

CLEARWOOD COMMUNITY



NEWSLETTER
SUMMER 2017



Clearwood Community Pool



Pool Hours beginning 06.26.2017

Monday – Friday

12:00-2:00 – Open Swim
2:00-2:30 – Swim Lessons Only
2:30-4:00 – Adult Only Swim
4:00-6:00 – Open Swim
6:00-6:30 – Swim Lessons Only
6:30-7:00 – Lap and Exercise Swim/Swim Lessons
7:00-7:45 – Open Swim

Weekends/Holidays

12:00-3:00 – Open Swim
3:00-3:30 – Swim Lessons Only
3:30-5:00 – Adult Only Swim
5:00-7:45 – Open Swim



Don't forget: You must have a pool bracelet! Get them at the office!



14th ANNUAL CLEARWOOD COMMUNITY YARD SALE!!

Saturday, July 29th 9:00am-5:00pm
Sunday, July 30th 9:00am -5:00pm

Clearwood's front and back gates will be
OPEN to the Public on both days
from 9:00am -3:00pm

**Clean out those closets & garages and meet lots of
folks!**

Your Communications Committee

Yvonne Moore
Wendi Broden

Our goal is to provide as much transparency as we can
to the community!



2017 Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 19, 2017
Reichel Beach
9:00am

- Refreshments will be served
- Get important updates about what is happening in YOUR community!
- Check out the Volunteer Table for what interests you and sign up to get involved in your community.
 - Get Election results

Ballots must be dropped off at the office by no later than
10AM!

For your vote to count, your assessment must be current by
August 19, 2017

Visit our website for a list of resolutions on this year's ballot!
www.clearwood-yelm.com/electionsinfo.html



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

WANTED – Boy Scout Scoutmaster and Committee Chair

Clearwood area Boy Scout Troop 603 is looking for new adult leaders to help us continue to mentor the next generation of young men in our community. We are asking for help from you, the community, to fill the positions of Scoutmaster and Committee Chair.

Having some experience with scouting is required, but training for the position will be provided.

Those who are interested can submit a statement of their work, scouting and any other relevant experience in the community to YelmTroop603@gmail.com, or call Phillip Holzinger at (360) 894-0514

Can you believe Spring is already here and gone! As we work through summer your Board of Directors have been busy!

As you are aware, we have our annual elections in August. Current Board Director Richard Hill and Treasurer Syndi Martin are running to hold their incumbent seats. I believe we have one of the most diverse and cohesive Boards in a very long time and encourage you to cast your votes to maintain that dynamic.

In addition to Board seats there are several resolutions up for your consideration. A few are formalities, such as the approval of Annual Meeting Minutes and the Annual Audit. You will all receive your ballot and voters information.

I encourage you to approve the 2018 budget. Recent Town Hall meetings and Presentations have been well received with many expressing their intent to approve the requested Assessments increase at the special meeting to be held this fall.

Our Accountant, Dolanna Burnet, who consistently does an exceptional job for us is in the process of scheduling our 2017 audit for this year. She is also working on scheduling our Reserve Study that is done annually by a professional.

In closing, this Board really wants to make a difference in our community. We have already accomplished a lot, and with your support along with our efforts, we believe we can. We WANT to hear your constructive criticism and/or concerns along with ideas on how to remove the issues or even through your positive participation on a member's committee.

Please watch for your 2018 election materials. Separate materials for the Assessment increase will come separately and AFTER the August 2017 Members meeting so this item can be voted on.

Thank you all and have a wonderful summer!

Laura Drybread, President

A Message from
Our President



Proposed Assessment Increase

Info

By Laura Drybread, President



Many ask what we would do with the requested increases?

