

# Bush Prairie News

January 2017

Our mission, as the Bush Prairie Homeowners Association, is to enhance the value and desirability of all real property within the association and promote the health, safety and welfare of our residents, while fostering a friendly and neighborly community.

## Board Members

### President

Chris Meyers 515-0168

### Vice President

Roger Fish 753-7100

### Board Members

Bill Moneer 870-9745

Vicki Huntley  
David Rothschild

## Officers

### Secretary

Terry Kirkpatrick 943-3293

### Treasurer

Michelle Fields 253-720-8699

## Committees

### Architectural Control Committee

Bill Moneer 870-9745

### Emergency Preparedness Comm.

Volunteer Needed

### Landscape & Maintenance

David Fillippone

### Mailbox Committee

Roger Fish 753-7100

### Newsletter Committee

Bill Moneer & Elaina Guinn

### Recreation Committee

Volunteer Needed

### Webmaster

Dave Fillippone

### Welcoming Committee

Jeanne Kirkpatrick 943-3293

Tammy Greenwell 570-2205

<http://www.bushprairie.com>

## December Board Meeting

Chris Meyers was elected President and Roger Fish was elected Vice President for the 2017 Board. Meetings are held the second Thursday of every month. Dates and times are posted on the BPHA website. Meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend.

### First Place...

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS CONTEST



The best holiday display was at 1841 Arab Dr. SE, home of Palmer & Sharlene Higa. They received a \$50 gift card to Fred Meyer. This year more homes were decorated and decorations were the prettiest ever. Second Place, \$30 gift card awarded to the Gibsons at 1708 Arab Dr. and third Place \$20 gift card to the Smiths at 1230 Bridle Dr. Thanks to all who decorated your homes bringing holiday cheer to Bush Prairie.

### Second Place...



### Third Place...



## THE BOWL PLAY STRUCTURE

The Board is considering an addition to the present play structure in The Bowl. City of Tumwater has a Community Matching Fund that would allow up to \$1000 which would aid in this project. Are you interested in being part of the planning and/or installation of this addition? If so, please contact Vicki at [Vvhuntley@gmail.com](mailto:Vvhuntley@gmail.com) ASAP so you can be included. Deadline for city grant application is March 15, 2017.

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## ANNUAL MEETING HAPPENINGS

The meeting was held in the Training Room of the Tumwater Fire Dept. at 7pm, November 20, 2016. 28 people attended. Tumwater Mayor Peter Kmet, Councilmember Nicole Hill, City Administrator John Doan and Public Works Director Jay Eaton made short presentations and facilitated a lively discussion that included plans for the City Maintenance facility which will be located at the Trails End Arena & Stables site on 79<sup>th</sup> Ave. Possible start date for construction is late 2018.

City of Tumwater assumed the cost of power for street lights which removed an approximate \$5000 annual expense from the BPHA budget. Suggestions for ways to use the money are: putting money into a separate fund to help defray costs of sewers when they are installed, expanding park facilities in Bush Prairie common areas and installing water line in The Bowl. Three Board positions needed to be filled. Roger Fish agreed to remain for another term. Vicki Huntley volunteered for a position. David Rothschild volunteered for the third position after the annual meeting. The Architectural Control Committee Chair is Bill Moneer. Other committee members are Richard Daniels and David Rothschild.

## BEST YARD OF 2016

Congratulations to the McCudden's at 1911 Arab Dr SE for "Best Yard of 2016". They were awarded a \$50 gift card to Home Depot. Honorable Mention to the Liefers at 7834 Paddock Ct. Your beautiful yards were a pleasure to see and assets to the neighborhood. Thank you so much!!

## DUES PAYMENTS

The Treasurer proposed a one time annual dues payment at the annual meeting and received mixed reactions. She is working on a possibility of offering homeowners a choice of paying once a year or twice a year. She welcomes any comments or feedback. Phone: 253-720-8699. The Webmaster is looking into pay online.

## 2017 BPHA BUDGET

This budget for 2017 was approved at the annual meeting and is presented below.

Income           \$39,432

(includes dues, stormwater fund, interest and finance charges and \$6960 in Capital Reserve Fund)

Expenses       \$39,377

Includes community at \$1,755; Landscape Maintenance at \$10,581; Insurance at \$3,250; Management Fees at \$6,600; Office Expenses at \$800; Taxes at \$40; Water at \$850; Electricity at \$130 plus others.

