



OAKBROOK 7TH ADDITION

Winter Newsletter

December 2022

Happy Holidays Oakbrook 7th Addition! We hope you've had a great fall and start to your holiday season. We welcome any and all homeowners to join the HOA board and invite you to come to a meeting. We meet once every two months. All meeting minutes can be found on the HOA website as well as upcoming meeting agendas. Our next meeting will be our Annual Membership Meeting and is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11th at 7PM at The Adriatic Grill. We hope you can join us. Please email Kent Troy for additional details or questions at gkenttroy@gmail.com.

..... 7th Addition Meetings & Information

President's Message

"I trust everyone has had a great fall. Living in the Pacific Northwest can be so rewarding. What a great community we have here in the Oakbrook 7th addition HOA. I am not sure that everyone realizes how lucky we are. In all of Oakbrook, there are only three HOAs. 4th Addition, 7A (Stonebriar) and us. Living in an HOA helps to protect our investment. For many people, owning a home is the largest purchase or investment they may make in their lifetime. Help guard and protect it. To me, living in an HOA used to mean that I had to conform to so many rules. Not here in our HOA. There are only 18 covenants that we are bound by and most of them are not an issue. My my hat is off to our CCR committee for working to keep a few homeowners in check. This helps to increase the value of our homes. I love living here and am happy to have an HOA."

-Kent Troy
President

Annual Meeting & 2023 Board Elections

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11TH • 7PM
LOCATION: ADRIATIC GRILL

According to our By-laws, we are required to hold an annual general membership meeting. Due to the pandemic, we have not been able to hold this meeting, so we are long overdue. Although anyone is welcome to come to our monthly meetings, this is the meeting where we elect the officers. If you are interested in being a board member, this is a must attend meeting.

Anyone on the board can provide information on the duties of the board members. No positions are sanctioned and all positions are up for election. The meeting will be held on January 11 at 7:00 PM at the Adriatic at Oakbrook. A huge Thank you to the Adriatic at Oakbrook for waiving the cost of using the room. Come have dinner and stay for the meeting.

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In addition, Brian broke down the recovered items to increase their value before selling them to local metal and e-waste recycling companies. The monies were donated to the Pierce Conservation District and the Nisqually Land Trust to purchase native plants for use in habitat restoration projects. Thank you for taking advantage of this HOA service.

If you have any questions or want to learn more about Brian's recycling efforts please email him at: orcawolf72@gmail.com.

• **Pierce Conservation District:**
<https://piercecd.org/>

• **Nisqually Land Trust**
<https://nisquallylandtrust.org/>

Fall Cleanup

One of the advantages of living in our HOA is that the HOA dues pay for a fall and spring cleanups. It is an opportunity to get rid of those items that have been piling up in your home, garage, and yard. Lakewood also hosts a fall and spring cleanup, but you may have to wait in line for a while. Your HOA pays to have a cleanup so you can get rid of your unwanted trash/items close to home and not wait in line.

This year our Fall clean up was on October 29th. These are free to those who have paid their dues and if you have not paid your dues, you can at the event with an additional \$10 fee. You are not allowed to dump appliances, paint, or anything with oils or fuel and moderate size furniture is acceptable. This winter is a great time to start planning what will need to be thrown out and disposed of come spring. The date for the spring cleanup is to be announced.

Cleanup Recycling

One of our members, Brian Sullivan has been at the past few cleanups collecting metals and other recyclables. The HOA's goal is to decrease the weight of collected trash in order to reduce the HOA's cost as well as our environmental impact. During the past two cleanups, with your support, Brian was able to divert 2,500lbs of metals from ending up in the landfill.

Adopt-A-Street

Our HOA is part of the Adopt-a-Street program and have adopted Zircon, Onyx and (unofficially 97th Ave) from the Oakbrook Park around the loop and back to the park. We walk this route, officially, once a quarter, but if anyone sees trash at any time, on this route, please pick it up and throw it away. Point of contact is Kent Troy email: gkentroy@gmail.com.

Storm Drains

Fall is upon us and winter will soon be here. The recent storm at the beginning of November should remind us that trees have voting rights here. Be mindful of storm drains where you live. Take the time to clear grass and weeds from around the drains and as the leaves fall from the trees, please keep the drains clear. As we all know, with Fall comes rain and soggy weather. Prevent flooding and help prevent cars from hydroplaning.

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National Night Out Against Crime

Thanks to all members and volunteers that joined us for this year's National Night Out Against Crime. It's a great chance to meet your neighbors, City of Lakewood Officials, Police Department and Fire Department and just have fun in the sun.

The board would like to thank this year's event planning committee for a wonderful turnout, fun activities and vendors. We look forward to the 2023 National Night Out and welcome any ideas or suggestions to continue the event's success for the 8th year.



..... Membership, Covenants & Yearly Dues

Membership in the Oakbrook, 7th Addition HOA is not voluntary and dues are required in accordance with the HOA Articles of Incorporation and the By-laws, which are on file with Pierce County and on the HOA website: <http://oakbrook7th.com/>

Article V of the Articles of Incorporation, says, "Every person or entity who is a record owner ... be a member of the Association. Such membership shall commence, exist and continue simply by virtue of such ownership..."

Article X of the By-laws specifies that annual dues, which were originally set for \$20, but since 1978 have been increased to only \$30.00 "Dues are payable upon joining the Association and annually after 1 Jan".

INVOICE: 7th Addition Homeowner's Association (Year 2023)



This invoice is for payment of yearly dues for the 7th Addition Homeowner's Association of \$30/year. Payment can be made by mail to:

7th Addition Homeowner's Association
PO Box 99685
Lakewood, Washington 98499

Amount Due:
\$30.00

*Payments Can also be made on the 7th Addition website at: www.oakbrook7th.com

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