

Gamblewood Gazette

A Quarterly Newsletter

Winter 2011

GCC Board update

We're down a member and due to lose another. We need a few good people to step up.

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We missed you

What happens when you have a Special Meeting and nobody shows up? Not too much.

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GCC on Facebook

Join the Gamblewood Community Club group and get the social scene moving! You can also follow GCC on Twitter.

GCC Board meetings

Members are invited to attend—held the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the North Kitsap Fire & Rescue meeting room.

Community notes

Spring Cleanup details, vandalism report, call for park lawn mower and handyperson, time takes its toll.

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The GCC website

You don't have to wait for a newsletter to find out what is happening in your HOA - just visit gamblewood.org.

The Envelope Please

The annual Gamblewood Community Club Holiday Lights Contest was judged by the GCC Board following the December 20th board meeting. It is a difficult thing to judge and is admittedly subjective but we were impressed by the spirit shown and hope that many of you made the neighborhood rounds to enjoy the holiday atmosphere.

Individual Lighting goes to...

- 1st: James (Pat) & Rose Bailey
5886 Gamblewood Rd
- 2nd: Roy & Jodie Thornton
5435 NE Haig Pl
- 3rd: Steven King
5944 NE Carlin Ct

Most Street Spirit (participation by %)
Grove

Honorable Mentions

- 5630 Grove Ln NE
- 26933 Firwood

Donations were made in the names of the winners to North Kitsap Fire & Rescue (who brought Santa to Gamblewood for a visit on December 16th) and our local food bank.

Thank you to everybody who shared a little spirit with your neighbors this year.

Park Projects

We are very fortunate to have more area scouts choosing to take on Gamblewood park improvements for their Eagle Scout Projects. Last year Jake Kvistad installed the climber/cave play structure now at our Waterfront



Snowmen light up the yard in a small sample of the light display at the Bailey residence on Gamblewood Road, this year's Holiday Lights Contest winner.

Park. This year two more scouts will be working to make our park more fun (and safe).

Scout Cole Coddington is preparing to build a horseshoe pit for our enjoyment at the Waterfront Park. Cole's plans have been approved by the Board and include planters around the pit ends and an adjacent table at which to sit. The project should be completed later this spring. A horseshoe pit was requested by residents attending last summer's Annual Meeting; those of you looking forward to playing will need to bring your own horseshoes.

Gamblewood resident and scout Dante Miguel will be replacing the split log "bridge"

that spans the ravine on the west side of the Waterfront Park with an improved and much safer foot bridge. The land to the west of the ravine is an under-utilized part of our park that is too often just a place for youth to gather "out of view". We've tried to open a visual corridor into the area and hopefully Dante's new bridge will make the area more inviting to all. Bridge work should be completed this spring as well.

Ball field improvements are also planned. New bases, home plate and a pitcher's rubber will be installed this spring to replace the weather/time beaten ones that are currently in place.

GCC Board Update

In January the Gamblewood Board lost its Vice President when member Gus Holstein resigned. Gus is also the President of a much larger service organization in Kitsap County and found his time too constrained to do both jobs justice. Gus had been a valued member of our Board for a year and a half—his contributions to GCC were appreciated and will be missed.

Our Secretary, Tori Dougherty, is expecting her second child early this summer, and with husband scheduled to deploy has let us know that she will not be able to complete her term all the way through to June but will stick it out as long as she can manage.

All this means two things—we will most definitely be needing some additional GCC members to step up and volunteer to fill some empty Board positions at this summer's Annual Meeting, and we could really use some additional help picking up the slack in the meantime. If you have some spare time that you could give to your community please consider attending our next meeting to let us know who you are (March 21st, 7:30 p.m. at North Kitsap Fire & Rescue meeting room), or send an email to gamblewood.cc@gmail.com to introduce yourself.

*-Tom Twigg
GCC Communications officer*

Not-So-Special Special Meeting News

After much time and effort we are sad to report that the Special Meeting on GCC Bylaws (held Oct. 20th) was a bust.

One member showed up for the meeting.

Yes, you read that right, one member—and he came primarily to tell us that he believes that contrary to what our lawyer tells us and the Board's own understanding of its governing documents that we had no right to have such a meeting.

Another meeting will be scheduled at a future date, after we've had another meeting with our attorney and brainstormed on ways to promote better attendance. Please watch for an announcement.

Gamblewood Wants to be Your Friend



Gamblewood Community Club now has a group on Facebook, which could be a great way for GCC members to keep in touch, plan social events in the park (smores around the fire, live music,

play dates for the kids, even movies were ideas that were discussed), etc. If you are already on Facebook just search for Gamblewood Community Club and join the group or use the link from the gamblewood.org site. If you aren't on Facebook you might consider joining, it is free and a great way to keep in touch with friends.

You can also keep up with meeting announcements and community events by following Gamblewood on Twitter at www.twitter.com/gamblewood.

Handyperson & Mower Wanted

Our dependable park lawn mower and handyman was forced to move out of our neighborhood when the house he was renting went into foreclosure—a tragedy on several levels. These jobs consist of repairing/cleaning community property in the parks as requested by the Board and mowing both parks and taking care of the park garbage cans as needed.

If you have some handyman skills or a sturdy lawnmower, can commit some time and would like to earn some extra money, let us know who you are. Write to GCC, PO Box 69, Kingston, WA 98346 or email us at gamblewood.cc@gmail.com.

Vandalism Blues

This winter we've seen more vandalism being perpetrated on our community property. A new sign in the Waterfront Park was spray painted, a play structure was spray painted and hacked on, a 4 wheeler did "doughnuts" on the lawn, a truckload of scrap wood was dumped at the park entrance blocking our new pedestrian entrance. All of these sorts of

things are destructive and troubling and ultimately expensive to our association. We'd all like to see our dues going to improving and maintaining our community rather than repairing and replacing property damaged in thoughtlessness or malice.

The best way we can protect our community parks is to use them—your presence alone is a deterrent. If you see somebody treating your community property poorly stand up and say something, let them know we won't tolerate it, contact the Board or call the police if appropriate.

Spring Cleanup

Our annual Earth Day Gamblewood Cleanup effort will be held on Saturday, April 23 this year. Help cleanup the trash that accumulates alongside our roads and parks over the winter by meeting at the Border Way play park at 10:00 a.m. Trash bags will be provided, it is a good idea to bring some gloves and to wear boots.

Park Shelters

The covered shelters at the Waterfront Park are showing the effects of time and the elements. The older of the two structures in particular is looking like it may need some work done before it starts to lean too much and become a bigger problem, and some of the picnic tables underneath the shelters are in need of new supports or replacement.



The Board is having these issues looked at by some contractors to get estimates as to the scope and cost of the work that will become inevitable eventually. The Board has a discretionary budget that allows us to take care of smaller projects and more routine needs, but depending on the amount that these repairs will cost we may have to bring this shelter work to a community vote. This notice is not meant to alarm you or posture for a dues increase or anything like that, it is just to let you know about an issue that is on the horizon that may require your thought and input in the coming months.

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