



# SUMMIT - WALLER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

April 2016  
Annual  
Newsletter

— Serving The Community Since 1993 —

## *Message from the President*

Dear Supporting SWCA Members & Summit-Waller Neighbors,

These are challenging times for communities in Pierce County. The Summit-Waller Community is no exception. The citizens of our community must be vigilant, informed and have a willingness to get involved in order to meet varied challenges successfully. There seems to be an endless list of challenges, concerns, successes and frustrations that your all-volunteer Summit-Waller Community Association deals with on a monthly basis. It is amazing to watch residents with a community-wide vision volunteer time, talent and treasure to help make this semi-rural community a decent place to live.

The SWCA's Board of Directors challenge all residents to develop that community-wide vision that is vital to a healthy neighborhood. Consider a yearly supporting membership (\$20 per family; \$15 for seniors); consider attending one of our monthly board meetings to see what the association is dealing with that month; or attending one of the monthly Neighborhood Watch meetings to see the latest on crime in our community. Help us to help you! Volunteerism is one of the pillars of democracy.

Congratulations to our community association for being awarded one of ten 2015 Pierce County Outstanding Volunteer Group Awards on March 12th. The group award was for volunteer work done over the years (1993-present) within the 143-acre Orangegate Park located in our community. Our group was nominated for the award by Pierce County Parks & Recreation.

Lastly, please mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 3rd, 7-9 pm for our annual community meeting. Everyone is invited and welcomed to attend. We are planning for an informative and varied meeting. So, plan to attend. And, by the way, the donated door prizes are going to be amazing.



In the spirit of community,

Larry Volland, President  
Summit-Waller Community Association



Please visit us at  
[www.summitwaller.org](http://www.summitwaller.org)  
It's your community!

**Mid-County Community Center**  
10205 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue East off 104<sup>th</sup> behind  
Central Avenue Elementary School  
[www.mccctacoma.org](http://www.mccctacoma.org)

## Calendar of Events



April

23<sup>rd</sup> Orangegate Park – Volunteer Cleanup 9am

May

3<sup>rd</sup> SWCA Annual Member Meeting 7pm

6<sup>th</sup> Waller Rd. Crime Watch Meeting 7pm

21<sup>st</sup> Waller Road Adopt-A-Road Spring Clean-Up 9am

June

3<sup>rd</sup> Waller Rd. Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7pm

6<sup>th</sup> SWCA Board Meeting: Mid-Co Comm Ctr. 7pm

July

1<sup>st</sup> Waller Rd. Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7pm

5<sup>th</sup> SWCA Board Meeting: Mid-Co Comm Ctr. 7pm

August

2<sup>nd</sup> SWCA Board Meeting: Mid-Co Comm Ctr. 7pm

2<sup>nd</sup> National Night Out - *Against Crime*

5<sup>th</sup> Waller Rd. Crime Watch Meeting Mid-Co Comm Ctr. 7pm

20<sup>th</sup> Waller Road Adopt-A-Road Summer Clean-Up 9am



**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 - 44<sup>th</sup> Ave East, (off of 104<sup>th</sup> Street East behind Central Avenue Elementary School), SWCA Members and the general public are always invited to attend.



### SWCA General Membership & Community Meeting

**Tuesday May 3, 2016**

**Social 6:30pm /Meeting 7pm to 9pm**

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

**Open to the Public**

Join us for information coming from the Franklin Pierce School District regarding the bond issue before the voters in the November ballot, which if passed will replace the Central Avenue & Collins Elm Schools. SWCA updates, plus information from Pierce County Parks and Recreation regarding a vision plan for the 143 acre Orangegate Park.

#### 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.

## Franklin Pierce School District Farm report

**Hard work is paying off at the "Farm" The Summit Waller Community Association worked hard in their early development support of the FPSD farm project. The support has helped make a difference.**

FPSD has announced they were awarded an \$89,000.00 Grant for their farm program at 96<sup>th</sup> and Waller Road. The award was granted partly on the basis of their expanding successful Farm grown vegetables and fruits program for their school lunch program and supplying local community food banks with foods grown on the "Farm"

Pierce Conservation District Board of Supervisors has chosen Franklin Pierce School Districts "Veggie Coop Program" as their **2015 "Community Food Project of the year"** award.

**Sly Boskovich**, the Farms Administrator is receiving the award for her leadership in providing meaningful community engagement opportunities for people to connect with food and their food system. Presentation of the award is/was at the Pioneer Park Pavilion located at 333 South Meridian Avenue in Downtown Puyallup March 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.



### Volunteers Needed at Orangegate Park

Please join us (SWCA members) for Parks Appreciation Day at Orangegate Park on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am-Noon.

Please meet at 46th Ave E. and 84th St E. across from Tacoma Power's Cowlitz Substation. The Orangegate 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 leaders; Larry and/or Dennis 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 Orangegate

<http://www.piercecountywa.org/index.aspx?nid=1502>

*We are looking forward to seeing you there.*



**Waller Road Adopt-A-Road Cleanup** Please join other SWCA volunteers by picking up litter along Waller Road from SR-512 to Pioneer Way East. Our annual Spring cleanup will be Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> 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. Litterbags will be provided. Please bring work gloves and wear sturdy 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.

**Help keep our community CLEAN!**

## 2016 Board Members



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**Waller Road Neighborhood "Crime" 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2, 2016  
For more information  
please visit:  
[www.nfrw.org](http://www.nfrw.org)  
[www.safest.org/weblog/44/](http://www.safest.org/weblog/44/)

*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.*