

**ORCAS HIGHLANDS ASSOCIATION
SPRING 2020 NEWSLETTER**

News and Events for Orcas Highlands

March 1, 2020

Hello Orcas Highlanders,

SAVE THE DATE: The **ANNUAL MEETING** this year will be Saturday, **JUNE 6th, 1 – 3PM**. The meeting will be in Eastsound, hopefully at the Fire Station. We are waiting final confirmation on the location. Watch for the official notice and budget coming soon.

SPRING CLEANUP: It has been a windy winter season and there is a lot of debris both along the roadside and on our properties. Thank you to all those who got out in the storms and cleaned the ditches to keep roads and driveways from washing out. Neighborhood Cleanup Day will be **MAY 23rd**. We will again rent a truck to help haul materials to the burn area. The burn area permit is active now and you are welcome to use the area anytime weather permits. Contact Brian or David for instructions and to let us know you will be burning. Remember if you drop off you must also burn. We are looking at a second community burn day in early May or late April. Please let Brian or David know if you would like to help run the burn.

WELCOME COMMITTEE: We have several new neighbors in our community. Madie Murray is doing a wonderful job of sending out a welcome packet full of good information. If you are new and haven't gotten a packet yet, please contact Madie at 360.376.3064 or gomadie@gmail.com. Thank you and welcome to the neighborhood!

ROADS: You may have seen or encountered a logging truck on Discovery Way. It is coming from the Youngren Property. They have road access to their property though our roads and pay the same annual fee that we all do for road maintenance. The logging is a very infrequent project that is necessitated by their forest management resource plan. The Board has reminded the loggers of the speed limits on our roads and cautioned them about walkers, children, and pets. We are working with Youngrens to secure a work permit fee for heavy truck use that will compensate for any road damage. Please remember if you are building there is a 33% building permit fee which helps pay for extra wear and tear of the roadway. Should you be planning to build we urge you to review the CC&Rs and make your submittal to the Architectural Review Committee. Contact Lee for more information.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: We will have several open Board positions this June. With this in mind, the Nominating Committee is asking you to consider serving on the Board and/or on one of its committees (Roads, Firewise, Architectural Review, Nominating, Policy, Newsletter, Web Master). Our neighborhood benefits when many of its members are actively involved in our OHA. So, if you are interested in serving in some capacity, or are just curious to learn what participation on the BOD and/or its committees entails, please contact Jens.

EVENTS and NOTICES:

Looking for a good way to kick off a Friday Night? Highlands Owner, Jason Graczyk and his jazz quartet will be performing at the Orcas Island Winery on Friday, March 6th, 4 - 6 PM. See the attached flyer.

Have you lost your rabbit? A new bunny has been spotted on Discovery Circle. It is not one of the two wild rabbits and seems to be looking for its home. Contact Bob or Carol at 360.376.3430 and they can fill in the details.

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BURN AREA INSTRUCTIONS: The HOA will shortly have its burn permit in-hand for the fall/winter/spring debris burning season. And if you plan to use the burn area, here are the instructions for using it:

You can unlock the cable that blocks the entrance to the burn pile with the combination 1996. Drive your vehicle into the burn area. Go to the pumphouse, unlock the door with the same combination 1996, look to the wall on the left where you will see a key pinned to the wall at the lower left corner of a poster discussing burning, take that key outside to the black tool box chained to a tree, put the key in the lock toward the left end of the front of the tool box and turn the key, then unlatch the lid to open. Inside the tool box you will find our three new hoses, a heavy-duty nozzle (fire fighter strength), and a rake, pitch fork, and shovel. Screw one of the hoses onto the pipe coming out of the pumphouse. Stretch out that hose, then attach a second hose to the first, then a third to the second. Screw on the nozzle. Go back to the pumphouse and turn on the valve by going counter clockwise one quarter turn. Water should quickly fill the hose. When you use the hose, make sure you hold it with both hands, as the pressure is quite strong.

Next, unload your debris, and start the fire. Your fire may be up to 10 feet in diameter and 6 feet in height if you have the charged hose ready. Please count on staying at the site of the fire until the fire is out. Let it burn down, then use the hose to put out the fire. When done, turn off the water, unscrew the hoses and drain them, roll them up, put the hoses, nozzle, and tools back in the tool box, close the lid and make sure it is latched, turn the key, replace the key on the wall in the pumphouse, lock the lock on the door of the pumphouse, pull your vehicle out of the drive, then lock the cable once more.

Please do not drop off yard debris and just leave it, expecting someone else to burn it. If you bring it, you burn it. Burning season will end May 30th, at which time our permit expires as the fire department closes burning for the summer.

Finally, if it is particularly windy, it is not a good day for burning.

Thanks for reading. Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting!

The OHA Board

Highlands Association Board Member Contact Information for 2019 - 2020. Please let us know if you have questions or would like to volunteer for committee or board work.

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