



# The Gamblewood Gazette

Our Community's Newsletter

## WINTER

### 2009 Edition

#### Special Interest Articles:

- Holiday Lighting Contest
- Sherriff's Dept. Correction – No known Sex Offender in GW
- Car Seat Checks
- Santa Claus Coming to Town!
- 2010 Census Information
- Community Safety
  - ◆ Fire Works
  - ◆ MADD
  - ◆ Board Meeting Time Change
- "Climber Tunnel" Installed By Eagle Scouts
- Miniature Golf Course Coming!
- Santa Coming To Border Way Park on 12/17 @ 6:45 PM

#### Additional Highlights:

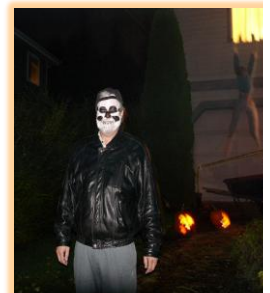
- Services Offered/ Classified Ads: **\$20/hr- Handy Man**
- Tidbits
- Pet & Bird Pics

Editor: Diane Green  
 Photographers:  
 Diane Green  
 Tom Twigg

## 2009 Halloween Pictures

### Halloween Spirits Everywhere in Gamblewood!

As you can see the night was clear and strange things were happening!



### Annual Holiday Lighting Contest!



House Lights Judging will take place on Monday, December 21st between 8:00 and 9:00 P.M.

*Community Concerns*

**IMPORTANT CORRECTION:**

The reference to a sex offender living in Gamblewood in the GCC newsletter and on the GCC website was based on erroneous information from the Kitsap County Sheriff's Department website that had identified an offender at a residence on Border Way. **We have learned from the Sheriff's Department that NO known Level III Sex Offender is living in our community** -- the Sheriff's Department's website has been corrected.

The Gamblewood Community Club Board regrets any anxiety or problems that the propagation of this error may have caused.

For general information and updated please go to the Kitsap Sheriff's office website which is dedicated to sex offender registration under the Community Protection Act,

<http://www.kitsapgov.com/sheriff/sexoffenders/information.htm>.

---

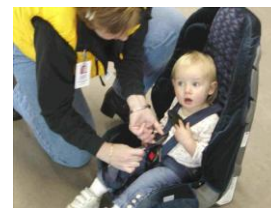
---

**CAR SEAT SAFETY ADVICE FROM THE NORTH KITSAP FIRE DEPARTMENT**

(Excerpt from NKFD website)

More than 90% of all child car seats are improperly used or installed. To ensure the safest ride for your most precious cargo, take advantage of one of the following local car seat check opportunities ...

**North Kitsap Fire & Rescue**  
*at the Paul Nichol Headquarters Station (26642 Miller Bay Road near Kingston)*  
2nd Saturday of every month  
from 10:00am until 1:00pm  
no appointment necessary  
call (360)297-3619 for more information



For more information got to: <http://www.nkfr.org/>

---

---

**SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO GAMBLEWOOD!**

**Santa Claus is coming!**

Watch out for the Fire Truck with Santa, it will stop at the

**Playground on Border Way on Monday, December 17, at 6:45 P. M.**

Weather permitting. Last year's visit was cancelled due to snow and ice conditions.



**2010 CENSUS INFORMATION**

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.



SERVICES OFFERED

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 email or send a digital version of your ad (business card) to: dgreen@gccinfo.org.
- ✓ 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



**YOUR CLASSIFIED ADS HERE - FREE**

\$100/Month  
Tidy up Gamblewood  
along Hwy. 104 .....

**FILLED**

**HANDYMAN**

**Experienced Handyman/Repair Person**  
Work as needed on ongoing projects. Part time.  
**\$20/Hour.**

**Call 800-642-8169 and leave a message and/or  
contact us via email or on website.**

COMMUNITY SAFETY / Board Meeting Time Change



OFFICE OF  
Steve Boyer  
KITSAP COUNTY SHERIFF



**FIREWORKS DISCHARGE GUIDELINES**

With the Holidays and New Year's Eve coming up we want to remind you of Firework guidelines for Kitsap County. This article from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July also applies any time of the year. Have a safe and Happy Holiday!

**Celebrate safely with the "Three B's"**

"Independence Day" is a time to celebrate our freedom. With this freedom comes a shared responsibility to ensure the safe use of *legal* fireworks. Every year fireworks injure people and cause vegetation and structure fires.

**Before lighting fireworks -- Be Prepared!**

Purchase only legal fireworks, available at licensed stands. Purchase only the quantity that you will use. Ensure the safety of pets. Keep a bucket of water nearby in which to place all used fireworks. Have a water hose or fire extinguisher nearby to put out stray sparks. Clear a level area away from things that can burn. Have a basic first aid kit nearby and a cordless or mobile / cellular telephone in case emergency assistance is required. Children should know how to "stop, drop and roll" if their clothing catches on fire.

