

Bridlewood Bulletin

Update: Mail, Sun and Fun

Summer 2023

Summer news... It's a busy time of year for Bridlewood!

There is safety and good will when we know our neighbors. To this goal, the Board of Directors and Community Development Committee invite you to join us in the varied activities for HOA governance, get connected, and neighborhood summer fun together.



Mailbox Station Updates

- Mailboxes installed and re-labeled!
- Lights will be operational again soon. They were damaged during the theft. We are upgrading the coverings to commercial grade. This is currently in bid process and at the mercy of summer construction timelines.
- Once electrical is completed, the building itself will be cleaned and repaired. Work in progress.
- Bulletin Board updates are in the works, too.

Smiles of relief! Bridlewood HOA president Mary P and Community Development chair Joan H finish happily finish up the mailbox labels.

Calendar of Summer Events

Details online at www.BridlewoodTumwater.com/calendar



July 24

Inside the Storm Pond

Meet Matthew Joseph, City of Tumwater Stormwater Inspector! He's passionate about clean water resources and sustainability. The whole family is invited...

We're asking for RSVPs to help us plan for costs.

Planning is better use of your HOA fees!

Use our online calendar at

www.BridlewoodTumwater.com/calendar



August 1

Ice Cream on Nat'l Night Out

We'll combine neighborhood fun with games and ice cream at this special meet-and-greet of Tumwater first responders to share safety and community unity during this nationally recognized event.

Parking Update

Thank you Bridlewood residents for embracing the original 2003 CC&R Parking rules, which were updated in 2010 and 2022, and are the basis of our 2023 enforcement initiatives.

We applaud you for near 100% cooperation since renewed enforcement began on May 1st.

Your response makes our streets accessible to police and emergency vehicles, tradesmen vehicles, and short term guest parking.

Questions? email parking@Bridlewoodtumwater.com.

Summertime is Landscape time!

IMPORTANT. NLS will be applying a second broadleaf weed control herbicide to all homes and common areas beginning Monday, July 10, weather dependent. For your health and safety, we are implementing this "above and beyond" required notification procedures.

- This will occur over 2 to 3 days as the spray to apply to all areas.
- Dry time is 2-4 hours. Although deemed safe to human and pets it is recommended to stay off sprayed areas at a minimum of dry time and up to 24 hours.
- During spray days, white flags will be marked at the entrances, Cottondale playground and Shadybrook / Derby common area as notification of active application.
- We will place the A-frame board notification at the mailbox station during application days. This will be the most accurate timing info in case of weather or schedule changes.
- You can view the product Safety Data Sheet online in our documents library.

Sun and Young Trees

32 trees were planted earlier this year. They need lots of TLC the first two years to establish great root growth. "Tree diapers" are being placed around the first year trees this week. The irrigation system should keep them charged up to be self-watering during the summer heat. Homeowners are asked to help by keeping an eye out on these extra hot days. If you see your young tree looking parched, please give them a 3 minute hose drink!

2023-34 Tree Project

The 2023 annual forestry report is underway for the next cycle of tree limbing and removal to come this fall. Our report provides status based on health of tree ranking and any potential safety concerns for people and property. We are looking in particular for diseased or dying trees, root damage to walkways, overhanging branches onto roof or impeding vehicle clearance, and overgrowth that may affect foundations. The request cycle has ended. You are however welcome to submit an online request form anytime. Tree requests submitted to LC this year will be evaluated and a follow up sent to you in September.

Decorative Items

Solar lights, flags and banners, benches and such in the front yard. These are not forbidden but do need to be off the edges of turf. Limits the number of items to not overcrowd our small front yards. Mowers need clearance for wheels and turn-arounds. Temporary, small banners, such as graduation announcements, can be placed out front for up to 2 weeks. Just make sure they are moved out of the way on Wednesday mow days.

Pruning

Yes, it's the ongoing late start on shrub pruning again. So frustrating. The good news is we are assigned a dedicated pruning crew. This is a practice we have requested for years and our new crew leader has pushed it through as official protocol. Other improvements are noted by the LC for attention to beds in general during weekly services. Arborvitae and Vine Maple entrance trees are pruned separately.



The LC is conducting a house-by-house audit this summer. If you see three gals with a tape measure and clipboard at your front walkway and windows, it's your turn! We might even be taking photos, but for committee use only. The audit will provide us a major strategic planning schematic for plant replacements and landscape changes requested or needed in the next few years.