



SUMMIT - WALLER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

— Serving The Community Since 1993 —

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Annual
Newsletter

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Message from the SWCA Board

Dear Supporting SWCA Members & Summit-Waller Neighbors,

We want to hear from you! We are a community association consisting of homeowners, renters, and representatives from neighborhood businesses, churches and schools who organize to improve conditions in their community. Those groups get a chance to decide what needs to be done and work together to make it happen. A group that represents the community well will have greater stability, credibility and political clout to be an effective force for a better community. We, the Summit-Waller Community Association (SWCA) Board of Directors, feel that we do represent the community. But what do you think? We feel we are relevant to the community. But are we, really?

At this year's annual community meeting, *we want to hear from you*. A portion of the meeting will be dedicated to gathering and listening to your concerns and suggested actions.

Technology

The SWCA Board is still attempting to "keep up with the times" in this digital age with a Facebook group, website and posts on Nextdoor.com. We constantly try to identify emerging issues that affect our community. We try to help you stay informed and live in a safe and healthy community. Traditionally, we have used email, newsletters, word of mouth and the annual meeting, but what other methods of communication should we use now and into the future? How do you want to stay informed of what is happening in your community?

Community

Some people in the Summit-Waller community are very loyal and engaged with deep roots. They participate in events, are aware of changing neighborhoods and connect with their neighbors. We try to get you engaged and involved, but it is hard for our small organization to produce all the news and information readers and community members want. We are only a board of nine people in a community of approximately 5,750 households!

Membership is fundamental to the function of the association. For us to work to our full potential we need to have the help of the entire community. That means we need both *your* time and financial support. This helps us continue the work that we do but it also takes some weight off of the board, distributing the work among more people. Your supporting membership dues allow us to provide this annual newsletter, maintain our website, provide a public place to hold our meetings, support local school charity efforts and so much more. But joining the SWCA should not be "come do what *we* do". Rather it should be "what do *you* want to do?" What issues do you care about that you are willing to work on? What issues should we focus on?

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Support

We partner with other organizations, school districts and community resources to build momentum and a louder voice. To improve a neighborhood or address an ongoing concern we do not just need supporting memberships but also helping hands - helping hands from you and partners within the community. Strong relationships with local businesses, elected officials and homeowner's associations all play a vital role in a vibrant community. What other partnerships can we forge to maintain or even gain additional support and resources? How well are we serving the needs of the community? Or you?

If you cannot attend the annual meeting, we encourage you to send your feedback directly to Angela Angove at aangove@hotmail.com or 253-732-6347, or attend a monthly board meeting. We look forward to hearing from you. Together we can make a difference in the Summit-Waller Community.



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

- 3rd SWCA Board Meeting: Mid-Co Comm. Ctr. 7pm
- 6th Waller Rd. Crime Watch Meeting 7pm
- 28th Orangegate Park – Volunteer Cleanup 9am

May

- 1st SWCA Annual Member and Community Meeting 6:30pm
- 4th Waller Rd. Crime Watch Meeting 7pm
- 19th Waller Road Adopt-A-Road Spring Clean-Up 9am

June

- 1st Waller Rd. Crime Watch Meeting 7pm
- 5th SWCA Board Meeting: Mid-Co Comm. Ctr. 7pm

July

- 3rd SWCA Board Meeting: Mid-Co Comm. Ctr. 7pm
- 6th Waller Rd. Crime Watch Meeting 7pm

August

- 3rd Waller Rd. Crime Watch Meeting 7pm
- 7th SWCA Board Meeting: Mid-Co Comm. Ctr. 7pm
- 7th National Night Out - *Against Crime*
- 18th Waller Road Adopt-A-Road Summer Clean-Up 9am

September

- 4th SWCA Board Meeting: Mid-Co Comm. Ctr. 7pm



Waller Road Adopt-A-Road Cleanup

Please help us improve the appearance of

our community gateway.

SWCA volunteers collect litter along Waller Road from SR-512 to Pioneer Way East. We meet **9am to noon** at 9925 Waller Road East. This years events are **Saturday, May 19st** and **Saturday, August 18th**.

Litter bags provided, work gloves and sturdy work shoes advised. For more information please call John at 253-209-1785.

Help keep your community CLEAN!

Message from the President

Dear Summit-Waller Citizens,

Community – What does it mean? Is it just, “a body of people living in the same place under the same laws”, as the dictionary defines it? Or, is it something more? We think so. We think that a large portion of the residents in the Summit-Waller Community would do well to focus a little bit more on a community-wide vision over just a rather narrow view of your neighbors and the surrounding neighborhood(s). There is more going on in the area than you might guess, and quite frankly the all-volunteer Summit-Waller Community Association Board of Directors (9), the all-volunteer Mid-County Land Use Advisory Commission (9) and the all-volunteer Waller Road Neighborhood Watch Group are the three main groups that meet regularly and deal with issues important to our community. The general public is always welcome to attend any of their meetings. The big deal this year is the opening up for review and change of all community plans in unincorporated Pierce County including our community plan: the Mid-County Community Plan. This process will take several months with public input allowed along the way. We encourage you to check the Pierce County website that informs the public on the progress of the draft revisions to the various community plans at: www.piercecountywa.org/CPupdate and Facebook at: www.facebook.com/PierceCountyPlanning .

I hope to see you at our annual community meeting on Tuesday, May 1st at the Mid-County Community Center, 6:30-9:00pm. By the way, besides good speakers and pertinent, community information, we will also want to hear from YOU about how we are doing and how we can get better. And again, we will have some great door prizes.

