



2022 Spring/Summer Newsletter



Neighborhood Garage Sale - Saturday, May 21st

Our annual neighborhood-wide garage sales will be Saturday, May 21st from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The HOA will provide advertising (in the Register Guard and on Craig's List) and post signs around the neighborhood. If you live on Wilshire Lane, Windsor Circle, Wilshire Drive, or Chaucer Court you are welcome to participate. Please let Board member Nola Colvin (541-915-1480) know so we can place a sign near your home. Join the fun!

Spring Common Area Maintenance

Board members recently walked the pathway between Brittany and Wilshire Lane with an arborist to make decisions about Spring tree work. With little significant new damage to these trees, we should be able to get caught up with most postponed maintenance in this area. A large dead fir tree next to the creek path and Wilshire Lane will also be removed once we receive permission from the city. Gillaspie Tree Service will once again provide their services and are scheduled for the 2nd week of May. **Please be aware that the paths will be closed for the crew's safety and the public's safety. Do not enter their work area!** (Also, let us know if you are aware of any potentially hazardous Common Area trees near your property.)



Fourth of July Fireworks

Last year our neighborhood was in the part of the city (south of 18th Avenue) where fireworks of any kind were prohibited because of dangerously dry conditions. There may be restrictions again this year with the continuing drought. Please be mindful of any restrictions and keep our neighborhood safe. Keeping your yard watered and green during the summer is being "fire wise and fire safe"!



Turkey Trapping

At the request of a neighbor, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has conducted trappings of wild turkeys on Wilshire Lane. This is an effort to reduce the growing population of birds that have become a nuisance. Unfortunately, at this time the ODFW budget requires them to kill the trapped birds, as there are no nearby locations to legally release them.

2022 HOA Dues

Thank you to all the homeowners who have paid their 2022 dues on time! HOA dues are \$56.00 this year and were due by March 31st to avoid late fees.

If you have not already paid, please consider this your reminder.

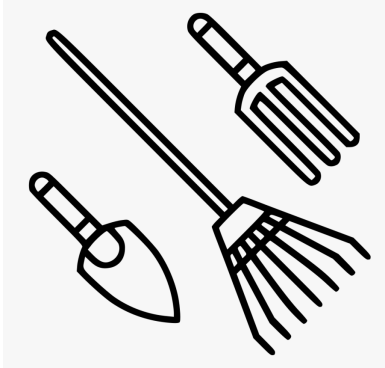
Neighborhood News

Donations for our Common Areas

A big “Thank you!” to the 22 homeowners who generously donated to enhance our Common Area budget for this year. As of March 31st, your donations totaled \$700! Donations can still be made and would be most helpful. Board members donated raffle prizes, and at the Annual Homeowners’ meeting in January all donor names were put in a basket for a drawing. **The winners of the raffle prizes were Pamela Glenn (\$100 Fred Meyer gift card) and the Youngmans (2 tickets to Trapdoor Escape Rooms). Congratulations!**

Invasive Blackberries – A thorn in our sides!

Despite the valiant efforts of our work party volunteers, Himalayan blackberries have been taking over many areas along our pathways. The Board decided at the March meeting to use the donated funds to hire a crew with power equipment (and “muscle”) to take out the worst of the blackberry vines along the pathway between Brittany and Wilshire. The Friday before our April Work Party, two industrious employees of Green Planet Landscaping spent seven hours cutting and digging out blackberries along the north and south fence lines past “Rebecca’s” bench. They piled the vines next to the path and work party volunteers hauled them out on Saturday. Three pickup loads were taken to Rexius; many thanks to our hardworking volunteers – Nola C., Karri P., and Victor D.!



Additional volunteers (and/or donations) will be greatly appreciated to help maintain our common areas. Every year volunteers are needed to clear the ground and mulch around the trees and shrubs that were planted during our habitat restoration project and to remove invasive plants such as English ivy, vinca, and blackberries. Please come help if you can! **The schedule for 2022 Saturday Work Party activities will be: May 7th, June 4th, July 9th, August 6th, September 10th, and October 1st from 10 am to 12 pm.** We meet at the bus stop on Brittany near Windsor Circle E.

Unsolicited Wildfire “Protection”

You may have received “service offers” in the mail from companies offering “wildfire protection” for your home and property. The horrendous wildfires depicted in the news are primarily in rural areas and fanned by high winds. These images understandably provoke a fear response from homeowners, but keep in mind that such scenes are extremely unlikely in the City of Eugene, and especially in our neighborhood. Our neighborhood is considered “wildfire safe” because:

- High wind events during summer months are very rare.
- Our neighborhood utilities are underground; we have no overhead lines.
- We have wide city streets with ample fire hydrants.
- One of ten city fire stations is located less than 1.5 miles away! Local fires get a quick response.
- Fires in the city tend to be human caused (rather than natural), quickly noticed and reported.

You can do your part to keep our neighborhood safe... be extra careful with any kind of outdoor fire, never burn garbage in a fireplace, properly dispose of dry leaves and yard debris, and water your yard regularly though the summer.

Board Business

2022 Annual Homeowners' Meeting Review

Due to a sudden increase in COVID cases, most homeowners (and our guest speaker) "opted out" of our in person annual meeting held at Living Hope Church in January. Because our CC&Rs require that we hold the meeting and elections at this time, the Board went ahead with the meeting and elections. The HOA Board election results were:

President – James Carwile (re-elected)

Vice President – no candidate, position remains vacant

Secretary – Norm Hartig (re-elected)

Treasurer – Diane Peterson (re-elected)

Members at Large – Melinda Petersen, Nola Colvin, Michelle Manoly, and Diana Lamboy (all will continue in this position)

The 2021 budget was reviewed by Treasurer, Diane Peterson, and the proposed budget for 2022 was presented and approved as follows:

2022 Somerset Hills I & II HOA Budget

Property taxes on common/greenway areas	\$65
Rental of P.O. Box for mail	\$150
Corporate Division of Oregon (non-profit membership)	\$50
Liability and D & O Insurance	\$1,920
Mailings/Newsletters/Website	\$450
Annual HOA Members Meeting	\$250
Annual Garage Sale advertising	\$30
Common areas maintenance - (mowing, tree/limb removal, arborist's report)	\$4,750
Miscellaneous expenses	\$175
Total	\$7,840

Projected Income from 2022 dues (140 x \$56.00) = **\$7,840** (with 93% paying)

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Please read!
Important neighborhood news and information

Somerset Hills Neighbors HOA Spring/Summer Newsletter

Community Reminders

- Neighborhood Speed Limit is now 20 mph.
- RVs, trailers, and boats should not be parked in driveways or on the street.
- Garbage, yard debris & recycle bins need to be stored out of sight.
- Pick up after your pets and carry “it” home.
- Yards are to be kept watered and maintained in a nice, clean condition.
- Maps and our CC&Rs can be found at [*somersehillshoa.org/library/*](https://somersehillshoa.org/library/).