



Neighborhood NEWS

SPRING 2024

WELCOME SPRING

Spring; what a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be. Finally the days are warmer, the trees are blossoming, the sun stays out a bit longer, and everything seems to have a new life here in Wingate. It is a special season that brings out the natural beauty of our neighborhood that we can all appreciate.

As we clean up to sweep away Winter, and tackle those seasonal chores to prepare for Summer, Spring easily reminds us just how beautiful and appealing our neighborhood truly is.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR HOA PRESIDENT, FRANK KOEGLER

Dear fellow Wingate property owners,

The sun made a rare and welcome appearance as I wrote this at the trailing end of Winter while I was looking forward to the warmth, the colors and the smells of Spring. Spring is a great time in Wingate as the earliest of flowers break their slumber and emerge from the soil and the evening light lasts a bit longer on the tops of our trees.

The number of walkers in Wingate increases as residents and visitors alike take advantage of our walkable roads and off-pavement trails and enjoy the numerous noble and massive trees in our forested neighborhood. Wingate

is a great neighborhood and I'm proud to be a resident, now nearly 20 years, and I've been your HOA President and servant for the past several years - I won't count the years.

We've seen much change in 20 years, including a renewed energy and activity coming from increased volunteer activity- both via new faces on the HOA board and many residents wanting to help out and do good. New board members have brought new ideas and energy and are committed via their volunteerism to maintaining and enhancing the positive culture and vibe in Wingate.

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We hope you notice the positives and read more about it in this issue.

My thanks go to everyone who has contributed large or small to make Wingate a better place. I hope we all can be inspired by the seasonal changes to pause and appreciate our wonderful neighborhood and also to take action- whether a simple smile to a friend or stranger, or the hauling of a wheelbarrow of gravel onto our trails.

Please enjoy this Spring of 2024 in Wingate as it will soon be behind us.

Best,

Frank

ANNUAL WINGATE GARAGE SALE

Have any unwanted items to sell? Join your neighbors on Saturday May 11th 9am-4pm and host a garage sale in conjunction with "The Great Mukilteo Garage Sale" day. Clean out your house, garage, and shed, see your neighbors, and make a little money.

Sell any unwanted household, clothing, furniture, sports equipment, electronics, tools, books, kitchen items, games, toys, or big ticket items you don't have time to donate. Consider gifting any leftover and non-purchased books to our neighborhood Free Little Library located at 54th Ave. W, towards the west entrance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 21st Earth Day Kick-Off Litterbug Patrol
1pm

May 11th Wingate Garage Sale
9am-4pm

July 4th Parade 11am
Block Party & Picnic 11:30am

NEW LITTERBUG PATROL

Join the Litterbug Patrol committee on the first Sunday of each month and take a walk through the neighborhood, rain or shine, and pick up any visible litter or garbage. It's a fun way to get some outdoor exercise, socialize with your neighbors, and help to keep our streets and trails clean at the same time. To learn more about our neighborhood's volunteer-led committees, please visit the Wingate HOA website to learn how you can get involved.



**WINGATE
GARAGE
SALE**

**Saturday
May 11
9AM-4PM**

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Wingate Garden Club has been meeting monthly for nearly 30 years. Members take turns hosting the meetings and presenting topics to cover many aspects of gardening like caring for ferns and fuchsias, and planting patio pots for spring and fall seasons. Members have also toured rose and water gardens, attended seminars, and hosted craft activities to create items to be enjoyed in the garden. To learn about upcoming meetings and activities, email Cheryl at parents@eriksens.org or Candi at burpee@comcast.net.

SPRING GARDEN TIPS FROM CHERYL ERIKSEN

- **Weed** - If you haven't yet started, it's time. If you have started, there is still time because weeds are eternal. One of the most pervasive in Wingate tends to be the shotweed, with tiny white flowers that ripen to seeds that shoot off when touched. It is also called bittercress, and can be eaten as a salad green.
- **Plan** - It is always a good idea to do a soil test to see if you need amendments. In Wingate, our soil tends to be acidic, due to all the evergreen tree cover. This isn't best to grow vegetables, but blueberries love acidic soil.
- **Plant** - Besides blueberries, flowers and vegetables can do well here with some soil amendment, especially if you have a spot with a good amount of sunshine.



EMILY'S SPRING CHECK-LIST

Emily Mydyski Wood, of Windermere Real Estate, shared some useful Spring home improvement tips to help Wingate residents enhance and improve their curb and "front street" appeal.

