

# The Hill Creek Chronicle

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## Reminders:

### Your Homeowners Association Board

Your current Board Members are: Morten Haastrup (Secretary), Alicia Wilkerson (VP), Craig Simmons, Justin Compton (Treasurer), and Jeff Shaver (Pres).

### 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 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](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.

1. Send your e-mail address to [manager@hillcreekhoa.com](mailto:manager@hillcreekhoa.com) and ask to be placed on the newsletter mailing list.
2. If you use Facebook, go to <https://www.facebook.com/HillCreek.FedWay> and “like” or make it a Shortcut.
3. If you use Nextdoor, you will see a post when there is a new newsletter.
4. Periodically check our website at <http://hillcreekhoa.com/news.htm>.

When a newsletter is ready it will be placed on our website, the email list will be notified, and postings will be made on Facebook and Nextdoor. If you prefer some other notification method, please let us know!

## Help Us Contact You

The Board decided at its August 24, 2021 meeting to ask all Hill Creek residents to submit an e-contact. The purpose is to be able to notify everyone of any time-sensitive information. This includes safety, crime, utilities notices, etc. Please send e-mail to [manager@hillcreekhoa.com](mailto:manager@hillcreekhoa.com) and specify one of the following:

1. Phone number capable of receiving text messages.
2. Contact info on a social media platform for which you receive alerts.
3. E-mail address for which you receive alerts.

Please note that this is separate from the Newsletter notification above. This notification system will be used only for time-sensitive information. Your contact information will be kept private and will not be abused.

## No Paper Newsletter

This newsletter is now published electronically only. If you know of a neighbor who is NOT getting this, here are the ways for them to get the newsletter in the future:

## Pooch Potty Protocol

In spite of our constant efforts to get dog owners with the program, there is still a “mess” of guess what in the neighborhood.

To make it easy, here is a simple 3-step approach to dealing with doggie-doo for dog owners:

1. Your dog poops on a yard, sidewalk, or at the park.
2. You grab your handy poop bag (available at the Park and trailhead) and pick it up.
3. You either take the bag home, or place it in the Park garbage can.

Even if you are NOT a dog owner, you can help! Here is your own 3-step poop-patrol program. If you observe a dog leaving a calling card that their owner does not pick up:

1. Say something. Remind the owner that bags are available.
2. If the owner refuses, ask for their name and address, then report it to the Board.
3. If #1 and #2 fail, take pictures and send to the Board. Yes, fines are possible.

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## Nextdoor

Have you signed up yet? Go to [nextdoor.com](https://nextdoor.com) real soon to become part of our virtual neighborhood. It is a great place for posting notices, reporting news... it's like a bulletin board without the staples. Over 100 of your neighbors are already members, so please add your name! We also use Facebook, but Nextdoor, properly used, is private to our neighborhood!

## Parking Protocol

Everyone who drives into Hill Creek, **including our guests and business visitors**, are subject to our parking rules. It is up to YOU to ensure these rules are followed at all times:

1. No parking on sidewalks. Show off your 4WD somewhere else.
2. No double-parking. It's illegal anyway.
3. Cul-de-sacs are not parking lots. That's also illegal.
4. Do not block driveways.
5. No commercial vehicles parked overnight. (See our rules for the few exceptions.)
6. No RVs, trailers, boats, etc. A day or two while loading & unloading is ok.
7. All parked vehicles must have current registration and be in operating condition.

## Hill Creek Police??

The Hill Creek HOA has a set of Rules to help us keep our neighborhood beautiful and livable. What we do not have is any kind of "police" to ensure that everyone follows those rules.

The number one way that the Board hears about problems is resident complaints. When you see what appears to be someone breaking an HOA rule, there are two things you can do.

1. Speak to them and remind them of the rule.
2. Make a complaint to the Board.

Many rule violations happen simply due to not knowing the rules! Please be the helpful eyes and ears, and Keep Hill Creek Beautiful!.