

# The Ridge at Gig Harbor

DECEMBER 2020

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Let it snow...but not TOO much! I hope everyone is staying warm this December and finding fun new ways to spend time with family. I can't wait to see all the great decorations and lights that are going to make the Ridge shine a little brighter this year. We could all use a little "sparkle" right now.

Thank you to everyone who attended our first official board meeting. Thirty- three homeowners were in attendance. How fantastic! Let's keep that up. A friendly reminder for everyone who attends in the future; Official board meetings can be attended by all homeowners, but they must remain spectators. We love to hear from all of you, and whenever possible, we will try to leave time at the end to answer questions. All questions and concerns can be brought to the Community Manager at any time.



A special Board shout-out to Heather Rolin, David Crosby, and my daughter Shelby for coming out to help shovel playground mulch in the park. Heather has also been helping with the design of the monthly newsletters. Your community is grateful.

Thank you!

I know that this is a challenging time for everyone. Let's all look out for one another and lend a hand when we can. The board is excited about where this community is headed, and we hope you are too.

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy December to all of you and your families!!! -Amy-

## UPCOMING DATES

\*December 1<sup>st</sup>- Look out for a "Welcome" email from Diamond Community Management. This will include information on how to set up automatic payments for your monthly HOA fees.

\*December 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm- Clear your schedules to come meet our new Property Management Team! Carol, Lisa and Kyla will all be present to answer your questions. A Zoom invitation will be sent to everyone via e-mail ahead of the meeting.

\*December 15<sup>th</sup>- Judging for the Holiday Decorating Contest will happen on the 15<sup>th</sup>. So, make sure you are ready! The three judges committee (made up of homeowners) will be looking at yard decorations as well as lights at night. Remember to turn your lights on! Winner gets a Starbucks gift card and a sign to display in their yard designating them as the winner (board members and judges are not eligible).

## BOARD UPDATES

\*Our new website will be up and ready to go on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. It can be viewed now by entering theridgeatgigharbor.com in your address bar. When it is completed in January, you will be able to search for it via a search engine. It will be updated to include our new management company at that time. You will be able to access governing documents, PIC forms, newsletters and more. Check it out!

\*We have terminated our contract with VPS landscaping effective December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020. Our new landscape company will be Parsons Landscaping here in Gig Harbor. They are going to help us with the many issues that we face in the park and entrance to the Ridge, including maintenance of all the Cypress trees in the park. There is no change in cost to the HOA.

\*We have terminated our contract with Seattle Snow effective December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Parsons Landscaping will be providing us with de-icing and snow removal services for the park and center homes. The rest of the community is maintained by the city. The HOA will be saving money by switching companies.

\*Parsons Landscaping will take over maintenance of the detention ponds. We paid \$10,400 for the goat service, and it was incomplete. The HOA will also be saving money by having Parsons maintain these areas.

\*Arborvitae in the park have been removed, because they were dying.

\*Playground mulch was refilled on 11/17/20

\*Heather Rolin resigned as Secretary 11/5/20

\*Stephanie Schneider accepted the Secretary position on 11/17/20

\*In their resignation letter, the previous board had outlined a project that they were working on for the front entrance to increase visibility at the first intersection into the subdivision. The project included moving the east side detention fence back several feet, building a secondary park and placing no parking signs along the west and east side walks. The city engineer had signed off on the project. To clarify, the city has not mandated that we make this change. It was brought to the city by the previous board. Cost to the HOA for moving the fence would be \$10,000. Multiple parking spots in our community would be lost. It would cost additional money to create a park in the open space left by moving the fencing back.

As the current board, we asked the city for alternate options for the corner that would not cost the HOA any money and preserve our already limited parking. Per the city engineer, other possible options for creating a safe corner may include stop signs or yield signs. They would have to conduct a traffic study. This is not in the city's budget to consider in 2020 or 2021.

After considering all of the options, the Board has decided to hold off on the previous board's plan. We would like to have all homeowners involved in making the decision that is best for the community. We will revisit this issue at a later date.

## COMMITTEES

VOLUNTEER



Park Improvement: We would love for you all to get involved. A great way to do that would be to volunteer for a committee! Currently we are hoping to put together a “park improvement” committee. This committee would be responsible for coming up with ideas to improve our park and getting input from the homeowners. Ideas would be presented to the board for consideration. If interested, please email Kwasi through December 31<sup>st</sup> or Carol starting January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Future Committees: If you are interested in being on a committee in the future, please contact the community manager as stated above and let us know your areas of interest. Thank you

## THE RIDGE FISH FOOD BANK DRIVE

There will be a Fish Food Bank Drive for our community! Place items that you want to donate on your porch in a bag or box. Pick up of items begins December 6th at 10:00 am. Donation will be delivered to the Food Bank on December 7th at 9:30 am. Look for a reminder note on your doors. "Most needed" items can be found on the Fish Food Bank website.

Thank you to all those that donate!



## HOA BOARD: THE RIDGE AT GIG HARBOR

**PRESIDENT: AMY GUSTAFSON**

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**VICE PRESIDENT: LUKE FOX.**

**MEMBER AT LARGE: JASON KEMPF**

**TREASURER: MEREDITH SAXON**

Future newsletters starting January 1st 2021 will continue to be received via email and a few left in the park. In addition, you will be able to view the newsletter on the new HOA website: [theridgeatgigharbor.com](http://theridgeatgigharbor.com)

