

Gamblewood Gazette

A Quarterly Newsletter

Summer 2012

GCC Annual Meeting

The Gamblewood Community Club's Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, June 9th, 2012, at 2:00 PM (second Saturday in June is set by GCC By-laws). Before the meeting, all members and renters were treated to a BBQ with grilled burgers and hot dogs and other picnic fare and entertained by the musical stylings of the Dogfish Creek Septet. Thanks to Phil and Donna Elena for preparing for the BBQ and doing all the grilling, and a big thanks to the band (including Board Secretary "Ramblin' Bob" Green on banjo) for creating a fun and festive atmosphere.

Highlights of the meeting included Officer's reports (full meeting minutes are available on our website at <http://gamblewood.org/content/documents>), and a recounting of accomplishments made over the last year.

At the parks: Restoration work on both shelters at the Waterfront Park was completed; a bridge across the ravine in the park was finished by Eagle Scout Miguel Dante; a streetlight was installed over the gate at the park entrance; a cedar screen was built alongside the porta-potty pad; additional boulders were added to further limit vehicles to permitted areas; repair of fencing and play structures at the Border Way play park were undertaken.

Other accomplishments included setting up a new voice-message system (360-362-0148), two additional Mutt-Mitt dispensers were procured from the County, and many meetings and hours were spent by the Board on a plan to update our aged Covenants — expect to see a ballot and explanations in your mailbox soon (if you haven't received it already). See page 3 for more details about the covenant project.

New business discussed by members present at the meeting helped set priorities for the coming year and included: Additional improvements to play structures at Border Way play park and replacing the playground mulch with new (utilizing as much volunteer labor as we



can assemble); new sand under swings at Waterfront Park; slowing traffic on Gamble Bay Road; a new Gamblewood sign on Hwy 104.

The meeting concluded with Board elections. Tom Twigg, Phil Elena, Beth Berglund and Bob Green were all returned to the Board for another term and Jason Foster was added to fill the fifth seat that had been vacant since Tom Moench moved from our community last fall.

The 2013 Annual Meeting and BBQ will be held Saturday, June 8th.

GCC Board Assignments

Members of the Board have taken on the following roles and responsibilities. See page 2 for bios on each of the GCC Board Members.

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

Volunteer Ops

GCC Club members have asked that we share community projects that could be supported by resident volunteers.

If you're interested in volunteering to help with any of the above projects, please call 36-362-0148 and leave a message or send an e-mail to gamblewood.cc@gmail.com.

Volunteer to help...
Return rocks to the Waterfront Park sea wall.
Spread playground mulch under the playground equipment at Border Way Play Park. [date TBD]
Spread sand under the swings at the Waterfront Park. [date TBD]
Pull english ivy at the Waterfront Park.

Connect with the GCC Board and with your Neighbors (On Facebook: Gamblewood Community Club)

E-mail: gamblewood.cc@gmail.com

Web page: www.gamblewood.org

Leave a phone message at: (360) 362-0148

On Twitter: Gamblewood CommClub (@Gamblewood)



Meet the GCC Board

Tom Twigg: My family settled in Gamblewood after moving from Alaska 7 1/2 years ago, attracted to the closeness to the water, the rural nature of north Kitsap, and the small town charm of Kingston. I have been on the GCC Board in one role or another going into my 6th year. Having younger children (now 6 & 12) and living near the waterfront park I've had a strong interest in seeing our parks being safe and fun places for families to enjoy, and a lot of my energy on the Board (and as a neighbor) has gone towards those ends.



Gamblewood is a big neighborhood with many challenges and opportunities, nothing would make me happier than to see more residents get involved in improving our community and making it a place we can all be proud to call home.

Jason Foster: My wife (Sandra Garza Foster) and I live in the geodesic dome and have been residents of Gamblewood for 2 years. We own the Frame Station located in Suquamish which does custom picture framing and Sandy is an agent at Allstate Insurance in Poulsbo. We have 3 sons who live with us: Jace, Justin & Jarren as well as 5 others: Jen in Poulsbo, Jacque in Tacoma, Nicole and Jeremiah in TX, and Joshua in D.C.. We have 2 dogs, Popcorn and Bella and really love being able to go to our little park. We look forward to working with our Gamblewood community and are excited about getting to meet everyone!



