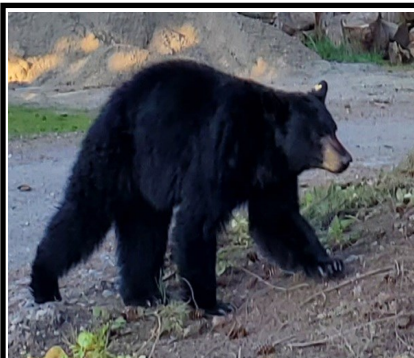


PARKWOOD May 2020-Community Newsletter

Most of us have found locating masks to be challenging. To serve our residents, Parkwood contracted with a fabric company to produce a large number of masks. The first two hundred have arrived, and more may come at a later date. These cloth masks are NOT N-95 rated, and may not block the virus. We still need to practice social distancing even when wearing a mask.

We will be happy to place mask(s) on your front doorknob, please contact Bethany by text message at 415-944-3806 or email at bethany@parkwoodcommunity.com or call the office at 360-683-8765 if you would like to receive mask(s) for your household. For everyone's protection, we would ask that you not engage Dale or any other employee in conversation when they are distributing the masks. Please clean the mask before using it. Masks are only one of several methods of avoiding contamination of COVID-19. By accepting these masks, you agree not to hold Parkwood MHC, LLC, its members, employees, or agents liable for any potential harm. We are not medical professionals and cannot guarantee the safety or efficacy of the face masks. We want to do what we can to help. We also want to take this opportunity to again thank you for being great neighbors to help each other during this trying time.



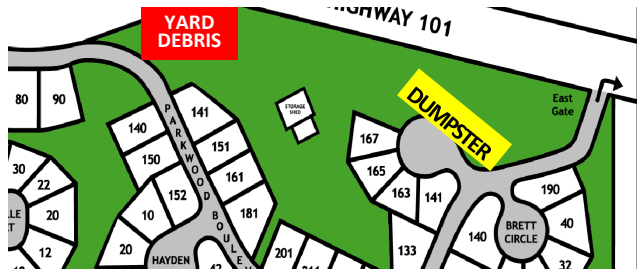
All of you now know that we had a bear roaming around Parkwood, and feel extremely fortunate that we received no reports of personal or property damage. We thank you for staying inside with your phone cameras, as the actions of wild animals are unpredictable. We ALSO thank those of you who complied with our notice earlier in the year not feed any critters (bird, squirrel, cats etc) outside! Wildlife is a wondrous thing, but unwanted predators (rodents, bears, coyotes, etc) take advantage of the free meal offered and those "wanted" guests who dine at the feeders. We will continue to have the rodent bait stations throughout the community monitored until there is no evidence of activity.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS...Parkwood has made available to you a variety of flower and vegetable seed packets for free in front of the clubhouse. We request that you only take what you can immediately use as a consideration to your neighbors in sharing the bounty! We look forward to seeing the vegetables and gorgeous blooms as a result of your hard outdoor work!



Spring Clean up Reminder! May 7th to May 11th

This year's spring clean up is right around the corner and is a little different from what we have done in the past. We're running it for five days; you can dump any time after 9 am to 6 pm and the debris and household trash will be at different locations. Please remember to give lots of space to others while they're dumping and allow for social distancing. Items for the dumpster can be dumped at the end of Frederick drive in the overflow parking. No one will be there to assist with dumping so, please plan ahead if you will need help. Yard debris will be on Parkwood Blvd. next to the shop gate. Debris piles will be clearly marked, please make sure to dump according to the signs. If this goes well we would love to try and have a fall clean up for yard debris only.



Acceptable Yard Debris: Leaves, grass, weeds, shrubs, brush, branches, roots, and other compostable organic materials from pruning. NO GARBAGE BAGS or ROCKS IN DEBRIS PILES.

NOT Acceptable Household Items: Batteries, paint, e-waste (computers, TV's, etc...), oil, chemicals (strong cleansers, pesticides and solvents), appliances, large furniture and tires.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Parkwood Bird Watch by Jane & Ida

Now that days are warmer, are you thirsty more often? So are the birds. In Sunny Sequim, a sure way to attract birds is to offer them water. Just the sound of water will attract birds! A fountain or pond with water running over stones works. But a quicker approach is to set your hose nozzle on mist, hang it in a tree, and let the mist spray gently onto tree or shrub leaves. The sound will often attract little flocks of chickadees, bushtits, hummingbirds, & nuthatches, all eager for a shower and a cool drink. And running a sprinkler on the ground attracts hummingbirds, juncos, song sparrows, and more. If you turn your water on daily at about the same time, they'll come to expect it and will be there to enjoy the mist on warm afternoons.



