

Community Newsletter



March 2024



"Thank you to Parkwood for repurposing the downed trees into fencing. I applaud your stewardship of our valuable resources. Kudos!"



Weekly activities at the Clubhouse

- MON-** Ping Pong 8AM
Pinochle 11AM
- TUES-** Fit & Fall Proof Exercise 9AM
Canasta 11AM
Poker 12PM
- WED-** Ping Pong 8AM
3rd WEDs Book Club 1:30PM
- THUR-** Men's Brew Crew 9AM
BYO Arts & Crafts 1PM
- FRI-** Fit & Fall Proof Exercise 9AM

Sunday, March 17th the Men's Gospel Choir will be performing at the clubhouse. 1:00

Monday, March 11th Open Mic is back at 3:00!

Friday, March 29th PERT will host a MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

For new comers and long-time Residents alike. Please join us for some great information, a video presentation and refreshments!

P.E.R.T.

Parkwood Emergency Response Team

Friday, March 8th @ 10:AM is the PARKWOOD Community PERT Meeting
How safe is your manufactured home during an earthquake?
Please join us for some helpful tips and information on this important topic.

"NEWCOMERS" GET TOGETHER
EVERYONE IS INVITED! FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH 1:00PM
COME MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS!

We will be handing out some great material.
You won't want to miss out! We will also be sharing a video
from the Washington State Emergency Management
Developed by LuAn K. Johnson, Ph.D.

Refreshments will be provided!



Did you know.....

- The real St. Patrick was born in Britain.
- The highest number of leaves ever recorded on a single clover stem is 56.
- The oldest and largest St. Patrick's Day parade was held in New York City in 1762.
- Up until the 1970's, pubs were closed in Ireland on St. Patrick's Day.



Photo by Lee Edgemon



"A big thanks to Jenece for her delightful, month appropriate decorations in and around our clubhouse. Her efforts are so welcome and help make our surroundings that much more colorful and welcoming! Also thanks to our maintenance crew for plowing our streets beginning early in the morning during our snow event! They kept plowing even as the snow kept falling ." Ruth Brown

Heads up for Spring Clean!

Spring clean-up will be April 1st thru April 3rd.

Yard Debris will be accepted by the shop fence. *During the above dates ONLY.*

Acceptable yard debris: Leaves, grass, weeds, shrubs, brush, branches, and other organic materials from pruning. Do not leave debris in bags of any kind. (no plastic, eco, paper) They all must be emptied at site and taken with you.

We will NOT accept: large tree rounds, stumps, bags of any kind, or garbage of any kind in this area.

Parkwood will also provide a dumpster for Residents to dispose of extra household garbage at the overflow parking area on the end of Frederick Drive. We will NOT accept: batteries, paint, e-waste (computers, TV's, printers etc) oil, chemicals (strong cleansers, pesticides and solvents) appliances, large furniture or tires. PLEASE no contractor dumping of any kind. This service is for Resident convenience only.

Four-Sided Inspections Will Follow April 9th – 10th

The Parkwood team will be performing their annual 4-sided inspections of your home's exterior & lot. Access to this property is permitted by law so long as reasonable notice is provided. Parkwood will be reviewing the conditions at your address for compliance to the Rules and Regulations. (I.e. moss on roof, disrepair, weeds, overgrowth...) Should any areas of concern be found, a checklist will be left highlighting remedies along with a date for re-inspection.

We appreciate your consideration while we complete this task.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CO-ED DISCUSSION GROUP? WE COULD LEARN A LOT FROM ONE ANOTHER.

We can all choose subjects to discuss. Examples 'might' be:

- health - navigating life in today's world,
- our grandchildren, our adult children - our pets,
- books worth reading, movies worth watching
- sharing local people to hire and places to go -easy home repairs,
- what do we think of AI (artificial intelligence),
- where to volunteer -what we would like at Parkwood,
- easy medical problem solutions - crazy ideas you have....

Interested?

Time and dates to be determined by interested residents.

Please contact Susan (SK) or Nolan Knickerbocker at:

sk@whidbey.com or rockyak@whidbey.com



SING IT LOUD, SING IT CLEAR!

by Ida Domazlicky and Jane Nicholas

Photo by Chris Perry

Behind the houses at Fircrest and Frederick is a hidden section Of walking trail. The flat eastern edge opens onto back yards. The western side rises steeply to meet the gravel trail that leads to and for a brief time in the spring, blooming fawn lilies. The western side is nearly all large shrubs, apparently planted when

Parkwood was first built and almost all native to the peninsula. In these tangles right now, a male Bewick's Wren is staking out his territory with song. Although he is only 5 1/2" big, his singing is often loud and boisterous. His basic song can resemble that of the Song Sparrows who nest nearby, but their repertoire is limited compared to his. It's a standing birders' joke that no one is a competent birdwatcher until they can recognize the 30 loud calls of the Bewick's Wren. If all goes well, this Bewick's Wren's singing will guarantee that no other male tries to nest in his tangle and that a female will choose him. As she listens to him sing, she will consider his energy level as well as the variety of his songs. She will check him out physically, also. His brownish back and gray tummy should show good color. The white stripe over his eyebrow should be distinct. His longish striped tail should have white in the corners, and he should move with energy. If he meets her expectations, she'll evaluate the area. Raising 5-11 young wrens requires a steady food supply-- in this case, insects. Since local insects evolved with local plants, she'll check that the nearby shrubs and trees are mostly PNW natives—and she will find that they are, thanks to Parkwood's planners. Her family will be chowing down all summer on the little native insects that come to nibble the native plants.

If past years are any guide, our resident Bewick's Wren male will have no trouble finding a mate to share his space. Where exactly past nests have been is unclear, for they are typically hidden in natural hollows where the male brings twigs, leaves, bark and even trash. He may begin several nests, but it is the female who chooses which will be home. She will complete that structure, incubate the eggs, and feed the hatchlings with help from their father. If all goes well, the chicks will leave the nest after two weeks. The young birds will head into a dangerous world of hawks and cats, not to mention a scarcity of adequate nesting sites, for all the good spots are already occupied. A great way to help these young wrens is to fill your space--no matter how small--with native plants, possibly creating one more area where young wrens can make a home, and maybe letting you watch next year's nesting wrens up close.