



SUMMIT - WALLER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Serving The Community Since 1993

30 years!

Annual Meeting Date Set



Join us Tuesday evening on May 2nd at 7pm (6:30 to socialize) at the Mid-County Community Center for our annual community meeting. Meet your Board members, Councilman, and other community leaders.

Attendees will have an opportunity to win one of the gorgeous planters that we will raffle off at the end of the evening.

There is so much to be proud of for members of the Summit-Waller Community and the SWCA Board members both past and present. For thirty years this community has had representation and involvement. This has paid off. Having dedicated support systems ensures that the Rural Separator stays rural. We are a watchguard. We are also advocates of the Rural Separator so that people enjoy a certain quality of life. This community enjoys two rural parks in its vicinity – both Orangegate and Swan Creek as well as the current development of the Pipeline Trail for future recreation. This community cleans up by joining together twice a year as Adopt-a-Road keeps a four-mile stretch of Waller Road clean. We also assist with the clean-up efforts in and around Orangegate Park.

Your SWCA Board listens to your concerns and pays attention to issues regarding safety and security. We advocate on your behalf to the Pierce County Council and various County Departments to have lights installed in dark places for safety, for more

effective signage and traffic calming measures where they are warranted. We work to address nuisance properties. We have positive working relationships with the local school districts – as both Franklin Pierce and Puyallup have schools in our area. We are proud of our positive working relationships with county officials and other groups both inside and outside the Summit-Waller community: Tacoma Power, Tacoma Water, Bonneville Power, the Summit Water Company, Mid-County Community Center, Pierce County Parks, Forever Green Trails, the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition, local Neighborhood Watch groups and the Waller Road Grange.

We host both an annual community meeting, and work with the League of Women Voters to host local political candidate forums for the community. We strive to be as responsive and yet responsible as possible to the concerns that are brought to our attention both personally, and electronically.

We thank the members of the Community, and we thank also the fifty-seven former Board Members who have served on the board over the past thirty years. or the next thirty years And we hope that you will join us in continuing to advocate for our unique community.

Supporting the Summit-Waller Community

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.

Board members meet monthly via virtual meetings and four quarterly in-person meetings. All virtual meetings are 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.

Please join us in the following work as your interest and availability allows.

- ◆ The continuing work of caring and advocating for *Orangegate Park*. **Your assistance in caring for the park is always appreciated. Litter pick up, park monitoring, brush removal are all ways to help with the upkeep of the park.**
- ◆ Waller Road *Adopt-a-Road Litter Pickup* events. **Coming out and cleaning up a section of road is of tremendous value in our community.** Please come and spend any amount of time that you can. Grabbers, bags, safety hats are all available to use.
- ◆ Board members advocated for utility box wraps at key intersections. Are you enjoying the art work displayed throughout the area? There are a few more locations we are hoping get done. Community artists’ ideas are welcomed.
- ◆ Our webmaster and social media team work to maintain and monitor our website and Facebook page to increase communication and relevancy with Summit-Waller residents. Board members listen the problems and concerns you post and strive to support in responsible ways.
- ◆ **We are focused on safety, but it takes all of us. Government listens to those who advocate and we need more voices. Consider assisting us with our advocacy of:**
 - Safer intersections*** - particularly throughout the Vickery corridor.
 - Roads*** - We have been focused on the Waller Road curve.
 - Streetlights*** - Where there are student bus stops or particularly poor lighting at key intersections.
 - Safety*** - Watching and reporting on nuisance properties, dumped garbage, etc.
 - Development*** - Continuing to advocate for our rural separator zoning by keeping watch on developments and land use issues.

The Board continues to work on these issues in 2023 and beyond and looks forward to hearing more from you. Board members are 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. We will always do what we can.

Keep up to date with the community online!

