



Wingate Home Owners Association March 2016

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

Annual Homeowner's Meeting

Serene Lake Elementary School Library
Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 PM

On the agenda

- Proposal to raise dues to \$75 per year. See page 2 for more details.
- 2015 Budget closure and 2016 Budget review/approval. Only dues-paying neighbors may vote on the budget. A budget summary is provided on page 4.
- Vote for board members. One new position open. Nick Blattner, Lisa Harrison, Chuck Brewer and Dave Pischer are willing to continue as board members for the 2016-2018 term.
- Garden Club Update
- Plan for neighborhood activities. Your input and involvement helps make things happen. Bring ideas to the meeting or email WingateHoa@gmail.com.

If you can't attend the meeting, you can still vote. Notify a board member or WingateHoa@gmail.com by noon on March 16 your vote on the budget and board. You can also update your contact information. Annual dues statement is provided on page 5.



Garage Sale June 11

Nick Blattner will be organizing the 2016 Wingate garage sale. It's scheduled for Saturday, June 11.

Cedar grove off of one of the many Wingate walking trails. What a beautiful place we live in...



Holiday Lighting Contest

The 2015 holiday lighting display was lovely as usual. Thanks for lighting up the dark winter nights! No prizes except gloating privileges. The 2015 winners:

May Cardoza Dahlberg Christensen

More photos
on the
[Wingate web](#)



Dues Increase Proposal

There was lively and positive discussion at the Fall social meeting in October about increasing dues from \$50 to \$75 per year. Next action will be a vote by the membership at the business meeting on March 16.

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 has still not been repaired because we can't justify the expense right now.
- 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.

If approved, the increased annual membership dues become effective in 2017; however, if you wish to do more this year to help pay for planned expenses and possible enhancements to our neighborhood, please consider the optional payment of the proposed \$75 per year membership dues.

Thanks for your continued support of our community.



Calling Local Business Owners

Contribute to the Wingate Welcome Wagon

New owners moving to the neighborhood now receive a one-page welcome letter that provides an introduction to Wingate and available resources.

The welcome letter is also posted on a Wingate web page established for interested realtors and purchasers.

Several neighbors have suggested expanding the welcome letter concept to more of a welcome package that includes coupons or freebies that introduce new neighbors to your business.

If you have an interest in participating, email WingateHoa@gmail.com with your business name and suggested contribution.

Annual Directory

The annual neighborhood directory will be updated after the March meeting and delivered to dues-paying members. Send updates to WingateHoa@gmail.com

Please let us know your ideas for how to maintain and improve the unique character of our Wingate neighborhood by visiting the website, calling any Board member, or sending an email to wingatehoa@gmail.com

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>

Wingate Board

<p><i>At Large</i> (2014-2016) Chuck Brewer 5405 136th PI SW (425) 787-5064 chuck_brewer@yahoo.com</p>	<p><i>Vice-President</i> (2014-2016) Nick Blattner 13224 51st PI W (425) 743-4696 nblattner@comcast.net</p>	<p><i>At Large</i> (2015-2017) Steve Altabef 13606 48th PI W (425) 745-4703 sumcoun@aol.com</p>	<p><i>Treasurer</i> (2014-2016) David Pischer 5101 136th St. SW (206) 550-5426 davepischer@comcast.net</p>
<p><i>Secretary</i> (2014-2016) Lisa Harrison 13628 47th Ave West (425) 742-5409 lisalisa.harrison@gmail.com</p>	<p><i>Web Site</i> (2015-2017) Frank Koegler 13707 47th Ave. W (425) 412-3996 frank-koegler@comcast.net</p>	<p><i>At Large</i> (2014-2016) TBD</p>	<p>To contact all board members, email WingateHoa@gmail.com</p>



Wingate Homeowners Association 2016 Annual Dues Statement and Voting Ballot

2016 Wingate Homeowner's Membership Dues \$50 <i>Optional payment of proposed increased membership dues</i> \$75 Payment is due by March 31 of each year. Please mail your dues payment and this form to: Wingate HOA, 5101 136th St. SW, Edmonds, WA 98026

Calendar of Events:

Board Meetings - 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please contact us at wingatehoa@gmail.com if you want an item to be placed on the meeting agenda.

Wingate Annual Meeting - March 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM, Serene Lake Elementary School Library. Vote for board members, review and vote on 2016 budget and proposed 2017 dues increase, and help plan neighborhood events and activities for 2016. All Wingate homeowners and residents are welcome to attend our annual spring meeting; however, only dues paying members are entitled to cast a valid vote on items under consideration.

