



SUMMIT - WALLER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Serving The Community Since 1993

Adopt-A-Road SPRING Clean-up May 14th @ 9 am

*Please check for updates on our
website or Facebook page.*

2022 Board Members

- ◆ Interim Co-Presidents:
Jenn Bosworth, Dan Haire
- ◆ Angela Angove, Vice Pres.
- ◆ John Goodspeed, Secretary
- ◆ Russell Reed, Treasurer
- ◆ Gabe Tetrault, Webmaster
- ◆ Don Massie
- ◆ Larry Volland
- ◆ Chris Gallagher, alternate
- ◆ Mark Giannobile, alternate

Supporting SWCA Members & Summit Waller Neighbors,
We're back live! The pandemic has eased enough for us to once again hold an in-person general membership meeting at the **Mid-County Community Center on June 23. Doors open at 6:30 pm with the meeting starting at 7.** You can renew your paid membership at the meeting or use the new online payment option set up by Webmaster Gabe Tetrault. In this newsletter you'll find Orangegate Park and Pipeline Trail updates from county parks staff along with information on the next phase of the Canyon Road Expansion. Angela Angove will let you know about our recent accomplishments and share our goals for the coming year. Take a look to see if there is anything you might want to be a part of.

Lastly, I want to recognize the passing of Mark Williams. Mark was a lifelong resident of the community and an ardent advocate for it. In his roles with the county, as a basketball coach, and as a family member Mark represented the best in our community. He will be missed. -Bob Koreis

Note: Bob Koreis will also be missed as a long time SWCA Board member and President.

The Mid-County Community Center has Re-opened!

After a long and challenging two years, we are now open for group activities. Our board has agreed that while Covid-19 is still in transmission, we have done as much as we can to help safeguard and protect our clients through our vaccination clinics, mask distribution, information dissemination, sanitization and cleaning processes, and a hospital grade Novaerus Air Disinfection Unit.

We will be re-starting many of our most beloved programs including our congregate meal site lunch program served Tues-Thurs from 12pm-1pm, two line dance programs, SAIL exercise, Yoga, Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance, Refresh Fitness, Book Club, Tech Help, Watch Repair, Bingo, Pinochle, and more. For more information please call the center at (253) 531-8412, or drop by to pick up a monthly newsletter which includes our full activities calendar.

We realize that some community members who remain at higher risk for severe illness may not be able to join us yet for in-person group activities so we will continue to have our exercise videos available on our YouTube channel or on DVD by request; and we will continue to offer our meals as take-outs for the next few months.

We are also glad to welcome back many of our partners that utilize our facilities for their organizations "home-base" which includes the Waller Road Neighborhood Watch, Summit-Waller Community Association, Rainier League of Arts, and our local Old Time Fiddler's Association.

We are looking forward to seeing all the smiling faces coming through our doors in the days to come, and are delighted to be doing even more to help our community's older adults to be happier and healthier. -Jeananne "Bunny" Smith

We continue to work for you Summit-Waller!

Despite the continued shutdowns and limitations on social gatherings in 2021, the Summit-Waller Community Association (SWCA) has continued its work to support the mission of promoting the rural quality of life, neighborhoods, and enjoyment of property for residents living in the Summit-Waller Community. This was accomplished in several ways:

- ◆ Board members continued to meet monthly via virtual meetings. All meetings were recorded and are available on our website and YouTube channel. Find our YouTube channel by simply searching for “Summit-Waller Community Association” in the search bar.
- ◆ Key board members continued to care for Orangegate Park by regularly removing litter and storm debris from trails and roadside areas, reporting illegal dumping and maintaining signage.
- ◆ Hosted one Waller Road Adopt-a-Road Litter Pickup event on September 18th.
- ◆ Board members advocated for utility box wraps at key intersections in the community. Two were installed: 96th and Canyon Road and 84th and Waller. Keep watch for more!
- ◆ Our webmaster continued to redesign our website to increase communication and relevancy with Summit-Waller residents. Board members continued to use Facebook to communicate with residents also.
- ◆ The Board requested the installation of streetlights for increased visibility and safety at two intersections as well as needed traffic safety improvements along the Vickery Ave E corridor.
- ◆ One board member prompted Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railroad (BNSF) to conduct the cleanup of a handful of homeless encampments and solid waste along Pioneer Ave (on BNSF property).

In 2022 the Board will continue to work for the community. We are working to get back out in the community as much as we can, and we cannot wait to see you! Here’s what we are up to:

- ◆ Continuing with website updates and revisions with the intent to provide more relevant and timely information. We are working to offer online payment of membership dues!
- ◆ Continuing to push for additional traffic safety features in the Waller Road curve area and Vickery Ave E corridor.
- ◆ Continuing to request additional street lighting at key intersections.
- ◆ Continuing to work with the Pierce County Council, Pierce County Code Enforcement and Waller Road Neighborhood Watch Action Team to resolve and eliminate nuisance properties.
- ◆ Holding two Adopt-a-Road litter cleanups along Waller Road and continue recruitment efforts for more volunteers.
- ◆ Continuing to care for Orangegate Park via removing litter and performing trail maintenance.
- ◆ Supporting and assisting the Waller Road Grange in their efforts to revive membership and recruit volunteers.

