



SUMMIT - WALLER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Annual
Newsletter

— Serving The Community Since 1993 —

Message from the President

Dear SWCA Members and Summit-Waller Neighbors,

The Washington State Constitution states that it is the paramount duty of the state to educate its citizens. We are currently in a 105-day, 2-year, budget-writing, legislative session in Olympia with education funding issues at the top of the “to do” list. Since a well-educated citizenry is the bedrock of a smooth-functioning democracy, the state legislature as well as the citizens of the state, have a paramount responsibility to see that this goal is achieved.

The Summit-Waller Community Association Board of Directors recognizes the importance of education this year at the state level. We also recognize the importance of upcoming school district bond efforts this year and in 2016 and their impacts on schools in our community. Members of this community association have been active in school related issues for the last several years, i.e. bond and levy efforts in both the Franklin Pierce and Puyallup School Districts. We, therefore, have dedicated a large portion of our upcoming General Membership and Community Meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, 7-9 pm at the Mid-County Community Center to the topic of “Education”. We have invited state and county elected officials as well as administrators from both school districts to attend and provide specific information about educational issues at the state and local levels that will affect our Mid-County Community Plan area in the coming years.

This monumental effort on our part to bring to our community key individuals to address educational issues can only succeed if we fill the community center on Tuesday, May 5th with interested and concerned citizens. So, mark your calendars, tell your neighbors and plan to attend. We have a lot of valuable information to provide to you. It should be one of our most informative public meetings in our area in several years. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Larry Volland, President
Summit-Waller Community Association



Mid-County Community Center
10205 44th Avenue East off 104th behind
Central Avenue Elementary School
www.mccctacoma.org

Please visit us at
www.summitwaller.org
It's your community!

Calendar of Events



- April
25th Parks Appreciation Day – Orangegate Park Volunteer Clean-up 9am to Noon
- May
1st Waller Rd. Neighborhood Watch Meeting, Mid-Co Comm Ctr. 7pm to 8:30pm
5th SWCA Annual Member Meeting: Mid-Co Comm Ctr. 7pm to 9pm
16th SWCA Waller Road Adopt-A-Road Clean-Up 9am to Noon
- June
2nd SWCA Board Meeting: Mid-Co Comm Ctr. 7pm to 9pm
5th Waller Rd. Neighborhood Watch Meeting Mid-Co Comm Ctr. 7pm to 8:30pm
- July
3rd Waller Rd. Neighborhood Watch Meeting Mid-Co Comm Ctr. 7pm to 8:30pm
7th SWCA Board Meeting: Mid-Co Comm Ctr. 7pm to 9pm
- August
4th SWCA Board Meeting: Mid-Co Comm Ctr. 7pm to 9pm
4th National Night Out - *Against Crime*
7th Waller Rd. Neighborhood Watch Meeting Mid-Co Comm Ctr. 7pm to 8:30pm



SWCA General Membership & Community Meeting

Mid-County Community Center
10205 - 44 Ave East Tacoma, WA

Open to the Public

Join us for exciting news and information coming from the two school districts in our area, news from the Washington State Legislature about state-wide educational issues, plus SWCA accomplishments this past year.

Special Guests

Administrators – Puyallup School District, Administrators- Franklin Pierce School District, Pierce County Councilman – District #5, Washington State Legislature – 25th Legislature District, Waller Road Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, 911 Emergency Program Update, plus other useful information.

Pick up your free door-prize ticket at the sign-in table, the raffle will be held at the end of the meeting.

If you live in the **Mid-County** area and vote, you just have to be at this meeting.



As a Reminder: The Summit-Waller Community Association Board of Directors Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, 7pm to 9pm at the Mid-County Community Center, 10205 - 44th Ave East, (off of 104th Street East behind Central Avenue Elementary School), SWCA Members and the general public are always invited to attend.

Franklin Pierce School District Farm report

FPSD Natural Science Resource Center is upgraded to meet the next level of goals.

The raised bed system has been raised higher to be user friendly for those who have disabled concerns. The new raised beds offer better weed control with less demanding frequency and better natural pest controls. Earlier plantings are enhanced for additional farm efficiencies and increased production for the school lunch program.

A new, proposed curriculum-based program would provide higher levels of science and biology for the "Farm" program. Science labs will be the next focus, which can offer tissue analysis of food stocks, their nutrient values and nutrition related understanding.

The science classrooms are to be a mirror of, or parallel to that of University level science room.

The planned learning experiences are also designed for life long health benefits and family use.

The "Farm" is located at 96th and Waller Road.



Volunteers Needed at Oranegate Park

Please join us (SWCA members) for Parks Appreciation Day at Oranegate Park on Saturday, April 25th 9am-Noon.

Please meet at 46th Ave E. and 84th St E. across from Tacoma Power's Cowlitz Substation. The Oranegate Property (Park) located in the Summit-Waller Community is a 160-acre county owned property. We need help clearing trails, removing litter and invasive Scotch Broom & English Ivy.

Volunteers are encouraged to carpool to the site if possible. There is no need to pre-register. Just simply show up, check in with the site leader; Larry Volland to start working. Come prepared with work gloves, appropriate clothing, work boots/shoes and trimmers. Please bring additional items such as rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows & other yard tools, as this is a big project and may be needed. We will cut, pull, plant and haul during the three-hour time frame. Bottled water and trash bags will be provided.

Questions: Please contact Larry Volland 253-531-7795.

To view map of Oranegate <http://www.piercecountywa.org/index.aspx?nid=1502>

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

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 East. Our annual Spring clean-up will be Saturday, May 16th 9am to Noon. Please meet with SWCA coordinator John Goodspeed at 9925 Waller Road East to sign in and choose a stretch of Waller Road to clean. Litter bags, safety equipment and bottled water will be provided. Please bring work gloves and wear study shoes for your comfort and safety. Rain gear might be needed, we hope not. Lots of hands make for light work.

For more information please call John at 253-209-1785.



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Waller Road Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Meets on the first Friday monthly, 7:00- 8:30 pm, at the Mid-County Community Center, located on 104th Street behind Central Avenue School. As you may be aware, our community has citizen patrols in cooperation with the Pierce County Sheriff. We believe that prevention of area crime is an important issue for our community and every community. While every community has crime issues, we are one of the few communities that is doing something about the problem. For more information contact: Donn Brunson 253-539-3666



SWCA Annual Membership Meeting Tuesday, May 5th 7pm to 9pm Mid-County Community Center

Become a SWCA Board Member

Please contact Larry Volland -
SWCA President at
253-531-7795 larbara@aol.com
if you are interested in filling
out an application.

Save the Date National Night Out Against Crime

Tuesday, August 4, 2015
For more information
please visit:
www.safest.org/weblog/7/
or www.natw.org

*Please join or renew your membership today!
Thank you!*

Summit-Waller Community Association Membership Application

Name(s): _____

Business Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

\$15.00 Seniors (62 and older) _____ \$20.00 Family/Business _____ Check # _____



Make your check payable to: SWCA

Mailing Address: 11012 Canyon Road E, STE 8-198 Puyallup, WA 98373

Membership is valid for 1 (one) year.