



THE CORMORANT'S CALL

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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

President's Report

Hello Neighbors,

We've had many changes on the volunteer board since the last newsletter. We owe a very big THANK YOU to Garey Heumphreus, former president, and Pete Peltier, of Architectural Review, both of whom recently left the board after many years of service. We are all grateful for the time they dedicated to the Association.

New volunteers include your neighbors Judy Foster - Safe Streets, Sherry Gimlett - Architectural Review, Pam Heumphreus - Treasurer, Mike Peppers - Newsletter and me as President. We are very happy to have the continued service of Jim Van Vleck, Neal Snider, Norm Gaudreau and Francie Peltier.

It's that time of year...dues are due. There is more information later in this newsletter. As always, we appreciate your timely payment.

I'm very new to the neighborhood having just moved here in July. I've already exchanged greetings with some of you as we crossed paths while I was walking Shadow, my black poodle. I'm hoping to meet many more of you as the weather warms up and the days grow longer.

Until then, stay safe and please slow down when driving along Cormorant Drive; warmer days will bring more people and pets outside.

Sincerely,

Karen McIver, President CPHA

Safe Streets

SAFE STREETS is a proactive program to help us keep our neighborhood safe. The chairpersons for Cormorant Passage are Judy Foster (581-2930) and Jim Van Vleck (582-7475).

You can call Judy or Jim at any time with safety concerns or to report a burglary, vandalism, or any activity in the neighborhood that you find suspicious. If you notice anything in the neighborhood that you want the rest of the homeowners to know about, feel free to call either Co-chairperson. They both have lists of the block leaders for the development, and our phone contact system will be activated and block leaders will call their neighbors with the news. Our Website has a list of the addresses for your court's or street section's representative who will welcome any inquiry about Safe Streets.

When you are going out of town for a few days or more, use this phone list to inform your neighbors. Ask them to watch your house, bring in newspapers or miscellaneous solicitations left on your front porch. Public Safety still recommends that each house in the neighborhood leave the front and back porch lights on all night long. They feel that this is a significant deterrent to vandals. The Safe Streets sign at the entrance to Cormorant will help too!

The success of this program depends on all of us being involved in our own block. We hope you post your list by your phone and use it. If you need a list of your Court or have any questions call Judy Foster at 581-2930.

Time To Pay Annual Dues!

Our annual dues for 2008 are \$50. You will find a remittance form and envelope enclosed. Please remit before 15 March 2008 to Cormorant Passage Homeowners Association, PO Box 88704, Steilacoom, WA 98388-0704. A REMINDER: In order to encourage prompt payment, there is a \$10.00 per month late fee.

Architectural Review Committee

A reminder to homeowners planning spring and summer home improvement projects: Improvements that affect your residential structure or the addition of structures built on your property (examples: paint scheme, siding, roof, windows, out-buildings, or other material replacement) require approval by the Architectural Review Committee. Your copy of the Covenants provides you with information on what needs

to be submitted to the Committee if you are considering these home improvement projects. Submission of plans by you and their approval by the Architectural Review Committee is required to be in compliance with the Covenants. Issues with the Review Committee's decisions are to be resolved by the Cormorant Passage Homeowners' Association Board.

If there are homeowners with concerns regarding properties in the neighborhood, they need to be addressed to the CPHA Board.

If you are planning a project, please contact the committee. They are volunteers who work with the Association to preserve the integrity of our unique community.
Sherry Gimlett, 581-1288

Living with Local Wildlife—Protect Your Pets

Our beautiful neighborhood is frequently visited by raccoons, possums, and occasionally coyotes. Usually they wander around at night, but they have been seen during the day as well. A few of our neighbors have had pets bitten or killed by these animals. In particular, outdoor cats often become prey. The best way to protect your pets is to keep them inside.

Did You Know?

Did you know that our CPHA webpage, superbly maintained by Jim Van Vleck, echoes the color schemes and format of our hometown Steilacoom webpage?

Did you know that our webpage links to a Gallery of Steilacoom related photos with great shots of life around here in the South Puget Sound. If you are looking for a fast photo to send to friend or family to explain life here, this is a great resource. Clearly there are talented photographers living amongst our neighbors!

Did you know that the Cormorant family of seabirds has over 40 species cousins worldwide? Here along the Pacific coast, where they often follow and feed from the upswells of the California current, the most prevalent in our area are *the Brandts Cormorant* and *the Pelagic Cormorant*. Here are a few resources if you care to learn more about our neighborhood namesake:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cormorant> and

http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/BirdGuide/Brandts_Cormorant_dtl.html

and http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/BirdGuide/Pelagic_Cormorant_dtl.html
According to October 2006 Federal and state listings, neither is currently considered Endangered or Threatened, though the Brandt's Cormorant is listed as species of "Concern". Have you seen any? Perhaps summer migrations will bring a few in view...

Did you know our Streets, Loops, and Courts in Cormorant Passage are frequently named for historical figures that played a prominent role in the founding of Washington State? In the next newsletter we would like to detail a few, and ask your help - - Do you have a favorite and a few sentences to share about them with your neighbors? Please send them in by mid-June for the next newsletter.

Steilacoom and Area Events

Steilacoom Spaghetti Dinner and Auction - February 22, 2008 The annual spaghetti dinner and silent auction of the Steilacoom Chamber of Commerce and the Steilacoom Historical Museum Association is slated for Friday, Feb 22 starting at 5:30 pm. Dinner serving ends at 7:30 pm...

DuPont Historical Society's Cherry Blossom Tea & Vintage Style Show-April 12,2008 Join us as we bring back the annual Cherry Blossom tea. This year's tea will include a vintage style show of period clothing from the late 19th & mid 20th century and a display of DuPont's early history... Chloe Clark School, DuPont Tickets: \$10.00 ea .
Tea History: An annual Cherry Blossom Tea was held each spring to celebrate the blossoming of the cherry trees, a welcoming site to rain-weary residents and a sign that summer was around the corner.

Daffodil Festival - April 20, 2008 Grand Floral Street Parade. Held in April, the Daffodil Festival is one of the nation's top 10 floral festivals, celebrating spring and the area's colorful commercial bulb fields. The parade begins in Tacoma...

Puyallup Spring Fair - April 17 thru 20, 2008 The Western Washington Fair Association hosts Spring Fair: Free entertainment, Kidzone, Fiesta Mexicana, rides, garden show, creative kids, science fair, animal exhibits...

The next Newsletter should go out in August and we are always looking for messages, short articles & commentary that help us remain a thriving and safe community...
Have an idea? ...please contact one of the CPHA Board members and share it!!

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