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ew Feature for our Newsletter and Web Site - We have added another feature to our neighborhood newsletter and web site where residents can contribute items to share with their neighbors. If you have anything you would like to share, send it

in for inclusion in our neighborhood newsletter and addition to our web site. Examples are: kids graduation, HS grads headed for college, recent retirement, celebrating an anniversary, recognition of someone in the neighborhood or your family. You can email the Board with your suggested article or send to our PO Box address below. Please be sure to include your name and number in case we need to contact you. All articles are subject to editing for space, content and final Board approval before publishing.



## September 6 to 22

An annual event in our neck of the woods that is one of the largest fairs in With over 100 Washington State. events including farm animals, amusement rides, world-class entertainment and tons of good food,

it is extreme fun for the entire family. Check out "The Puyallup Fair" web site, http://www.thefair.com, to see what's on the schedule and to order tickets online.



## **Puyallup School Schedule**

First Day of School Sep 4, 2002

Winter Break Dec 23, 2002 to Jan 3, 2003

Mid-Winter Break Feb 17 to 18, 2003 Apr 7 to 11, 2003 Spring Break Last Day of School Jun 17, 2003

### 25 MPH Speed Limit

Since school is starting and kids will be walking to and from the school bus and playing



outside after school, all residents are reminded that the speed limit in Crystal Ridge is 25 MPH. Please slow down and keep our neighborhood safe.

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### **Encroachment Concerns**

The City of Puyallup has contacted the HOA Board regarding instances of encroachment into green space within Crystal Ridge. This is notification to all homeowners/residents of Crystal Ridge that encroachment is illegal and may result in fines and/or legal action.

Encroachment occurs when a homeowner/resident does any of the following:

- 1. Increases their property by extending beyond the property lines into green space or into an empty lot.
- Modifies original landscaping and/or slope of the land in the green space.
- Removes natural vegetation growing in the green space.
- 4. Builds or erects any permanent structure beyond the owner's property lines.

The City of Puyallup strictly enforces the encroachment codes by using aerial photography to determine encroachment. If you are encroaching into green space or into an empty lot, it is your responsibility to return the area beyond your property lines to its original condition (i.e., natural vegetation and slope).

If you have questions concerning encroachment, please contact the City of Puyallup at 253-841-5571 or the HOA Board of Directors by sending an email to crystalridge@webcom.com or by letter to PO Box 36, Puyallup, WA 98371-0004.

## Board of Directors

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

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

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# LOOKING FOR A RESPONSIBLE BABYSITTERS In the neighborhood

We are looking for mature, reliable, fun, responsible and trustworthy babysitters for our children.

Experience is a must and the ability to play with, interact and care for two highly active boys (ages 2 & 4).

**REQUIREMENT**: You must live in the Crystal Ridge or Janelle Estates community.

If you are interested, please call Maria Rupert for an interview at (253)435-0520.

The Puyallup Lions Club would like to invite you to join one of the oldest and most active service organization serving the Puyallup community. The Puyallup Lions Club was established in 1954 and its members range in age from 18 – 84. Lions are recognized worldwide for their service to the blind and visually impaired. The Puyallup Lions Club has been providing assistance to the visually impaired in the Puyallup area through the purchase of glasses and glass eyes, funding for cornea transplants, supporting leader-dog training, and providing eye screenings for people in need. In addition to its work with sight, the club also provides hearing aids and wheel chair ramps for those in need in our community.

The Puyallup Lions Club supports the Children's Therapy Unit at Good Sam, Puyallup YMCA, local little league sports, the Puyallup Senior Center, Camp Easter Seal, and six scholarships for students in Puyallup schools. Some projects in our community include Child Spree w/Mervyns where needy children receive new school clothes, shoes, and supplies; a holiday party for disabled children and their families in the Puyallup school district, an Easter Bunny (toy) hunt for the children of Puyallup; cook breakfast at the Puyallup Senior Center; serve dinner to the needy at the Armory, and Adopt-a-Family for the holidays.

Major fund raisers include operating the dunk tank at the Puyallup Fair and Spring Fair, Christmas Tree sales, and Rose sales.

