

Taylor's Ridge News

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Mailbox Update

Earlier this year the board sent out a ballot to determine which of the three mailbox options was most desired by our neighborhood. The mail based vote was very successful, with 115 of the 141 ballots returned. This was very encouraging to have nearly 82% participation in this important decision that effects us all. The vote went as follows: option 1 (central locking mailboxes) 69 votes, option 2 (individual locking mailboxes) 36 votes and option 3 (modifying existing boxes) 10 votes. The change over will be conducted with the least amount of inconvenience possible. Please contact any board member if you have questions or concerns. Thank you to our postmaster for providing these new locking units at no cost to our neighborhood. Taylor's Ridge Homeowner's Association will absorb the cost to remove the old mail stands at approximately \$100 per stand. We thank the 22 homeowners that indicated on their ballot that they would be willing to help with the removal of the current mail stands if needed, as well as those that took the time to vote. Great team work! The CBU's installation will occur over a period of two to three weeks with work beginning this week. Mail service will continue and will be delivered to existing mailboxes while the CBU's are being installed. We thought it would be fun for everyone to see an anonymous sampling of the comments that we received on the ballots. See below...

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Future Meeting Dates

The Board of Directors meet on a quarterly basis. Next meeting is on October 30th at 7:30pm.

Annual Meeting

November 15, 2006

7:30 PM

Duvall Fire Station



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Enlightening Comments From our Mailbox Ballot

- "Do not want my daily newspaper in my driveway for the dogs to do their morning duties on - nor see the litter of the others that are just left there 'till picked up"
- "Thanks for looking into this. It's really appreciated."
- "Enclosed/surround the CBU's in a façade to blend with the style of the neighborhood?"
- "The centralized postal service stands are really ugly. I hope everyone looks at the ones in the new neighborhoods to see just how ugly!"
- "Good job on finding out the info and presenting it well!"

We appreciate ALL comments and continue to encourage feedback.

Friendly Reminders.....

School has started and our very special children are in the streets again waiting for their buses and or walking to school.

Just a quick reminder to be exceedingly aware when navigating the streets in the morning and afternoon when the kids are trying to make their way to and from school. It is all too easy to become distracted with everyday life, so just a friendly reminder.

It is tree planting season, so if you were planning on adding or replacing trees, now is the optimal time to do so.

Have a great fall!

Note from a Neighbor...

One of our friendly Taylor's Ridge homeowners is a police officer for Mercer Island and was kind enough to write a memo and send it with his mailbox ballot. Here are the main points.

1. No mailbox is ever secure and residents should check mail regularly.
2. Outgoing mail should always be taken to a "blue" box even if we do have locking outgoing mail stands.
3. Central units can attract thieves because they only have one lock to defeat as opposed to many.

Let's all keep these points in mind. Even though we will have locking boxes we still need to be diligent in picking up our mail. We did our part in complying with the postmaster requests but still need to keep our mail safe.

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Fence Project on 150th

When the mailbox stand ballot went out, there were also a series of questions asking the homeowner to express their opinion on weatherproofing the new fence on 150th. The results were as follows: 8 paint, 57 stain, 46 leave as is, and 4 no opinion. The fence was treated with a clear coat in August which will protect the wood and keep the current appearance for many years.

Holiday Lights



It is expected that we will have the holiday light hoist again this year to help decorate the homes of Taylor's Ridge. Kimberly Harrington (Coldwell Banker Bain) and Dan Golden (Country Wide Home Loans) will contribute to sponsoring the cost of the lift. We currently working to confirm a family willing to orchestrate the scheduling and operation of the lift. Volunteers will be needed to help with the operation.



Budget Update

Good news, 140 out of 141 homes have paid their 2006 dues at this time. Timely payments are much appreciated, thank you. We are on track in regards to our 2006 budget, with exception to water costs. Much of our seasonal plantings and bark dollars have gone to cover the high watering costs this year. You can view the budget to date on our website. Due to the expense of the fence project we are proceeding cautiously with the remaining funds.

Board Member Update

The board is currently made up of three interim positions and three elected positions. For this reason as well as the expiration of some electoral terms, we will be holding elections to confirm and fill open board positions at the next annual meeting. We would love to see many volunteers step forward to take on any one of the available positions.

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