- Aerate the soil, lay down grass seed, and fertilize your lawn. It's time to bring on the green!
- Add a few - soon to bloom - potted flowers to your front porch or deck for some fun pops of color.
- Trim back and prune any trees or bushes that got missed in the fall or damaged in the winter, before they begin to bud, to promote new growth.
- Wash your interior windows and let the sunshine in. Clean your exterior windows with a spray hose to remove surface dirt and debris.
- Spring clean and declutter at least one space or room in your house and donate at least one bag worth of stuff.

Individual property values can likely increase when our neighborhood properties all look their best and are kept maintained. Reach out to her with any real estate questions at emwood@windermere.com and look for her upcoming Wingate neighborhood market trend report annual mailing this Summer.

A PLEA TO SPEEDERS FROM A CONCERNED RESIDENT

"Hi Neighbors – I'm the guy wearing the recently purchased yellow safety vest that has 25 mph printed on the back. Thanks to daily canine incentive, for the past 27 years I have been walking through Wingate. For years I had little concern about safety. Maybe one in five drivers exceeded the speed limit, but rarely over 35 mph. Over the last decade things have gone bonkers, progressively getting worse. Cars speeding at 45 mph or, incredibly, sometimes much faster are a constant occurrence now.

My wife, my dog, and I were nearly killed by a speeder who lost control and missed us walking on the opposite side of the road by inches. I watched a boy on a bike, who was exiting the trail from the school playground, intentionally fall over into blackberry bushes because a pickup truck roared by so fast the boy didn't have time to hit the brakes. The driver would now be in prison if not for the lad's sacrifice. It's no coincidence that the HOA Board purchased yellow traffic cones and a child shaped road sign that asks drivers to 'Please Slow Down' for local parents to place near the crosswalk during school pick up and drop off times.

For those of you that think things are bad during the day, you should see how bad things are after 10pm. I used to love walking late in the evening. I am afraid to now. I know many neighbors have echoed my observations. Our community has lots of curves with no curbs on the walkway, where trees and bushes along the road hide what's ahead, and many driveways where the cars pulling out are obscured from the roadway, including two well-hidden access trails to the school playground.

When it comes to speeding, please respect the dangers involved. Respect the children, the drivers pulling out of their driveway, the pedestrians, the cranky vest-wearing seniors, and yes even the animals, and return our roadway to the safe and pleasant place to stroll - it used to be. A sincere thank you for your consideration."

- Kent Treadgold, Wingate resident since 1997

SPEEDING

Repeat offenders can be reported and speed patrols can be requested by calling Snohomish County Sheriff's Office at (425) 407-3999. Complaints can be filed (with or without a license plate number) online at [snohomishcountywa.gov](https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov)

ABANDONED CARS

To report abandoned and undesirable cars with expired tabs parked along the street, or overnight RV campers, please call Snohomish County Sheriff's Office at (425) 407-3999. For chronic or long-term parking violations, file an online complaint at [snohomishcountywa.gov](https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov)

SNOHOMISH COUNTY CONTACT INFO

To report road damage or fallen street signage, request new pothole repair or new signage, please contact Snohomish County at (425) 388-3411.

ENHANCING YOUR PROPERTY OR REMOVING TREES?

If you're planning any future out-building construction, exterior renovation projects, major remodeling, building new fences, or removing trees (greater than 10" in diameter), please complete and submit the short online form at wingatehome.org to document your plans, and talk with your neighbors before you get started so they are also aware of new changes.

The HOA Board maintains this information as precedent for upholding our covenants and providing credibility to push back on undesired activities such as clear-cutting of lots and/or construction of non permitted structures that are not consistent with the covenants or the neighborhood's intended use and feel. Locate the change request form on wingatehome.org.

We hope you enjoyed reading our neighborhood newsletter, which highlights how the HOA is serving our Wingate community, and found this information useful. The Wingate HOA Board's mission is to help maintain the unique character and clean aesthetics of our neighborhood, build a unified and robust homeowners association that benefits everyone, and help drive positive community engagement that results in neighborhood enrichment.

We appreciate the efforts of all homeowners who volunteer their time and energy to help support our HOA. Please mark your calendar and join one of our fun upcoming events, meetings, and socials. Join one of our volunteer-led committees, or take the lead to start a new community based activity or club. We welcome everyone's questions, constructive comments, and suggestions on how to enhance our Wingate neighborhood. To learn more about who we are, please visit the Wingate HOA website to read our bios and reach out to wingatehoa@gmail.com with any questions.

- Angela Robertson, Wingate HOA Board Member

IS IT TOO LATE TO PAY HOA DUES?

While we aim to collect dues prior to mid-March for annual budgeting and planning purposes, dues can be accepted year-round. Payment can be accepted via:

- Check - Wingate HOA
5205 136th St. SW
Edmonds, WA 98026
- Venmo
(@WingateHOA)
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