



Wingate Home Owners Association November 2015

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

Record Turnout at the Fall Homeowner's Meeting

Thanks to the neighbors who attended the potluck supper and social meeting at the Serene Lake gym in October.



On the agenda for the meeting:

Picnic Point Preservation Committee Opposes Frogal Estates

There was a lot of interest in the keynote presentation from the Picnic Point Preservation Committee. The group is actively opposing construction of Frogal Estates, a 112-home development adjacent to Picnic Point Elementary School. The proposed properties are high density 'air-condos' on very small lots, some areas with a 60% grade. Primary concerns are increased traffic on Picnic Point road and impacts to watershed & infrastructure (school crowding, stream quality, erosion control and landslide risk). Families can support the work of the committee in these ways:

- Donations to PPC at 6009 137th PI SW, Edmonds, WA 98026
- Attend public hearing on January 14 6-8 PM Bob Drewel Bldg on Pacific Ave in Everett
- Email or write the County Planning Department: Mr. Ryan Countryman, 3000 Rockefeller St M/S 604, Everett 98201 or ryan.countryman@co.snohomish.wa.us
- Join the committee: contact them at picnicpointpreservation@gmail.com or on Facebook



Lighting Contest Returns on Thursday December 17, 7 PM

Have fun lighting up your home and property so that we can have fun admiring it. Bragging rights will go to our 3 favorites. The Dahlberg, Levin and May families were the 2014 winners.

Special Recognition to Long-Time July 4 Planners

Cyndi Giles and Leah Stillwell were recognized at the latest homeowners meeting for many years of orchestrating the July 4 parade and picnic, a staple of this neighborhood since its inception in the late-1970s. It's a great community tradition – thank you for helping to keep it going Cyndi and Leah!

Note: Thanks also to John's Grill in Mukilteo – they gave us a nice deal on gift certificates for Cyndi and Leah. If you happen to dine there, please let them know you're from Wingate.



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Proposed Increase to Homeowners Association Dues

There was lively and positive discussion at the homeowners meeting about increasing dues from \$50 to \$75 per year. Next action will be a vote by the membership at the business meeting next March.

Rationale for the proposed increase:

- Costs for insurance and minimal landscaping at the two entrances increase each year and consume the majority of the operating budget. Then there are the unexpected expenses. One of the entrance lamps was recently damaged; repair cost by an electrician is estimated at \$400.
- Income from annual dues income has not been covering the budget, requiring supplementation from the association savings account. We don't consider this wise stewardship of our resources.
- Even with the proposed increase, Wingate dues are substantially lower than other area neighborhoods. This would be only the second dues increase in nearly 40 years.

What do you think about this proposal? Email WingateHoa@gmail.com with input and ideas for improving the health of the neighborhood budget.



Attention Local Business Owners and Clubs

During the recent homeowners meeting, there was some discussion of ways to involve local businesses or clubs for mutual benefit. Some ideas

- Welcome basket for new neighbors with coupons or sample products in addition to the welcome letter that's already shared
- Silent auction of products or services at the fall social meeting for next year
- Advertising on the Wingate web and in the newsletters

We're a little new to this and could use your input! Please email WingateHOA@gmail.com with your ideas.

The Weather Outside is Frightful; Let's Make a Fire...

A few guidelines about wood-burning

When using a wood-burning fireplace, be a good neighbor by minimizing the smoke you generate and complying with air quality rules:

- Check for burn bans before starting a fire: get the mobile app '*Burn Ban 411*' for your phone or check <http://www.pscleanair.org/Pages/default.aspx>
- Only use an EPA-certified stove. They produce half the pollution of non-certified stoves and open fireplaces.
- Minimize smoke out your chimney by using dry, seasoned cordwood that has been seasoned for more than a year.

If your neighbor's fire is producing a lot of smoke, be sure to talk to them about your concerns. We are, after all, sharing the same air.

Seeking New Board Member

Board member elections will be held during the business meeting next March. If you have an interest in serving on the board, contact any board member or WingateHOA@gmail.com. Of particular interest would be a board member who could also represent the Wingate Garden Club. Time commitment is around an hour per month plus the business meeting in March and social meeting in the fall.



Wingate Neighborhood Resources

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

Facebook Group for discussion, buy-sell-trade-give away, & view or post pictures
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wingatehoa>

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://wingatehome.org/permit.php>

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