea on how to do things. Join the team and lend us your expertise.

Alvin Aosved, Treasurer – Financial Projected Biannual Budget for 2017-2018

Volunteers only get reimbursed for stamps while donating administrative staples such as paper, printing supplies, envelopes, trips to the post office and many other chores. The BoD should provide reimbursement for volunteers doing RHA chores. The BoD adopted .51 cents per mile. Some of our administrative costs include fees at the county and paying an attorney for legal advice. In addition to the annual assessment income the RHA has built up a contingency fund for a two-year period that is continuously eroded due to unforeseen administrative costs such as liens. The RHA is currently solvent and by working together we can keep it that way.

Please pay your assessment on or before 1 August 2017. At the last meeting in February we lowered the assessment. Thank you.

George Carr, President

MEETINGS We have annual membership meetings usually in February and you are encouraged to attend. It is now scheduled at a public venue for 2018 and you will be notified via U.S. Mail. Our website has a lot of information but there is no exception for direct information. I have been involved with the RHA since 1982 and was elected president in 1987 when I took over from the developer. Even though I oversaw some of the admin when relieved in 2009 I never was completely done with the job. In the past three years we have had two presidents resign and I offered and stepped down temporarily to encourage others to take on the responsibility. Nobody would step up. At the last meeting we received 7 proxy votes. Two could not make the meeting however surprisingly 5 did not want to attend because of the rancor and complaining. *Not happy with the RHA or its direction then run for president and work to change it.*

REPORT WILD ANIMALS: We live in a wooded area where coyotes, raccoons, rats and mice are plentiful. Leaving food out is dangerous. **A BEAR was seen in the summer of 2008 passing through the yards 8776 and 8777 Deeridge.** Do not leave your pet food outside or even in your garage. WDFW says do not feed wildlife. Raccoon's especially carry diseases. In the recent past we had a neighbor illegally feeding raccoons that is a very bad idea. This is from the Department of Fish & Wildlife. **Report large animal sightings such as bears and others you are concerned about to WDF&W at [wildlife] 1-360 902-2515 or [enforcement] 1-360 902-2936.**

STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE: Call 888-225-5773 that is the same number for reporting power outages and have the pole number handy. The electric company does not patrol so you need to tell them. The pole number is usually on a white tag and may begin with the number SLA _____. It takes around 10-14 days after you call it in.

DEPARTMENT of SOCIAL and HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS): Elderly and handicapped. **Home and community services 1-800-422-7114**

CHILD ABUSE - DSHS CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES: If you witness child abuse or neglect then call 1-800- 423-6246. Child abuse could be a symptom of additional problems that may end up affecting you.

BARKING DOGS: There is a form on the website to fill out for annoying barking dogs. Make sure you can support all the comments and give exact times.

CASCADIA RISING: As a ham radio operator I along with some of my buddies participated in a region wide drill that responds to a major earth quake in the NW. Depending on the epicenter a lot of damage. **FYI:** Ridgecrest rests on top of a long stone loosely filled earthen moraine. If we were on top of the epicenter there would be considerable movement that could move trees, foundations, streets, driveways, etc. Recommend earthquake insurance on your home. *George Carr reporting.*

DOMESTIC LOOSE ANIMALS & PETS: It is apparent that all families in Ridgecrest are dog lovers and are sensitive to their dogs and neighbors needs and take appropriate care of their pets. As a courtesy we have provided a segment of the Kitsap County regulations on the reverse of this newsletter. We have for many years listed on the RHA website the Ridgecrest pertinent county pet regulations at <http://ridgecresthomeowners.org/information/Your%20Pets.pdf>
Report pet issues to **Kitsap County Animal Control 698-9654 x7216 or 692-6977.**

ROADWAY REPAIR: Deeridge & adjoining cul-de-sacs are county property so please report falling trees to the county. **Public Works, Kitsap County at 337-5777**

GREENBELT DETENTION/RETENTION PONDS: A Ridgecrest resident, that's you, pay over \$50 annually in your county tax bill to maintain these ponds. Any type of activity especially motorized vehicles such as ATV & bike riding in this area is strictly forbidden. It is not a play area for basketball.
Report violators to **Chuck Smiley, SSWM Inspector, 337-7290**

CERTIFIED WOOD STOVES and the SMOKE POLICE: So you think you have a **CERTIFIED WOOD STOVE?** You better make sure. Don't take the previous owners word for it. Check yourself, as the fine is \$1000.00. You might have a neighbor who will turn you into the smoke police so check. Also before lighting off that wood stove or burning brush check with the county. **South Kitsap County Burn Ban Areas 871-2411 or (800) 323-BURN (2876)**

YOUR HOME HAS INCREASED IN VALUE: It is a sellers market. Over the last many months our homes have definitely increased in value and the interest rates are still low. This rare event may not take place for another 25 years if at all.

SPEEDING COMPLAINTS: The speed limit on Deeridge is really too high at 25 MPH but for some it is not high enough. We do have speeders. Do not attempt to take any action on your own but report speeders to law enforcement. <http://www.kitsapgov.com/sheriff/> Call 911 or Sheriff's Office Desk 337-7101

WASTE MANAGEMENT: <http://wmmnorthwest.com/kitsap/index.html> or 1-800-592-9995 Good luck on getting a real live person to talk to. If you have a problem recommend you pay them a visit out near the airport area and talk to a supervisor.

FIREWORKS: Laws for discharging fireworks. Firework's Ordinance 377-2007. Fire Marshall's office 337-5777

PLEASE SEND ALL MAIL TO THE ASSOCIATION at the ABOVE ADDRESS or ATTEND MEETINGS
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING ANYTHING IN THIS NEWSLETTER, RHA Covenants & By-Laws
PLEASE BRING THEM UP AT THE NEXT MEETING
"KEEPING YOU INFORMED FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY"