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Reminders:

Homeowners Dues

Statements for homeowner dues will be mailed in June. The annual dues is \$225. Dues must be paid by July to avoid a \$25 late fee. Please notify the Board if you expect your payment to be late.

HOA Board Members Needed

If you have an interest in serving on the board, please attend the annual HOA meeting this summer. The current board members have been serving for three years and are looking to hand the duties over to a newly elected board.

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. If you are unsure whether or not you need approval, visit the website to contact the ACC 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 hard copy.

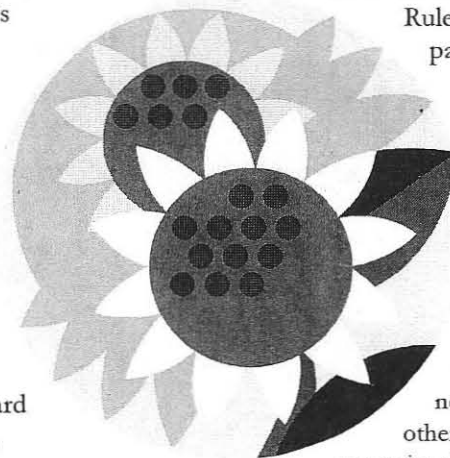
What's Happening

Finally, spring has arrived at Hill Creek. Flowers have bloomed, lawns are green again, and BBQs are back. With the return of spring, the HOA board brings you another edition of the seasonal newsletter. If you have specific ideas for the newsletter, such as interesting events or activities you think others in the neighborhood might enjoy, feel free to contact the board or association manager. The goal of this newsletter is to keep our neighbors informed. So, without further delay, here's what's happening:

New Entrance Sign.

No doubt you all have noticed by now that the board has replaced the sign on our monument at the neighborhood entrance. After examining a number of options offered by Federal Way Sign, the board selected individual letters, similar to those that had been installed. This was not only a cost-effective option (at a cost just under \$450), but it also worked well with the existing brick monument and are more easily replaced in the event of future vandalism.

Landscaping Service. In the last newsletter, it was reported that the board was looking at changing to a different landscaping service. After evaluating the quotes, it was determined that we were getting the best value from our current service, so no change was made.



Slow Signs. The board has ordered three SLOW signs, which will be placed along 380th Street. Each sign cost about \$125 (includes sign, base post, sign post, installation hardware, and shipping). The board will be installing the signs in common areas (not private property): two locations for entering traffic and one location for exiting traffic. With summer and the end of school coming up, soon there will be more kids out and about in our neighborhood. It is important that we all monitor our speed to ensure their safety.

Recreational Vehicles. Article 4.5 of the Rules and Regulations prohibits parking or storage (where visible from the street) of boats, campers, motor homes, trucks in excess of three-quarter (3/4) ton, and trailers. Since many of our neighbors make use of such vehicles during the summer, temporary parking of these vehicles in driveways or on the street is often overlooked this time of year. However, please do not impeded thru traffic or access for other vehicles if temporarily parking a recreational vehicle on the street, and feel free to report those who may be abusing this courtesy to the board.

Fence Repair. The board is continuing to pursue repair of the fence around the basketball court at the park. The board feels it is a safety hazard that needs to be corrected. If you have a referral for a fencing contractor, please contact the board.

Sidewalks. Please help our sidewalks last! Avoid parking or driving on the sidewalks. This can cause significant damage, creating cracks and depressions that can be hazards for walkers.

Keep Our Neighborhood Looking Nice



Here are some ways you can help:

- Pick up trash around the neighborhood and in the park.
- Pull weeds in common areas and at the park.
- Empty the trash at the park
- Report burnt out street light to Puget Sound Energy
- Keep your lawn mowed
- Clear sidewalks of debris and put away trash cans and recycling containers