

Gamblewood Gazette

A Quarterly Newsletter

Fall / Winter 2011

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Members are invited to attend—held the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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Holiday Contest

Judging of holiday decorations will start at 7pm on December 23rd. Winners will be announced on the web page, on our Facebook page, and in the next Gamblewood Gazette.



Changes to the GCC Board

Tom Moench has moved and is no longer a Gamblewood resident. The following reflects the new Board assignments.

Board Officers:

President: Tom Twigg
Secretary: Bob Green
Treasurer: Phil Elena
Communications: Beth Berglund

Have a comment or question for the Board? Please leave us a voice mail message or send

us an e-mail. Both are provided at the bottom of this page.

Community Watch Update

Depute Montague gave a thorough presentation at the September Board Meeting about the various ways that Gamblewood homeowners can prevent crime. He stressed the importance of neighbors knowing and looking out for each other and of notifying the police when we see suspicious behavior.



He also suggested that the GCC community was too large for one centrally managed community watch. Instead, he recommended people develop a network of their surrounding neighbors.

During the meeting Depute Montague shared a number of documents that we've scanned and posted on the Gamblewood Community Club web site (see bottom of page) under the Community Watch tab.

Community Watch Files

- [Neighborhood Watch Presentation.ppt](#)
- [Operation ID Inventory Book.pdf](#)
- [Burglary and Prowl Prevention.pdf](#)
- [Description Form.pdf](#)

Join your block list. We'll all benefit from being part of a neighborhood watch network.

GCC Covenants

Over the years a number of people have suggested changes to the Gamblewood Community Club covenants. The current covenants were codified in 1968 by the developer prior to the construction of the first GCC homes. Since then, county laws have been established that address a number of the issues that the covenants address.

Over the next several months prior to the Annual Meeting, the monthly GCC Board Meetings will include discussion of the Covenants and we will be listening to your opinions.

Want to add new covenants, delete existing ones, or eliminate them altogether? Not sure what GCC's covenants are? The full covenant documents are posted on the website (see bottom of page) and are included in this newsletter.

Stay Connected with the GCC Board and with your Neighbors (Web Page: www.gamblewood.org)

By e-mail: gamblewood.cc@gmail.com

By phone message: (360) 362-0148

On Facebook: Gamblewood Community Club

On Twitter: Gamblewood CommClub (@Gamblewood)



Help Us Prevent Winter Flooding

Drainage ditches play an important part in preventing flooding during the winter months. Please take a moment to look at the drainage ditch connected to your property and ensure that flow isn't being blocked by leaves, yard clippings, or other debris.

Nuts about Gazette by E-mail

A number of you helped us reduce the Gamblewood Community Club costs by adding your name and e-mail to the list of residents who receive the Gamblewood Gazette by e-mail.

The Gamblewood Community Club Facebook Group is up and running and is keeping us connected throughout the year. Join it by searching for "Gamblewood Community Club" and clicking "Join this Group."

If you haven't already done so, consider signing up to receive the Gamblewood Gazette by e-mail instead of US Mail. Send an email to gamblewood.cc@gmail.com with the subject line "Email list paper opt out". Doing so saves \$1 per issue per person.

Nuts about Gamblewood Winners:

Congratulations to the drawing winners -- Hank Fountain and Jenna Johnson



CB's Nuts

Thank you to CB's Nuts, a great local business, for their generous support!!

What's Happening at Our Parks

To make maximum use of our waterfront park, we are opening it on the weekends during the winter. In addition to expanding your

access, when our residents use the parks, it reduces incidences of vandalism. If you see suspicious behavior at the park, please call the police.

The Kitsap Audubon Society has asked and has been granted permission to conduct bird monitoring on our waterfront.



Kitsap Audubon Society: Port Gamble Bay Bird Survey Summary

The Kitsap Audubon Society will be conducting a one year survey of the bird species of Port Gamble Bay. The purpose of this survey is to determine the species of birds that utilize the bay and their approximate numbers throughout the year. The survey will be conducted twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the mornings and will be done by Audubon members and several biology students from the S'Klallam tribe. There are three survey sites identified to give the best viewing coverage of the bay: Point Julia at the mouth of the bay, a private residence in mid-bay and the Gamblewood Community Park at the head of the bay. The bird species to be counted will be: Waterfowl, Loons and Grebes, Herons, Ospreys, Bald Eagles, Shorebirds, Gulls, Terns, Alcids, Belted Kingfishers and Cormorants.

