



The Gamblewood Gazette

Spring 2010 Edition

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Earth Day Clean Up – Saturday, April 24th

Gamblewood Spring Cleaning - Mark Your Calendars!

Every year volunteers come and help pick up litter and debris lining the streets and parks in Gamblewood in honor of the Earth and to revitalize our community.

This year the cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th beginning at 10:00 A.M at the Play Park on Border Way. Bring gloves and tools to pick up trash. Please come and participate in our cleanup.



Helen Humes, Randy & CeCe Mercado, Bob Green at work Earth Dav 2009

Earth Day is a day set aside to honor our environment. Each year, Earth Day – April, 22nd marks the 40th anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970. On that day 20 million Americans took to the streets to demonstrate for a healthy sustainable environment. To find out more about Earth Day Activities please visit: <http://earthday.net> to get more details about project and its scope.



GAMBLEWOOD WEBSITE DOWN

When the Webmaster went to update our website early in February she found that the website was no longer there and was unable to login. She was informed that we needed to renew the domain name and the time had expired.

We were quite surprised because there was no known notice of this action. She is currently doing research and working with tech support to resolve this matter. In either case it looks as though the website will need to be re-built from scratch.

At this time we are deciding which provider to use and our next steps. We apologize for any unanswered emails sent to the site before it was last checked. We will have it up and running again as soon as we are able.

We can still be contacted via telephone or snail mail. Our telephone number is:

PHONE: (800) 642-8169

Please leave a message and your call will be responded to as soon as possible.

Send correspondence and requests to

**Gamblewood Community Club
Box 69
Kingston, Washington 98346**

Please search the web periodically for, "Gamblewood Community Club" to see if the site is up again.

Fire Destroys Home on Carlin Court in Late November

Our concerns go out to the homeowners who suffered fire damage to their home.

Excerpt from the Kitsap Sun, "A fire destroyed a large, single-wide mobile home located off Firwood Road in Gamblewood. North Kitsap Fire and Rescue crews were dispatched to the fire at 7:12 p.m. after several neighbors called 911. When crews arrived the home was fully engulfed in flames. They were able to put the flames out in about 10 minutes, but there was little they could do to save the home, according to NK Fire spokeswoman Michele Laboda. According to neighbors, three people live in the home. Crews were still trying to locate and notify them of the fire at 8:30 Tuesday night. Between 18 and 20 firefighters remained on the scene Tuesday night putting out hotspots and waiting for the Kitsap County Fire Marshal to arrive to determine what might have caused the fire".

Please be careful this winter.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST WINNERS - 2009

FIRST PLACE

ANDREA RUDMAN – 5718 Gamblewood Rd. NE



SECOND PLACE

STEVEN KING – 5944 Carlin Court NE



THIRD PLACE

Roy & Jodie Thornton – 5435 Haig Place



HONORABLE MENTION

Danny & Alexandria Longanecker – 27133 Gamble



STREETS WITH THE MOST HOLIDAY SPIRIT

For the Third year in a row GROVE STREET provided us with a joyous holiday feeling as we drove up and down the street with 58% participation. Gamblewood (other side of Gamble Bay) coming in at 40% and Haig and Meadow Circle at 33%! Good job.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST WINNERS MONEY DONATIONS AND THANKS

Gamblewood Community Club (GCC) donated \$150.00 to North Kitsap Fire & Rescue (NKF&R) in recognition of the winners of our Christmas Lighting Contest. Secondly, GCC donated \$50.00 to the Kingston Food Bank in recognition of the Most Spirited Street award.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

DOG CLEAN UP BAGS IN OUR PARKS

Concerns of health, safety have been raised regarding dog excrement in our parks. I am sure everyone at some time or other has had the unpleasant experience of stepping in dog “poop”. The board is purchasing 3 dispensers like the one illustrated below to be installed in our parks. We plan to have one at the entrance of the Beach Park, one down by the picnic area and one in the Play Park for your convenience.

We ask that everyone please pick up after your dog and put the bag in one of the nearby trash receptacles.



Your help will be appreciated by all your friends and neighbors! Remember that there are leash laws that apply to Gamblewood. Thank you for your cooperation.

We want to know about your own family’s milestones.

Send us any news or ideas that we can add to the Newsletter.

Are you proud of an honor student?

Have you had a new baby?

New to the community? – introduce yourself here.

Do you have some great ideas you want to share?

You can write to us at:

***Gamblewood Community Club, Box 69 Kingston, WA. 98346 or call us at,
(800) 642-8169 - Please Leave a Message***

2010 ANNUAL MEETING & BBQ

THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL MEETING PROMISES TO BE BETTER THAN EVER!

The Annual Meeting will take place on the second Saturday which is June 12th at Gamblewood Beach Park. There will be a free BBQ and music starting at 1:00 P.M. and the meeting will start at 2:00 P.M.

DOGFISH CREEK has once again said that they will provide entertainment with their Bluegrass stylings. They were great last year and had just the right music to go with our BBQ.



DOGFISH CREEK

Kids can enjoy the park, the great food and our new climbing toy!



ANNUAL MEETING: A Few Things to Keep in Mind

You are Invited:

Homeowners and renters alike are invited to come to the BBQ and the Annual Meeting. Bring your whole family!

Dues Notices:

Dues notices will be sent out in the second half of May, so please be sure and watch for them and either pay before the meeting or bring payment with you so that you can vote.

Agenda Items:

The 'New Business' part of the meeting is when you as homeowners have an opportunity to bring up concerns/projects that you would like to see happen in Gamblewood. With this in mind please give some thought to what you may want to bring to the table. Discussion of Gamblewood's Bylaw documents should take place.

