

# Taylor's Ridge News Letter (TRHOA)

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## 2002 Annual Meeting

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The Taylor's Ridge Homeowners' Association (TRHOA) annual meeting is scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at Cedarcrest High School library. Signs will be posted on the front entrance of the school.

We have invited our mayor, Becky Nixon, speak at the meeting to engage any questions that you have of the local government and to get an update on what her administration has been doing on our behalf.

We will be addressing the annual budget for 2002, our 2003 budget, home owners' dues and other concerns and issues in our development.

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## The president's corner

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Another year has quickly passed. We have seen the effects of a long, hot and dry summer on our lawns, trees and largely not air-conditioned homes. Whew!!! We have seen another year of wear on our home paints and desk stains. And we have seen our signature Red Maple trees grow and now start to drop another load of leaves on our lawns. (*Cheap entertainment for the children or the child in all of us...*)

Attached is a report from a registered Arborist on the health of our Ash and Maple trees. We have had some strange illnesses with the trees this year and have had professionals analyze the soil and trees and provide some suggestions for preventing loss of these beautiful trees in our yards. I have included some of his comments in the green thumb section.

We are working on a new updated Taylor's Ridge Directory so that you can call your neighbor if your alarm is going off when you are away or to help you remember that neighbors name that you always kindly wave at in passing in the car.

We are looking into budgetary figures for creating a sign on 278<sup>th</sup> Ave NE or the "back entrance" to Taylor's Ridge. As other developments are added we think it is important to distinguish our neighborhood.

We are planning quarterly board meetings on scheduled dates and will open up the meetings to all that would like to participate for questions or concerns about the neighborhood.

We hope this will foster better participation in the home owners' association. We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

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## 2003 meeting schedule

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### Quarterly Meeting Schedule

**Q1 Meeting** – January 18<sup>th</sup>, Duvall library 7:00 pm

**Q2 Meeting** – April 19<sup>th</sup>, Duvall library 7:00 pm

**Q3 Meeting** – July 19<sup>th</sup>, Duvall library 7:00 pm

**Q4 Meeting** – October 16<sup>th</sup>, Duvall library 7:00 pm

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## Mailbox Facelift

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Our neighborhood is starting to show some of the effects of maturing and the mailboxes are one of the places that this is most apparent. Solicitors posting messages have left all of the mailboxes with many staples in them and the paint is starting to fade.

We are looking to organize a clean up the mailbox program next spring. The TRHOA will provide the paint and supplies for the project and are looking for volunteers to head up this effort in each cult-a-sac or regional mailbox area. We hope to have a lead near each mailbox that will head up this process.

Please contact Dan Vander Wal at 425.788.7724 or e-mail at [vanderwal3000@hotmail.com](mailto:vanderwal3000@hotmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering or leading your local mailbox effort next spring.

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## Green Thumb's patch

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Watering and fertilizing are two of the most important things that you can do for your yards. According to our arborist, a few points to remember in getting the most of our time, money and energy in keeping your yard beautiful.

Water in the late evenings or in the early mornings and try to avoid watering during peak sun to avoid vaporization and accelerated photosynthesis during extended sun exposures.

Aerate your yard, trees and shrubs annually to allow water and fertilizer to penetrate the soil and deeply enrich your yard. As some of us discovered this year when the clay ground we have here dries out it is almost impermeable and is very difficult to keep the water from running off. Aerating will keep the water on the roots of the plants where it is needed. (*continued pg 2*)

Even when our water rates go up in the summer and watering our yards becomes a more substantial economic investment keep a regular watering schedule on your trees and shrubs. Your grass may turn brown and will come back, but not watering your trees and shrubs will induce stress and could cause the tree to die. This is especially true for younger trees that don't have a deep root system developed.

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## CC&Rs top 10 list

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Many of the points that are brought up to the homeowners' association typically stem from people not referring to our CC&Rs which is that one inch thick document files away somewhere safe. Here is a list of top 10 points that you might want to reference to ensure that you are in code:

1. Boats and trailers can only be parked in the neighborhood for 72 hours.
2. Sheds must match your roof (shingle) and siding and must be placed out of street view.
3. Play structures must be placed out of street view.
4. Posting flyers on the mailboxes is against the rules
5. Cars must be parked in the garage in the evenings\*
6. Trash cans should not be visible from the street\*
7. Home additions or structural changes must be approved by the architectural committee.
8. House color changes must be pre-approved by the architectural committee.
9. Yard drainage or "French drains" must be pre-approved by the architectural committee.
10. Fences must not be closer than eight feet from the front of your house and must be pre-approved by the architectural committee.

*\*my apologies for my vehicles and mess during our remodel*

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## Halloween Safety Tips

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### WHEN TRICK-OR-TREATING:

A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.

### Remind trick-or-treaters:

- By using a flashlight, they can see and be seen by others.
- Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.
- Only go to homes with porch lights on.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
- If no sidewalk is available, walk at the farthest edge of the roadway facing traffic.
- Never cut across yards or use alleys.
- Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.

- Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations.
- Always walk. Never run across a street.
- Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks (as recognized by local custom).
- Remove any mask or item that will limit eyesight before crossing a street, driveway or alley.
- Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing trick-or-treaters.
- Never consume food items or drinks that may be offered.
- No treats are to be eaten until they are thoroughly checked by an adult at home.
- Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

### AFTER TRICK-OR-TREATING:

- Wait until children are home to sort and check treats. Though tampering is rare, a responsible Adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.
- Try to apportion treats for the days following Halloween.
- Although sharing is encouraged, make sure items that can cause choking (such as hard candies), are given only to those children of an appropriate age.

**Source: The Los Angeles Fire Department**

**Have a safe and happy  
Halloween!!!!**

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## Officers and committee members

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President:	Dan Vander Wal	425-788-7724
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### Architectural Control Committee:

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### Landscaping Committee:

### Currently open and seeking volunteers

#### Capital Assets Planning Committee:

Dwight Longuevan	425-844-0843
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