- The increase will help to cover increases in costs of goods and services. Everything that is purchased as well as the cost of labor and staffing have all gone up since the last increase in 2010. It is impossible to manage operations at their current level without an increase.
- There are things that we would like to improve in our community. One of those is safety and security. We know that we need updated gates and improved security systems. Some of the work can be done with Reserves but the labor and staffing will have to come out of operations. I would like to evaluate a method of registering and providing tags to residents for their vehicles combined with the placement of cameras to easily read the tag so that residents who speed, break gates, and park illegally can be fined in the form of a violation.
- We would like to keep the pool open 7 days a week; while it is open 7 days a week this year we have foregone seasonal maintenance help to pay for additional lifeguard positions, increased utility expenses and maintenance. Without an increase, we may need to reduce pool days and hours.
- Trails and Beaches have not been maintained at the same level as they were a few years ago and many have expressed their concerns. There are 16 miles of trails and to keep them up it requires Maintenance numerous man hours every year. Reading water meters, turning on residential water, street sweeping and general repair are given priority, so without an increase you can expect to see ungrouted and less attractive trails.
- We have tennis courts that need professional restoration and daily maintenance.
- Did you know that the lake must be treated to maintain its health and beauty? We need to keep invasive weed species at bay, along with removing parasites from the water that can cause skin irritation and swimmer's itch.



By Syndi Martin

Patrol and Emergency Services are combining forces to have more of an impact on the community. They will be going out on more patrols this summer and they are working hard to get the Clearwood Radar back in action to help with the speeding issue. They really need more volunteers and as a reminder, renters can volunteer to be on the patrol committee to do ride-alongs with others. This would be a big help to them - the policy is two people must patrol together with a third person as base manning the radio. Each time you see patrol, be aware that 3 community members are volunteering their time at 9, 10, 11 p.m. on the weekends, so give them a big hand for that!!! Tommy Drybread has volunteered to review camera footage when the gates are damaged to see if we can catch these vandals in action. Wish them all well.

Fire Department Needs More Responders by Bill Owen



After many years of serving the Bald Hills well, **Olympic Ambulance is pulling out** of the southeast part of the County. The Yelm Fire Department are transporting their own medical patients now, and Olympic Ambulance hasn't been carrying enough customers to support themselves, so they will no longer be staffing an ambulance in Yelm when the Yelm FD is transporting. This is going to have a huge impact on our community. In the past, we could count on Olympic Ambulance to a few minutes behind our responders on medical calls. They would take patients to the hospital, enabling our responders to be ready for the next call. Now they will be responding from Olympia or Lacey and may be close to an hour away. Our responders won't be able to leave a scene without another agency present to hand the patient off to. This will limit our ability to respond to successive calls rapidly. In some cases, we will do our own patient transport. Transport will take about three hours to complete. This is more than we can reasonably ask of volunteers, so **there will be some payment to the volunteers for doing this. We will also be charging a fee for transport that patients would be charged by Olympic Ambulance to cover our cost for this additional service.** When we do transport we still need responders to cover the District, so we are asking everyone in the community to consider helping by joining the Department to drive our ambulance or becoming an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). **This is going to be a very challenging time for our Fire District.** We have great leaders and over 30 fabulous volunteers responding to help their neighbors. We have an excellent response time record, but with these new changes we need more members. Helping your neighbor in an emergency is a profoundly rewarding experience. Would you seriously think about being there to help? Requirements and "call" schedule are very flexible. If you think you are too busy to help talk to us to see if there isn't a place for you.

If you wonder why we don't staff a crew with paid fire fighters, consider that just personnel staffing of an engine company is over a million dollars a year. Our budget is less than half that, and we still need to pay for equipment, vehicles, utilities, etc.

Application packets are available at the fire station. I would be glad to talk to anyone interested in joining.

Congratulations to Patti Frost who is becoming our newest EMT.

She has fire in her belly to help our community, and I foresee her being a Rock Star on the department. Way to go Patti! There is a **Fire Commissioner opening.** I have retired after 19 as fire commissioner. Being fire commissioner for this community has been a profound honor. Anyone who would like to be considered to fill my seat contact Roger McMaster or Harry Miller to apply.



Clearwood Precinct News by Suzie LeFurgey

Did you know that according to the Thurston County Auditor's office (the office that counts our votes when we have elections) that Clearwood recently had a record of close to 1,500 registered voters? That means we have more voters than many other areas (precincts) in Thurston County! That is something we should be very proud of! Precinct lines are drawn in the county so that most precincts average about 300-400 registered voters in each precinct.

In fact, this spring when we had almost exceeded the cap of 1,500 registered voters in a precinct, the auditor's office presented a plan to the Thurston County Commissioners to split our precinct in half and create an additional one. In late April our precinct 030 Clear Lake became 030 Clear Lake North and 027 Clear Lake South.

