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Reminders:

Your Homeowners Association Board

Your current Board Members are: Susan Knobloch, Bethany Kostin, Patty Roberts, and Jeff Shaver. You can contact the Board any time; see below.

Keep the Bad Guys Away

Avoid becoming a burglary victim. Always lock your doors and close garage doors. If you see a neighbor's garage door open after dark, take the time to let them know. Lock cars parked outdoors and don't leave valuable items in them.

Want to Contact the HOA Board?

Visit our website at 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). Download or copy the application form and submit it to the ACC as directed. If you are unsure whether or not you need approval, e-mail the ACC at 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.

Holiday Decorations

Every year we are delighted to enjoy the decorations that our neighbors put up to celebrate Christmas and other holidays. Just remember to follow these simple guidelines:

1. Wait to put out your display until 1 month prior to the holiday.
2. Remove your display no later than January 31.
3. Inform the FAA if you are using enough lights that your driveway may be mistaken for a Sea-Tac runway!

Electronic Newsletter Delivery

In response to requests at the annual meeting, we are doing e-mail delivery of newsletters. To sign up, just send e-mail from a valid address to newsletter@hillcreekhoa.com. Note that we will continue to deliver paper newsletters to every home until it makes sense to keep separate paper and e-delivery lists.

You may also read this newsletter, and several past issues, on the HOA website: hillcreekhoa.com.

Refuse Cans

Have you noticed more garbage, recycle, and yard waste cans as you go about the neighborhood? We have, too. So here is another friendly reminder: All of those cans must be out of sight except on pick-up day (Friday). Put them out no earlier than the night before, and take them back to their hiding places promptly. The Board has begun sending letters of violation to homes that consistently have their cans in view. To avoid a fine, just keep them out of sight.

Safety FIRST

Please use extreme caution when driving in Hill Creek. We have a very active

neighborhood of walkers, joggers, and playing children. There have been near-accidents caused by inattentive drivers backing out of driveways. Let's avoid a tragedy by always checking in every direction before putting a vehicle in motion.

Fall/Winter Maintenance

Dipping temperatures and dripping skies don't mean that we should neglect our yards, bushes, and trees. Colder weather can be the right time to prune trees, and trim shrubs. Also be sure to rake up those fallen leaves from your yard, driveway and sidewalk! Roof problems? Many roofers offer lower prices during the "off season".

The best indicator that your home needs work is to step outside, walk out to the street, then turn around and take a long close look. How is the paint? Are there any siding problems? Are your garage doors sagging or buckled?

MONEY-SAVING TIP: Get things in shape BEFORE they fall apart. Preventive maintenance is much less expensive than repairs.

For winter storm preparedness, check <http://takewinterbystorm.org>.

Parking

When you have those family and friends gatherings, please let your guests know about our parking rules. No vehicle should be parked where it blocks driveway access or on any sidewalk. Remember: Sidewalks are for feet, streets are for wheels.

If cars near your home are parked illegally, and you cannot contact the owner to move, you can call King County Parking Enforcement at 206-296-3311 and they will send an officer to help.

Next HOA Board Mtg

November 28 7PM at the Milton Library. Check the website for last-minute changes.