Setting up a birdbath is also a great way to offer water. But if you hang a slowly dripping hose over it--or a large juice can with a hole punched in the bottom--it will send an auditory signal to any bird in the area that Here Be Water. Migrating birds unfamiliar with the area may respond to that sound, too. Keep bird bath water at about 2 inches deep and keep it clean. For better viewing, set the bath at window height, perhaps on a table or hanging from a branch. Place it far enough away that startled birds won't crash into your plate glass and be injured. And don't stop at one! Make your own birdbaths by stacking thrift store glass vases and bowls using E-6000 glue, and put one on each side of the house. (Directions are on YouTube.) To our surprise, our glass bird baths survived the winter in perfect condition, and both clear and colored glass are lovely in the yard. So help out the birds this spring by providing water on those dry Sequim days, and let their beauty brighten up your days in return.

RESIDENT COMMENTS:

-FYI. Ben's Bikes owners, Sam and Clara Chandler live in Parkwood, and if you need your bicycle for exercise or transportation, we can pick it up and deliver it should it need any repair or tune-up. Call on my personal line 425-923-0061 or drop off at 40 Mikelle drive and attach your name and phone number -**Sam and Clara Chandler**

-Thank you for the phone list and map updates via email! I was just thinking ugh I really need a new one and it appeared in my inbox. We appreciate all you guys are doing out there! -**Jim**

May Gardening Calendar

Vegetables • Direct seed cool-season vegetables into the garden. • Harden off cool-season vegetable starts and transplant into the garden by the end of month. • Direct sow beans, corn, cucumbers, and squash when soil at planting depth is at least 60 degrees. • Transplant eggplant, pepper, and tomato starts when the soil at planting depth is at least 60 degrees. Cover if air temperatures fall below 50 degrees. • Fertilize garlic with a balanced fertilizer (equal amounts of N, P, and K) through mid-month. • Use row covers to protect beets, chard, and spinach from leaf miners.

Fruit trees • Fertilize fruit trees using a balanced fertilizer if last year's growth was less than 8- 12 inches. • If trees have had past problems with brown rot, scab, or mildew, spray with fungicide registered for those problems following instructions the on label. Do not apply fungicides while trees in bloom. • Thin apples, pears, and plums when the size of a large marble. Thin plums to one fruit 2-4 inches apart on a branch and apples and pears to 1 to 2 fruits per cluster 6-8 inches apart on the branch.

Berries • Fertilize blueberries with 2-8 Tbsp. ammonium sulfate per plant (amount depends on age of plant) once in late May or 1 Tbsp. of fish emulsion diluted in 1 cup of water per plant twice this month. • Fertilize raspberries and blackberries with 5-10-10 or a balanced fertilizer in late May. • Trellis new (first year) raspberry canes as they reach knee height. • Make sure berries get 1-2 inches of water weekly.

PERT: Parkwood Emergency Response Team *May 2020 Update*

Your neighborhood PERT team has been continuing to be active and have been conducting meetings via Zoom during this time of isolation [more about Zoom below].

We have seen that neighbors have been helpful and involved with each other during this crisis:

1. Some neighbors have stepped forward and have made some face masks for organizations that have requested them and delivered them: Pat Lassak, Debbie Szabo made masks and were delivered to Avamere by Barbara Alford. Avamere specifically requested them due to a dire need and were thrilled with the response.
2. Everyone seems to be conforming to the "social distancing" protocol when out walking, riding or having their dogs take them out for walks. It's also an opportunity to safely have helpful human interaction and conversations. Also, we have seen some neighbors have "happy hour" type get-togethers in driveways - bringing their own chairs, beverages, food, and conversation - all while maintaining proper and appropriate distancing.
3. We were made aware that InstaCart has been a useful tool for Parkwood - but not without a glitch or two; one neighbor let us know that she received a delivery meant for another address. We were unable to locate the correct party after numerous tries. (InstaCart customer service was unavailable for quite some time due to demand) and hopefully, this issue was resolved successfully.
4. If others of you are willing to assist in any way, please let one of us know via email or phone. There are opportunities within PERT that are available, and if anyone would like to volunteer on a short term basis, please contact one of us, and we'll talk with you about it.



5. ZOOM: We will continue to have monthly PERT gatherings to share information via Zoom on the 2nd Friday of each month at 10 am until further notice, chaired by our Commander, David Goose, conforming to Robert's Rules as much as possible. [May Meeting-Friday May 8th, 10 am sharp]. We'd welcome your participation or attendance and would particularly appreciate input that could be useful to our neighborhood. All you need is internet connection and a computer (most will work) or also there is a way to call in via phone and attend without video. Please contact one of us and we'll get you the email invitation delivered before the meeting. All neighbors and management are welcome.

