



SUMMIT - WALLER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

— Serving The Community Since 1993 —

April 2019
Annual
Newsletter
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Message from the SWCA Board

Dear Supporting SWCA Members & Summit-Waller Neighbors,

We are all busy people these days.

However, it does take a rather large number of volunteers who care about a community to really look after that community as a whole and all of the great assets contained within it. The Summit-Waller Community Association is a gem of an organization in the Summit-Waller area that truly cares about: **preserving** our semi-rural quality of life; **supporting** quality schools and their administrations: Franklin Pierce and Puyallup School districts, plus Evergreen Lutheran High School; **sponsoring** the Waller Road Adopt-A-Road effort; **supporting** recreational entities in the area: Orangegate Park, Swan Creek Park and Lidford Field; **reducing** crime in the community by **supporting** Neighborhood Watch groups; **eliminating** nuisance properties and illegal activities by **working** with Code Enforcement, the Sheriff Department, Neighborhood Watch groups and property owners; **requesting** additional street lights at busy, darkened intersections as well as additional signage along our streets as needed; **monitoring** local zoning groups: Mid-County Advisory Commission; **supporting** senior citizen entities: Mid-County Community Center; **establishing** a positive relationship with government representatives and groups: Pierce County Council, especially District 5 Councilman, Marty Campbell, and Pierce County Parks & Recreation, director and staff; and finally, **supporting** other neighboring community associations: the North Clover-Creek Collins & Midland community associations.

Yes, we are busy people these days. Hopefully, not too busy to support the Summit-Waller Community Association with your monetary and volunteer support.

In closing, I just have to say that we have accomplished a lot since 1993 (26 yrs.), and appreciate your support thus far. Age is catching up with several of our board members. It is clear that a new generation of activist volunteers within the community are going to need to step up and take the reins of the organization and continue to do good things for our community. It is imperative that we all continue to support and maintain the respect and the voice that the Summit-Waller Community Association currently has in Pierce County. Join us for our annual Summit-Waller Community Association General Membership and Community Meeting Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 6:30 PM - 6:45 PM Social and 6:45 PM - 9:00 PM Meeting at the Mid-County Community Center 10205 - 44th Avenue East, Tacoma, WA 98446.

We invite you to attend our monthly board meetings, annual community meeting, community work party events and please consider joining our board.

Respectfully,

Larry Volland, President and Board Member
Summit-Waller Community Association





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.

Calendar of Events



April

- 2nd SWCA Board Meeting: Mid-Co Comm. Ctr. 7pm
- 5th Waller Rd. Crime Watch Meeting 7pm

May

- 3rd Waller Rd. Crime Watch Meeting 7pm
- 7th SWCA Annual Member and Community Meeting 6:30pm
- 18th Waller Road Adopt-A-Road Spring Clean-Up 9am

June

- 4th SWCA Board Meeting: Mid-Co Comm. Ctr. 7pm
- 7th Waller Rd. Crime Watch Meeting 7pm

July

- 2nd SWCA Board Meeting: Mid-Co Comm. Ctr. 7pm
- 5th Waller Rd. Crime Watch Meeting 7pm

August

- 2nd Waller Rd. Crime Watch Meeting 7pm
- 6th SWCA Board Meeting: Mid-Co Comm. Ctr. 7pm
- 6th National Night Out - *Against Crime*

September

- 3rd SWCA Board Meeting: Mid-Co Comm. Ctr. 7pm
- 6th Waller Rd. Crime Watch Meeting 7pm
- 21st Waller Road Adopt-A-Road Summer Clean-Up 9am

SWCA meets the 1st Tuesday Monthly

2019 Waller Road

Adopt-A-Road

Work Party & Social

We need your help:

Keeping our central road inviting.



