

Fall 2024 Newsletter



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HOA Dues

HOA dues are currently \$250 per year, with a due date of January 31. Invoices will be mailed the end of December. Contact us via e-mail at info@northshorehoa.com if you do not receive yours by December 29, 2024. Dues are the only form of revenue the HOA receives to maintain our community. Late or missing payments make it difficult to do so. Please remit your payment so it is received on or before the due date. As a reminder, we do not accept electronic payments.

Mailbox Break Ins

We had 3 mailboxes broken into on Nassau in April and another one on 47th Avenue in August. All were reported to the Tacoma Police Department and the United States Postal Inspection Service. These mailboxes were replaced at HOA expense at a cost of \$12,500. While a special assessment was not required to cover these costs, the balance in our operating account was severely impacted. The good news is there are only two mailboxes remaining in the development that are not the latest design and lack the most recent security features. We will be replacing those boxes as well.

Get to Know Your Neighbors, for Safety's Sake



According to the National Crime Prevention Council, neighbors who know each other are more likely to look out for each other, report suspicious activity and cooperate with the police. Studies have shown that neighborhoods with strong social ties have lower rates of crime and violence, and higher abilities to work together to solve common problems. Knowing your neighbors can also help in times of emergency. Who knows, you may even make some new friends!

Message from the President

As president of the NSHOA, I would like to share that our secretary, Vicki is stepping down because she is moving out of our HOA neighborhood. Vicki has done a fabulous job these past several years for us and she will be sorely missed.

If there is anyone interested in taking over for her, please contact us on info@northshorehoa.com or leave a message on (253) 943-1011 with your name and telephone so we can contact you.

Remember volunteering helps keep our HOA Dues down. Thank you for coming forward to help your current Board of Directors.

I also, want to extend a huge "thank you" to her and the rest of our board members for their outstanding jobs they have done over the past 6 years. Their dedication has been brilliant.

Your HOA president, Diane Swoveland



9th Annual Curb Appeal Award Winners

Curb Appeal awards were recently presented to three residents living in the neighborhood who have done an outstanding job with landscaping. The awards are our way of recognizing homeowners who set a high standard of property maintenance. These homeowners go above and beyond to show that they take pride in their homes and our neighborhood. The winners and runners up were:



2024 Winners:

1st Place

(2025 dues waiver)
Donna Clark
4801 34th Avenue NE

2nd Place

(\$75 Gift Card)
Linda Overbo
3506 Nassau Place NE

3rd Place

(\$50 Gift Card)
Thomas & Melanie McMakin
3530 46th Street NE

Honorable Mentions:

Paul Geerts & Debbie Yuckert
4420 36th Avenue NE

Kiersten Connor & Kyle Schroeder
4910 36th Avenue NE

Ken & Vernia Strickland
4421 36th Ave NE

John & Genevieve Pan-Nguyen
4717 36th Avenue NE

Cornel & Natalia Cupceanu
4101 Country Club Dr NE

Our congratulations and thanks go to all of the homeowners recognized!

Annual North Shore HOA “Holiday Light Fight” Contest



Let's Brighten up the 2024 holidays with the annual holiday lights contest! Show us your holiday spirit, decorating skills and festive spirit no matter what you celebrate. Judging is done by your ACC members and usually takes place during the third week of December. A single first-place award is given to the winner, which is a waiver of the 2025 HOA dues. The winner and Honorable Mention honorees will be recognized in the spring 2025 newsletter. Please remember to take down and store decorations promptly after the holiday.

How to Prevent Crime In Our Neighborhood

There are many things you can do to make our neighborhood safer and deter criminals. Here are some of the top tips from the National Crime Prevention Council:

- Lock your doors and windows, even when away for a short period of time.
- Use deadbolts and security systems with an alarm.
- Don't leave spare keys under doormats, in flower pots or other obvious places.
- Light up your home at night.
- Install a “smart” doorbell.
- Have your neighbors' contact information on hand. Let them know if you notice things like open doors, garage doors, windows, or anything else that looks unusual.



Auto Theft Prevention

As you may have heard, there was a recent auto theft in our neighborhood. According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, Washington is ranked fourth in the nation for auto theft. Don't be a statistic. Here are some things you can do to make your vehicle a harder target for thieves::



Don't Be a "Puffer:" Leaving your car running and unattended in the driveway to warm up is an invitation to thieves. It's not only risky, but illegal in Washington state. Thieves often patrol neighborhoods looking for the signs of exhaust coming from idling cars.

Park Inside a Locked Garage: Use your garage to park your car rather than for storage. A locked garage can deter thieves from breaking into or stealing your car or parts like catalytic converters, tires and batteries.

Take Keys and Fobs Out of Your Car and Lock Up: Whether your car has a keyed or keyless ignition, leaving your keys or fob in the car is a sure way to get it stolen. Keyless ignitions make it easier for drivers to forget their fobs in the car, so always double check to make sure you have it when leaving your vehicle.

Clean Out Your Car: Anything left in your car can tempt thieves to break in and see what they can find. Even items that may not be worth much to you, like coats and spare change, can attract unwanted attention. A thief who breaks in to get those items may steal your car as well.

Consider Taking Your Opener, Registration and Proof of Insurance Out of Your Car: These items can give thieves access to your personal information and home. The law requires you have the documents when driving the vehicle, not that you leave them in your car. You can treat them like your driver's license and have them with you when driving, but not stored in the car.

Sharing the Road with School Buses, Pedestrians and Bicyclists



Here are some reminders and tips for driving safely through school zones

Red Flashing Lights (RCW 46.61.370): In Washington State, drivers **must stop** when behind a bus traveling in the same direction, regardless of the number of lanes and when on a two-lane road heading in the opposite direction of the bus. Drivers do not need to stop on a road with three or more lanes when heading in

the opposite direction of the bus or on a divided highway headed in the opposite direction of the bus.

Stick to 20 mph or Less in School Zones: You can keep kids safe and avoid a ticket by going the speed limit in school zones. No matter what the time of day, remember "twenty is plenty" when driving through school zones. Pedestrians hit by a vehicle driving 20 mph or less stand a 90-95 percent chance of survival.

Pedestrians and Cyclists Have the Right of Way at Crosswalks and Intersections: You must yield to them and give them enough space to maneuver.

National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Toolkit: NHTSA has a flier entitled "[Prevent Pedestrian Crashes: Parents and Caregivers of Elementary School Children.](#)"

It is located at <https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.gov/files/811027.pdf> and has a wealth of information on how to keep kids safe in traffic.

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Welcome to the Neighborhood!

The NorthShore Homeowners' Association wishes to welcome the following families into our community.



- Ronald & Janice Odman and Gelen & Reena Hensley, 4515 Country Club Dr NE
- Taye Birhanu, 4415 Country Club Dr NE
- Vladimir Postel & Daiva Nevidomskyte, 4519 Country Club Dr NE
- Ji Hun Han & Jihyeon Lee, 4531 Country Club Dr NE

We welcome our new neighbors and encourage you to become involved in our Association.

The CC&Rs and HOA map are downloadable at the Association's website NorthShoreHOA.com

- Volunteering keeps dues low -