

**SWCA WEB SITE INFORMATION
SUMMIT WALLER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER - 21ST EDITION**

SUMMIT-WALLER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION—SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



Message from the President

Dear SWCA Members and Friends,

Well, our twentieth year anniversary is behind us, and the future for our community association looks pretty good. We have spent a lot of time building a new web site, and we are proud of what we have accomplished so far on it. We want it to be a site that citizens of the Summit-Waller Community and beyond will visit often for community news on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. We are currently evaluating new groups that want to link up with our web site with potentially pertinent information and updates of a local nature. Please visit our web site at: www.summitwaller.org soon to personally monitor our progress.

I also want to impart to you the clear message that the Summit-Waller Community Association Board of Directors are strictly local volunteers with a community-wide vision along with our donation dues-paying members. The SWCA has for the last 21 years advocated vigorously for our community, and we can use additional help. We have two open board positions to fill, and have identified several support positions that we could use the assistance of more community volunteers. Seriously consider helping your community out by stepping up and volunteering some of your time to our effort. More details are in this newsletter. Please join us for our 2014 General Membership & Community Meeting at the Mid-County Community Center (behind Central Avenue Elementary School) on Tuesday, May 6 from 7:00-9:00 pm. We hope to have a very informative agenda for you again this year. Thanks again for your support over the years, and please join us on May 6 as we continue to advocate for our unique community.

Larry Volland, President
Summit-Waller Community Association



**Please visit us at
summitwaller.org
It's your community!
"Seriously, Get Involved!"**

**SWCA
Annual
Meeting
Tuesday
May 6
7 to 9 PM
At the
Mid-County
Community
Center**

Special points of interest:

- Rick Talbert, P.C.
Council Rep., Dist. 5
- Puyallup /Franklin
Pierce S. D. Updates
- View our new web
site— Live Demo
- Property Crime Up-
dates
- Code Violations &
related crime update
- ...and more

Your Board of Directors

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Visit our website at
www.summitwaller.org



New Web Site Highlights - (See our web site for more details)

- ◆ You may have begun to see some of our new signs posted around the community that read: **Community Information: summitwaller.org** . Our signs are posted with the permission of private property owners, and are intended to introduce you to our new web site. We have worked to create a web site that will serve you and your community.
- ◆ Our web site is regularly updated and contains information related to community news, various events, communications, and links to organizations and key services.
- ◆ **Community History & Accomplishments** - This menu subject presents: “**The Heart of Waller Road**”, an amazing booklet that recalls through text and pictures the early history of our community. The many accomplishments and current involvements of our Community Association are also presented in this section.
- ◆ The **Tom Ballard Report** - The SWCA hired former Pierce County Public Works Director, Tom Ballard, to research and write an extensive report regarding our community’s “Rural Separator” zoning. This report explains why our community has remained “rural” despite its location between Tacoma and Puyallup.
- ◆ **Parks Within Our Community** Our web site discusses Swan Creek Park and the county-owned Orangegate Property in terms of description, history, and future uses like the proposed cross county commuter connector trail along Pipeline Road from the City of Tacoma to McMillian on the Orting Trail.
- ◆ **Quality of Life** –Our web site discusses the quality of life of our community in terms of farm land, fisheries, the environment, observation and prevention of criminal activities, and new housing opportunities.
- ◆ **Community News** –Our web site is regularly updated to present important neighborhood news as well as regional “Community News” which is prepared and updated daily by the on-line Pierce Prairie Post.
- ◆ **Other Topics of Interest** –Please explore our web site to discover other interesting topics, including: our SWCA Mission Statement, the Rural Separator zoning, the Mid-County Community Center, a copy of our annual Newsletter, our Board of Directors List and Application, Board Meeting Dates in 2014 (open to SWCA members and the general public) and our SWCA Membership Form, so that you and your neighbors may renew or initiate a supporting membership in the Summit-Waller Community Association.

Current SWCA Involvement

The SWCA currently is supporting schools; monitoring/maintaining parks; monitoring zoning regulations, the Mid-County Community Plan, code violators, and traffic issues; and supporting the Mid-County Community Center and Neighborhood Watch. We can always use more community-minded volunteers. Please consider a few hours a month devoted to “community service”.

Consider a SWCA Board Position

Please contact Larry Volland (President) at 531-7795 larbara@aol.com or Carolyn Merrival (Vice President) at 845- 3195 lakotalegends@comcast.net TODAY with that “Yes” indication to serve on the board or just for further information to assist you in making your decision, or to start the application process. You will be making a difference in your community.

AND AS A REMINDER....The Summit-Waller Community Association Board of Directors meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Mid-County Community Center, 10205 44th Avenue East, (off of 104th Street East behind Central Avenue Elem. School), 7 to 9 PM. SWCA Members and the general public are always welcome to attend.



