

REDHAWK HOA NEWSLETTER

Spring 2023

President's Message

I hope you all had a good Winter. Spring has arrived and the longer daylight hours have triggered buds and flowers emerging from Magnolias, Plum trees, Camelias, Azaleas, Rhododendrons and Cherry trees – luring gardeners outdoors once again! The scent of cookouts will be in the air soon. While early planting has begun, here are some important Spring steps to prepare for the peak growing season during the warmer days to come. A bit of hard work now helps your plants thrive all year:

- Clean your pruning shears with rubbing alcohol to avoid spreading any remnants of diseases from last year. Sharpen tools that need it, including pruning shears, hedge trimmers and lawn mower blades. Change the air filter on your lawn mower.
- Clean up last year's leaves in your flower beds. Leaves make a good habitat for pollinators in winter, but disease spores can live on leaves and debris around those plants and can infect them in the spring. Plants especially susceptible to disease are boxwoods and roses. Raking away leaves also helps you see new plant growth and avoid stepping on tender shoots when you are working in your garden!
- Cut back perennials to prepare for new growth. Leave 8-12 inches above the soil for visibility and avoid covering new growth with fresh mulch.
- Remove weeds before the active growing season, ideally by hand-pulling or using a hoe. You can contain weeds this summer by mulching planting beds.
- Rake mulch left over from last year to freshen up its appearance. Add a few inches of new mulch to prevent soil from washing away in heavy rain, to moderate soil temperatures and lock in moisture over the coming summer.
- Trees typically don't need fertilizing, especially if you've added organic matter to the soil. Shrubs, perennials, annuals and vegetables may need a boost. Too much fertilizer can burn the roots and damage the foliage.

We plan to have a Garage Sale and Picnic in June 2023! See details below!

The Board is focusing on yard landscaping this summer: While many homeowners are following Redhawk Landscape and Yard Maintenance guidance (Sections 5.1 - 5.3 of the Rules & Regulations), regrettably others have fallen short, detracting from the visual appearance of our gracious neighborhood. Improvement is needed.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at board@redhawkhoa.net

Thank you,

- Geoff Swan, Redhawk HOA President

Treasurer's Report

The HOA's proposed 2023 Budget of \$44,970 was presented and approved at the October Annual Membership Meeting. We currently have \$46,599 in our checking account and \$30,521 in our separate savings account (Reserve Fund). Bills have been fully paid for cutting up the large Fir tree that crushed a section of the detention pond fencing and for repairs to that chain link fence. The cost of planting of 7 replacement Dogwood trees and 2 new Norway Maples by Olympic Nursery currently is under review. Our financial condition is good. Funds have been set aside to repair 2 sections of our sprinkler system along Maltby Road, which were damaged when trees were uprooted by a fall wind storm.

- Tom Moore, Redhawk Treasurer

Architectural Control Committee

As we move through Spring and Summer, you may be contemplating new fencing, deck, walkway, patio or other landscaping project, or remodeling, repainting, re-siding, reroofing or other home improvement project. All exterior projects must have an ACC Project Request Form (PRF) filled out and approved before any work can start. Forms can be found on our website: www.redhawkhoa.net Please submit your ACC PRF at least 2 weeks prior to the project start date to the ACC at: acc@redhawkhoa.net

This week the ACC mailed notices to several Redhawk homeowners for failing to comply with Section 5.1 of our Rules & Regulations, Trash Containers: "*All waste containers must be kept out of sight from the street, and must be kept concealed either in the garage or behind fences.*" Trash, recycle and yard waste containers cannot be "stored" in front of or by the side of the garage, visible from the street or neighbors' view. The ACC will follow-up as needed.

- Kim Zrust, ACC

Maintenance & Lawn/Yard Committee News & Reminders

Redhawk continues to be a gracious residential community. Together we help protect the value, desirability, and visual appeal of Redhawk to benefit all homeowners. A big "Thank You" to all Redhawk residents who regularly mow and edge their lawns and keep their plants and planting beds in top condition! One of the landscape maintenance services listed below would be glad to help you for a reasonable cost; all currently have done great work in our area. Any questions or maintenance suggestions, please contact Geoff Swan at your Redhawk HOA.

A few reminders to all homeowners:

- **Edging grass** - Residents are responsible for edging all lawn areas to cleanly separate the grass and concrete along both sides of the sidewalk, along the curb side of the grass and tree strip, and along driveways. Grass overgrowing the concrete is not acceptable.
- **Planting beds** - Residents are responsible for edging planting beds cleanly, and for keeping planting beds and the grass strip free from weeds so that weed seeds do not spread into your neighbors' yards. Please remove any tree root shoots growing in your grass strips.

- **Trimming of Trees & Shrubs** - To improve pedestrian safety, please trim back low hanging limbs on trees and overgrown shrubs that restrict sidewalk clearance. Yards with overgrown landscaping need to prune back trees and shrubs, dig out invasive blackberries, mow and edge unkempt grass and pull weeds to help clean up the visual appeal of our community. One of the landscape maintenance services listed below would be glad to help you for a reasonable cost; all currently have done great work in our area.
- **Newly Installed Trees** - TreeGator slow-release drip watering bags again will be placed around the newly planted Crimson King Norway Maples and Venus Dogwoods to help ensure their survival during the hot summer months. Homeowners of Lots where those trees have been planted: Please fill the 20 gallon TreeGator bags 3X each week this summer to protect Redhawk tree investment. Thank you!
- **Native Growth Areas** - Residents bordering the Native Growth Areas should notify the Redhawk HOA if a tree appears to be dangerous to you or your home.
- **Tot Lot** - Please help keep our Tot Lot clean. We regularly see empty plastic bottles, drink packaging and candy wrappers on the ground and in the shrubs.
- **Sidewalks** - Your Redhawk HOA continues to apply pressure to Snohomish County for repairs to our community sidewalks that were damaged by Pin Oak tree roots and now create a tripping hazard. No promises yet...
- **Signs Celebrating Graduating Students** - We applaud residents who celebrate their graduating students but request those signs be placed in yards only within the month before and immediately after graduation.