Saturday, May 18, 2019 - 9:00am to Noon

SWCA volunteers will clear litter along Waller Rd. (Pioneer to 512)

Meet at 9925 Waller Rd E between 9:00am and Noon for sign-in. We'll provide bags, grippers, hats, safety vest, a drop off point... plus lunch! Bring gloves & wear sturdy shoes.

Join us afterwards at 12:15pm for lunch at Tacoma Christian Reformed Community Church 2419 72nd St E, Tacoma, to celebrate a job well done. All participants are invited.

Tacoma Christian is teaming with SWCA and providing a social space, SWCA will provide lunch. Yeah!

Call John at 253-209-1785 for further information.

Save the Date for our Fall cleanup.

Saturday, September 21, 2019

Become a Summit - Waller Community Association Supporting Membership

Please join or renew your SWCA Supporting Membership. The cost is \$15.00 for Seniors (62 and older) or \$20.00 for Families and/or Businesses and is good for 1 (one) year. Annual dues received cover costs for printed materials such as our annual newsletter, brochure, postage, our PO Box, website, legal filings and Mid-County Community Center contribution \$600.00 annually. Please note our board of directors is a volunteer position and are not paid.

CPR Sunday: A FREE CPR Class

Held on the second Sunday in October annually at Foss High School and is open to anyone interested in learning the basic life-saving skills of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Attendees are taught the fundamentals of CPR and then given the opportunity to practice with CPR mannequins and Automatic External Defibrillators (AED). Upon successful completion of the course, you'll receive a Tacoma Fire Department certified CPR card. Over 12,000 participants have attended this life saving class. Registration opens in September. To register visit www.cprsunday.net for the October 13th class.

**Summit-Waller Community Association
General Membership & Community Meeting**

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mid-County Community Center

(Behind Central Avenue Elementary School)

10205-44th Ave E

Tacoma, WA

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Open to the General Public

Meet our new Pierce County Councilman, Marty Campbell

Meet our new Franklin Pierce Schools Supt., Lance Goodpaster

Plus, Find out important information about:

The 160 - acre Orangegate Park & the Future Pipeline Trail

The newly updated Mid-County Community Plan

What programs are offered at the Mid-County Community Center

Crime updates in our Community

The Reality and Future of the Franklin Pierce Schools "Farm" (96th & Waller)

This year's Adopt-A-Road Effort

New Schools Coming to the Franklin Pierce School District

SWCA Recent Accomplishments and Present Needs

Plus, other nice bits of information

Also, Door Prizes: 5 Large, outdoor, potted planters (\$100 value each)

(Must be present to WIN; Drawing at end of Meeting)



Orangegate Park Annual Clean-Up

Please join the Summit-Waller Community Association and area volunteers for Parks Appreciation Day at Orangegate Park for our annual "Orangegate Park Clean-Up" on **Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 9am to Noon.**

Trail maintenance and litter patrol will be the main tasks this year.

Citizens who have used the park, i.e. horse riders, dog walkers, trail bikers are strongly urged to assist in this community effort.

This event is open to anyone interested in keeping this 160-acre gem of a regional park in decent shape for all of us to use year round during daylight hours.

Volunteers are Needed!

Volunteers should be dressed in their favorite work clothes.

Also, wear sturdy boots, bring gloves and various tools, i.e. rakes, pruners, handsaws, battery powered tools.

The sign-in point will be at the corner of 84th St E and 46th Ave E (by the Cowlitz Substation). Your help this year is very important. There is a lot to accomplish.

Remember – Many Hands Make Work Light! It's a community effort!

Families are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!

Optional Free Lunch

Join us afterwards at 12:15 pm for a free lunch provided by the SWCA at the Tacoma Christian Reformed Community Church, 2419 72nd St E. Tacoma, to celebrate a job well done.

All participants are invited.



We heard you!

During the 2018 Summit-Waller Community Association (SWCA) annual meeting, the SWCA Board held a community feedback session to better understand what issues and concerns were of priority for its citizens and how those issues might be resolved. Also, the Board wanted to solicit feedback on what the community thought it was doing well and should continue to do. Thank you to those who participated in the meeting and provided feedback!

