

QUARTERLY TIMES

**High Pointe II
Homeowners Association**
Silverdale, WA
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Meet Your '23-'24 HOA Board

Nominated at July's Annual Meeting to join the board for its 2023-24 year are directors-at-large Meredith Porter and Bob Flynn. They join returning directors Steve Richard, Jason Scheffer, Kathryn Schultz, Rita Flaherty, Ben Schwartz and Mike Stevens. In board action at its first regular, quarterly meeting in October, Rita, Ben and Mike were re-elected in the officer positions Treasurer,

Vice-President and President. The Secretary position is currently vacant. Officer positions are determined annually, and

each of the returning officers emphasized their intent to faithfully serve this year before handing off their roles to successors for year '24-'25.

"It's important to gain fresh perspectives and energy from throughout the neighborhood, and to practice limited terms," says

Mike, adding "We all gain from engaged

leadership, but it's tough to execute on an indefinite basis.

Recruiting for leadership from the neighborhood's deep talent pool is critical."

'23-'24 Board Priorities

Among priorities in serving members in the year ahead –

- Play-park maintenance and safe operation
- Sidewalk strip maintenance at entrance
- Prudent budget management

- Clear, prompt communication on timely matters
- Leadership recruitment
- Update 30-year-old Bylaws and CC&R's



Fall colors and shapes provide visual appeal before Winter's grey, wet and sometimes white conditions arrive. See Snow story, below.

When Snow is A No-Go

A reminder we rely on County services for roadway snow removal. Caitlin and Amethyst Loop are among the county's 'Priority 2 Roads,' with service assured within 36-72 hours of its accumulation. Newberry Hill and Eldorado are among 'Priority 1 Roads.' On those occasions when snow removal seems imminent, it is essential cars not be parked along Amethyst Loop. History has shown the county's willingness also to plow our two cul-de-sacs when they are free of parked cars.

Also important is to refrain from setting or leaving trashcans out under such conditions, during which Waste Management is unlikely to provide service. Urged is to save yourself container out-and-backs by downloading the WM app for service alerts. Early notice of planned plowing is not always possible, given the dynamic nature of road and weather conditions and county-wide service demands. Per County regulation 9.28.020, sidewalk snow removal is the responsibility of adjacent property owners, but we are sometimes aided in that effort by neighborhood volunteers.

Neighbors with personal mobility issues to access mailboxes, clear their respective sidewalk or related challenges may contact Prez Mike (360-271-9308 or highpointeiihoa@gmail.com) for assistance.

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Garden Calendar To-Do's

Among timely tasks, aka opportunities, for gardeners at this time of year—

- Divide perennials
- Harvest winter squash and pumpkins
- Plant berries and bare-root plants
- Rake and store leaves
- Set out slug traps
- Leave some seed heads of perennial herbs as winter forage for birds
- Put away tools and hoses
- Sand wooden tool handles and preserve with linseed oil

Source: Seattle Tilth, 'Maritime NW Garden Guide'

Among Suggestions for Winterizing Your Home

- Clean gutters
- Shut off and drain irrigation systems
- Drain and cover exterior faucets
- Replace your HVAC filters and have the systems inspected
- Trim/prune trees extending over cars, shed, roofs
- Program ceiling fans for clockwise movement
- Change your fire alarm batteries

Source: BobVila.com



Advance Notice of Advance Notice

Notification by email of HOA Annual Dues becoming payable by January 31 will be made to members December 1.

New in 2024 is our members-approved annual dues of \$192, enabling key maintenance, safety and administrative needs. We may be both glad and proud our dues remain among the lowest of HOA fees in the county. Payment options, with or without a convenience fee, are described on the home page of hp2hoa.com. Thank you, members.