



# Wingate Home Owners Association May 2018

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

## Current Events

The annual business meeting was held on March 14 at Serene Lake Elementary School. We thank the 22 homeowners who attended and the 62 homeowners who provided approval of the budget and elections for the year via mail-in ballot.

### Meeting summary

- 60 of 62 homeowners voted to approve the 2018 budget (provided on page 4).
- 62 of 62 homeowners voted to continue the terms of four active board members. There was one open position on the board for which there were no nominations. That position has now been filled by Debbie Fagala! Debbie and her husband Brad have lived in the neighborhood for 4 years. As a Wingate board member, she plans to focus on working with realtors with listings in Wingate so that we can better connect with new neighbors when they move in.
- Special guests at the meeting were representatives from South Snohomish County Fire and Rescue. A quick summary of their educational presentation is provided on page 2.
- **Wingate entrances:** An ongoing concern for the board has been the high cost of fairly minimal monthly grounds-keeping of the Wingate entrances. Along with the Wingate Garden Club, we have reached out to a professional landscaper (Sunset Gardens) to evaluate the entrances and propose some updates that would ideally both update appearance and reduce routine maintenance. This could include reducing the footprint of the planted areas and installing some hardscaping.
- **Wingate trails:** It was noted that some of the trails in Wingate are getting a little overgrown. All Wingate trails are easements on property of adjacent homeowners and should be maintained by them. Trail users can certainly help out with general tidying and minor pruning to keep branches and vines off the trails. However, any major suggested changes should be addressed directly with the responsible homeowner.

**Homeowners dues are Due!**

Thank you for your support of our community



# South Snohomish County Fire and Rescue Guidance for Homeowners

## ▪ **Top causes of INDOOR fires**

- **Cooking** Stove tops and microwaves. (Use pan lid to suppress stove-top fires. Keep hood vents clean)
- **Candles** The top three days for home candle fires are New Year's Day, Christmas, and New Year's Eve.
- **Heating** The peak months for home heating fires are December, January and February.
- **Smoking** Smoking materials (i.e., cigarettes, cigars, pipes, etc.) are the leading cause of fire deaths in the United States.

Safety tip: Make a practice of closing doors inside the house to minimize smoke damage in case of a fire

## ▪ **Top causes of OUTDOOR fires**

- Fireworks, grills (keep at least 3 feet away from the house), smokers, planters (high nitrogen fertilizer). Also watch out for dry brush around the house

## ▪ **Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan.** When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly. [Tipsheet](#)

- Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

## ▪ **Plan your escape.** Your ability to get out of your house during a fire depends on advance warning from smoke alarms and advance planning. [Escape plan and tip sheet](#)

- Get everyone in your household together and make a home escape plan. Walk through your home and look for two ways out of every room.
- Plan an outside meeting place where everyone will meet once they have escaped. A good meeting place is something permanent, like a tree, light pole, or mailbox a safe distance in front of the home.



## Upcoming Events

Sat June 9

### Garage Sale

It's not too soon to start planning for items to sell in the ever-popular Wingate garage sale. The Altabef and Blattner families organize and advertise the sale each year.

Weds July 4 11:00 AM

### Parade and Social

Everyone is invited to walk, bike or drive in the parade or to cheer it on. Community social at noon – more to come.

## Wingate Neighborhood Resources

**New to the Neighborhood?** [Welcome Letter](#)

**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 [Change Form](#)  
 greater than 10" diameter, fence or out-building construction and exterior renovation projects.  
 Two change forms have been received and approved by the board to date in 2018.

