

2023 Fall Newsletter

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Letter From The Board

Greetings, MACA Community!

The year is passing quickly. The older I get, the faster the time goes. While I love spring and summer after the long rainy season, I can't help feeling relieved when the leaves turn, football starts, and we enter what I call "the time of gratitude".

This year has seen many tribulations for the US and the world. Wars and conflicts in Ukraine, Middle East, Myanmar and Africa. Encroachment by China into the South China Sea and the Philippines as well as North Korea's nuclear ambitions. Climate change, recession and a country divided. That said, as a community we have much to be thankful for. Each of us has a roof over our heads and a



CURRENT FINANCES

Checking: \$21,440.79

Savings: \$19,148.28

UNPAID ANNUAL DUES and/or ASSESSMENT

Lot #s: 52, 58, 79, 118, 130, 158, 161,
173, 175, 185, 224, 235, 240, 250

Total Unpaid: \$1543.22

Find your lot # here:

<https://meridianacres.org/about-us>

2024 ANNUAL DUES

Thank you to everyone who voted to approve to raise the annual

huge yard by today's standards. Many people are paying more for an apartment than we do for our homes. Covid seems to be in our rearview and 2024 is just around the corner with all the hope and possibilities a new year can bring.

I wish you all a Thanksgiving season filled with family, food and friends.

In Service,
Wendy Walker

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assessment to \$140 in 2023.

This vote mitigated our precarious financial situation and made it much easier to be a volunteer so again, I thank you. It's one thing to give your time and efforts to the community, it's quite another to have to worry how the community will pay for basic requirements.

As a thank you and an acknowledgment of how much everything has gone up, the board is foregoing the 5% annual increase in 2024. Annual dues will be \$140 again and are due by January 31st . Please pay timely to avoid interest and fees.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual HOA Meeting. January 20th , 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Meeting will be held in-person at the Lacey Firehouse on Steilacoom and virtually via the link on the MACA website. Please mark your calendars now. We need your attendance to support community needs and desires.

Leveling and Filling Holes in Community Green Space. November/December

The lot will be leveled, and remaining holes will be filled for safety.

TRAFFIC CALMING EFFORTS CONTINUED

Traffic Calming – 50%+ Association Agreement



You may remember in the spring newsletter; we talked about what we were doing to reduce speeding within the community. The path included education, gathering data and now consensus. To that end, we will be providing an opportunity for the community to vote to invite the county to assist in installing traffic calming devices, or not.

Mid-2023 collected traffic data indicates vehicles are making more than 6,000 passes on our 3 main roads every week, and better than 40% of them are speeding! At that time, school wasn't in session. It is anticipated that the numbers are higher now.

Only a fourth of our development has sidewalks (most of which are on side streets), and there are no streetlights, which means children, elderly, dogs, cats, and you walk on roads with motorists driving way too fast for conditions.

The county has a competitive program to help calm things down, and the board would like to take advantage of the opportunity. To compete we must have 50+ percent of the association agree to participate in the program, and if successful, to allow the county to install traffic calming devices, speed humps, traffic circles, chicanes or something similar.

Community members will have the opportunity to vote on this decision. We will be setting up electronic voting. For those who are not technically savvy, please drop us a note to indicate you agree or disagree the association should participate/compete in the program.

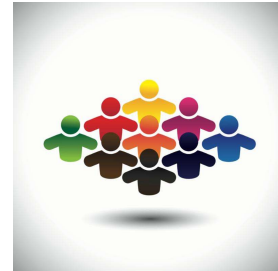
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VOLUNTEERS

As always, there are many ways to support your community. In the coming year MACA needs:

- Someone with knowledge of insurance willing to provide advice or experience.
- A President, and Vice President
- Architectural Board Members to review homeowner requests and maintain community standards.
- Beautification Committee - NEW!
- Events Committee - NEW!
- Any skill or time you have to offer that you think might benefit the community!

Please Consider Helping



AUTUMN LANDSCAPING TIPS

- Autumn is the best time to fertilize your lawn.
- Aerate if you did not this spring.
- Attack the dandelions- you will have the most impact this time of year.
- Rather than raking, mow your leaves until they are finely chopped. They will quickly decompose and add to the soil's nutrients.

RECIPE

Italian Meatball Soup
Quick and Hearty

Ingredients

1. 1 tsp olive oil
2. ½ cup onion finely chopped
3. 2 stalks celery sliced
4. 2 carrots peeled and diced
5. 15 oz crushed tomatoes



6. 16 oz can tomato sauce
7. 6 cups beef broth
8. 1 tsp dried Italian seasoning
9. Salt and pepper to taste
10. $\frac{3}{4}$ cup short pasta such as ditalini
11. 2 tbs fresh parsley, chopped.
12. Parmesan cheese for serving
13. Meatballs
14. 20 oz or roughly 18 small frozen or premade meatballs. Cook according to package directions or add directly if precooked. This shortcut makes this a quick and delicious soup.

Instructions:

- Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium heat.
- Add celery, carrots and onions.
- Cook for 4 to 5 minutes.
- Add the crushed tomatoes, tomato sauce, broth, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper.
- Bring to a simmer.
- Add meatballs and pasta to the pot.
- Simmer for 10 minutes or until veggies and pasta are tender.
- Top with parsley and parmesan cheese, and enjoy!

Monthly HOA Meetings

**Every second
Wednesday, 6:00 PM**

Virtual Only

Meeting Link Located at:

meridianacres.org

Community welcome
and encouraged to
attend!

GET ON THE EMAIL LIST

To get the latest information directly to
your inbox!

Join on the Association website at:

<https://meridianacres.org>

Have a little time to offer your
community?

We welcome all volunteers!

Email us at: meridianacres@yahoo.com



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