We will have more details in the "Summer Gamblewood Gazette" that comes out a few weeks before the meeting and on the website as soon as it is up and running again.

Three board positions will be expiring this June. Please consider leading your community and volunteering. Call or write if you have any questions.

Guest Speakers: The County Health Department's Solid Waste and Water Division Representatives are being invited to discuss water quality and sewage. Many homeowners have voiced concerns regarding these matters. Come and get your questions answered.

2010 CENSUS INFORMATION RECAP

The following information was taken from the US 2010 Census website. For complete information and answers to other questions go to: <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/how/>

WHAT TO EXPECT

The **2010** Census aims to count all U.S. residents—citizens and non-citizens alike. **To do so, the Census Bureau:**

- Delivers a short 10-question form to every household in America
- Requires that you fill in the form to account for everyone living at your address as of April 1, 2010
- Includes a prepaid envelope with the form so you can mail it back as soon as possible

WHAT & WHO IS A CENSUS TAKER

A [census taker](#) must follow-up in person with every address that doesn't mail back the form in order to obtain the responses. **By being counted you are standing up for what your community's needs are. That's why census takers are so important. A census taker is a person from your community who is hired by the Census Bureau to make sure that your neighborhood gets represented as accurately as possible. The census takers primary responsibility is to collect census information from residences that have not sent back their 2010 Census form.**

If a census taker visits you, here's what you should do:

- **First ask to see their ID. All census workers carry official government badges marked with just their name; they may also have a "U.S. Census Bureau" bag**
- **Note that the census taker will never ask to enter your home**
- **If you're still not certain about their identity, please call the Regional Census Center's to confirm they are employed by the Census Bureau.**
- **The Census Bureau provides the census taker with a binder containing all of the addresses that didn't send back a filled out census form**
- **The census taker then visits all of those addresses and records the answers to the questions on the form**
- **If no one answers at a particular residence, a census taker will visit that home up to three times, each time leaving a door hanger featuring a phone number; residents can call the number on the hanger to schedule the visit.**

The census taker will ONLY ask the questions that appear on the census form.

Do I have to talk to the census taker?

Yes. Your participation in the 2010 Census is vital and required by law, (Section 221, of Title 13 of the U.S. Code). **Your privacy and confidentiality is our priority:**

The census taker who collects your information is sworn for life to protect your data under Federal Law Title 13. Those who violate the oath face criminal penalties: Under federal law, the penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.

FROM GOV. CHRIS GREGOIRE'S OFFICE

The following information is excerpted from her, 11/5/2009 Press Release at: <http://www.governor.wa.gov/news/>

OLYMPIA – Gov. Chris Gregoire today joined Seattle Regional Census Director Ralph Lee, Secretary of State Sam Reed and other elected leaders to help launch the 2010 U.S. Census. Information gathered by the census helps determine how more than \$400 billion of federal funding each year is spent on projects and services.

Questions You will be Asked:

This year's census form contains just 10 questions, the least amount of questions since the 1790 census. Questions ask for name, gender, address, age, birth date, race, ethnicity and if the home the person is living in is owned or rented. All answers are kept confidential.

COMMUNITY BUSINESSES/CLASSIFIED ADS

Some Gamblewood residents that have businesses, or who offer services out of their homes, have asked if they could advertise in the Gazette and/or on our website. The board has decided that we would offer **FREE** advertising to Gamblewood residents who are in good standing. Here are the guidelines:

- ✓ The business has to be a legal business and run out of your home in Gamblewood. You can offer a service that is not done in your home, i.e., lawn service, but the business needs to be run from your home address.
- ✓ The ad should be business card sized and include your name and contact information. You may mail or send a digital version of your ad (business card) to our mailing address.
- ✓ You may petition the Board if your business office is out of Gamblewood, but you live here.
- ✓ Ads in the Gazette will be on a space available basis. The Board reserves the right to pull or reject questionable ads.

If space available, 2 sides of a card can be displayed.



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YOUR CLASSIFIED ADS HERE - FREE

Board Vacancies

Three Board positions will expire in June. We are looking for people to join the Board and make a difference in your community.

 Call or mail us for more information

For Sale

•Have something to sell?

Your Ad Could Be HERE

•Wanted, your AD

Tidbits. . .

Beach Park Gate Reopens in April

Plan your season of beach fun now. The beach park gates will be opening for the season starting April 15 and remaining open until October 15h.

Next Board Meeting:

You are invited to attend the Gamblewood Community Club board meeting. Meetings are generally the 3rd Monday of the month but because of other booking the next meeting will be on Monday, March 29, at 7:00 P.M. at the North Kitsap Fire Department conference room in the Fire Department. Participation will be welcome during the new business section of the meeting.

Pet Picture of the Month. . .

Send us a picture of your favorite pet and your pet's picture can show up here! Cute and funny photos welcome.



Bloodhound, Ridley under his owner's watchful eyes. Bloodhounds are notorious for going on "walkabouts".

Birds Spotted in Gamblewood. . .

The Black Capped Chickadee is a common resident in Gamblewood. The breeding habitat of the Black-capped Chickadee is mixed or deciduous woods in Canada, Alaska and the northern United States. Chickadees may be found in any habitat that has trees or woody shrubs, from forests and woodlots to residential neighborhoods and parks, and sometimes weedy fields and cattail marshes. They frequently nest in birch or alder trees. They readily come to home feeders.



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Come celebrate Earth Day with the Community on April 24th.



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