

Wilderness Property Owners'
Association

WPOA

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NEWSLETTER

Semi-Annual Association Meeting

Tuesday, November 19

7:00 p.m.

Grace Community Covenant Church
Fellowship Hall

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MESSAGE FROM THE WPOA PRESIDENT

Dear WPOA Neighbors:

Summer feels like it has finally reached our neighborhood. The warmth, sun and long days are here and it is almost over. Be sure to get to know your neighbors. It is exciting that we have so many new neighbors in our Association combined with neighbors who have a rich history with Wilderness.

You may be surprised to see an August newsletter. As we shared prior, the Board is committed to open communications with WPOA members. To that end, the Board agreed in June to create and distribute quarterly newsletters to increase engagement about the work of the Board, resources, and news items with WPOA members.

The Board has focused over the last several months on revising the 40-year old Covenants. This work stems primarily from conversations and requests from WPOA members to clarify and develop language to address concerns and issues through the Covenants. The revisions the Board proposed are based on feedback from WPOA members to change and clarify language in the Covenants with the intention of reducing confusion and being responsive to the community for change.

We value the engagement and support of our neighbors for the work to revise the Covenants. With this work and other communications and actions, it is the Board's intent to continue to serve our community to the best of our collective abilities. We plan to make the WPOA one that works for everyone in the community in a way that is fair, respectful, and transparent.

If you have feedback the best way to reach the Board is via email at WildernessBoard@gmail.com. We appreciate your feedback and welcome ideas, thoughts, and suggestions.

Lastly, I want to thank my fellow Board members who create newsletters, manage Greenbelt issues, and countless other duties that make our neighborhood great. Your work is greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the rest of summer, it is going by fast!



SOME IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOTE ON REVISED COVENANTS COMING SOON!

The WPOA Board met in July to review community feedback to the proposed revisions to the Covenants. Based upon the feedback, the Board is in the process of finalizing the revised Covenants and related materials. We will be sending all WPOA property owners details about the upcoming voting process in early September.

EMAILS

Please send us your email address. It will reduce costs to the Association for mailings and ensure you receive messages from the WPOA Board in timely fashion.

CHILDREN AT PLAY

With the beautiful weather, children are out and about enjoying our wonderful community. As you drive around our neighborhood, please be mindful for kids as well as your neighbors -- both two-legged and four-legged -- enjoying this beautiful time of year.

WPOA WEBSITE

We continue to welcome your thoughts and feedback. Please be sure to check out the [WPOA website](#) which contains information about the Board's current work and community resources

If you have suggested additions for the website or note that information provided is incorrect or out-of-date please provide changes to the Wilderness Board via email at: WildernessBoard@gmail.com. We want to keep the website current and relevant.

ANNUAL MEETING DATE SET

The Board is focused on sharing meeting dates and agendas for the annual and semi-annual meeting early to encourage attendance and placement on calendars. The **Annual Association Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.** at Grace Community Covenant Church in the Fellowship Hall.



WPOA CONTINUES PROACTIVE GREENBELT WORK

In late 2018 the Board undertook a comprehensive evaluation and inventory of the WPOA Greenbelt. The Board hired an arborist familiar with our community to provide the Board with the condition of trees in the Greenbelt, recommendations for preservation of the Greenbelt, and identification of priorities to address safety for residents.

This work stemmed from a multi-month discussion among the Board and feedback from the Association's members at the annual WPOA meeting to develop a plan to proactively preserve the WPOA Greenbelt with a focus on sustainability and safety and informed a subsequent 2018 WPOA Association survey of members focused on the greenbelt and neighborhood.

The review was administered by the WPOA Board with the goal of developing a long-term proactive plan to improve Greenbelt health and address safety issues. The review resulted in the development of a "road map" of management activities to protect and improve the health, use, and access of the Greenbelt. Finally, the review provides the Board with a long-term sustainable greenbelt management plan.

The review only provides guidance, not a hard-fast direction, for the Board. The plan is to address the highest priority issues first which will involve a review by a Board member to confirm the information in the report and collaboration with any Association members impacted.

The Board is using current dues to support this effort and is working to determine an estimated cost to address identified priorities as well as the overall health of the Greenbelt (i.e., blackberries, ivy, underbrush, replanting). The Board, at this time and within the fiscal budget of the Association, will approach implementation of the review over a multi-year period with a general timeline of five years.

Additional information regarding this work can be found at: <https://wildernesspropertyowners.org/wpoa-homeowners-greenbelt-neighborhood-survey/>