A full summary of the feedback session is located on our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SummitWaller/> and website at www.summitwaller.org.

Key themes that emerged from the community included:

- Rural separator zoning/development
- Traffic improvements
- Reduction of crime/nuisance properties
- Communication with elected officials and County departmental staff
- Communication between the Board and community

With this feedback in mind, the Board is focusing its efforts in 2019 by continuing or initiating the following actions:

- Invite Pierce County PALS staff to March board meeting to provide a briefing on the community plan updates *prior* to public comment period. The Board will continue to advocate for rural separator preservation and acknowledgment of potential impacts from plan updates by submitting comment letters and continuing to coordinate with the Pierce Communities Coalition and neighboring community associations.
- Continue to push for additional traffic safety features in the Waller Road curve area.
- Continue to request additional street lighting at key intersections.
- Continue to work with Pierce County council, Pierce County Code Enforcement and Waller Road Neighborhood Watch Action Team to resolve and eliminate nuisance properties.
- Continue to coordinate with Pierce County Sustainable Resources and advocate for community cleanups events within the Summit-Waller community.
- Continue to work with the City of Tacoma, Pierce County and Tacoma Water on the development of the Tacoma Pipeline regional trail within the Summit-Waller area.
- Develop list of prioritized amenities for Orangegate Park plan. Share and advocate those priorities with Pierce County Parks Department during stakeholder outreach process spring of 2019. Also solicit feedback from Summit-Waller residents and encourage their participation during the public comment period.
- Invite Councilmember Marty Campbell for a series of “community conversations” to discuss key issues with Summit-Waller residents.

The Board will continue to work on these issues in 2019 and beyond and looks forward to hearing more from you. The Board is always open to new ideas and solutions for keeping the community safe and healthy so do not hesitate to attend a monthly meeting or contact one of the board members with your feedback.



**Join us for our SWCA Annual Membership and Community Meeting on
Tuesday, May 7th from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm**
At the **Mid-County Community Center** 10205 - 44th Ave. East Tacoma, WA 98446
just off of 104th behind Central Avenue Elementary School.

SWCA 2019 Board of Directors

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To join our board of directors
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**New to the Summit- Waller
Community! And Pierce County!**

“AMARA”

**Foster Family and Adoption
Services**

3501 104th St E, Tacoma, WA
<https://amaraputskidsfirst.org>
amara@amaraputskidsfirst.org

Welcome!



Save the Date
August 6, 2019
National Night Out
Against Crime

NNO Celebrates 36 years of
promoting police-community
partnerships and neighborhood
camaraderie to make
neighborhoods safer.

Host or attend a block potluck.

Invite your neighbors.

For more information
please visit: www.natw.org

**Waller Road
Neighborhood “Crime”
Watch Meeting**

Meets on the
first Friday monthly,
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM,
at the Mid-County
Community Center,
located off 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

Join us on Facebook. You'll need to provide
your address or nearest cross street to join
www.facebook.com/groups/SummitWaller/

Not on Facebook?

Consider joining www.NextDoor.com
Depending on your address you can join
Woodland/Canyon, Summit Love or
another neighborhood group on
your cell phone, tablet or computer.
It's FREE to join.



Pierce County Non-Emergency

Phone # 253-798-3278

Tacoma/Pierce Crime Stoppers:

www.tpcrimestoppers.com

Join www.spotcrime.com to get updated emails
about local crime in the area.

Please visit us at
www.summitwaller.org



Summit-Waller Community Association

11012 Canyon Road E, STE 8-153

Puyallup, WA 98373

Summit-Waller Community Association Supporting 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 # _____

Please make your check payable to: SWCA

Mailing Address: 11012 Canyon Road E, STE 8-153

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Membership is valid for 1 (one) year.

