



OAKBROOK 7TH ADDITION

Winter Newsletter

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Hello Oakbrook 7th Addition Residents, We welcome any and all homeowners to come to a meeting or join the HOA board. We meet once every two months. All meeting minutes can be found on our website, as well as upcoming meeting agendas. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 13th at 6:30 PM at The Adriatic Grill. Join us to get involved or provide input and suggestions. We hope to see you there.

Save The Date!

7TH ADDITION HOA ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH

6:30PM-7:30PM

at **THE ADRIATIC GRILL**

All homeowners and residents in the 7th Addition are welcome. There is no cost to attend. This is your opportunity to see what your volunteer board is doing, what is planned and what they can do for you. We will hold elections for HOA officers and if you are interested in running for a board position, please send an email to 7thadditionhoa@gmail.com with which position you would like. This will also be an opportunity to pay your annual dues of \$30 directly to the Treasurer. We all look forward to seeing you and hearing what we can do to make our community better.

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Note From The President

Happy 2024. I hope everyone is over the holidays and the “Big Freeze”. Fortunately it lasted only a few days, but long enough to have some pipes freeze.

We had a very successful 2023 and I am looking forward to great things in 2024. So many wonderful activities to build upon to support you, the resident. The two clean-ups we had helped many residents get rid of “stuff” they were storing and waiting to get rid of. We did not fill up the dumpsters, so no one was turned away. I can’t say how proud I was of the National Night out Against Crime and look forward to doing again, but even bigger and better.

I would like to thank our volunteers who make so much happen. If you would like to be on the board or volunteer for specific things, please let me know. As always we look forward to hearing from you with suggestions and comments. Feel free to follow us on Facebook and share activities, stories and pictures on our page.

Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming HOA activities, Hope to see you there!

- **Saturday, March 2nd • 9:00 AM**
Adopt a Street Clean Up. Meet at Oakbrook Park.
- **Wednesday, March 13th • 6:30 PM**
General Membership Meeting @ Adriatic at Oakbrook.
- **Saturday, April 27th • 9:00 AM (Tentative)**
Spring Clean Up at Oakbrook Park.
- **Saturday, June 8th • 9:00 AM**
Adopt a Street Clean Up. Meet at Oakbrook Park.
- **August 6th 5:30 • 8:00 PM**
National Night Out at Oakbrook Park.
- **September 14th • 9:00 AM**
Adopt a Street Clean Up. Meet at Oakbrook Park.
- **October 19th • 9:00 AM (Tentative)**
Fall Clean Up at Oakbrook Park.
- **November 16th • 9:00 AM**
Adopt a Street Clean Up. Meet at Oakbrook Park.

Housing Changes in Lakewood

The City of Lakewood provided an informational meeting on January 23 at the Pavilion in the Fort Steilacoom Park. The purpose was to share what our state legislators approved and the impact on the city.

The City of Lakewood will be adopting new rules about housing and how many units can be built on a single residential lot in 2024 in its R1, R2, R3, R4, and ARC zones. The new rules will go into effect early 2025. Important to know that residents in the 7th Addition HOA are not affected as Section 2 of our Covenants prohibits the implementation of these new rules. The question was: “Do HOA covenants supersede these rules?” The answer is Yes. It is good to be in our HOA!

FYI: Lakewood must allow at least 2 middle housing units per lot in single family areas, and 4 middle housing units per lot in single family areas within 1/4 mile of major transit stops. Lakewood must also allow up to 2 accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in single family areas.

What this means is that residents can modify their homes, add structures to their lots and rent these spaces out. In essence a resident can put up to 4 tiny houses on their property and rent them out. Parking and traffic are already a problem and this would make it even worse. It is not yet known, but this could also affect your property taxes. As mentioned above, we are prohibited from building additional units in the 7th Addition.

More can be found at:

<https://cityoflakewood.us/24periodicreview/#housing>
Click on “Housing Changes” to read more about ADUs and Middle Housing. There are also some videos that clarify the new rules.

A follow-on planning commission meeting is scheduled for 5:30 – 7:00 PM on February 28 in the Clover Park Technical College Rotunda. 4500 Steilacoom Blvd SW Building 3.



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EVENTS & ANNUAL DUES INFORMATION

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, pick it up and throw it away. Point of contact is Kent Troy email: gkenttroy@gmail.com. The cleanup is scheduled for March 2 at 9am, meet at Oakbrook Park.

National Night Out

The National Night Out Against Crime is a country wide program designed to offer an opportunity for people to meet neighbors. The idea is to be comfortable enough to reach out when something does not look right and either act or report. Overall program is to reduce neighborhood crime. The 7th Addition HOA sponsors a picnic with activities for young and old along with a food truck, ice cream, bouncy house as well as an awesome DJ. This is also an opportunity to meet our mayor, police chief and WPF. Please mark you calendars for 6 August 2024 from 5:30 - 8 PM. Your HOA dues help pay for these community activities. If you would like to help or know someone who would like to set up an activity, please reach out to us via email, 7thadditionhoa@gmail.com.

Annual Dues & Membership Information

There is often confusion over the question "Is being a member of the 7th Addition Homeowners' Association voluntary" – membership is **NOT** voluntary! **ALL** homeowners residing within the 7th Addition are members of the Homeowner's Association.

Membership requires all members of the 7th Addition to pay a yearly fee (HOA Dues) of \$30 which is due starting on January 1 of each year.

What do I get for paying my \$30 yearly HOA dues?

The HOA conducts two **FREE** to members, yearly yard clean-up events (Spring and Fall). Dues paying members can bring material that they want to throw away to the clean-up site at the park and get rid of it for no additional cost.

We also have a **FREE** picnic in July/August at the park coordinating with the Night out for Crime event. At the picnic, we have a bounce house, balloon man making balloon animals, food truck and ice cream. It is a fun family activity.

In addition, the dues allow the HOA board to continue to advise homeowners of covenant violations and to make sure the covenants are being followed. We try to keep the 7th Addition a clean, safe, friendly neighborhood that continues to keep home values up and the neighborhood looking as good as when you moved in.

INVOICE: 7th Addition Homeowner's Association (Year 2024)

This invoice is for payment of yearly dues for the 7th Addition Homeowner's Association of \$30/year.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____



Amount Due:
\$30.00

*Payment can be made by mail to: 7th Addition Homeowner's Association, PO Box 99685
Lakewood, WA 98499. *Payments Can also be made on the 7th Addition website.*

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