

# QUARTERLY TIMES

High Pointe II  
Homeowners Association  
Silverdale, WA  
Since 1992  
Summer 2023



Newly installed 'sidewalk strip' plants include various perennial daylilies, Sedums 'Autumn Joy' and 'Angelina,' and Berberis 'Sunjoy Golden Pillar.'

## Sidewalk-strip demonstration site completed

Some 18 High Pointe II properties are bordered by a sidewalk, with a 'sidewalk strip' lying between it and pavement. For years, 'what do I do with this?' has been the quandary of respective owners. Use of rocks and attempts to grow grass have been common, with varied outcomes. To demonstrate the option of landscaping with

herbaceous plants, the HOA has recently completed such work on the two parallel strips at the neighborhood's entrance. Special thanks are extended for the collaboration of adjacent property owners, the Higgins' and Schwartz'. Members and passersby are invited to observe the plants as they evolve over the seasons and years.

## Annual Meeting July 29

Atop the neighborhood play-park Saturday morning, July 29, members met, socialized and conducted business of the HOA. Included were comments by HOA President Mike Stevens, Treasurer Rita Flaherty and others, on a variety of topics. Nominations of new board members **Meredith Porter** and **Bob Flynn** were met with unanimous approval. Both are respected, longstanding HP2 members. Prez Mike offered

special appreciation for outgoing board members **Anthony Mirhaydari** and **Bob Paul**, who have served as officers in numerous years, including as President and Treasurer, respectively. Immediate Past President **Shannon Re** was also recognized for her leadership of several years, including through the challenges posed by the Covid pandemic.

## Dues boost receives resounding support

As a last point of business of the Annual Meeting, announced was a final tally of votes received for the proposed dues increase, the first since the neighborhood's 1992 inception. The tally was of 29 'yes' votes and 7 'no.' A corresponding 80% approval rate exceeded the 67% threshold required by Bylaws, and the participation rate, yielded from 36 votes from HP2's 48 properties, reached 75%. That bests the 60% minimum

required by Bylaws. "I'm grateful for the support, but also for the participation, the engagement, regardless of how anyone voted," said Prez Mike. "Prudent financial management will continue through the vigilance and deliberation of the board," he adds. Loyal to the Bylaws, individual ballots were privately cast and recorded, and have been archived. The new annual dues rate of \$192 first become due January 31, 2024.







*Refreshing layers of bark mulch and crushed rock were recently placed to supplement existing materials on the playpark hillside, pathway and apron leading to the swing-set area. Also shown, part of our dry-creek drainage mitigation, completed in March.*

## Park receives attention

Layers of bark mulch and crushed rock were added to the playpark's hillside and apron-area leading to the swing-set, respectively, in recent weeks. Both materials contribute to the park's visual appeal, while curbing aggressive weed growth, with bark mulch also helping slow the evaporative effects of our Summer sun. Under review are stairway handrail options and installation costs, as a safety matter. The swing-set also received a recent safety inspection and maintenance. Park use has been robust, and a popular Summer respite for our youngest neighbors.

## Architectural Review approves project

A recent proposed property modification has received Architectural Review approval. The Schwartz residence at the northwest corner of Caitlin and Amethyst Loop will have professional, county-approved installation of a short, paved driveway from Caitlin, intended for use of trailered boat parking behind a newly-placed, gated cedar fence. Project completion scheduled for mid-September. Pavement installation has been completed.

Modifications to a house or landscape visible to neighbors typically require HOA review and approval. Plan details may be submitted in writing to **High Pointe II, P.O. Box 2766, Silverdale, 98383**, provided online at **hp2hoa.com** or emailed to **highpointeiihoa@gmail.com**. See the CC&R's on our website, Article V, 'General Restrictive Covenants' for required proposal details. HOA board members are committed to prompt review and turnaround of plan submissions.

## Halting the next gen of weeds

Preventing or eliminating all weeds is unrealistic, if not impossible. They happen, but future weeds can be reduced in number. Flowers represent a plant's (and a weed's) seed and its ability to multiply. Removing weeds before their seeds mature and escape their host plant means avoiding the next generation of weeds. Long story short—pull those weeds or at least their flower heads before they are blown on their happy way.



### Little Free Library

Now open for use along the lower Amethyst Loop sidewalk

Thank you, **Neil and Kristin Singh**

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