



2002 Board of Directors

Our neighborhood annual meeting was held on January 17, 2002. Several Crystal Ridge residents attended the meeting and the two open Board positions were filled by Jeff Hopkins from the Estates and Jerome Nottage from the Classics. Officers for the Board were elected at the first meeting in February and will serve a one year term. The officers for 2002 are:

- ◆ President - Jeff Hopkins
- ◆ Vice President - Jerome Nottage
- ◆ Treasurer - Mae Wisor
- ◆ Secretary - Sharon White
- ◆ Member at large - Dennis Hogenson

Identity Thieves

An article has been added to our web site concerning Identity Thieves. This subject has been more prevalent in the news recently with people in the northwest and nationwide falling victim to these thieves. Check our web site for the full article. The article includes the following rules (excerpt from Time Magazine, February 11, 2002) which may be useful to you:

Rule 1: Guard your mail, coming and going, and thwart "Dumpster divers" by shredding receipts, credit card applications and the "convenience" checks included in your monthly statements. You can stop receiving prescreened credit offers by calling 888-5-OPTOUT. Go the Direct Marketing Association website, <http://www.the-dma.org/>, to reduce junk mail and telemarketing calls.

Rule 2: Protect your Social Security Number. Don't carry your social security card in your wallet or have the number printed on your checks. Provide other ID whenever possible, and never give your SSN or other personal information to unsolicited callers or over the internet. Victims can apply for a new SSN but experts warn that getting one can create much bigger problems.

Rule 3: Scrutinize your credit reports at least once a year. Order copies online for about \$8 apiece from the three major credit bureaus at <http://equifax.com>, <http://www.experian.com/>, and <http://www.transunion.com/>. Close unused credit-card and bank accounts. To dispute inaccuracies, call the creditor as well as the credit bureaus and follow up all conversations with a letter.

Rule 4: If you become a victim of identity theft, place a fraud alert with the credit bureaus and have creditors close accounts that have been tampered with or fraudulently opened. Request a new bank account number, ATM cards and PIN codes. Call the federal hot line (877-IDTHEFT), and file a report with the local police. Keep records of all conversations and letters. For more pointers, visit <http://privacyrights.org/> website.

Many resident in Crystal Ridge have converted to secure locking mailboxes. Modification Request forms are required to be submitted for approval for secure locking mailboxes. If you would like to install locking mailboxes, the procedures to follow for Board approval and installation can be found on our web site. If you do not have access to the web, you can request a copy by sending a letter to the Board or contact us via email.

Take time to protect your privacy, your personal information and your money.

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Correspondence to the Board should be clear and concise. Include your name, address, phone number and best time to contact you in case we have questions.

**Crystal Ridge Homeowner's Association
PO Box 36, Puyallup, WA 98371-0004**

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Monthly Board Meetings - The Board will be meeting the first Wednesday of each month during 2002 unless otherwise indicated. Date, time and place of our meetings are posted on the web on the 2002 Calendar. Residents are welcome to attend.

HOA Dues - We sincerely appreciate all homeowners who maintain the HOA dues account current and who paid their 2002 dues on time. We do have homeowners who are delinquent on their dues. Accounts not current by March 31, 2002 will result in a lien being filed against the property, turned over to an attorney for collection, and/or additional late fee charges.

Janelle Estates Sign & Main Entrance Monument - The stolen Janelle Estate sign has been replaced at the lower entrance to Crystal Ridge and it looks great! An effort was made to make it more secure this time to hopefully avoid future vandalism and thievery. The damage to the main entrance monument caused by an automobile accident has also been repaired. Mae, our Board Treasurer, worked diligently with the insurance company and the contractors to get both of these items fixed. Our appreciation goes to Mae for her hard work on these problems.

Leash & Scooper Laws - The City of Puyallup has leash and scoop laws requiring pets to be on a leash and picked up after. The fines can be as high as \$475 per offense for allowing your dog to run loose and for not picking up after your dog. Animal Control suggests that you contact them at 841-5595 if you see an animal loose or if you catch it on film. This continues to be a frequent complaint from many residents. Please be a responsible pet owner and keep your dog on a leash, don't let your dog run loose, and please scoop up after your dog. Thank you for your help.

New Siding Approved for Homes - The Board has recently approved Weather Boards fiber cement siding for home siding as an alternative for LP Siding or Hardy Board. Vinyl siding is NOT approved and is NOT authorized as a siding replacement. All homeowners are reminded that a modification request is required to be submitted for approval before replacing your home siding to ensure it complies with the CCRs. A modification request form can be found on our web site which you can print, complete and mail to us. You can also request a copy to be mailed to you if you do not have access to the internet.