**When lighting fireworks -- Be Safe!**

Only adults should light fireworks. Use eye protection, wear safety goggles. Light one at a time and move away quickly.

Keep spectators at a safe distance. Use fireworks only outside. To prevent injuries, follow the directions on the label carefully.

*Be considerate of your neighbors, family pets and your environment.*

**When finished -- Be Responsible!**

*Clean up all debris* when finished. Duds can be dangerous; if a firework item does not light or fire, an adult should wait five minutes, approach it carefully and place it in a bucket of water. Make sure that used fireworks, matches and lighters are out of sight and reach of children.

For the complete article and list of what is legal, go to:

<http://www.kitsapgov.com/sheriff/>  
"Media Release", June 25, 2008



With the holidays coming up and alcohol flowing we have had requests to raise community awareness to its potential dangers. "Mothers Against Drunk Drivers" is an association dedicated to just that.

**"The mission of Mothers Against Drunk Driving is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking".**

To find out more and how you and your family can help, contact:

**KITSAP COUNTY**  
P O BOX 3936  
SILVERDALE WA, 98383  
Phone: 360-692-4623  
<http://www.maddpnw.org>

**NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING TIME CHANGE!**

Starting on Monday, December 21, 2009, the Gamblewood community will be invited to attend the meeting starting at 7:00 P.M. Homeowners may participate during the, "New Business" portion of the meeting. (Previous time was 7:30 P.M.)

Meetings are held at the North Kitsap Fire Department in Kingston depending upon availability. Check the website for any updates.

**CLIMBER TUNNEL INSTALLED!**

At the 2009 Annual Gamblewood Community Club Meeting playground equipment was approved for the Beach Park. \$5,000 was allocated to start this project and to add equipment each year as necessary.

Jake Kvistad took on the task of researching equipment, presenting it to the Board for approval, purchasing and installing the “Climber Tunnel” as his Eagle Scout Project. The site was professionally excavated and installation was done by Jake with the help of his Eagle Scout Troop.

Many thanks to Jake, his Eagle Scout Troop # 1571 and Board member Tom Moench who worked closely with Jake to provide support and help to make this project happen.

The selection is a large rocklike crawl thru with climbing holds on the outside that is made of very durable material called the “Climber Tunnel”. The toy installation is complete and is located between the swings and the picnic benches. Parents can sit and enjoy watching their children having fun!



Jake Kvistad working with the Excavator to prepare the site for the installation.

**MINIATURE GOLF COURSE COMING !**

“Kingston Greens”, an 18 hole “putt putt” miniature golf course will open in the spring of 2010. According to Susan Meyers, the Manager of Affordable Spare Room Storage, the course is scheduled to open sometime in May. She said that there will be special rates for kids and it will be open day and night till around 10 P.M.

The course will be located across from Gamblewood, off 104 W and adjacent to the Affordable Spare Room Storage office and will have ample parking. (We still have no information about the land Kingston Lumber is clearing across from the entrance to Gamblewood). We look forward to having fun putting!





*Tidbits. . .*

**Fence Repair**

New slats have been installed in the fence on the path that goes to the gas station/mini mart. New slats make the fence more presentable and have eliminated the graffiti. The path begins near the top of Border Way.

**Beach Park Gate Closed**

The beach park gates closed for the season on October 15 and will reopen in April 15, 2010.

*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. Any good bird photos?? Email or send to the board at the address listed below.



"Sparky", the black lab/dachshund mix and "Mocha", the red dachshund found frolicking in the park.

*Christmas Lighting Contest....*

It is almost time again for Gamblewood's Annual Holiday Lighting Contest! Folks come from all over the area to come and see our Holiday displays.

**Judging will take place on December 21st between 8 and 9:00 P.M.** Look for the Reader Board at the entrance of Gamblewood to remind you of the date.



Last year's 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners – The Wrights

*Bird Sightings Here in Gamblewood..*

**Varied Thrush**

9"-10" long the Varied Thrush is Robin like, but with black breast band, rusty eyebrow stripe and wing markings. Common forest resident and in all our mountains, BC to Oregon; Breeds north to Alaska and winters south to southern California. Boy did they mess up last winter. I have noticed them here year round.

Send your bird pictures to [dgreen@gccinfo.org](mailto:dgreen@gccinfo.org)



*We Wish You Good Fortune and Happiness in the New Year*



Dawn in Gamblewood after 2008 snow storm

Visit our Community website at <http://www.gccinfo.org>

Gamblewood Community Club  
Box 69  
Kingston, WA. 98346



PHONE: (800) 642-8169 E-MAIL: [dgreen@gccinfo.org](mailto:dgreen@gccinfo.org) Website: [www.gccinfo.org](http://www.gccinfo.org)