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# SUNSET RIDGE HOA

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Summer 2007

## Upcoming Board Meeting Dates

**August 15th @ 6:30 PM**

(Dates subject to change...check clubhouse bulletin board for any schedule change.)

Joe Smith, Washougal Acting Director of Public Works at 6 pm

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## Chief of Police and Code Enforcement Visit June Board Meeting

Washougal Police Chief Cam Hershaw, and Sherry Montgomery, Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Washougal, were in attendance before the regular June Board to answer questions from homeowners and Board members. Only a couple of homeowners were there, which was unfortunate because they offered some great advice, insight and suggestions on how the City can help cooperatively improve things in the community.

Chief Hershaw encouraged everyone to contact the police, and him personally, when problems occur. He said that he attends many neighborhood meetings where he says the same thing, but that his phone seldom rings.

The police cannot enforce things they don't know about. Chief Hershaw took a humorous tone and went so far as to say that if he is given the license plate of someone speeding through the neighborhood, he would personally go to the person's home to talk with them about it. He also said that if he were told the address of someone who is knowingly letting their pet leave a deposit in a common area, he would bring it to their home and give it back to them.

The point is that, no, don't just tell your neighbors, but yes, do call the police when the need arises.

Sherry Montgomery had the same approach on code enforcement, which covers yard weeds, neighborhood noise and other nuisances. When contacted, she will investigate the complaint. Complaints to Police and code enforcement are anonymous, so please call.

Police Department 835-8701

After hours 911

Code Enforcement 835-8501

## Special Thank You!

Many homeowners at Sunset Ridge have worked on their own to do the little things that help make our neighborhood better. A special thanks to John for picking up along the trail, Joanne for keeping animal waste under control, River for keeping the trail head clean, Kathy for watching the retention pond, and Andrea and family for putting in the bark chips at the upper playground. And to all the others I don't know about, thank you. You are making the community a better place.

## Treasurer needed on the Board!

If you keep telling yourself you want to get involved in your HOA, then here's your chance:

We are still looking for a Treasurer.

You don't need an accounting background, just a willingness to get involved. Our management company will train you!

Your time would be spent looking over the financial information sent to you from Invest West Management and reporting your findings at the monthly Board meeting.

If you are interested please contact the board at [www.washougalsunset.org](http://www.washougalsunset.org) or come to our next meeting.

# Happenings At Parks and Trails

By Bob Hart

In March I began as the parks and trails representative for the Board. This summer has been a busy time for park and trails ranging from small work to larger scale projects.

Those of you who walk the trails may have noticed less debris and garbage along the trail. Long standing red/white steel poles have been removed from along the trail system. Ancient silt screens and plastic sheeting have also been removed. These are things have been needed for a long time, but a plan has been put in place for periodic trail clean up. A maintenance person has been doing most of the big items. The smaller scale things have been done by me, with great assistance from my wife, Susan. She has some information on the newsletter about how you can help keep parks and trails looking good.

A new play structure has been installed near the clubhouse and has been getting lots of use. The other play structure has had the tot swing replaced, the play bark renewed, and the wood frame around it stained. A security camera is scheduled for installation to monitor the new play structure.

You may have noticed that the wetland buffer signs have been replaced. These original signs were put up by Pacific Lifestyle Homes, done on the cheap and were faded and beat up. The new signs are the same size, but more durable, and more in tune with the surroundings. Long-missing dog waste clean up signs have also been replaced.

There are three retainage ponds in the community. The one at 57<sup>th</sup> and L Street is maintained by the HOA. A new lock has been installed to secure the gate and signage. The other two ponds are maintained by the City.

Common areas, including around the clubhouse, have not had fresh bark dust for several years. These areas have just recently been freshened up throughout the development. Next year a regular maintenance schedule for bark dust and gravel replacement will begin.

The Board has approved a 3-year plan for long term maintenance and preservation of the wetland areas around the trail system. This year will begin removal of high priority, high hazard trees and dead branches over the trails before our famous east winds and winter weather. Spring 2008 would be oriented towards preservation with mulch rings and some pruning and bracing. It would also be a better time of year for these kinds of activities. The following year could be devoted to the lowest priority trees also in need of preservation.

Most of the trees slated for removal will be dropped into the wetland buffer, as required by City ordinance.

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A couple trees will be cut into firewood and will be available for use by homeowners. One location will be at the bottom of the lower trail in Phase 6. Another will be near one of the trail heads along Sunset Ridge Drive. The tree work will be occurring over August and September. Any firewood remaining after about a month will be hauled away.

Please contact me with questions or for additional information.

## The Need to Know

By Susan Hart

Please email Bob if you see areas in parks and trails that need clean up and maintenance. I am not paid and not on the Board, but as a volunteer, I go out about once on the weekend to clean up the trails and playgrounds. The HOA has only one part time employee on site and that's for the clubhouse only. If there are cleanup and maintenance concerns for parks and trails you need to email Bob. Bob and I can take care of light cleaning and maintenance; heavier maintenance and landscaping are contracted out and have to be scheduled. The sooner you contact Bob, the sooner it will get done and the happier you'll be.