We now have more than 1800 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

Orangegate Park & Pipeline Trail

Orangegate Park is beginning the design of Phase 1 park improvements that will include a universally-accessible nature playground, dog park, picnic areas, trail improvements, restrooms, and parking area in the 40 acre area north of 84th Street. A safe pedestrian crossing at 84th Street and a paved trail will connect these improvements to the Pipeline Trail located on the south side of 84th. Construction is anticipated in 2024. For more information visit www.piercecountywa.gov/OrangegateParkProject

Phase 1 of the Pipeline Trail is in the final stages of design and permitting, with construction anticipated to begin in the second half of 2023 and finish in 2024. This section of the trail will connect the existing City of Tacoma trail that ends at 72nd & Waller Rd to the eastern edge of Orangegate Park, and includes a trailhead with restrooms and parking for cars and horse trailers in the park. Future phases will connect to South Hill in the coming years. www.piercecountywa.gov/PipelineTrailProject

- *Courtesy of Pierce County Senior Planner, Tiffany Odell*

Help Support SWCA

We are still one of the cheapest acts in town! Inflation may impact us in the future, but for now the dues are only \$20 a year for a family and less for seniors. Online payments are processed by PayPal - you can use your credit or debit card. You can find this on our website (www.summitwaller.org) by clicking the Support SWCA link or by scanning this QR code:



If you prefer, we do still take checks. You can pay in-person at our annual meeting or through the mail.

Membership by Check:

Senior \$15/Family \$20

Payable to: SWCA

Mailing Address:

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Please include your contact information: name, address, phone number, & email address

Thank you for your support!

Adopt-A-Road SPRING Clean-up May 20th @ 9 am

Please check for updates on our website or Facebook page.

Fall clean-up date is planned for September 16th

For Seniors:

The Mid-County Community Center

Located behind Central Avenue Elementary School off of 104th St E at 10205 44th Ave E. the Mid-Community Center or MCC offers older adults the opportunity to socialize through daily activities, exercise programs, delicious luncheons, and learning enrichment programs.

Services include: Lunch; Sewing Circle; Line Dancing; Art Group; Yoga; SAIL Exercise; Lunch; Pinochle; Walking; Refresh Fitness, etc.

Director, Bunny Smith can be contacted by phone at 253-531-8412 or email at info@mcctacoma.org for an updated schedule of activities. She is also planning to speak about her programs at the SWCA annual meeting on May 2, 2023 held at the MCC.

2023 Board Members

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Waller Road Grange has had an exciting and eventful start to 2023!

In January, the Grange hosted many community events including a financial fraud seminar that was open to the public and the start of monthly ballroom dancing lessons on the third Wednesday of every month. Membership continues to grow as more of our community learns about the Grange and its long standing history in the Summit-Waller area.

February marked the 78th birthday of the Grange and many long-time members were honored. We were able to celebrate members who have been a part of the Grange for 50, 55, 60, 65 and even 75 years! The highlight of the evening was hearing the stories about the early days of the Grange and all the changes and growth this community has seen. It was an incredible evening.

Later in the month, the Grange hosted a Spaghetti feed that had a tremendous turnout. Food and fun were had by all. We were also able to collect donations of clothes, hygiene items, toys and school supplies for Waller Road Elementary. The school was elated to receive these much needed items, and excited for the renewed relationship with the Grange. The community truly showed their love and support!

In early March many members entered the Pomona Grange baking contest. Not only did the entries from our Grange receive blue ribbons, two have advanced on to the State Grange Contest. Good luck to those bakers! At the end of the month there will be a sewing/quilting/needlework contest hosted at Waller Road Grange. We look forward to more entries representing the talent in our community.

Looking ahead in 2023 Waller Road Grange is exploring ways to partner with Waller Road Elementary and their new community garden program. Members have joined the planning committee and we will continue to look for ways to support this new venture at the school. There is also planning for more community outreach events underway. We have more exciting things coming up in the summer and fall. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page and website for details.

As always, meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Waller Road Grange. Social time begins at 6:30pm before each meeting. We would love for you to come and join us. All are welcome!



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