



# POSSESSION BAY HIGHLANDS



## Spring Newsletter 2022

### LETTER FROM THE BOARD

## Our Community, Our Home

By Ebie Haines and Desiree Torres, Board Members

May is the month when the garden is full of fragrant blooms and fresh foliage. If there's something you've been waiting to plant, this is the month to go for it! We are looking forward to spring in our neighborhood, and seeing more people getting outdoors. Some things to be mindful of:

**Seasonal Prep:** As your flowers and beneficial insects are beginning to take off, so are your weeds and pests. Monitor for issues so you can catch them early, and ask your favorite nursery for environmentally-friendly management strategies.

**Greenbelts:** Our greenbelts are one of our most valuable assets. They provide privacy between neighbors, and give us a place to meet and enjoy the beauty of our community. ***Please be aware of your property boundaries and be careful not to extend your personal reach onto community property.*** If you bought a home without ordering a survey (which is pretty common), please do before installing a fence or cutting or removing trees.

**Pets:** Keeping the spirit of community in mind, please be considerate of your neighbors by bringing bags on walks to pick up poop and being mindful of barking.

**Safety & Security:** We have been experiencing theft from unlocked cars. Be careful to not keep your garage clicker in your car, always lock your doors (including the internal garage door), and, when possible, park in your garage. If you have footage of suspicious activity, you can submit it to the Mukilteo Police Department for review.

**Summer Travel:** If you are going out of town, let a trusted neighbor know so that they can keep an eye on your property and alert you to any suspicious activity.

### ON THE SIDELINES...

#### House Rules Reminder

The House Rules were updated October 1<sup>st</sup> - The updated document can be found at

[www.possessionbay.org/governance](http://www.possessionbay.org/governance)

Please ensure you review the changes to ensure continued compliance.



#### Spring Reminders:

- As the weather warms up, please be mindful of children at play as you drive through the neighborhood.
- Pet waste should be bagged and disposed of properly.



## Update Contact Information

Register in the Caliber Portal to ensure we have your current contact information.

[www.possessionbay.org/owners-portal](http://www.possessionbay.org/owners-portal)

## What has the board been up to?

We are taking steps to improve community safety by hosting a Q&A session with the Mukilteo Police Department.

The maintenance crews have been out cleaning up our parks and green spaces.

We are planning community improvement projects for the summer, such as mailbox pressure washing and painting. Watch your inbox for more details!



 **Don't forget about the annual Mukilteo garage sale on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>! The Spring cleanup has been postponed – see [Mukilteo.gov](http://Mukilteo.gov) for updates.**



## Sidewalks

Sidewalks must stay clear of automobiles and any vegetation. Please trim back hedges, trees, and garden beds that spill over onto the sidewalk. We must keep the path clear so that all can easily pass.



## Driveways

Spring is a great time to pressure wash your driveways to keep them looking nice!



## Garbage and Recycle Bins

Garbage and recycle bins should be put out **the night before pick-up and put away the same day as pick-up**. Remember that your bins should not be left visible from the street. Please store your bins either in your garage or behind a fence. (Check out the screening idea posted on our website with photos.)

- Please make sure all lids are closed tightly to prevent a potential street mess.
- Sidewalks must remain clear – remember to park bins on the street with wheels touching the curb.

## Sharon McKinney — Community Association Manager

Sharon has worked with the MacPherson family for nearly three decades. She brings 25 years of real estate knowledge; from legal transaction negotiations, construction management, marketing, and interior design along with homeowner association and condominium set up and management. Sharon enjoys working with people and their communities and considers herself to be a natural problem solver. She prides herself on her customer service approach and her ability to resolve issues and concerns. Sharon's goal is to assist homeowners and tenants to successfully navigate through the Declarations and By-Laws of their community.



### Sharon McKinney's Contact Information:

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### When to Contact Sharon:

- ✓ Building a fence, shed, or pergola?
- ✓ Need to start a significant landscape project?
- ✓ Have a problem with a noisy neighbor?
- ✓ Have questions about common areas or greenbelts?
- ✓ Have questions about HOA CC&Rs or Bylaws?
- ✓ Planning to repaint your house?
- ✓ Need to pay your annual dues?
- ✓ Planning to rent your house?



[www.possessionbay.org](http://www.possessionbay.org)

The Possession Bay Highlands website is your one-stop-shop for all things PBH. It's a great way to submit questions to the board and Sharon via the contact page. And you can upload a completed Architectural Change Request through the Governance page.



[www.facebook.com/groups/possessionbayhighlands](https://www.facebook.com/groups/possessionbayhighlands)

We also have a members-only Facebook group connecting nearly 100 members and growing.

## HOME SAFETY & SECURITY

During our last HOA meeting, we were joined by Nathan Fabia, Mukilteo PD Crime Prevention Officer, who shared some best practices for protecting yourself and your property. The recording is available on the Facebook group or at <http://www.possessionbay.org/crime-prevention-webinar/>

Homeowners become more vulnerable to such crimes when doors and windows are left open or unlocked, gates are unsecured, and cars are parked in plain view. But there are things you can do to minimize the likelihood of such damage and loss.

- Be sure to secure your home by keeping all windows and doors locked unless you are home and awake.
- Remember to remove valuables from your car and ensure it's always locked. Park in the garage if possible.
- Install an alarm system or make sure you turn on an existing alarm when you aren't home.
- Keep the outside of your home well-lit and use motion detecting lights.