



Community Newsletter

July 2022

Resident BBQ at the Clubhouse! July 20th.

Lunch will be served 11AM to 1:00

Food & drinks provided by the Park.

Musical entertainment by The Secords!

Come on out and enjoy some

good food & fun!

It's coming up on the 4th of July a great time to fly our flag. Here are some guidelines and protocol on display of the flag.

The flag should only be displayed from sunrise to sunset, however it may be displayed at all times if it's illuminated during darkness.

It should be displayed often, but especially on national and state holidays. When more than one type of flag are flown on the same pole the USA flag must be at the top.

The colors of the flag represent Red: valor and bravery. White: purity and innocence. Blue: vigilance, perseverance and justice.

So Parkwood let's get out there display our flag for the world to see.

God bless America.

~ Goose

PARKWOOD ANNUAL GARAGE SALE:

JULY 16TH 8AM-5PM

PARTICIPANT MAPS WILL BE AT ALL MAIL



ATTENTION RESIDENTS: The Clubhouse will be closed July 19th 10AM to 6PM for a private, reserved event.

Please plan your activities for that day accordingly.
Thank you!



Lavender festival 7/15-7/17

Sequim is known for its fragrant, purple fields of lavender and for hosting the premier lavender event in North America – Sequim Lavender Weekend – which occurs each summer on the third weekend of July. Visit the world famous Sequim Lavender Experience farms with a self-guided tour using our driving & cycling guide. Check out the individual farm websites for their festivals, classes and events. Visit the City of Sequim tourism page and check out additional community events!

"I love this place already!" ~ Incoming Resident
"I am so excited to finally be HERE!"

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

Hello Parkwood, welcome to July. Well, Cascadia rising is over and was a great success. Thanks to CERT members Nancy Madison and Terri Bancroft who walked miles plotting out area 3. The Parkwood PERT team led by Terri Deuel did a fantastic job walking Parkwood and doing radio check. Now on to new things. I hear that a lot of people here in the park do not know what PERT does. If you have lived in the park for more than two years someone from PERT should have come by your house to drop off a information packet. If you have moved in within the last couple years we cannot contact you unless you signed the Parkwood authorization form that allows management to give us your name, phone number and address. That being said, you can always contact me to set up a time to get together. So please go by the office and make sure you have filled out the permission form so we can get to know you. Hope to see you at the July 8th meeting at the clubhouse at 10am. Have a great and safe summer. Goose 360-301-1188.

## **OPEN MIC NIGHT IS BACK!!!**

## **JULY 13TH 6-8PM**

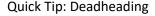
This is an opportunity to get together and get to know your neighbors better and have some fun. This is a very casual event, so bring an instrument, a poem, story, hobby, joke, show and tell, or sing a song.

A small PA and a couple of microphones will be provided if needed. Some snacks and coffee will be provided, but feel free to bring a treat to share.

I and some friends will play a couple of songs to get things rolling but we are counting on you to make this a success.

Its always been a great time!

~ Kim Hammond Questions? Contact @ 425-268-8909 or kimhammond60@gmail.com



Deadheading your plants pushes the plant to produce more flowers. Just be sure you are doing it correctly. You want to be sure you are taking off the entire flower node at the base. If you only strip the pedals away, the plant will continue to produce a seed head. Pinch all the way back to the stem and your plant will keep producing long into the summer!



Pinch back here

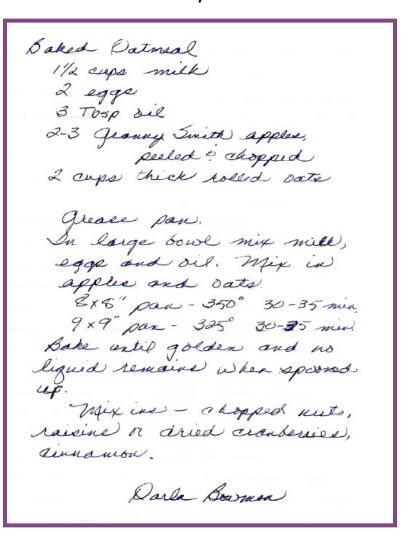
New Flower

Seed Head Forming



Our first Parkwood cookbook submission.... Thanx Darla!