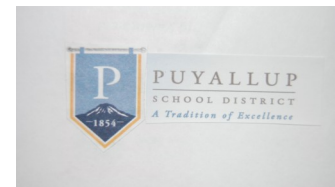
The Summit-Waller Board of Directors Asks for Your Assistance

The SWCA 's new outline for the future of our community includes the below list of interest areas that you and/or your neighbors can take part in as a potential SWCA Board Member or as a SWCA supporter. The following is a list of advocacy areas where help is needed:

- SWCA web site operations assistance for new and improved site: www.summitwaller.org
- A couple of new SWCA Board of Directors members would be extremely helpful
- More Orangetate Property and Swan Creek Park SWCA volunteer caretakers and monitors
- A couple of school district (Puyallup & Franklin Pierce) liaison volunteers
- A community business communications liaison volunteer
- A community Crime and Nuisance property/ Code Enforcement liaison volunteer
- More organizational assistance with our Waller Road Adopt-A-Road program
- A volunteer to work with Pierce County Public Works and P. C. Planning & Land Services
- A volunteer to work with maintaining our relationship with the Pierce County Council, etc.
- A Summit-Waller Historian; A SWCA Parliamentarian; A Franklin Pierce S.D. "Farm" liaison

Contact any SWCA Board member listed in this newsletter if you can assist us in any way to help make the Summit-Waller Community just that much better.

Puyallup School District News



Waller Road Elementary School - 100th Anniversary

Waller Road Elem. School will be celebrating its "100th Anniversary" Saturday, May 31st, 3 - 7 pm at the school. Part of this celebration will be at the school , and part of it will be at the Waller Road Grange. We congratulate the school district and the Waller Road Community on this momentous occasion . Did you or a family member attend W. R. Elem. School? Here is your chance to be a part of a historical celebration. Go Roadrunners!

SWCA General Membership Meeting Location - May 6



The location for our Annual SWCA General Membership & Community Meeting will be at the Mid-County Community Center located at 10205 44th Avenue East. The Mid-County Community Center is located just north of 104th Street directly behind Central Avenue Elementary School. To reach the Community Center drive on 104th Street and turn north at 44th Avenue near the sign which reads: "Mid-County Community Center". If you need further driving directions, please call Dan Haire at (253) 922-1393. Our annual meeting will be on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Feel free to bring your friends and neighbors because the meeting is open to the general public.

Also, did you know that the Mid-County Community Center is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization that has been providing support and services to seniors in Pierce County for over 30 years? Check out their upgraded web site at; www.mccctacoma.org or call 253-531-8412 for more information.



Swan Creek Park: Proposed Future Use

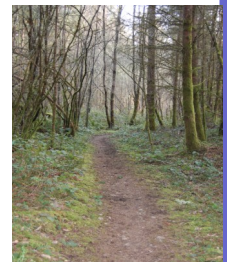
As you are aware, Swan Creek Park is a 400+ acre park which extends south from 64th St E to Pioneer Way E and to the Puyallup River. The Park is a natural greenbelt and wildlife area separating our community from the City of Tacoma. Over the years, there have been a variety of proposed uses for the area, including: a garbage dump, mixed housing, and high-intensity, active recreational uses. Community members successfully rallied and went to court to stop these proposed uses.

Tacoma Metro Parks has recently approved an “official” long-term plan for Swan Creek Park which is limited to passive recreational activities, including: a community garden, a dog run area, mountain biking trails, wheel chairing courses, bird watching areas, a hiking trail system, fisheries considerations, an outdoor classroom and other more passive activities.

Members of the Summit-Waller Community Association have been active at Swan Creek Park and, in fact, have served on various committees that ultimately proposed that the park remain “passive” in nature. From our community’s perspective, Swan Creek Park will remain as a natural greenbelt and wildlife area separating our community from the City of Tacoma.

Orangegate Property A Good Place to Ride a Horse

The SWCA has a long history with the 160-acre Orangegate Property which is located between 80 St E & 96th St E near Tacoma Power’s “Cowlitz Substation”. In fact, association members initiated Pierce County’s purchase of the property from the state thirty years ago. Today, Orangegate is used primarily for horse back riding and other passive activities. Our community and all of Pierce County are fortunate to have this ideal, horse back riding area within our community. Without Orangegate horse back riders would have to travel many miles to enjoy a similar riding area. The property contains a reasonably maintained trail system. The riding trails include heavily forested and open areas with passive obstacles which are useful in training and enjoying your horse. There are currently several horse back riding centers which actively use Orangegate in equestrian pursuits. In addition, many community landowners are successfully using their properties to stable horses for citizens who live in nearby urban areas. Orangegate! A very nice place to ride a horse!



Waller Road Adopt-A-Road Clean-Up



Please join other SWCA volunteers by picking up litter along Waller Road from SR 512 to Pioneer Way E this Spring. Our Spring clean-up will be **Saturday, May 17, 9:00 am to Noon**. Please meet with SWCA coordinator, John Goodspeed, at 9925 Waller Rd E to sign in and choose a stretch of Waller Road to clean. If you live along Waller Road, we ask that you make it a priority to control litter along the road as often as you can to help our effort. For more information, call John at (253) 209-1785. Help keep our community CLEAN!