Your PERT Contacts: David Goose, Commander, (360) 301-1188; Barb Kent Alford, Asst. Commander and Medical (360) 683-2594; Julie Prafke, (509) 220-1769; Betty Marshall, (360) 670-1137; Harry Alford, (360) 683-2594 - Team Leaders; Barbara Foulks, Treasurer, (360) 808-1610.

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Do's & Don'ts

This community is on a private septic system. Most of the information regarding the use or abuse of a septic system are common sense, and are in your Rules and Regulations aka Guidelines For Living BUT for those of you that might need a reminder the below information is essential:

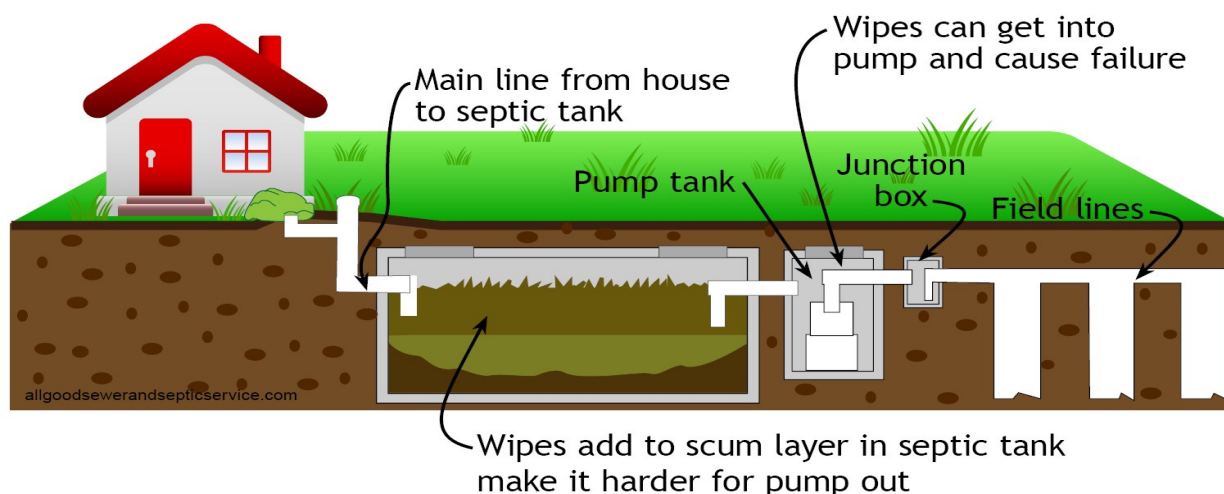
DON'TS

- Given the current quarantining in place, you either have lots or little toilet paper. Please be careful not to overuse it and don't flush baby wipes, paper towels, paper napkins, tissue or "disposable" pads. These are the #1 problems for systems! These don't break down and can act like a paper dam in the septic line causing unnecessary backups.
- Do not use or dispose the following into the system: FLUIDS-Grease, fats, oils, pesticides, toxins (paints etc), household chemicals or automobile fluids, and medications (especially unused antibiotics). Anti-bacterial soaps, disinfectants and household bleach should be used sparingly. Cleaning products such as Lysol, Pine Sol, Tidy Bowl, Drano, Murphy Oil Soap, Downy and Snuggle, fabric softeners all CLOG drain lines and the Septic System baffles inhibiting flow of sewage! Use fabric softener drier sheets instead of liquids in the clothes washer! WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND liquid detergents, low sudsing, low phosphate and biodegradable detergents, using baking soda ingredients such as Gain, Dash, Arm and Hammer, Fresh Start, and Bright cleaning products: Liquid, non-chlorine, bio-degradable and non-toxic such as Ivory and Sunlight, and Powder Cleansers such as Biz, Comet and Baking Soda.
- SOLIDS-NO: cigarette butts, disposable diapers, wipes, feminine hygiene products, condoms, medications, hair, coffee grounds, rags, cat litter or bandages.

DO'S

- Spread your laundry loads out over the week. Excessive hot water discharge into the septic system (also know as "HYDRAULIC OVERLOAD" is ANOTHER killer of drain fields! Choose one day a week for all bleach loads and MINIMIZE the amount of bleach you use; as noted above, there are good alternatives to bleach!
- If you are on chemo-therapy, kindly let the managers know so that we can check your system's tank more than our regular cycle.
- We are not sure why in the heck people are hoarding toilet paper, but TP (along with bodily waste) is the only thing that should get flushed; Everything else, put in a bag, seal it up and toss it in the garbage.

PLEASE DO YOUR PART AND POST THIS MEMO ONTO YOUR REFRIGERATOR OR IN A PROMINENT PLACE TO REREAD FOR FUTURE REMINDERS.



Thank you in advance for your cooperation to all this!

-Dale M.