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## Reminders:

### Your Homeowners Association Board

Your current Board Members are: Jeff Shaver (President), Morten Haastrup (Vice President), Glenn McEachron (Treasurer), and Tom Giese (Secretary). You can contact the Board any time. See below.

### Want to Contact the HOA Board?

Visit our website at [www.hillcreekhoa.com](http://www.hillcreekhoa.com) or contact the association manager Lori Nicolaus at 253-202-2673

### Get ACC Approval for Projects

Please remember to get approval from the Architecture Control Committee (ACC) for your projects (this includes exterior painting and roof replacement). Download or copy the application form and mail or deliver it to the ACC as directed. If you are unsure whether or not you need approval, e-mail the ACC at [acc@hillcreekhoa.com](mailto:acc@hillcreekhoa.com) or call the association manager.

### Review the Regulations and Covenants

If you are unfamiliar with our rules and regulations and have questions, you can download them from our website or contact the association manager to request a paper copy.

## Annexation Update

Volunteers have been canvassing the neighborhood to discuss annexation into the City of Milton and gather signatures for the petition. The goal is to make face-to-face contact with all residents and send letters to absentee homeowners. By now, you've likely been contacted by a volunteer. If not, please let the HOA board know and we will make sure your voice is heard.

To date, we have signatures from over 50% of the homeowners and are well within reach of the necessary 60% of total property value to submit a successful petition. If you have questions about annexation, please refer to information in earlier newsletters (also posted to the HOA website) or contact the HOA board to provide feedback or pose a question. You can use one of our social media platforms (Facebook or Nextdoor) that will allow others to view the discussion, or e-mail the HOA board directly.

## Neighborhood Mailboxes

When parking your car to retrieve your mail, please be mindful not to block driveways or others access to the mailboxes. When entering

the neighborhood, please park on the right side of the road to retrieve mail, rather than against traffic on the left side, to avoid possible accidents and causing confusion with other drivers.

## Holiday Decorations

After we've all enjoyed the holiday season and the wonderful decorations around the neighborhood, please make it a point to remove these decorations in a timely manner. Holiday lights and other outdoor decorations should be taken down before January 31st, which is a firm deadline, in accordance with our HOA rules and regulations.

## Winter Yard Care

One of the great benefits of winter is that the grass doesn't grow, the leaves have all fallen and we can get a break from the demands of the yard. After you've enjoyed a break, consider that winter is a great time to prune trees and bushes, since all the branches are exposed and much more accessible. You can more easily view the structure of the tree or bush to remove the overlapping and oddly shaped branches. Also, be sure to keep your gutters clean so when those winter storms hit they can do their job and help keep your house dry.

## Automobile Security

Recently, neighbors have reported increased activity with car break-ins and an instance of a car theft. To protect your vehicles, please park them in the garage if possible. In any case, do not leave valuables in your car, set your alarm if you have one, and always lock your vehicles.

