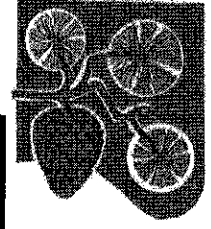


August 2017



# Nisqually Pines Community Club

[www.nisquallypines.com](http://www.nisquallypines.com)

Nisqually Pines  
Community Club

8903 Pepperidge Lane SE  
Yelm, WA 98597

Phone: 360-458-7370  
Fax: 360-458-7157  
Hours of operation:  
Monday - Friday, 7:30 to 5 pm

Important Dates:

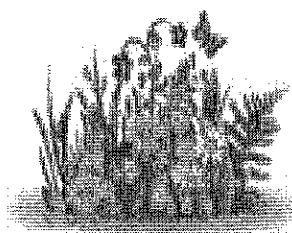
August 2nd  
Finance 5pm

August 8th  
Adjudication 7pm

August 9th  
Open Board 6:30pm

August 19th  
Town Meeting &  
Picnic 10am  
Clubhouse

August 27th  
CERT 6pm



## Annual Town Meeting & Picnic

August 19th @ Clubhouse

Meeting 10am

Picnic 11am

The Pines will provide hot dogs, chips, drinks & all the condiments.

Please bring a side dish

Guest speakers will be:

Thurston County K-9 unit and they will be doing a demonstration

United Health Care— providing information on different types of health care



Thank you to the volunteers that came and helped with the Taco Potluck.

We had over 70 people come to enjoy food and conversation.

We look forward to more events with each and everyone of you.

# August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Finance 5pm	3	4	5
6	7	8 Adjudication 7pm Glass recycle	9 Open Board 6:30pm	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Town Meeting & Picn Clubhouse 10am
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 CERT 6pm	28	29	30	31		

# NISQUALLY PINES COMMUNITY CLUB "CLUBHOUSE"

Looking for a place to have a meeting, birthday parties, Halloween party,  
Thanksgiving Dinner or Christmas Parties?

We have 18 tables for use and 64 chairs some are folding and regular.  
We have a fully useable kitchen with all the amenities. The main room  
comes with a TV, cable and Wi-Fi. There is also a pull down screen for  
watching slides or old movies on. Just need to bring your own projector.

Fees are as follows:

**Members: Full Day (7:00am to 1:00am) \$75.00 plus \$150.00**

**Refundable cleaning deposit = \$225.00**

**Two hours \$25.00 plus \$75.00 refundable cleaning deposit**

**Members Sponsoring Non-Members:**

**Full Day (7:00 am to 1:00am) \$150.00 plus \$150.00 refundable clean-  
ing deposit**

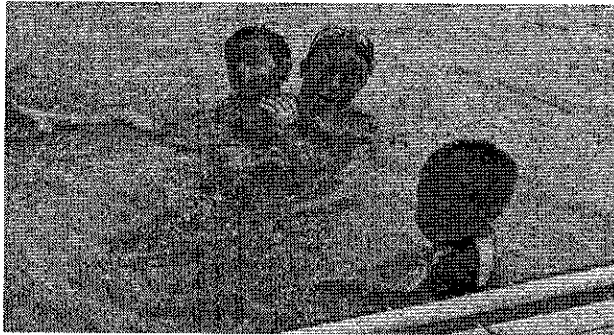
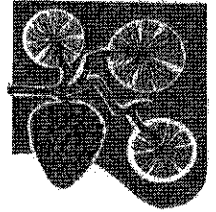
**Two hours \$35.00 plus \$100.00 refundable cleaning (not more than  
one in a three month period)**

**Clubs & Organizations: Weekly meetings- \$100.00 per month plus  
refundable cleaning deposit of \$150.00. No more than one two  
hour meetings per week**

**Monthly Meetings: \$35.00 per month plus refundable cleaning de-  
posit of \$150.00. No more than one two hour meetings per month**

**If interested call the office at (360)458-7370**

# August Events



## POOL

Guest costs \$4 per person  
Please try to bring exact change  
Thank you!

See pool rules at Nisqually Pines  
Website:  
[www.nisquallypines.com](http://www.nisquallypines.com)

### HOURS

Daily  
12pm-8pm

### SCHEDULE

12pm-3pm General  
Swim  
3pm-4pm Senior Swim  
(40 and over))  
4pm-7pm General Swim  
7pm-8pm Adult Swim  
(18 and older)

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### AROBIC SWIM

Sally Thrasher will teach  
water arobic's on Tuesday  
and Thursday during the  
Senior Swim  
3pm-4pm  
Come and have some fun  
See ya there

### The pool attendant is NOT a lifeguard.

The attendant has the right to prevent anyone from using the pool if they do not meet county and Pines regulations as posted in the area or for misbehaving, causing hazardous situations, or unsociable behavior.