The Board will continue to work on these issues in 2022 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.

Orangegate Park & Pipeline Trail

Pierce County is developing the design of the Pipeline Trail extending from the City of Tacoma into unincorporated Pierce County. This phase will continue the paved trail 1.6 miles from 72nd and Waller connecting to Orangegate Park, providing trailhead facilities and setting the stage for future phases for a complete connection to South Hill and beyond. This design builds off of the Concept completed in 2020 with plans for construction beginning in 2023.

The Orangegate Park master plan was adopted in 2021. Phase 1 development is anticipated to begin design in late 2022 and be constructed in approximately 2024. Phase 1 includes development of the area north of 84th, including a dog park, nature play area, picnic shelters, restrooms, parking, a safe pedestrian crossing of 84th and trail connection to Pipeline Trail (to be constructed on the south side of 84th in the vicinity of the Pipeline maintenance road).

The County will seek grant funding assistance from the state Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for development of both Orangegate Park and the Pipeline Trail in 2022. SWCA is partnering with Forever Green Trails in their fundraising efforts for both projects. Stay tuned for more information this summer. Please visit the project sites to sign up for updates! Please visit the project sites to sign up for updates!

www.piercecountywa.gov/OrangegateParkProject & www.piercecountywa.gov/PipelineTrail

Help Support SWCA

If you're like me, you don't often write checks to pay for things anymore. To help catch up to the times we've added a PayPal subscription option for community members that want to financially support the SWCA. It's only \$20 per household/business (\$15 for seniors, 62 and older) per year. You can find it on our website (www.summitwaller.org), look for the Support SWCA link.

PayPal is one of the oldest and most trusted online payment systems on the web. You can connect a bank account, debit card, or credit card to your PayPal account to make paying for things online easier. If you don't already have an account, go to www.paypal.com and sign up.
- Gabe Tetrault, SWCA Webmaster

Membership by Check

Senior \$15/Family \$20

Payable to: SWCA

Mailing Address:

11012 Canyon Road, Suite 8-153
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Please include your contact information: name, address, phone number, & email address

Canyon Road Construction

Interested in the roadway improvements along the Canyon Road East corridor, and want to know when they're happening? Visit: www.canyonroadconnection.org

Waller Road Grange News

The Waller Road Grange held a meeting in March to reintroduce the Grange to our local community members. Many showed up to learn about what the Grange has to offer and how to become involved. Grange member, and organizer, Ronda Frederickson appreciated the turn out and expressed, "A huge shout out of THANKS to the community members who showed interest in reviving the Waller Road Grange!! We are excited to get some things going and bringing our community together. If you are interested in becoming an officer/chairperson, would like to volunteer your time, or have any ideas or events you would like to see happen at the Grange let us know. We can't do this without you. For information on membership or renting the venue call 253-531-1741".

The Waller Road Grange is located at 2708 64th St. E. Meetings are held there on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at 7pm. The community is welcome at meetings.

If you have any additional questions about meetings or membership please contact Ronda Fredrickson at markandronda1@gmail.com For more information and upcoming events at the Grange follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/WallerRoadGrange

Annual Meeting Date Set

Just in case you missed the date noted on the front page, you are cordially invited to our annual SWCA Membership & Community Meeting on June 23rd from 7-9PM. Doors open at 6:30. We look forward to meeting you.

Contacting Elected Officials

- ⇒ **Patty Murray:** U.S. Senator, Washington State (202) 224-2621
- ⇒ **Maria Cantwell:** U.S. Senator, Washington State (202) 224-3441
- ⇒ **Marilyn Strickland:** U.S. Representative, 10th Congressional Dist. (202) 225-9740
- ⇒ **Bruce Dammeier:** Pierce County Executive (253) 798-7477
- ⇒ **Marty Campbell:** Pierce County Councilman, District 5 (253) 798-6653
- ⇒ **Chris Gildon:** WA. St. Senator, 25th Leg. District (360) 786-7648
- ⇒ **Kelly Chambers:** WA. St. Representative, 25th Leg. Dist. (360) 786-7948
- ⇒ **Cyndy Jacobsen:** WA. St. Representative, 25th Leg. Dist. (360) 786-7968

Pierce County Council meetings: Tuesdays at 3pm

<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/99/Pierce-County-Council>

Keep up to date with the community online!

We have more than 1600 people in our community Facebook page group. We share local information about safety and current happenings in the area. Join the conversation at: www.facebook.com/groups/SummitWaller

To learn more about our community and find important information, be sure to check out our website: www.summitwaller.org



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