

**Happy  
New Year!**

# THINGS TO KNOW

## January 2023



### WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!!!

#### **Our 2023 Board of Directors**

Bruce Koty, Cheri Wilkins, Rhonda Ewing, Steve Deshaies, Drew Perry, Karen Larsen, Debbie Crews

#### **We now have three Edgewater Home Owners on the Board**

Thank you to the past Board members for your participation, hard work and support over these past years.

### LANDSCAPING NEWS



The PRUNING of the Edgewater front yard landscapes will begin now and go through March. The landscaping contractor, Brightview, has stated it is going to be dramatic but when spring comes around the landscape should be beautiful as it grows out and shows its colors. The landscapers will trim the rhododendrons after they have bloomed. After the trimming has been completed and the Landscape Committee has a better view of what needs to be removed, they will be working with Brightview to remove some overgrown Muhgo Pines and Smoke Bushes that have become trees and do not fit in the front beds. They will be trimming trees away from the side of homes (up to 12 feet high) and throughout the neighborhood. They will be working to bring a much cleaner and more natural look to our community as well as to remove hazards. If you have rose bushes in your front yard they are your responsibility to prune and care for. If you do not wish to care for them, then you should remove them from your landscaping. It is NOT the landscapers responsibility to prune rose bushes as they are not an approved plant for the front yard.

### Get Involved, Join a Committee

#### **HPCA Board Meeting, Open to All:**

Meets 4th Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

Contact Heather Thomas for more information at

[hthomas@vantagecommunities.net](mailto:hthomas@vantagecommunities.net)

#### **HPCA DRC Committee:**

Meets 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Contact Bruce Koty: [Brucehpca@gmail.com](mailto:Brucehpca@gmail.com)

#### **HPCA Landscaping Committee:**

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

Contact Mike Gillespie: [mjaygillespie@comcast.net](mailto:mjaygillespie@comcast.net)

#### **HPCA Parks & Trails Committee:**

Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m.

Contact :TBD

### The Golf Cart Parade and Santa Claus

Hopefully everyone who was able to do so enjoyed seeing Santa and the Golf Cart Parade on December 13th. We look forward to making this a yearly event.



### WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION!!!



Thank you to the homeowners that took the time to VOTE for our new Board. These Board Members are volunteers that live in HPCA, either in Edgewater or Jubilee. Our current system of mail out ballots cost HPCA homeowners almost \$10,000 this year to mail out the 1659 ballots to homeowners. Of the ballots mailed out, only 521 eligible homeowners voted in the election. Of those 521 eligible homeowners that did vote, only 22 Edgewater homeowners voted.

That is almost \$19 per vote and as noted, many of you did not cast your vote. This money comes from your dues and could be used in a much better way. Please read below to sign up for Electronic Consent voting.

#### E-Consent

**Thank you to everyone that has sent in your electronic consent to vote by electronic means!**

**We encourage all homeowners to continue sending in your consent form as we prepare for future voting.**

**This method not only provides an immense financial savings to the association (you),**

**it is also a much more efficient method of doing business.**

**Login to the HPCA website, click the tab that says Residents drop down, Electronic documents.**



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### PICKING UP DOG POOP

The act of not picking up after your animal continues to be a great concern in our neighborhood and on the trails. If you do not pick up your dog's poop, you are not only being inconsiderate, you are also breaking the law. The following LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE states:

*7.04.050.E. Failure to possess removal equipment or to remove fecal material. Such person:*

- 1. Fails to possess on public property the equipment or material necessary to remove animal fecal material when accompanying a pet animal, or*
- 2. Fails to remove animal fecal matter when accompanying an animal off the owner's property. On public property, such person shall possess and use the equipment or material necessary to remove animal fecal material. Failure to remove fecal material is a civil infraction.*

*7.04.080.E. Failure to remove fecal matter is a class 4 civil infraction. Four or more violations of this section within an eighteen month period is deemed a misdemeanor.*

But beyond the legalities, there are also health concerns to consider. Dog waste can contain harmful bacteria that can spread disease to people and other animals. Parasite and bacteria found in their waste can spread diseases to other dogs and even you. Some of the bacteria found in dog waste include salmonella and E. coli. So next time you are out for a walk with your furry friend scoop up after them. It's the responsible thing to do. HPCA supplies the bags, the garbage cans and the disposal. All you have to do is your part and pick up after your animal. Please do not leave pet droppings on the tree strip or front yard of your home or the neighbors as this will restrict landscapers from doing their job. The landscapers do not wish to roll over poop and have it sprayed on them because a pet owner was not taking care of their animal's feces.



### PARKS AND TRAILS COMMITTEE

A BIG thank you to the Parks & Trails Committee, Tim Delehanty and Steve Deshaies for all the hard work they have put in designing and executing the plan for the half court addition to the basketball court. The remodel allows play for both sports at the same time with the safety net that goes between the two courts when both are in play. The design for the fabricated cage was by Steve Deshaies. Tim Delehanty worked with Steve Deshaies and others on the

committee as they scheduled and worked through the process of installing this large project as volunteers. The full basketball court is in play and many young people have been seen out playing on the court. The painting of the court will be completed in the spring as weather permits. Thank you again for also creating a better softball experience as well as bringing the two soccer nets together. Scheduling the bark install and keeping our parks and trails looking so nice is also appreciated. Several more improvements are planned for 2023 and we appreciate all you do.



### VANDALISM AROUND THE PARKS & COMMUNITY

#### BATHROOMS CLOSED

January 1, 2023 to March 30, 2023

As we spend our time and the communities money to keep the parks and surrounding areas beautiful and useful, we continue to have the problem of others coming behind us and damaging the property. (See photos) One issue is they write graffiti on our new signs and in the bathroom. Now your dues must purchase material and equipment for a volunteer to go out and clean up or hire someone to do the work. If you know who is doing this please notify the parents, the Board or the police as this is vandalism. Let us all do our part in being watchful and reporting it.