If the pool is contaminated in any manner, i.e. defecation, it will be closed for 24 hours for a chlorine shock treatment. If the contamination is human caused and the culprit is known, the person, parents or guardian will be billed for the cost of the closure, the chemicals, and the pool attendant's time.

Sounds like a lot! Not Really! Enjoy!

**Curbside Garbage and Recycling**  
**Rural Garbage Service-LeMay**

**Phone: 360-923-0111**

Here is the pricing for garbage service in The Pines:

**Garbage and Recycling Service for two months \$41.26**

35 gallon garbage can pickup every week

96 gallon recycling bin pickup every other week

Glass pickup every four weeks, you provide container

**Or**

**Garbage and Recycling Service for two months \$55.18**

65 gallon garbage can pickup every week

96 gallon recycling bin pickup every other week

Glass pickup every four weeks, you provide container

The above prices are before taxes are added.

The dates for recycling glass bottles

May 16th

October 3rd

June 13th

October 31st

July 11th

November 28th

August 8th

December 26th

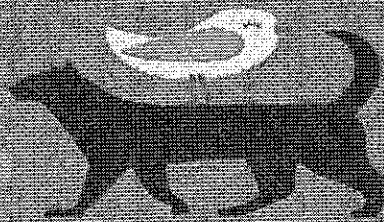
September 5th

# PET SAFETY

Year-round pet safety tips you don't want to forget.

## Summer

- Use a PDF on Boats
- Watch paws on hot surfaces
- NEVER leave in a car
- Keep hydrated with water
- Some pets can get sunburn!



## Autumn

- Keep Halloween candy AWAY from pets. Chocolate especially can be poisonous.
- Keep pets in on Halloween
- No turkey (or any kind) of bones for your pet, they can splinter.

## Winter

- Antifreeze is poison, be careful.
- Keep your pets warm with booties or sweaters as needed
- Watch your pets around holiday decorations especially tinsel.
- Don't feed your pet table scraps, especially of candy and goodies.

## Spring

- Watch for signs of allergies including skin scratching and ear problems.
- Make sure your pet has proper ID in case he gets lost
- Learn what plants are poisonous
- Get heart-worm medicine from vet.



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# THANK YOU



## ATTENTION DOG OWNERS:

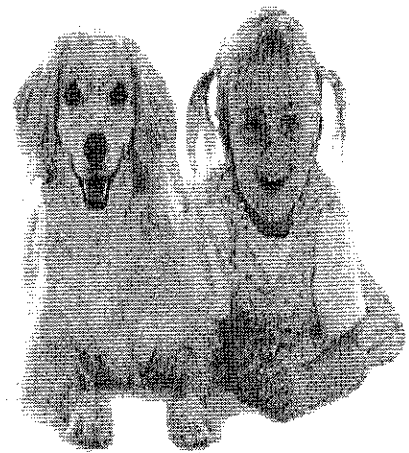
Dogs are to be on leashes at all times when outside their fenced yards. This includes all park areas, including River Park, Little Lake Park, playgrounds, clubhouse park area and office area. At the dog run area there are bags for your use. Please pick one up so that you are able to clean up after your dog.

**THANK YOU!!**



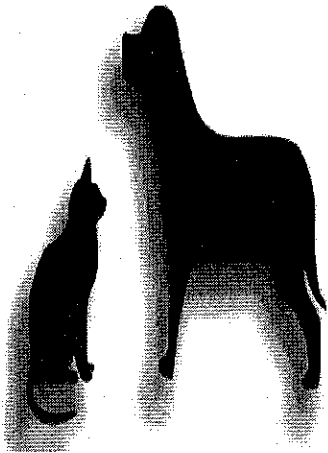
If your dog is lost and you cannot find him/her, you have options to recover your missing pooch:

- Post it on the bulletin board at the Pines Office
- Call the Yelm Veterinary Clinic 360-458-7707
- Call the Yelm Animal Shelter 360-458-8438
- Post on the Nisqually Pines Event Page



*F.4.1*

**Animal Services  
3120 Martin Way  
Olympia, WA  
(360) 352-2510  
Closed on Mondays**



**There is no charge for dropping off stray animals at the shelter.**

River Park hours

**\*The River Park is for members and their guests only\***

Any vehicle found in the River Park parking area without a Nisqually Pines Pass will be towed at the owners expense. Parking is allowed only in the park. Any vehicle on or near the road will immediately be towed.