As a Lion, you choose your level of involvement. Many Lions make it a family affair, including children in the service projects.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Puyallup Lion, or you would like to be my guest at a meeting, please contact Helen Vajgert at 253-840-2047. Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wed. at Anton's at 7 pm. If you want to help make a difference in your community and make some of the best friends you will ever have, the Puyallup Lions club is for you!

#### **Community Service Ad**

<u>ADVERTISING</u> - If you would like to advertise in this newsletter or on our web site, check the policy and prices on our web site or contact us directly.

# HOA Reminders

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS - The Board will meet 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.

<u>HOA DUES</u> - The Board thanks all the residents who have paid their homeowners association dues. By taking a proactive stance, we have been successful to date in collecting 90% of the current year's dues and 55% of the delinquent accounts. Liens were filed in April against eight properties that were delinquent two or more years. If you have questions about the association budget, please let us know. Projects completed or planned for the neighborhood this year include retention pond improvements; tot lot improvements; bark; moss, weed, and pest control; seasonal plantings at each monument location; as well as routine maintenance of the planter strips and common areas; property taxes and insurance; and miscellaneous costs for postage, newsletter, etc. Thanks again to all who take pride in our neighborhood and who share the responsibility of its upkeep by keeping homeowner association dues current.

MODIFICATION REQUESTS - Remember that residents are required by the CC&R's to submit a "Modification Request" for approval by the Board of Directors before you do any exterior modifications to your property -- home painting or additions, fences, sheds, pools, etc. Please review the CC&R's for the requirements. If you have questions, contact the Board via email or letter. Please allow 15 days for review of your request by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). The Board will notify you of the approval as soon as possible within this time frame. Modification Request forms can be obtained from our web site or you can write the Board and ask that one be sent to you.

MAILBOX THEFTS & LOCKING MAILBOXES - Some residents have been victimized by mail box theft. This includes mail being delivered and sent. Thieves look for credit cards, ID cards, checks, and cash to use for drugs and to counterfeit personal information. A wise move would be to use the post office whenever possible to receive and send mail. Check your mail boxes frequently and as soon as possible after mail delivery. Stay alert and be careful.

If you and your neighbors decide to convert to secure mailboxes, as others have done already, the procedures for approval are on our web site (http://crystalridge.amajn.com). If you don't have access to the web, contact the Board and we will send you a copy of the procedures. See our address at the bottom of page 1 of this newsletter.

<u>SIDEWALKS</u> - Ever notice the green tint or rust on your sidewalks. This may be caused by fertilizer running off your lawn after a good rain or watering. Look for a good concrete cleaner (muric acid) to remove this discoloration.



## Letters & Responses

Letters and emails sent to the Board should be short and concise. Include your name, address, phone number, and best time to call in case we have any questions. We will contact you within 15 days of receipt of your letter to let you know the status of action being taken by the Board.



Home Lawns

A reminder - It is each resident's responsibility to keep your front and backyards cut and trimmed to maintain a good appearance for all of Crystal Ridge.

# **Watering Your Trees & Parking Strips**

The HOA takes care of mowing, trimming, and fertilizing the lawn and trees on the parking strip adjacent to your property throughout Crystal Ridge. This strip is located between your sidewalk and the curb. All residents are responsible for watering the grass and trees in the parking strip that fronts on your property. This is extremely important to keep our neighborhood looking great.

Periodically, the Board replaces trees that are damaged by car accidents, vandalism, ice storms, snow, or poor health. Now we need to give them water so they will grow strong and healthy. Please take the time to water this area to help us improve the overall appearance of Crystal Ridge. Thank you for you assistance.

All residents are responsible for watering the grass and trees in the parking strip that's adjacent to your property.





# **Social Committee**

Crystal Ridge is starting up our Social Committee again to help bring our neighborhood together with community activities some of which we have done in the past such as:

- Pumpkin Carving Contest
- Bunko Night
- Holiday Lighting / Decorating Contest
- Food Drive

There are many new activities also being considered.

If you are interested in working with the Social Committee, please contact Rebecca Sparling at **crsocialcomm@webcom.com** or call her at 253-334-3500.

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