

Fall 2022 Newsletter



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We Welcome Your Input for Newsletter Articles

This is a community newsletter. Please let us know how we can make it work better for you. We would love it if you had an idea/issue you would like addressed or an article to submit. Please send any articles or ideas to info@northshorehoa.com. They will be included in the spring 2023 newsletter.



HOA Dues

HOA dues are currently \$250 per year, with a due date of January 31. Invoices will be mailed the end of December. Contact us at info@northshorehoa.com if you do not receive yours by December 29, 2022. Dues are the only form of revenue the HOA receives to maintain our community. Late or missing payments make it difficult to do so. Please remit your payment so it is received on or before the due date. As a reminder, we do not accept electronic payments.

New Speed Limits Announced by the City of Tacoma

Starting January 1, 2023, speeds in residential areas will lower from 25 mph to 20 mph. Additionally, speeds in the Old Town, McKinley, Lincoln, and Sixth Avenue Business Districts will be reduced from 30 mph to 25 mph. This is an implementation of Tacoma's Vision Zero goals, passed as a resolution by the Tacoma City Council in 2020. The goal is to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries in Tacoma by the year 2035. More than 40,000 people are killed in the U.S. every year. Lowering speeds is one thing we can do to make our city safer for everyone.

It's Back to School Time – Slow Down



September was back-to-school time, which also means an increase in pedestrian traffic in our development. Please obey speed limits and be alert when driving through our community. Homeowners please remember this is a residential neighborhood. The speed limit is 25 MPH (soon to be 20 MPH). We have noticed people are driving above the speed limit in particular on, Nassau Ave NE, 36th Ave NE and Country Club Drive.

Please Be Kind

We sometimes receive angry e-mails from homeowners who have received violation notices. Please remember that ACC and Board membership are voluntary positions. Those in them are doing their best to serve the community and keep the neighborhood looking nice, which in turn maintains your property values. We welcome communication from all, but please be respectful when sending us e-mails.

7th Annual Curb Appeal

Curb Appeal awards were recently presented to three residents living in the neighborhood who have done an outstanding job with landscaping. A first place award of free 2023 homeowner dues, a second place award of a \$75 gift card and a third place award of a \$50 gift card are our way of recognizing homeowners who set a high standard of property maintenance. These homeowners go above and beyond to show that they take pride in their homes and our neighborhood. The winners and runners up were:



2022 Winners:

1st Place

(2023 Dues Waiver)

Robert & Pamela Draper
4320 Country Club Drive N.E.

2nd Place

(\$75 Gift Card)

Kevin & Mary Jo Heckt
4817 36th Avenue N.E.

3rd Place

(\$50 gift card)

Tomi Weese
4805 34th Avenue N.E.

Honorable Mentions:

Arthur & Julie Landskov
4607 36th Avenue N.E.

Dale & Janice Pool
4701 34th Avenue N.E.

Andrew Abouhamad
3520 47th Street N.E.

Our congratulations and thanks go to all of the homeowners recognized!

Holiday Decorating Contest

Put on your festive sweaters, get those decorations out of storage, and get your displays ready for the annual holiday decorating contest! Deck your walls, rooftops, and yards with the brightest of lights and show us your holiday spirit, whatever you celebrate! Judging usually takes place during the third week of December, and is done by our ACC members. A single first place award will be given to the winner, which is a waiver of the 2023 HOA dues. The winner and Honorable Mention honorees will be recognized in the spring 2023 newsletter

Brown Lawns Will Be Addressed Next Year

There were a number of homeowners who let their lawns go brown this summer, prompting complaints from other homeowners who expect the ACC to enforce the CC&R's. We were down a volunteer this season, which required us to prioritize the issues needing immediate attention. The decision was made to not send cards to homeowners who had brown lawns but no weeds or bare spots. That will not be the case next season. We have a full complement of ACC members now, so next year notices will be sent to homeowners who do not have green lawns.

Fall Is the Best Time to Plant



Quick! Which season do you consider the best time to plant and garden? If you said spring, you're not completely wrong...but you'd actually be missing the ideal season to get your perennial flowers and especially shrubs and trees into the ground. As summer fades and autumn approaches, now is the time to get new plants in the ground. Trees and shrubs begin dormancy in anticipation of winter, making them less likely to die upon transplanting. They'll also have more time to acclimate to soil conditions before further establishing root systems in the spring, making them more likely to flourish the following year.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 6

These five tips and reminders might be useful in helping you overcome the “fall back blues” more easily and safely when we transition back to Standard Time on Sunday, November 6:



1. Your internal clock will adjust within a week or so, but getting extra sleep in the days just before the time change will make the adjustment easier. Go to bed about 30 minutes earlier, as opposed to sleeping in the following morning. Be consistent with eating, social, bed and exercise times, too. Raising your body’s core temperature can make it harder to fall asleep, so avoid heavy workouts within four hours of bedtime.
2. Bedtime is downtime. It’s important to stick with a bedtime routine. That’s especially true for young children. Routine is what helps create a powerful signal for sleep. Also, avoid screen time close to bedtime. The high-intensity light found in modern electronic devices hinders melatonin, a hormone that triggers sleepiness. It stimulates the brain and makes sleep difficult, the same way sunlight does.
3. No cheating. Extra caffeine and naps are a quick fix for getting past the afternoon wall, but that’s usually a disaster for your natural sleep cycle. In fact, decreasing caffeine and alcohol consumption a few days before and after the time change can make your body’s adjustment easier.
4. It’s dark out there. If you walk your pets or make your exercise run in the evening, remember that twilight and darkness arrive earlier once DST ends. Time to break out the reflective gear and flashlight. If you walk from your job to your car or bus stop, take precautions such as walking with a colleague and/or checking with security.
5. Let the time changes in spring and fall be your early warning system. Replace the batteries in emergency flashlights, smoke detectors and TV remotes when we spring forward and fall back.

Thanks

As president, I would like to extend my gratitude and Thank you’s to our HOA Board members for the outstanding job they have done this year.

Secretary Vicki Sarhanis: for upgrading our website and doing a fantastic job on our board meeting minutes.

Treasurer Marcie McCandliss: for the countless hours you have spent on keeping our finances in order and making sure repairs are taken care of when addressed.

Vice President Bill Swoveland: for supporting me in this role and helping me see both sides of issues presented.

Member at Large Alan Jackson: for the fantastic job you do preparing and putting together our HOA newsletters and helping us when needed.

ACC Team Lead Bruce McCandliss: for the countless hours answering questions and/or approving HOA projects for the homeowners. You and Marcie have done so much to make Northshore Estates/Peak a community we are proud to live in.

All these board members put in so much of their time to make sure we all have a safe and lovely place to call home. They all do this as volunteers. So a well deserved “Thank you” to the Northshore HOA board members for your outstanding dedication this year.

Grateful for you all,

Diane Swoveland (NSHOA president)

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Welcome to the Neighborhood!

The NorthShore Homeowners' Association wish to welcome the following families into our community.



- Kirk Rieker and Alyssa Johnson, 4523 Country Club Drive
- Jon and Inger Satterfield, 3514 Nassau Place N.E.
- Buckley and Nancy Nieraeth, 4407 Nassau Avenue N.E.
- Eugene and Donna Mikov, 4425 Nassau Avenue N.E.
- Volodymyr Popovych and Tetiana Malchevska, 4922 36th Avenue N.E.
- Shawn Murphy and Michelle Le, 4413 Nassau Avenue N.E.

We welcome our new neighbors and encourage you to become involved in our Association.

The CC&Rs and HOA map are downloadable at the Association's website NorthShoreHOA.com

- Volunteering keeps dues low -