In the spirit of community,

Larry Volland, President
Summit-Waller Community Association

The original **Mid-County Community Plan**, which includes the Summit-Waller, North Clover Creek Collins, and Summit View communities, was approved in 2005. As part of the county’s Comprehensive Plan update this year, The Mid-County plan is being reviewed and revised. The process began last year and it is anticipated that proposed changes will make their way to the county council some time in late Fall.

A few items of note in the revised plan are:

- prioritization of transportation/road projects
- authorization of electronic reader boards for civic organizations, such as schools
- impact minimization of street and parking lot lighting
- rules for maintaining the rural character of the area
- improvement of park, recreation, and open spaces
- reducing the loss of trees for the purpose of erosion control, flood control, and noise reduction
- policy actions to implement the plan

To read the proposed revisions or to sign up for meeting and other notifications, go to the Mid-County Community Plan Information page at <http://wa-piercecounty2.civicplus.com/4710/Mid-County-Plan-Information> .

Summit-Waller Community Association

General Membership & Community Meeting

Tuesday, May 1, 2018, 6:30 PM - 6:45 PM Social and 6:45 PM - 9:00 PM Meeting

Mid-County Community Center

10205 - 44th Avenue East, Tacoma, WA

Invited Speakers: **Larry Volland**, SWCA President –The importance of a “Supporting Membership”; Recruitment of new Board members; Some SWCA recent accomplishments & awards; SWCA Web & Facebook pages. **Jeananne “Bunny” Conwell**, Exec. Dir. – Mid-County Community Center. Welcome - explain community center activities and services. **John Goodspeed** – SWCA Waller Rd “Adopt-A-Road” Information, Spring Clean-up: Saturday, May 20th; Fall Clean-up: Saturday, Aug. 19th. **Rick Talbert**, our P.C. Council Representative, District #5, and **Mark Williams**, Assistant to Councilman Talbert, Information on county issues important to our Mid-County Communities. Plus, time for some thoughtful and respectful Q & A. **Angela Angove**, SWCA Vice-President **Community Feedback to the SWCA**. The Summit-Waller Community Association’s Board of Directors is requesting feedback from the **community** at this meeting. What issues should we work on? How might we address those issues? What are we doing well? **Donn Brunson** – Waller Road Neighborhood Action Team Coordinator, Area Crime Update – Plus tips on personal protection and security. **Raffle – Note** – Raffle winners **must be present** at time of raffle to win. (Wow! 5 Nice, 20”, outdoor planters with live flower arrangements; value \$100 each).

Safety Tips

- Know your neighbors
- Start a neighborhood phone tree
- Participate in or start a block watch
- Don’t post expensive purchases on social media.
- Keep off social media when traveling
- Use timers when away
- Install a locked mailbox
- Break down boxes so they can’t be seen in recycle bin
- To prevent identity theft, use a paper shredder
- Don’t give out personal information over the phone
- Keep all doors, windows, garage and car doors closed and locked
- Don’t leave items in the car in plain sight
- Don’t leave garage door openers in the car when parked outside your home
- Trust your instincts

Pierce Co. non-emergency #: 253-798-4721 (#1)

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/Businesses and is good for 1 (one) year. Annual dues received cover costs for printed materials such as our newsletter, brochure, postage, our PO Box, website and legal filings.

Please note our board of directors is a volunteer position and members 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). Students 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, students receive a Tacoma Fire Department certified CPR card. Over 9,500 participants have attended this life saving class. To register visit www.cprsunday.net

Orangegate Park Annual Clean-Up 2018

Please join Summit-Waller Community Association volunteers for Parks Appreciation Day at Orangegate Park for the annual "Orangegate Park Clean-Up" on **Saturday, April 28th** from **9am to Noon**. Trail maintenance, litter patrol and pulling out invasive ivy and Scotch Broom 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 in decent shape for all of us to use year round during daylight hours.



Volunteers should be dressed in their favorite work clothes. Also, wear sturdy boots, and bring gloves.

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 greatly important. There is really a lot to accomplish.

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

We look forward to seeing you there!

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

We are looking forward to seeing you there.



Please visit us at
www.summitwaller.org



Join us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/groups/SummitWaller/

Join us for our SWCA Annual Membership and Community Meeting on Tuesday, May 1st from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm
At the Mid-County Community Center 10205 44th Avenue East Tacoma
off of 104th behind Central Avenue Elementary School



Franklin Pierce School District Farm (96th and Waller) Update

The only thing constant is change at the FP Farm. Since the school district decided to return the property to its agrarian roots a few years ago the program continues to grow each year. The "Farm" has partnered with the Pierce County Conservation District to provide volunteers who provide assistance managing crops. Last season this partnership, along with the work of two high school classes, supplied 34,000 pounds of food to Franklin Pierce School District Cafeterias which equates to a dollar value of \$80,000.

Future plans include expanding the food plots to cover 2 acres of the property and work should start soon on an access road off of 96th Ave. for buses to load/unload students.

If you're interested in any of the following go to: <http://www.piercecountycd.org/>

- Attending one of the Edible Garden Workshop Classes at the Farm (seed starting, grafting, pollinators, garden soil 101)
- Volunteering at the farm for Harvest Pierce County
- Growing your own food in a community garden plot at the Farm

SWCA 2018 Board of Directors

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To join our board of directors
please contact Larry Volland at
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**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

**Become a
Summit - Waller
Community Association
Board of Directors Member**

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



**Save the Date
August 7, 2018
National Night Out**

*Against Crime
Celebrates its 35th year 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.nfrw.org

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 # _____

Make your check payable to: SWCA

Mailing Address: 11012 Canyon Road E, STE 8-153 Puyallup, WA 98373

Membership is valid for 1 (one) year.

