

# Harbour Heights Community Organization



## Fall Newsletter 2023

## Our Community, Our Home

Hello Neighbors!

In our last newsletter we introduced the specialized committees we formed to support our community. We're excited to report some of the accomplishments of our committees since the last newsletter!

### Communications and Special Projects

*Board Members: Dar Crisp, Richard Harding, Yolanda Jackson, Amy Love & Non-Board Member: Mary Jensen*

- *Playground Improvement Project*
- *Hosted National Night Out Against Crime (August)*
- *Pathway & Bear Park Restoration Project (September & October)*
- *Community Flyers and Newsletter*

### Greenbelts, Parks & Landscape

*Board Members: Mikel Edwards, Jeramie Handran, & Alex Wierzbicki*

- *Creating the Greenbelt Plan*
- *Creation of rejuvenation plan for trees and plants*
- *Solicited Contractor Bids for hazard tree removal*
- *Submitted permit application to the City for work required*

Earlier this year we established the Greenbelt Committee to address the needs and issues of our ten community open space greenbelt areas. In recent years we have seen an increase in large trees falling in our aging greenbelts and increased landscape costs associated with the clean-up of these trees. Our goals are that with proactive maintenance we will reduce risk to the community, preserve the health and beauty of the greenbelts, stabilize our landscape costs, and begin rejuvenation efforts. Our team has focused on evaluating known potential hazard trees for removal, assessing the greenbelts closest to homes and open spaces for hazard trees, soliciting contractor bids for removal of these trees, and applying for a permit with the City. It has taken longer than expected, but we are nearing a resolution as the City completes the reviews of our submittal and we evaluate the contractor bids. We expect to be able to commence work within a few weeks. More updates to follow!

### On the web...

#### Our Website

The Possession Bay Highlands website is your one-stop-shop for our community. It's a great way to submit questions to the board and view the governing documents.

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

#### Our Facebook Group

We also have a members-only Facebook group connecting over 140 members and growing. Join the group to engage with your neighbors and stay up to date on events.

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

#### MacPherson's Portal

Through the Macpherson's portal you can make payments, submit ACRs and maintenance Requests. Please also take a moment to verify your contact information is correct. If you have questions on this, please contact Macpherson's directly for support.

[Macphersonspm.Appfolio.com/connect/](http://Macphersonspm.Appfolio.com/connect/)

There have been some changes since the election in February. Here is your current board:

**President:** Richard Harding    **Secretary:** Jeramie Handran

**Members at Large:**

- Dar Crisp
- Mikel Edwards
- Yolanda Jackson
- Amy Love
- Alex Wierzbicki



We also have a change at MacPherson's. We'd like to introduce you all to **Jennifer Snow**! Jennifer has replaced Sharon as our Community Association Manager. Please give Jennifer a warm welcome and feel free to reach out to her with any of the below needs:

- ✓ Questions about submitting ACRs
- ✓ Questions about CC&Rs or Bylaws
- ✓ Paying your annual dues
- ✓ Trouble accessing the online portal
- ✓ Planning to rent your house
- ✓ Questions about greenbelts and common areas

## What's in the works?

The board has been hard at work finalizing the committees and the Board of Director's roles and responsibilities, but there is still work to do! Below are the items your board is currently working on:

- 2024 Budget Development (November 2023)
- Planning for a November Town Hall Meeting
- Approval of Amendments to Governing Documents
- Developing a Homeowner Communication Plan for 2024
- Annual Meeting (February 2024)
  - Election of Board Members
  - Approval of 2024 Budget
  - Communicating 2024 Board Agenda

## Town Hall Meeting

**When:** Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

**Where:** Mukilteo City Hall, 11930 Cyrus Way, Mukilteo, WA 98275

- Updates from Board Members
- Discussion of Homeowner's Interests and Concerns
- Q&A Session

## Our 2024 Annual Meeting

Our Annual Homeowners Meeting and Budget Ratification will take place in February. We had a record breaking turnout at the last meeting and hope to see the same level of participation. There are also two vacant board seats open for anyone who is hoping to volunteer!

## What's coming up?

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bootastic Halloween Wars is on October 31<sup>st</sup>. This is a great opportunity to show off your spooky creativity and decorating skills. Does your dog or cat like to dress up? We'd also like to see those pet costumes! Judging will take place on Halloween night. There will be prizes for best house and pet...but most importantly – BRAGGING RIGHTS! Last year's winners, Chris and Deborah Lacaze, are already putting up the ghoulish garnish in hopes to win this year. Who can give them some competition?

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter Cookie Exchange will be held again in December. Date and time are to be determined but you better start dusting off those recipes now!

## Taking a look back...

### Playground Refresh and Repair

Earlier this year we refreshed the chips in the playground, replaced the window, and renewed the landscape on the perimeter! We know how important this park is to our young residents and hope it is enjoyed for years to come!



### Our National Night Out made the [Mukilteo Beacon](#)!

*“For Possession Bay Highlands residents, the Aug. 1 event was only the second time residents have come together for National Night Out. But the event is quickly on its way to becoming a tradition if co-organizers Yolanda Jackson and Mary Jensen have any say in the matter.”* – David Pan, Mukilteo Beacon





## The Pathway Restoration Project was a SUCCESS!

*“Phase one of Pathway Restoration was a huge success. Many people showed up, even a few people from the adjacent neighborhood. Thank You to all who showed up for phase one. Phase two of the project was putting in love, replenishing the land, earth and our community. We planted 22 various plants, added gravel, soil and red fine bark. I appreciate everyone who stopped by and pitched in.” – Yolanda Jackson, Board Member*



As part of our ongoing communication plan, you can expect more frequent newsletters and special event flyers. If you have any feedback on what you'd like to see in the newsletters, contact us via the website!



***Please slow down!***

Please be cautious when driving through our neighborhood to keep our children and pets safe!