

PARKWOOD family of Residents:

It was so much fun to renew acquaintances and meet new Residents at the barbeque.

We consider it a privilege to be a part of the Parkwood community and to work with the team to provide a quality facility with excellent service. Thanks to so many of you who were complimentary of the great work of Dale and Jenece. We know they work hard to serve you. They really appreciate hearing comments of appreciation. Thanks to all of you who are so friendly and gracious to your neighbors. It was uplifting to hear so many comments about the friendly Residents who combine to make a great community.

We are also grateful to Joel Erlitz and his associates at Park Investments NW for their expertise in dealing with the overall issues as the management company. Joel and his team along with Dale and Jenece are constantly working behind the scenes to handle a variety of challenges to ensure a smooth and comfortable operation of the community for you.

Again, thank you for allowing the team to serve you in making PARKWOOD your home. Thanks for your smiles.







"What a fun event. And great food"

Marilyn Bryant

"And the food was DELISH!"

Jewels Joyce



Thank you all for a very successful picnic day - and the weather you ordered was perfect!



Heard rave reviews on the Beyond Burgers and the chocolate cake!!

Happy summertime! Ricky and Ed Sites



P.E.R.T. Parkwood Emergency Response Team

Hello Parkwood, this is David Goose your PERT commander. Hard to believe it's August, time sure goes by fast. This month I will answer a few questions that where sent to me via email. (1). What is a to go kit or bag: It's a bag that is always packed and ready to go. Some of the things that should be in there are, flashlight, gloves, small first aid kit, knife, space blanket, water, change of clothes, power bars, trail mix, copies of important papers, prescription drugs, good sturdy shoes, money (small bills), rope, whistle, waterproof matches, emergency poncho, stuff for your pet (leash, food, papers), toilet paper, pen and paper, radio (two way or a NOAA). This kit should be somewhere (like under your bed) that's close at hand. Also, a similar kit can be carried in your car. A complete book covering all the things you need for your home is in a package that PERT will be more than happy to drop by.

Next month we will be talking about how much water and food should be stored and how long we should be prepare to be in a emergency situation.

If you have any questions please call me at 360-301-1188 or email dgoose748@gmail.com. Please be safe out there.

Goose

On Sustainability

12 Ways to Use Less Plastic

Avoid:

Sample cups . Plastic straws . Single use plastic bags .

Jams and jellies in single use containers.

Creamers in single use containers.

Styrofoam cups . Plastic glasses

Plastic "silverware". Coffee stirrers

Plastic take-out containers

Water in plastic bottles

Motel shampoo and conditioners

Why? Less for the landfill and fewer escapees from the landfill.

~Jennifer Brodie

OPEN MIC NIGHT!!

Aug 17th

Last month's event was a big hit! Let's get together again and have some fun.

This is a very casual event,

Bring an instrument, a poem, story, hobby, joke (or two) show and tell, a skit or sing a song.

A small PA and a couple of microphones will be available if needed.

Some snacks and coffee will be provided, but feel free to bring a treat to share!



The House Finch Take-Over

By Ida Domazlicky and Jane Nicholas

The House Finch, aka Linnet, is one of our favorite Parkwood birds and one of our most common. But while this pretty little songster may seem unexceptional, it has a surprising story. My experience with House Finches began in Illinois in 1983, when bird watchers from all over the Midwest were trooping to my small back yard to see this (then) rare bird. Today, these



finches are not rare in the Midwest but are instead quite common. So why the excitement back then?

And how is it that this southwestern native came to live in Sequim? Well....

In historic times, House Finches were found only in the southwestern US and Mexico. In the early 20th Century, they began to move. By 1935, they were in N. California, and a few had reached British Columbia. Presumably some were in Sequim by then, but they weren't widespread in the PNW until the 1980's. There's no certain explanation for this expansion of range. Meanwhile, in New York City....

In 1940, cage-bird dealers in S. California trapped over 100,000 House Finches, mostly males, and shipped them to NYC pet stores where they were sold as "Hollywood Finches." (Sometimes, being pretty and singing well is not an advantage.) This, of course, was illegal under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which protects our native songbirds. U.S. Fish and Wildlife agents quickly began charging pet store dealers. As word among sellers spread, they panicked. Get rid of those finches! Pet stores all over the city released them into the wilds of Long Island. And instead of dying off, House Finches—even with few females in residence—began multiplying. By 1943, they were seen nesting on Long Island. By 1971, they were nesting all over New York City, especially in roof gardens. From the city, the plucky little birds spread out all along the east coast and began moving west across the continental U.S. The one that showed up in my yard in 1983 was, at the time, rare. But by now, House Finches have taken up residence in the entire Midwest and have even moved across the Plains states, so that the East Coast population is now reunited with the original West Coast birds and those that spread north. Whew! Going from a limited regional resident to a continental resident in less than a century is quite a feat, even with human help!

Our Parkwood House Finches are easy to see year-round in the treetops and shrubs. Even in August, when most birds have finished nesting and singing, House Finches are likely to still be vocal and feeding young on dandelion seeds, their favorite. They nest February through August on buildings and in bird boxes, trees, shrubs and vines. They're known to use bits of cotton, hair and wool in their grassy nests and to live for 10 years. Watch for the bright red crown, breast and rump of the male, which is told from a purple finch by the bright orange shade rather than rose, and by its striped flanks. And listen for a loud and enthusiastic "Queep." When you find that House Finch, remember you've found a bird whose recent ancestors took over a continent.