Phil Elena: Donna & I have been living in the community since 1991. Originally moved to Seattle from New York in 1979. Raised one son who is now raising two children of his own. Port Orchard is plenty close enough for the young ones to come over for some overnights with grandma & grandpa. We have one cat who, unfortunately, will never be able to appreciate our great little park as she never leaves our front door. We have a good Board, looking forward to continuing involvement in making Gamblewood a place we can all be proud of.



Bob Green: I have lived on Woodside Road since 1999 and am beginning my second year on your Gamblewood Board of Directors. I



hope I can contribute to making our community an even better place to live. I was raised in Cupertino, California, in the heart of the "Silicon Valley", and my wife Diane and I moved from San Francisco to Kitsap County in 1993. I

work in the meat department of Poulsbo Central Market. I am an enthusiastic 5-string banjo player and can be heard most Wednesday's at the Suquamish Farmer's Market. Diane and I are the proud owners of Odie and Rosie, two shorthair minidachunds.

Beth Berglund: I moved to WA almost 5 years ago to live closer to family. I lead environmental sustainability programs for a multi-national company, volunteer at the West Sound Wildlife Shelter, and support the Sustainable Bainbridge Zero Waste Initiative. You may have seen me rolling my kayak to the waterfront park for a paddle in Gamble Bay.



Recycling Right Reminder

Recycling has been mandatory in Kitsap County since October 2010 and helps to conserve energy and natural resources. Guidance about how to recycle properly in Kitsap County is available on their website at http://www.kitsapgov.com/sw/pdf/3086_curbside2.pdf.

Common errors that reduce the benefits of recycling include placing food-contaminated containers and plastic bags in recycling bins. The following common household materials can be placed loose (not inside paper or plastic bags) into the blue-lidded recycling bins.

- Aluminum cans and metal cans
- Plastic bottles and dairy tubs (no caps)
- Glass containers (not glassware or mirrors)
- Milk-style cartons
- Paper boxes without liners
- Mail, magazines, mixed paper, catalogs, phone books, newspapers, paper bags, and cardboard

Kitsap County resource list by material <http://www.kitsapgov.com/sw/recycle.asp>.

For more information about recycling outlets, try www.earth911.org.

Loving Wildlife

Source: *Audubon Society of Portland*

Although well intended, intentional feeding of raccoons is highly destructive to the animals. Raccoons that become habituated to human handouts are likely to become pests. Unnaturally large congregations of raccoons leads to territorial conflicts and disease outbreaks. If you care about raccoons, please don't feed them!

Q. Won't the raccoons starve if we stop feeding them?

A. No. Raccoons are capable of traveling great distances to find food & territory. If you stop feeding, raccoon populations will slowly adjust to the level that can be supported by the available natural habitat.



For more about Living with Raccoons <http://wdfw.wa.gov/living/raccoons.html>

1. **Tightly cover all garbage cans and avoid making bird food, compostable food waste, and pet food accessible.**
2. **Seal-up all potential denning locations within your home:** Place caps on chimneys and block outside entryways to basements, attics, and under porches.
3. **Naturescape for wildlife:** Plant native vegetation and leave snags standing.
4. **Raccoons are not pets!** Raccoons do not make good pets. Like all wild animals raccoons can carry diseases and parasites. When they reach sexual maturity, they can become territorial and aggressive.

From Past Gazettes

<http://www.gamblewood.org/content/gazette>

- Who do I Contact If...? [April 2012]
- Building Community [April 2012]
- Community Watch Resources [Fall/Winter 2011]
- Be Bear Aware [Fall/Winter 2011]
- Teen Night Free at the YMCAs [Fall/Winter 2011]
- Help Us Prevent Winter Flooding [Fall/Winter 2011]

Covenants Update Project

We are continuing to work on a GCC Covenant update strategy. The current covenants were codified in 1968 by the developer prior to the construction of the first GCC homes.