Send your favorites into the office!





Article 3. 6/10/22 - On Sustainability -

Here is a recent promising development in the search for sustainability. Biochar.

(Naturally indigenous peoples have been using it for hundreds of years!)

This super charged charcoal material is made by roasting organic matter such as grass cuttings, grain stalks and other organic material at high temperatures and low exposure to oxygen. It has a solid structure, resistant to decay, which creates a framework for soil nutrients. It locks up carbon that would otherwise be cycled into the atmosphere.

It is put to use by being spread and incorporated into the soil. There it provides a framework for nutrients in the soil, minerals, water, microbes and beneficial fungi making them more available to plants. Biochar is nearly indigestible to microbes and earthworms.

One farmer in Australia found a creative way to distribute the biochar. He fed it to his cattle who pooped it onto the ground and hoofed it in. He enlisted some dung beetles to finish the process. An added benefit was that the amount of methane the cows emitted was reduced!

I have seen sacks of Biochar for sale at garden stores recently. If we use it, it is important to mix it with organic matter such as compost and to add water.

The above and following information is gleaned from 'Regeneration' by Paul Hawken

Take banking and the fuel industry. Does your bank invest in fossil fuels - which can produce short term financial gains but uses a high ratio of energy to produce energy? Side note: Banking itself is undergoing innovations with financial technology becoming more prevalent.

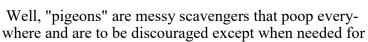
Demands that banks stop financing fossil fuels is having an effect. For example: In 2017 ING Group forbade transactions linked to any aspect of the tar sands. BNP Parabas announced it would not finance tar sands or shale oil. Several others have followed suit.

Why would we want that? Because forests are being clear-cut to make way for tar mining which produces millions of gallons of polluted water each day. This leaches out into local communities or nearby environments.

Jennifer Brodie



## Pigeons and Doves, what's the difference? by Janie Nicholas and Ida Domazlicky



messenger duty or racing entertainment. "Doves" are beautiful, inspiring messengers

of joy who are elevated in status by song and text." Those have been my thoughts in the past and maybe yours too. Recently I saw this question of the difference posted online and it started me thinking and researching. It changed my mind. Pigeons and doves are taxonomically the same bird down to the species level. One article suggested that doves are just pigeons with better press. A "peace pigeon" doesn't have the same ring to it, and a bride wouldn't choose a "pigeon release" at her wedding, so maybe there's something to that.

All 300+ species we see today descended from the Rock Pigeon, which is still around and is common in our area. At the species level the variety is nearly endless, thanks in part to humans. Size ranges between 6 and 30 inches. There is a huge range of color patterns. They have evolved to have different feeding habits which may have partly led to the perceptions we have today. Some feed mainly on the ground scavenging for seed and left over McD, while others feed mainly in the canopy on fruit and mast. The variety of song is also impressive. Things they have in common include general body shape, stubby legs, small, rounded heads and slim tapered beaks. In most species both parents build flimsy nests and take care of their young together. Their wings have a special adaptation that has made pigeon/doves important to humans. Most have eleven flight feathers. That gives them an edge on some predators, as well as helping enable their amazing feats of acrobatics and endurance in flight.

Locally, in addition to the Rock Pigeon, we can see the Band-tailed Pigeon, the Eurasian Collared Dove (that was introduced in the Bahamas and took 30 years for it to reach Washington and establish populations here), and the beloved by so many - the Mourning Dove. I hope you'll look for them and enjoy both pigeons and doves. They are resilient, adaptable birds who are spectacular flyers and two sides of the same coin. They should be touted as heroes for their contributions as messengers of all sorts over the centuries.

Note: as the weather warms, we must all keep an eye on our hummingbird feeders and clean and refill them as soon as they get cloudy. Happy Birding all!