Redhawk Annual Garage Sale

Friday June 2nd & Saturday June 3rd, 9am to 4pm

All advertising and signs at the entrances will be provided by the HOA. Residents may want to put up an indicator sign directing shoppers to their homes. A garage sale is a good time for Spring cleaning and for selling unwanted items. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Larsen at carlbonnielarsen@comcast.net

Recent Serious Pedestrian Injury @ Intersection of 202nd St SE and 29th Ave SE

On April 12, a Redhawk resident was hit by a car at the top of 202nd St SE, suffering a concussion. Fortunately, he is now recovering. A driver was turning left from 29th Ave SE onto 202nd St SE and the cars that always seem to be parked on the north side of the street (odd house numbers) may have contributed to the accident by restricting driver visibility and forcing the vehicle over to where a pedestrian was standing. The Snohomish County Roads Division will be assessing whether 202nd St SE meets current safety standards to permit parking on both side of the street. If not, new signs will be installed permitting parking only on the south side of the street (even house numbers). Please drive safely.

Safety Concern: Children Climbing Trees in the Turnaround Island Adjoining the Tot Lot & Native Growth Protection Areas

Board members have witnessed children climbing the large trees in the planted island in the turnaround adjoining the Tot Lot and in our Redhawk Native Growth Protection Areas. These trees contribute to the visual appeal of the community. Because of potential safety hazards, those trees are not intended for residents' or their guests' children to climb on. Residents are responsible for preventing their children and their guests' children from climbing those trees.

Volunteer Opportunities

Social Committee - Bonnie Larsen has assumed the duties as Chair of the Redhawk Social Committee. She welcomes assistance with any community event you would like to plan (e.g., Christmas Caroling, game nights, etc.). Please contact Bonnie at carlbonnielarsen@comcast.net if you would like to help.

Community Bulletin Board

- **Speeding** - Speeding continues to be a problem on both 204th St SE and 202nd St SE: Vehicles regularly exceed the County's 25 MPH speed limit in residential areas!
PLEASE SLOW DOWN, WATCH OUT FOR CHILDREN AND PEDESTRIANS!
TREAT THOSE INTERSECTIONS AS IF THEY HAD 4-WAY STOP SIGNS!
- **Trash containers** - Please keep all waste containers out of sight from the street and neighbor's view. Storing them in front of your home or garage is not acceptable. Thank you for keeping our Redhawk neighborhood beautiful! - ACC Team
- **There is no trash can at the Tot Lot** - Thank you for following "Take it in; Take it out" practices. We appreciate you collecting your bottles, cans, candy wrappers, Covid masks and other trash and taking it back to your property for proper disposal.
- **Pet waste** - Thank you for removing your pet's waste deposited on lawns and streets and taking your pet poop bags back to your property for proper disposal. Children and other Tot Lot users will appreciate you not leaving pet poop bags at the Tot Lot!
- **Fire Pits** - As summer approaches please be aware of safety for all residents with the use of fire pits. Please do not leave fire pits unattended!
- **Noise Levels** - Thank you for keeping the noise levels down after 9pm in respect for all neighbors AND those with young children.
- **School Bus Stop** - Please be aware that while you wait or pick up at a school bus stop in Redhawk, you may be on the private property of a homeowner. Please keep the areas clean and stay on sidewalks. Let's be respectful to all homeowners in the community.

Redhawk HOA November 2022 Food Drive

Thank you to all who contributed to the Redhawk Food Drive in November! We collected hundreds of cans and non-perishable items that were delivered to SkyView Middle School Food Pantry. The SkyView Middle School Food Pantry delivers food bi-weekly to local families in need and they were incredibly appreciative of our community effort to support.



Homeowner Email Address & Phone Updates

Please give your email address and phone number updates to the Redhawk Secretary or another Board member. These are critical so the Board can share vital Redhawk news and information to all homeowners. The homeowner email address and phone numbers will be used only for official purposes (e.g. to send out Board meeting minutes and Redhawk Newsletters); they will not be given to or shared with anyone or any business. Please send updates to: board@redhawkhoa.net

Redhawk HOA & Committee Contact Information

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Architectural Control Committee: acc@redhawkhoa.net

ACC Project Request Forms: www.redhawkhoa.net

Landscape Maintenance Services

These Landscape Maintenance Services are currently working on properties in Redhawk, Ravenswood and/or Chestnut Trails. The quality of their workmanship looks professional.

Emmanuel Landscaping & Yard Maintenance

Owner: Eric Moreno (425) 268-6765

Office: (425) 337-7972

Magic Landscaping LLC

Landscape Foreman: Alejandro Gutierrez (425) 449-3008

Magic-landscape15@hotmail.com

Durango Green Landscaping

Owner: Arturo Martinez (425) 299-8883

arturomartinez10@aol.com

Joc's Landscaping Services

(425) 791-1800 www.jocslandscaping.com

jocslandscaping@gmail.com

Candy's Landscaping, Inc.

Owner: Candy Arellano (425) 280-0660

candyarellano85@gmail.com

Par Four Landscape Services (maintains Redhawk common areas)

Owner: Jon Duran (206) 817-1596

Jonduran10@yahoo.com

The Yard Butlers (maintains Ravenswood common areas)

Owner: Bill Volpentest (206) 679-5296

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