We expect to create a checklist of the bird species of Port Gamble Bay and tabulate the results of the survey. We will identify the species that are year round residents as well as those that are fall or spring migrants and those that are winter migrants. This will give us a better understanding of the seasonal fluctuations of these bird species and their dependence on Port Gamble Bay for food and shelter.

For more about the Kitsap Audubon Society, <http://www.kitsapaudubon.org/> or

Kitsap Audubon's Kingfisher Newsletter: <http://www.kitsapaudubon.org/KingfisherDec11Jan12.pdf>

Be Bear Aware

This spring and summer, black bear sightings in our region are becoming more common and there have been multiple bear sightings in Gamblewood. Make sure you and your family know what to do if you find yourself confronted with one. Also, as always, manage your trash to avoid drawing in bears, raccoons, and other animals that can become problems when are drawn into residential areas looking for food and get used to being around people.

If you come into close contact with a black bear:

1. Stay calm and avoid direct eye contact, which could elicit a charge. Try to stay upwind and identify yourself as a human by standing up, talking and waving your hands above your head.
2. Do not approach the bear, particularly if cubs are present. Give the bear plenty of room.
3. If you cannot safely move away from the bear, and the animal does not flee, try to scare it away by clapping your hands or yelling.
4. If the bear attacks, fight back aggressively.

For more information:

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/living/bears.html>

Teen Night Free at the YMCAs!

There are now two YMCAs serving our region. Both have events and programs focused on providing youth healthy and safe alternatives to local hangouts on Friday and Saturday nights.

Haselwood YMCA (Silverdale):

678 Nite (grades 6-8)

Saturdays from 8:30-11pm

Teen Late Nite (grades 9-12)

Fridays from 9-11:30pm

Bremerton Family YMCA:

Teen Late Nite (ages 13-19)

Fridays from 8:30-11pm

GCC Covenants

For the full GCC Covenant document please use the link below.
<http://www.gamblewood.org/content/documents>

Share your opinion about changes to the GCC Covenants. Come to a Board Meeting, mail a markup of this page to Gamblewood Community Club, P.O. Box 69, Kingston, WA 98346 or drop it at the GCC white box at 5659 NE Gamblewood Rd, or send us an e-mail.

Your Thoughts	GCC Covenants	Redundancies
	All buildings shall be constructed on this plat, and shall have their exteriors finished within 1 year, including outside painting, after commencement of construction and shall be completed in conformance with the Kitsap County Building Code and Health Department and zoning regulations.	
	Construction of a residence on any lot shall require a building permit and sewage disposal permit prior to commencement of work.	Possible overlap with Kitsap County requirements
	No Mobile Homes shall be permitted on Lots 206-353, 364-365, and 371-376, inclusive.	
	No fence or hedge shall be erected or permitted to remain or allowed to grow to a height exceeding 6 feet.	
	No noxious, illegal or offensive use of the land, including the discharge of fire arms, shall be performed nor shall anything be done which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.	Possible overlap with Kitsap County requirements
	No hogs, cattle, horses, sheep, goats, similar livestock or poultry shall be permitted or maintained on said property at any time. Household pets such as cats and dogs not exceeding 2 in number (except for litters for a period of 90 days) shall be permitted but must be kept on the premises of the owner. Not more than 1 accessory building on any on building site shall be permitted for use in the housing of such pets. Any such building shall be located not less than 30 feet from any place of place of human habitation other than the owners.	Partial overlap with Kitsap County requirements
	No signs of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any lot except each lot may have one professional sign of not more than 1 square foot and /or one sign of not more than 5 square feet advertising the property for sale or rent.	
	No oil drilling, oil development operations, oil refining, quarrying, or mining operations of any kind shall be permitted upon or in any lot. No derrick or other structure designed for use in boring for oil or gas shall be erected, maintained or permitted upon any lot.	
	No lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish. Trash, garbage or other waste shall not be kept except in sanitary containers. All incinerators or other equipment for the storage or disposal of such material shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition.	Possible overlap with Kitsap County requirements

GCC Contact Options:

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Event Calendar:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

The GCC Board meets at 7:30 pm on the 3rd Monday of the month at the [North Kitsap Fire & Rescue building conference room at 26642 Miller Bay Road NE, Kingston, WA 98346](#).

Executive Session starts at 7 pm
Public Session starts at 7:30 pm

December 13, 2011

January 16, 2012

February 20, 2012

Reduce GCC Gazette Costs:

Sign up to receive the Gazette by e-mail and reduce our printing and postage costs.

Send an email with your mailing address to gamblewood.cc@gmail.com with the subject line "Email List Opt In".

Haven't paid your GCC homeowners association dues?

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