



Wingate Home Owners Association

May '09

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

Wingate's Annual Garage Sale—Saturday, May 16th

It's a great time to clean out your house, garage or shed, see your neighbors and make a little money too!

This year, the sale will be held on Saturday, May 16th, advertised from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Signs will be posted at both Wingate entrances, around 8:00 AM. Feel free to add a sign at the entrance of your street.

Large banners will be placed on the Wingate entry signs 2 weeks before the sale.

The sale will be advertised in The Everett Herald, Craigslist, The Edmonds Enterprise, and The Mukilteo Beacon.

For questions, please contact Jennifer Fugleberg at rjfugle@comcast.net or (425) 787-6967



Wingate membership for 2009 is due!

If you have paid for the year, thank you!

If not, please fill out the attached form and send your payment in. Thanks!

Upcoming Events

- ◆ ~~Yard Waste Dumpster—5/2-3~~
~~10 AM—5 PM (Dues paying members only)~~
- ◆ **Wingate Garage Sale—5/16**
9 AM—4 PM
- ◆ **July 4th Parade and Picnic**

4th of July Parade and Picnic



The annual 4th of July parade starts at the West entrance at 11:00 AM on July 4th. Decorate bikes, strollers and/or yourself and enjoy our community tradition.

If you've attended the neighborhood picnic in the past couple of years, you know what a welcoming and fun time it is. Come to the 47th Ave W cul de sac at noon or so; bring your beach chairs/blankets and a side dish or something sweet to share. We'll grill hot dogs and provide dishes and fixin's as well as games for the kids.

Where's 47th Ave West?

From the east entrance, take your first right on 137th. 47th is the first street on your right and will be blocked off to traffic during the picnic. If you drive, park on 137th.

Be prepared—No restroom facilities available

It's a block party—Come visit with your neighbors!

Volunteer! Rachele Cardoza is organizing the picnic and could use some help with set up and with contacting Police and Fire for the parade. You can reach her at 425-741-8150 or cardozarl@aol.com.



Homeowners' Meeting Recap

It was great to see neighbors and friends at the March homeowner meeting. Thanks for coming out.

Presentations We heard presentations on Save Our Communities (SOC) activities, annexation status, and a new park proposed along Lincoln Way.

SOC Pam Spampani from Save Our Communities explained that Snohomish County is currently negotiating with Horizon Airlines. She recommends that homeowners who don't want a commercial airport at Paine Field sign a petition and communicate their opinions with County officials and also with Governor Gregoire. Go to their web site, <http://www.socnw.org> for sample letters and a petition.

Mukilteo Annexation Chuck Brewer told us that 48% of value of the annexation area signed the petition; however, 60% was needed. The Mukilteo City Council has agreed to add annexation as a ballot issue in November.

Lincoln Way Park Mark Fussell from Lake Serene Community Association has been lobbying for the past 10 years to have land on the NE corner of Lake Serene Lincoln Way and Hwy 99 developed as a park. The Snohomish County Parks Department is currently evaluating purchase of the land, so the situation looks promising at the moment.

Wingate Budget The annual budget was approved with some major cuts (see the final budget on the next page) to bring spending more in line with expected income. Thanks to the attendees for your input. Background on the bigger budget issues:

Insurance There was general agreement to keep the insurance as it is now, but to continue investigating other providers for price and coverage. Insurance currently covers actions of board members as well as front entrances and community gatherings such as potluck homeowner meetings and the 4th of July picnic. It does not include trails—those are covered by the private homeowner policies of the adjacent owners.

Entrance Maintenance The assembly agreed to not hire a gardening contractor for weeding and pruning the entrance beds on a monthly basis. This allows a significant budget cut, but means that volunteers from the neighborhood are needed to keep these beds looking good. Sue May has agreed to coordinate this effort. Please contact her at suedanmay@aol.com to help. Thanks for pitching in to keep our community looking good.

Money has been set aside in the budget for bark and plant purchases to replace shrubs that did not survive winter. Kate Reed will continue to be involved in the design and maintenance of the beds.

Yard Waste Dumpster The Spring and Fall dumpsters, though well utilized, were used by a relatively small percentage of the community. Given the common use these days of family yard waste bins, the community dumpster is now canceled.

Legal Guidance—Mandatory Dues The board is in the process of obtaining legal counsel to investigate mandatory dues and standardization of covenants for all five divisions.

Elections Board officers were voted in. Current board members, Marie Townsend, Frank Koegler, and Tamra Bradford for 2-year terms.

We're a community of diverse and lively opinions. Please don't save your ideas, concerns, or questions about our neighborhood for the one or two times we meet as a group. If you have something to share, talk to your board members or attend one of the monthly board meetings. We're all in this together.



Wingate Treasurer's Finalized Budget

January 1 — December 31, 2009

Income	2009 Proposed	2009 Final
Membership dues	10,050.00	10,050.00
Interest	240.05	240.05
Total Income	10290.05	10290.05
Expenses		
Carryover from previous year	445.59	445.59
PUD entrance Lights	360.00	360.00
Yard waste dumpster	1200.00	0.00
Room rental @ Serene Lake Elementary	120.00	120.00
4 th of July	200.00	200.00
Meeting expenses	50.00	50.00
Lighting contest awards	200.00	200.00
Newsletters / Roster	1000.00	1000.00
Entrances maintenance and planting (monthly)	2600.00	500.00
Incorporation with WA	10.00	10.00
Liability insurance	3000.00	3000.00
Gift card to Kate Reed (garden entrances)	200.00	200.00
Legal guidance—mandatory dues	500.00	500.00
Wingate garage sale signs and ads	20.00	20.00
Total expenses	9905.59	6605.59



A Letter from a Neighbor—Why We Should All Pay Our Dues

Whether you have lived in Wingate since the first houses went up or you just moved in, the Wingate homeowner's association welcomes you. You probably chose to live in beautiful Wingate at least partly because of its unique large lots, big trees and green spaces with trails. This is no cookie-cutter neighborhood.

The quality of this experience is threatened by the potential for commercial airport expansion at Paine Field and by the risk of subdivided lots inside Wingate. While our covenants forbid subdivision, the unincorporated area is zoned for much smaller lots. Subdivision is a real risk that would drastically affect property values, noise levels, traffic and the look of our community.

Please help keep this neighborhood strong enough to be effective at dealing with these and other challenges by paying your \$50 annual dues. Less than 50% of 201 Wingate families currently do. We need the rest of our neighbors to join in and help pay for the services that every household benefits from.

What do dues pay for? They cover expenses such as sending out this newsletter, insurance, facilities expenses such as lighting and grounds maintenance, as well as community-building activities like our 4th of July event, holiday lighting contest, and homeowner meetings. Just as with the budget at home, anything extra is banked against future challenges. Last year, the association needed to tap into some of that banked money, just to cover expenses. This is not a way to keep our neighborhood strong.

We need you. If there are concerns that prevent you from participating, the volunteer board would like to hear from you. Committee and board members will be out visiting new Wingate residents and maybe some older neighbors to hear their wisdom, so that we can continue the welcome and help build a stronger Wingate community. Thanks, Cyndi Giles.

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Wingate Neighborhood Resources

Web Site <http://www.wingatehome.org/>

Be sure to check out the forum for discussion, buy-sell-trade-give away.

Garden Club—Meets monthly for garden tours, education, service and projects.
For more info, contact Candi Burpee at 425-745-9317.

General Change Form for removal of trees greater than 10” diameter, fence or out-building construction and exterior renovation projects.

<http://wingate.homestead.com/files/whoapermit.pdf> (*new link*)

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