Open year round

Summer Hours: 8am-9pm

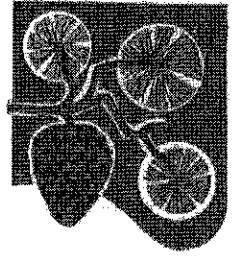
Sat & Sun Hours: 11am-9pm

No lifeguard on duty - swim at your own risk.

No alcohol permitted on the premises.

No fires or over night camping!

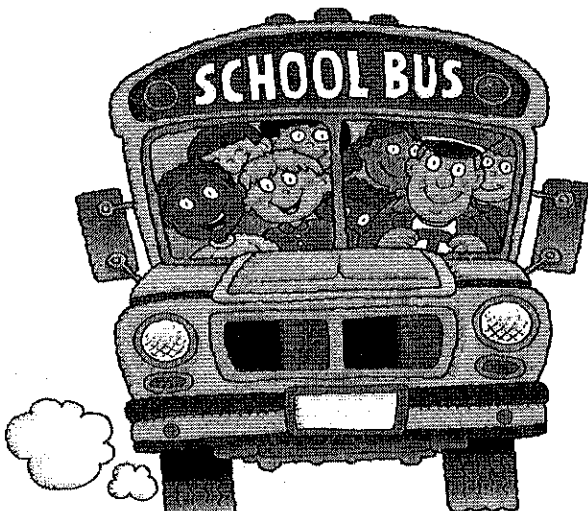
Per Fish and Wildlife Dept. **ONLY** Catch and Release fishing is allowed on the Nisqually River!!



SUMMER BREAK

Please remember that the children are out on summer break. They will be riding bikes, skateboards and scooters as well as walking to the pool and just everyday playing. Children and drivers need to be careful and watch out for each other.

Speed limit is 20mph



REMEMBER

BURN BAN STARTS

JULY 15TH-OCTOBER 15TH

Make sure you know the rules for

Summertime burning

[www.ORCAA.org](http://www.ORCAA.org)

burn  
notice



## *A Word from our Staff*

**Office Manager:** *Charity Mayerl*

Email: cmayerl@nisquallypines.com, Phone: 360-458-7370 Fax: 360-458-7157

**When writing a check for your dues, please make sure you have your account number on your check.**

**Please keep in mind that we do not accept post dated checks. Thank you!**

**Office Assistant & Property Standards:** *Paulette Howard*

Email: propertystandards@nisquallypines.com, Phone: 360-458-7370, Fax: 360-458-7157

**Summertime is here! Remember to keep your lawns mowed and your yard tidy :)  
If you need numbers for someone to help out with the yard call the office and we will provide you with names and numbers**

**Water Department:** *Julie Rhey-Baumann*

Email: waterdept@nisquallypines.com, Phone: 360-458-7393, Fax: 360-458-7157

**Please keep those water bowls for your pets fresh and full. Please do not let water run or drip into bowls.**

**The best times for water is in the morning before 10am or best after 6pm.**

**Plants have time to cool down and absorb the water.**

**Maintenance Department:** *Bob Smith and Don Robinson*

Email: maintenance@nisquallypines.com, Phone: 360-458-7393, Fax: 360-458-7157

**It's mowing season please remove trash cans from the easement and avoid parking on easements! Please respect the safety of our Maintenance crew and drive slowly by them when they are working in the easements.**

**THANK YOU!**

# *Board News*

## Board of Directors

*Sherry O'Dell-President, Pool and Clubhouse*

*Cory Parsons-Vice President, Water, Maintenance, Security, Office, River Park, Treasurer*

*Larry Martin-Board Member*

*Michael Koon-River Park*

*Dayna Brown-Secretary, Pool, Clubhouse*

## Board Updates

We meet once a month, meetings have been very productive and we feel we are getting a lot accomplished. However, the additional members would allow us to get more accomplished faster. Please come check out a meeting or two and see what is happening in our community and how you can help!

The port-a-potty's will start to be locked up at dusk and unlocked in the morning when the maintenance gets here. The two play area parks will close at dusk and the River Park will close at 9pm.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodation or alternative means for communication of program information should contact (Nisqually Pines at (360)458-7370) at least eight (8) days in advance of this meeting.

