



# Gamblewood Gazette

A Biannual Newsletter

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## It's Time You Joined Us on Facebook!

The Gamblewood Community Club's Facebook group now has 279 members, which is important for a couple of reasons:

The Facebook group posts are timely—news and issues relevant to our community that is new and updated nearly every day. There really isn't any better way to stay informed about what is going on in Gamblewood.

The Facebook group posts are open—in the newsletter you hear from the GCC Board, the Facebook group posts are from the board, and from your neighbors and friends. Do you need to know if the power is out during the latest storm before you head home? The Gamblewood Facebook group can tell you.

The Facebook group posts are free—unlike the newsletter that sets us back \$400-\$500 dollars every time we send one out.

We have added a second Facebook group for Gamblewood residents wanting to sell or give things away, it is called Gamblewood Free & For Sale.

We are (as you can see) still sending out a newsletter, but we are sending fewer of them. If you have access to the internet we strongly encourage you to join us on Facebook.

## GCC Finance News

Over the last year and a half our financial situation has improved, due to the collection of a number of outstanding balances and an increase in the number of members who are paying their dues in a timely manner. We are also proceeding with a lien process on some of our members who owe the HOA the most money. The upshot is that we've gone from worrying we were going to have to raise dues to feeling like we can manage our responsibilities without an increase in our near future. Our most recent annual financial report is available on the

Documents page at the [gamblewood.org](http://gamblewood.org) website.

## Park News

If you haven't been down to our waterfront park in a while you should visit, I can't remember when it has looked so good. This last spring board member Justin Foss led a group of volunteers on a major effort to re-grade, then re-seed much of the park. The result is now apparent in grounds that are easier to play on, easier to maintain, and just generally more attractive. Big thanks to Justin and those that contributed their time and energy to this undertaking.

A "KnoxBox" was added to the park gate, giving NKFR emergency access to the park at all times, and video surveillance cameras were added at the shelters to deter vandalism.

This year we also had to switch to a new grounds-keeping service and we very pleased with the job that they are doing. New play area chips will be added again over the winter to both parks.

## Movies in the Park

We've now shown 3 movies in the park, it is a lot of fun and good way to get families together socially for an evening. Most recently we showed Zootopia in August. We'd love to see more people turn out for these events (you might be surprised how good they look!), better attendance would make it more likely that we put in the effort to keep them up. Watch our Facebook page for movie announcements (unfortunately these can be rather last minute due to the "weather permitting" aspect). Hope to see you at the movies.

## Annual Meeting News

The Annual Meeting & BBQ was held (as required by our bylaws) on the second Saturday of June. We reviewed our financial report, went over the

accomplishments of the last year, and talked about new business that included ideas for new social events, costly possible future projects that included park drive and boat ramp repair. No new major expenditures were planned for the year.

Two board seats were open as Justin Foss and Beth Berglund had terms ending. Justin was re-elected, Beth chose to step aside so that others could be involved, which led to the election of new neighbor Kelly Beresford to the board. Tom Twigg, Phil Elena, and Alan Roberts retained their seats.

Meeting minutes are available on the Documents page of the [gamblewood.org](http://gamblewood.org) website.

## Holiday Lights

It is almost that time of year again! This year the GCC Board will be out touring the neighborhood and judging light displays the evening of Monday, December 19th. Three awards will be given and donations made in the names of the winners to our local food banks. The question on everybody's mind? Can Grove Lane be unseated as the perennial winner of the Spirit Award? Try your best!

## Little Library

A "little free library" is going to be installed in the coming month near the corner of Serene and Gamblewood Rd (near the entrance to the park), it's a great way to share a good read with your neighbors.

## From Past Gazettes

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

- Pickup Pet Waste [Spring 2013]
- Weatherization Assistance [Fall 2012]
- Repower Kitsap [Summer 2012]
- Recycling Guidance [Summer 2012]
- Nuisance Wildlife [Summer 2012]

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**GCC Board:**

Chair: Tom Twigg

Vice Chair: Justin Foss

Vice Chair: Alan Roberts

Secretary: Kelly Beresford

Treasurer: Phil Elena

Bios of the GCC Board Members are provided on the "About" page at [www.gamblewood.org/wp/about/](http://www.gamblewood.org/wp/about/)

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**Event Calendar:****GCC Board Meetings:**

The board normally meets at 7pm on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Downpour Brewing in Kingston, and in our waterfront park during the summer.

**Holiday Lights:**

Evening of December 19th.

**2017 Annual Meeting & BBQ:**

June 10th, 2017. BBQ begins at 1:00pm, the meeting will begin at 2:00pm.

**2017 Community Garage Sale:**

June 24th, 2017, 9:00am - 3:00pm