The new south precinct covers mostly the sections east of the lake - what we call the back gate. This includes houses on the east side of the lake roughly south of Clearland Lane SE but including all of Rising Court and Pondsides Court a little north of the Clearland Lane line. All of Overlake Court, Overlake Loop, Glenview Court and Sundown Court continue to be in Precinct 030. A small section west of the lake south of a line (Park Lane street) over in Division 1 has also been moved to 027.

Exact maps can be found on the Thurston County Auditor's website and can be compared to our own Clearwood Division map. Most importantly, by May every registered voter in Clearwood should have received a new voter registration card in the mail clarifying which precinct you now belong to. Please refer to it. In addition, you can also check your voter registration online at the Thurston County Auditor's website and your precinct will be included there also.

Mail-in ballot procedures and general voting rules continue to remain the same and our nearest ballot box at Lackamas Elementary school continues to remain the place to deposit our ballots.



Split and cut - You haul - Clearwood residents only
Small pickup - \$50 + tax = \$53.95
Large pickup - \$80 + tax = \$86.32
Large pickup with side racks - \$100 + tax = \$107.90
Pay at Clearwood Office & bring receipt to the wood lot
Contact: (360) 894-7259





The following information comes from the Thurston County February 2017 Stormwater Annual Newsletter: "The dog population in Thurston County makes around SIX TONS of poop a day! It's loaded with parasites, viruses, and bacteria that can get carried into streams and drinking water by rainwater runoff. That would be unsafe for our families and pets, too. So please don't let your pooch pollute. Scoop it, bag it, and trash it every time."

There is a large dog population in Clearwood so this information should be important to the community. I talked to a friend one day who said she met someone on the trail who did not pick up after their dog and the person told her we didn't need to pick up after our dogs because the waste is organic. I think it's clear from the county information that dog poop is unsafe to us and to our lakes, too. We live in a community and share community property with each other. Please clean up after your dog. – Submitted by Cathie Alonzo, Clearwood resident

Well 5 Update

We are **well** on our way to having a new well! Albert Darrow, Maintenance Manager and Lydia Bower, Northwest Water Systems have been busy these past 12 weeks working hard on all the necessary milestones to completion of Well 5. Big thank you to both!

Completed at time of writing:

1. NWS went out to bid for a driller
2. Bids received, reviewed, driller selected (Tacoma Drilling)
3. Application for drilling permit submitted
4. Site cleared in readiness for drilling
5. Pre-plan meeting for 2018 Water Plan update was held in Olympia June 21st and attended by Albert, Lydia and Syndi Martin, Treasurer and Well 5 POC



By the time you read this, we should have our new well dug. We are on time and on budget, and expect to maintain that throughout the project. Water, water everywhere!



Meadow Road by Laura Drybread, President

Attention all Homeowners: Some of you may not be aware of the load restrictions that are imposed on the Meadow Road here in the Community. There have been many complaints of overweight vehicles driving over the road to get to parts of the neighborhood where they should be using the back gate for access. Vehicle's that are 5 tons or more may not cross Meadow Road. Each ton is equivalent to 2000 lbs.

The Meadow road, is as I understand it, a floating roadway that crosses over a wetland. This makes it more fragile than a roadway that is constructed on solid ground. In addition, the main water pipes for Clearwood run under that roadway. It is imperative that the load restrictions be followed in order to maintain the stability of that roadway and to prevent repair costs that can be astronomical.

Fines for driving over that road way are \$500.00 per offense. Owners are responsible to pay fines for Commercial Trucks that come into the Association and are directed over that roadway by the Owners. If you meet a delivery truck, have a large RV, or a load rated in excess of 5 tons, you need to use the back gate if you would have to cross the meadow to get to your house. Be advised that there is a truck route, but it is only useful to turn around and go back out the gate and does not go around the meadow road. There are signs on both ends of the Meadow Road.

CLEARWOOD OFFICIAL WEBSITE - www.clearwood-yelm.com

Here you will find, events and other notification, newsletters, forms, Governing Documents, Board Minutes, Financial Reports and Frequently Asked Questions.

Sign up for Community email communications that will remind you of important events.