If you can't attend the March 16 annual meeting, you can submit your vote by mail, or email to: wingatehoa@gmail.com. In order to be counted, votes must be received by 2 PM on 3/16/2016.

1	<p>Update your information. Please edit and return if you want any changes to be made.</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Preferred Telephone: _____ <i>update:</i> _____</p> <p>Preferred Email: _____ <i>update:</i> _____</p> <p>Additional Email: _____ <i>update:</i> _____</p> <p><i>Newsletters are now sent via email and are posted on the Wingatehome.org web site. Please help us update our roster so that we have an email address for all homeowners in our Wingate neighborhood.</i></p>		
2	<p>Vote: Proposed Slate of Board Members.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><u>Current Board Members Up for Election:</u></p> <p>Nick Blattner (2016-2018)</p> <p>Chuck Brewer (2016-2018)</p> <p>Lisa Harrison (2016-2018)</p> <p>Dave Pischer (2016-2018)</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><u>Current 2-Year Term Board Members:</u></p> <p>Frank Koegler (2015-2017)</p> <p>Steve Altabef (2015-2017)</p> <p>_____ (Open Position)</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied, please provide write-in below: If denied, write in: _____ (replaces: _____) <i>(Officer must be a dues-paying member of our Wingate Homeowners Association)</i></p>	<p><u>Current Board Members Up for Election:</u></p> <p>Nick Blattner (2016-2018)</p> <p>Chuck Brewer (2016-2018)</p> <p>Lisa Harrison (2016-2018)</p> <p>Dave Pischer (2016-2018)</p>	<p><u>Current 2-Year Term Board Members:</u></p> <p>Frank Koegler (2015-2017)</p> <p>Steve Altabef (2015-2017)</p> <p>_____ (Open Position)</p>
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3	<p>Vote: 2016 budget (see back side of this statement for WHOA budget information)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied (please explain with comments below)</p>		
4	<p>Vote: Amend WHOA Bylaws to increase membership dues from \$50/year to \$75/year)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied (please explain with comments below)</p>		
5	<p>Comments:</p> <p>_____</p>		

Wingate Neighborhood Directory: If you want a printed 2016 directory, check here:

Please provide any desired updated information to be included in the next WHOA directory.



Wingate HOA Budget: 2015 Summary and 2016 Proposed

2015 Actual Income & Expenses	Proposed 2016 Budget: (a) Planned Income & Expenses				
Beginning Balance	\$14,335.96			\$14,119.44	
Income					
Membership Dues	\$5,700.07 (b)			\$6,000.00 (c)	
Interest	\$18.35			\$20.00	
Total Income	\$5,718.42			\$6,020.00	
Expenses					
	2015 Expenses	2015	Budget	2016	Budget
Snohomish Co. PUD Power	\$435.88		\$410.00		\$440.00
Incorporation Fee	\$10.00		\$10.00		\$10.00
Meeting Room Rental (Serene Lake Elementary)	\$70.50		\$70.00		\$70.00
Liability Insurance	\$3,055.82		\$3,070.00		\$3,070.00
4th of July	\$170.00 (d)		\$100.00		\$100.00
Garage Sale	\$28.56		\$40.00		\$40.00
Annual Directory & Dues Statements, Labels, Postage, & Supplies	\$193.18 (e)		\$500.00		\$470.00
Landscape Professional (Entrances)	\$1,971.00		\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
Entrance Plant Replacement	\$0.00		\$250.00		\$200.00
Entrance Signs & Lighting Repair	\$0.00		\$50.00		\$400.00 (f)
Web Hosting/Web Domain	\$0.00 (g)		\$0.00 (g)		\$0.00 (g)
Total Expenses	\$5,934.94		\$6,500.00		\$6,800.00
Ending Balance	\$14,119.44				

NOTES:

- a. 2016 budget to be voted on in conjunction with the Wingate annual meeting on March 16, 2016.
- b. 2015 dues income includes 114 payments of \$50, of which 1 represents advance payment for 2016 dues. Additional \$0.07 income is associated with an inconsistency in a dues payment check cleared by BECU.
- c. 2016 income assumes 120 of 202 Wingate homeowners (~60%) will pay their \$50 annual dues. Please do your part!
- d. 2015 expenses include two \$85 gift certificates to recognize volunteer efforts and supplies donated by two homeowners for several previous year's 4th of July celebrations.
- e. 2015 expenses were much lower than our 2015 budget due to availability of surplus materials and supplies/services donated by Wingate HOA Board members.
- f. 2016 expenses include repairs of broken lighting fixture at the east entrance.
- g. Web hosting/web domain expenses of about \$50/year are currently being donated by a Wingate HOA Board member.