
SUNSET RIDGE HOA

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You-On the SRHOA Board?

Are you interested in an opportunity to work with others in our neighborhood to improve our community? If the answer is YES, PLEASE send an e-mail to:

kmeikle@washougalsunset.org. We meet once a month and typically have tasks we handle between meetings. The time commitment is approximately 4-10 hours per month depending on the position. This work is important and rewarding – and a significant PLUS on your resume.

Upcoming Special Event

Garage Sale, June 7, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
It's time to dig out the unwanted items in your garage and put a price on them. The HOA will do the advertising; you just need to open your garage door.

SPRING REMINDERS

Landscape: Lawns should be neatly trimmed and mowed.

Weeds should be pulled and removed. Don't forget your side yard or any other part of your property visible from the street.

Boats & Trailers: These may not be parked in a driveway more than overnight. If you are loading or unloading your items that is fine, but they must be moved in a reasonable amount of time. If you have your boat, jet skis, an empty trailer, or snow mobiles these items must be behind your fence or completely closed in your garage. If they do not fit our CC&R's require you to store them some place else.

Miscellaneous Items on the Side of House;

It is in violation of our CC&R's to store items such as ladders, wheel barrows and landscape materials if it can be seen from the street.

or on Porches:

It is in violation of our CC&R's to store things such as couches, wood and bikes just to mention a few.

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Clubhouse News

Along with parks and trails the clubhouse is the biggest asset of our HOA. The clubhouse is a great resource for all of us. We can rent the gathering room for functions, exercise in the workout room, swim, play games or just relax. If you've been to the clubhouse lately you can see that a lot goes into improving and maintaining the property so that it's enjoyable for all of us. You'll also notice there are a lot of rules. Each posted rule is there in response to issues that we've had to deal with. For example, you can be fined for leaving the cover off the hot tub not because we like to fine people but because it wastes a lot of homeowner money if one person fails to cover the hot tub on a cold night. Our clubhouse is a great facility but it's a shared facility and all of us who use it also share in the responsibility for following the rules and cleaning up after ourselves.

If you have any suggestions for how we can improve the clubhouse please e-mail us at

<http://www.washougalsunset.org/>

Please watch for this in the mail

The Board will be sending letters to homeowners over the next few weeks about discussions they have had about Phase 6, known as The Reserve. The Association has the deed to several parcels of open space in Phase 6, just as we do in other parts of the development. The problem is that the Association had no involvement in this. Tract D is one of those parcels. The problem is what access there is, will be very difficult to maintain due to the steep slope, and will be surrounded by homes after the development is complete. We would like to deed this property back to Pacific Lifestyle Homes. In order to do this we need to poll the homeowners in the development. You will receive a packet in the next couple of weeks with a detailed description of what is intended and why, as well as a form to sign and return in support of the plat alteration process.

FAQ'S

(Frequently asked questions)

Question: Can we get speed bumps installed on Sunset Ridge Drive?

Answer: In short yes. The rest of the story is that the neighborhood must pay for them.

Bob Hart our Parks and Trails representative on the board is checking into the cost of speed bumps. Once the board has all the information then it will be able to assess how and when action could be taken.

Parks and Trails Spring Update

As we gear up, hopefully, for better weather, items on parks and trails has been gearing up too!

Gravel has been renewed on about a third of the trail system. Wood retaining walls have been constructed at a couple of locations along the trail between the tot lot and Sunset Ridge Drive to prevent further erosion of gravel and debris into the wetland area. Woodchuck's Tree Care is out this week for spring tree work. Two dead trees leaning way over the trail will be removed. Three others are scheduled for preservation, which will include a combination of pruning, bracing and mulching rings.

Warning letters have gone out to homeowners whose pets have left deposits in the common areas. Please, please pick up after your pet so we can keep clean up and letters to a minimum.

It may be hard to believe that Sunset Ridge is probably approaching a population of about 1,000 people. Our facilities are similar to a small town, with parks and a clubhouse (community center). As spring and summer approach and our areas become more heavily used, the Board is proposing some common sense rules to better manage this great asset and make the use of our parks an enjoyable experience for everyone. The Board is scheduled to adopt a set of minimum rules (modeled after a few of the City of Washougal parks ordinances) for our common areas, trails, and parks at the monthly meeting on April 16th. The rules would prohibit certain activities in the common areas including damage to property or plants, alcohol use, games that propel missiles or projectiles (like BB and air soft guns), and amplified music. The rules would also require that owners pick up after their pets and keep them leashed. In addition to these rules the Board is also considering hours of use for the common areas consisting of the clubhouse park, the triangle park (bordered by 56th and I Streets) and the tot lot across from it. These areas would be closed between 10 pm until 6 am. The full set of rules will be at the Board meeting and posted at the clubhouse and on the web site.