## Wingate Board

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## Wingate HOA Budget: 2017 Summary and 2018

2017 Actual Income & Expenses	Proposed 2018 Budget: (a) Planned Income & Expenses		
Beginning Balance	\$14,806.02		\$16,870.63
<b>Income</b>			
Membership Dues	\$8,250.00 (b)		\$8,250.00 (c)
Interest	\$21.00		\$25.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$8,271.00</b>		<b>\$8,275.00</b>
		<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2017 Expenses</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Snohomish Co. PUD Power	\$423.66	\$440.00	\$440.00
Incorporation Fee	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Meeting Room Rental (Serene Lake Elementary)	\$72.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Liability Insurance	\$3,055.82	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
4th of July	\$0.00 (d)	\$100.00	\$100.00
Garage Sale	\$38.06	\$50.00	\$50.00
Annual Directory & Dues Statements, Labels, Postage, & Supplies	\$623.70	\$590.00	\$600.00
Entrance Landscaping Maintenance	\$1,983.15 (e)	\$2,400.00	\$2,100.00
Entrance Landscaping Design and Planting Enhancement Services	\$0.00 (e)	\$250.00	\$2,500.00 (f)
Entrance Signs & Lighting Repair	\$0.00 (g)	\$1,200.00 (g)	\$200.00
Web Hosting/Web Domain	\$0.00 (h)	\$0.00 (h)	\$0.00 (h)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,206.39</b>	<b>\$8,340.00</b>	<b>\$9,300.00</b>
Ending Balance	\$16,870.63		

BUDGET NOTES:

- a. 2018 budget to be voted on by dues paying members in conjunction with the Wingate annual meeting on 3/14/2018.
- b. 2017 WHOA dues income includes 4 payments of \$100, 101 payments of \$75, and 1 payment of \$50. It also includes an additional \$75 paid by a Wingate homeowners for past 2016 dues.
- c. 2018 income assumes that 110 of our 201 Wingate homeowners (only ~55%) will volunteer to pay their \$75 annual dues. Please do your part to help pay for the basic expenses associated with managing and enhancing our neighborhood.
- d. 2017 expenses for our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration were generously donated by WHOA members.
- e. 2017 entrance landscaping expenses include monthly maintenance; no extra planting services were performed in 2017.
- f. 2018 entrance landscaping design and planting services are planned to enhance the appearance of both entrances.
- g. 2017 east entrance light fixture repairs/replacement expenses were generously donated by a WHOA member.
- h. Web hosting/web domain expenses of at least \$100/year are currently being donated by a WHOA Board member.





# Calendar of Annual Neighborhood Events

## March

**Spring Homeowners meeting** addresses the business of Wingate including board elections and approval of the budget by members of the homeowners association.

If you have a topic for review at the meeting, contact any board member.

## June

**Wingate Garage Sale** is scheduled for one Saturday in May or June each year and is a popular event in the area.

*Organized by Steve Altabef and Nick Blattner.*

## July

**July 4 Parade and Picnic.** Everyone is invited to walk, bike or drive in the parade or to cheer it on. Last year, we enjoyed an ice cream social after the parade.

*Organized in 2017 by Cyndi Giles.*



Photo credit to Debbie Fagala

## October

### Fall Homeowners Meeting

This is an annual social event for all Wingate neighbors and includes a potluck dinner at the Serene Lake Elementary School gym.



Photo credit to Frank Koegler

## December

**Holiday Lighting Contest** is a friendly competition to fill our neighborhood with light. The only prize is bragging rights and photos posted on the web. 2017 is a friendly competition to fill our neighborhood with light. The only prize is bragging rights and photos posted on the web.



## Older content for recycling

*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 emailing [wingatehoa@gmail.com](mailto:wingatehoa@gmail.com)*

### Show your pride

beautiful Wingate neighborhood by being aware of the appearance of your home and yard.

Be aware and mindful of the time that waste/recycling bins are on the street and limit it to what is necessary. (Wingate does not have specific guidelines about the amount of time that bins should be out, so use your discretion and encourage your neighbors to do the same)

## General Change Form

### A tool to help keep things neighborly

Planning to make some changes to your property? That's great! Just please document your plans and communicate with your neighbors before you get started using the [General Change Form](#).

#### Use the form for

- Tree removal (trunks larger than 10" diameter)
- New fences or construction including major remodels

Return the completed form with signatures of two affected neighbors to any board member for approval and filing.

Please send any questions to [WingateHoa@gmail.com](mailto:WingateHoa@gmail.com)