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**Newsletter - Spring 2007**

**2007 Board of Directors**

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**Board Meetings** - The next Board meetings are scheduled for 4/24, 5/29 and 6/26/07. The meetings start at 7 pm and the Board meets in the back room at Starbucks on Meridian. Residents welcome.

**Budget** - Pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter includes our 2006 Financial Report and our Year 2007 Proposed Budget. We are providing this information to you to keep you advised on how your HOA dues are being used. All things considered and compared to the condition and maintenance of other neighborhoods in Puyallup and South Hill, you can see that the relatively small amount of dues each resident is paying annually is going a long way to help the entire neighborhood.

**New Board Members** - The Board is looking for anyone who interested in being a Board member. Be actively engaged in helping to maintain our neighborhood and be of service to the residents. It can be a very satisfying job to see the results of your volunteer efforts. If you're interested, please contact us by mail, email or attend one of our Board meetings. We'd love to see you there!

**Committee Positions** - We are also looking for more volunteers to work on committees to assist the Board with various projects. If you're interested, please contact us.

**Stop Light** - The Board met with city engineers to discuss the installation of a stop light at the intersection of Crystal Ridge Drive, 23rd Ave and Shaw Road. This has been a long time request (over 10 years) by the neighborhood. The Highlands Committee was very instrumental in bringing this to forefront by heading the team during negotiations with Puyallup Highlands developer. Now the city has informed us that the installation is definitely on the city's schedule. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the light should be installed and operational by the fall of 2008. With the other planned upgrades to Shaw Road, the city wants to install traffic lights "the right way, the first time" that will accommodate future upgrades to the Shaw Road and intersection.



**Traffic Circles** - The Board also discussed traffic circles with the city engineers that were planned to be installed

to help control traffic flow and speed especially with the eventual opening of the roads leading into the new development north us, Puyallup Highlands. This is another feature Highlands Committee help negotiate with the developer of the Puyallup Highlands. The Board plans to have additional meetings with the city managers and engineers to confirm the location and schedule for installing them. These are still a ways off and there is no definite schedule for now.

**Shaw Road Extension** - The extension of Shaw Road to Main Street is another project the city has scheduled and will probably have a definite impact on our neighborhood with respect to traffic flow and volume on Shaw Road. The primary reason for this extension though is to provide faster and easier access for emergency vehicles since the only railroad overpass in Puyallup right now is Hwy 512. This extension would provide another overpass. This extension still has no definite schedule yet but is expected to still be a few years off yet.

**Landscaping** - Landscaping has a great start this year and the majority of our annual preparations have already been completed for the spring. Jerry Larson (253-845-7219) is a Crystal Ridge resident and is our landscape manager who works closely with our landscaping contractor, Tru-Green, to ensure we are getting the "most bang for our buck". So far, the results have been excellent. If you have any landscaping or sprinkler questions or issues, please feel free to contact Jerry. He'll be able to help you and will keep the Board advised. Some of our accomplishments so far this year for our common area areas are:

- thatching completed
- moss treatment applied
- over seeding added
- areas have aerated
- tree pruning is complete



The Board is continuing to replace missing and dead trees. We are also working diligently to completely inspect and repair the sprinkler system to ensure it is fixed and in good working order. Tru-Green will be doing a thorough inspection of the sprinkler system during April and will be repairing damaged and mal-functioning sections of the sprinkler system including major leaks, damaged or missing sprinkler heads and damaged sections of piping.

# Citizens Academy

April 11, 2007

The Board received the following information concerning a exciting opportunity that may interest you. If you do attend, the Board would appreciate feedback from you on the value of the course to you and to our community.

**Subject:** Citizens Academy--Sign up now!

**Post Date:** Wed, 14 Mar 2007

**Expiration Date:** 03/23/2007

## What is the Citizens' Academy?

The Citizens Academy is a 9 week program beginning April 11th designed to provide interested citizens who either reside or work in the City of Puyallup an opportunity to learn first-hand about the Puyallup Police Department.

## What Subjects are Covered?

Some of the topics covered during the course include:

- ◆ the history and mission of the Department,
- ◆ patrol procedures
- ◆ narcotics investigations
- ◆ K-9
- ◆ DRE
- ◆ the Municipal Court
- ◆ Block Watch
- ◆ Equipment
- ◆ Records
- ◆ and training practices.

Also included in the course are field trips to:

- ◆ the Communications Center
- ◆ the Municipal Court
- ◆ firing range
- ◆ the Public Safety Building
- ◆ and the Puyallup City Jail

You will also get to ride-along with an officer on a weekend shift!

## How to apply?

Please complete and return the attached application and mail to 311 West Pioneer Avenue, Puyallup, 98371 or fax it back to 770-3362.

You'll be notified of your session dates and time after a background check by the department.

Follow this link for the online application form:  
<http://www.cityofpuyallup.org/files/library/9abf35d4205520d2.pdf>

## Need more information?

If you would like more information about the academy, please call 770-3354.

**Parking on Street** - The City has ordinances that prohibit long term street parking. To report violations or car nuisances call the police at 9-1-1 and let the dispatcher sort it out.

This has been, and still is, the speed limit within Crystal Ridge. Please keep your speed down...residents as well as visitors have been seen exceeding this limit. If you see someone speeding, call 911 with a license number, car description, date and time. Though they cannot issue a ticket based on your observation, they may contact the owners of the vehicle or set up their own speed trap to catch the scofflaws.

**Speed  
Limit  
25 mph**

**New Speed Limit Signs** - We have contacted the city to request new speed limit signs be installed on the main entrance to Crystal Ridge. These signs would be installed both coming and going on Crystal Ridge

Drive near the curved section of the road. Many accidents occur in this area over the year causing property damage and loss of trees. These signs should help but, more importantly, keeping your speed down to 25 mph is also very important.

## Fence on Crystal Ridge Drive

As many have noticed, the fence along Crystal Ridge Drive has been removed...forever. The Board does not plan to install a new one. The area around the fence will be landscaped and graded to provide a more gradual slope.

**Vandalism** - Occasionally our neighborhood experiences vandalism in the development. If you experience vandalism or notice anything occurring elsewhere, please report it to the Puyallup Police. You can also let the Board know...but you should be the one to take the action to report the problem...IT IS UP TO YOU!

**Sidewalks** - There are sections of sidewalks in our neighborhood that are damaged due to lifting caused by root growth from trees. Jeff Hopkins is working with city to have these sections repaired. Soon you will see these bad sections marked with paint to start replacing them this spring. This has been a problem for us causing tripping hazards for residents who walk or jog in our neighborhood, especially in the predawn or twilight hours.

**CCR** - Our CCRs are important to maintaining our neighborhood. The Board is working hard to adhere to these rules. Be sure you are familiar with them before you make any exterior modifications to home or property. The CCRs are available online at our web site.

**Modification Requests are Required** - Remember that modifications requests are required to be approved by the Board for fencing, painting and any exterior modifications. A Mod Request Form can be found on our web site.

**Newsletter & Web Site** - The Board approved 3 to 4 mailings newsletter mailings per year. The newsletter and our web site will be used to keep residents informed on what's happening in our area.

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