The following reflect the covenants as they are now followed by the proposed change. The changes proposed below reflect the feedback we've received from members via survey responses, discussion at our monthly board meetings, and our Facebook page. Any changes to the GCC Covenants requires agreement from 65% of members (property owners).

You'll be receiving a ballot in the mail very shortly.

3) No Mobile Homes shall be permitted on Lots 206-353, 364-365, and 371-376, inclusive.

3 Proposed) No new mobile homes shall be permitted except as replacement on a lot with an existing mobile home. (A mobile home is defined as a movable or portable dwelling built on a chassis, designed without a permanent foundation.)

4) No fence or hedge shall be erected or permitted to remain or allowed to grow to a height exceeding 6 feet.

4 Proposed) No fence shall exceed 6 feet in height and all fences must be maintained to remain structurally sound.

6) 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.

6a Proposed) With the exception of 3 laying hens, no roosters, other poultry, hogs, cattle, horses, sheep, goats, or other similar livestock shall be permitted or maintained on said property at any time. The housing and management of chickens must comply with all applicable county codes, prevent the attraction of ro-

dents and other vectors, and not result in detectable odors beyond the property line.

6b Proposed) Household pets such as cats and dogs not exceeding 4 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 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 human habitation other than the owners.

7) 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.

7 Proposed) No sign shall be displayed that exceeds 1 square foot, except realty "for sale" or "for rent" signs which shall not exceed 5 square feet and political / election signs which shall not exceed 5 square feet and which may only be displayed 4 weeks prior to an election and must be removed within one week following said election.

9) 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.

9 Proposed) No lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish. Trash, garbage or other waste shall only be kept in sanitary containers, except compostable material may be kept in a well maintained compost system. All equipment for the storage or disposal of such material shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. No burning of trash is allowed.

10 Proposed Addition) Should Gamblewood Community Club employ counsel to enforce any of these Covenants, all costs incurred in such enforcement, including reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be paid by the owner violating same, and Gamblewood Community Club shall have a lien upon such lot to secure payment of any such account.

~~These restrictions shall be binding on all persons and parties claiming title to any lot contained in this plat until January 1, 1975. Thereafter, such restrictions shall continue to be effective until repealed in whole or in part from time to time upon the written and acknowledged concur-~~

~~rence of the owners of 65% of all lots in this plat.~~

These restrictions shall be effective until repealed in whole or in part from time to time upon the written and acknowledged concurrence of the owners of 65% of all lots in this plat.

Since there's space available....

KITSAP COUNTY RESOURCES:

PSE FREE HomePrint™ Assessment

Provided by an Independent PSE-Qualified Specialist, this FREE in-home assessment gives you practical recommendations to make your home operate more efficiently and includes on-site CFL installation. Call 1.800.562.1482 to have an Independent PSE-Qualified Specialist identify energy-efficiency opportunities in your home.

<http://www.repowerkitsap.com>



More...

For everyone:

- 4 reasons to kick the weed & feed habit!
http://www.kitsapgov.com/sw/pdf/3520_web.pdf
- Worm Bin Plans
<http://seattletilth.org/learn/resources-1/compost/WormBinPlans.pdf>

For the Kids:

- Wonder Worm Activity Book
http://www.kitsapgov.com/sw/pdf/3660_wonder_worm.pdf

For Small Businesses in Kitsap:

- Waste Wise @Work
<http://www.kitsapgov.com/sw/w/w.htm> [FREE: this program is offering free recycling bins to businesses in Kitsap County for a limited time]

GCC Contact Options:

Gamblewood Community Club
PO Box 69
Kingston, WA 98346

Web: www.gamblewood.org

Facebook:
Gamblewood Community Club

Twitter:
Gamblewood CommClub
(@Gamblewood)

Phone (leave a message):
(360) 362-0148

Event Calendar:

Upcoming Board Meetings:

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

Since we cannot book the meeting room until 30 days prior to the meeting, if you plan to come to the meeting, we recommend either contacting the board (phone mssg, e-mail) or checking the GCC Facebook site about whether the location has changed. We will also try to update the GCC website.

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

August 20, 2012
September 17, 2012
October 15, 2012

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

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