## Updates

### **Treasurer's Report:**

#### **Ending Balance for May2017**

General Fund: \$453,039.68

Long Range Plan: \$477,726.00

Water Loan 1 Fund: \$100,783.43

Emergency Fund: \$20,176.96

Key Bank USDA Loan: \$216,159.91

Gold Money Market: \$165,943.04

Twin Star Savings: \$15,678.35

Investment Portfolio: \$249,590.03

**Grand Total \$1,699,097.40**

Updates  
**Treasurer's Report:**

**Ending Balance for June 2017**

General Fund: \$465,063.25  
Long Range Plan: \$496,935.34  
Water Loan 1 Fund: \$110,735.47  
Emergency Fund: \$20,180.28  
Key Bank USDA Loan: \$219,165.27  
Gold Money Market: \$165,956.68  
Twin Star Savings: \$16,493.23  
Investment Portfolio: \$249,590.03

Statement not rec'd as of 7/11/17

**Grand Total: \$1,744,119.55**

# Committee Happenings

## Adjudication

July - 3 cases two resolved 1 fine Next meeting: August 8, 2017

Members: Phyllis Myers, Theresa Donovan, Rob Parkhill, Luke Clark and Tonie Barton

Contact: Sherry O'Dell

Closed meeting, not open to anyone not directly involved.

Looking for residents in good standing to volunteer on Adjudication Committee

Get an application at the office-Renters can be on Adjudication with the approval of homeowner

## Finance

August 2nd 5:00pm

Members: Tonie Barton, Sherry O'Dell, Charity Mayerl, Connie Ihringer

Interested in helping on the Finance Committee-Get an application at the office

Must be a member in good standing

Finance committee members needed!!!

## Events

Need volunteers to help organize for up coming events. Contact the office if you are interested! Next meeting: Meeting will be decided by how many volunteers call and want to be part of this event. Next event: TBA

Anyone interested in being on Event Planning Committee call the office.

Event planning help, looking for someone to take over events or they will not continue.

Members: Charity Mayerl, Rob Parkhill, Paulette Howard

Contacts: Sherry O'Dell

*Most of our committees are small and consist of the same volunteers, please come and listen to what they are working on and see if maybe you can help!*

# Updates

## Property Standards

Last month the following warnings or fines were issued:

22 Thank you's	4 certified letters
1 fire at river	1 2nd dwelling
4 debris	15 mow grass
2 stuff on easement	
4 junk vehicles	
1 motorized bike	
1 noise complaint	
1 nuisance	

**94.1.035 What domestic activities are prohibited in The Pines?** No person within the legal boundaries of Nisqually Pines Community Club shall:

- (2) (b) Dumping hazardous materials such as oil, paint, or toxic chemicals on the ground, including the greenbelts, in the lake, stream, or river; including stockpiling such materials or chemicals on private or community property;

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	& consecutive offenses
\$1000	\$2500	\$3000	\$4000	

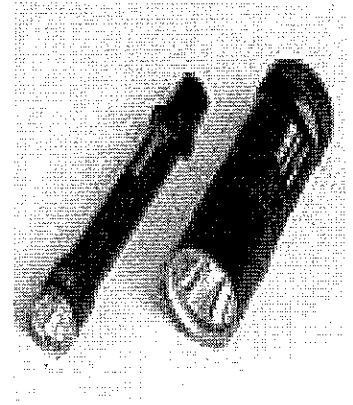
If you are new to the Pines and do not have a copy of our current Resolution 94-1, please stop by the office to pick up a copy or view online at [www.nisquallypines.com](http://www.nisquallypines.com).

**Speed limit is 20 MPH**  
**Please slow down!**

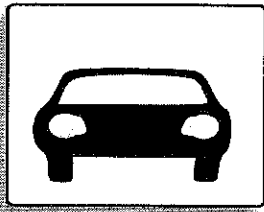
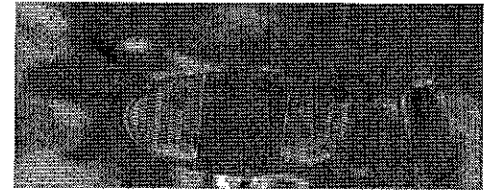
Please watch for children and parent's please remind your children to watch for cars and not to block the roadways. Please slow down and watch for walkers/joggers/bikers

It is staying lighter outside now that summer is upon us however-**PLEASE** be mindful of vehicle traffic!! For your safety, please walk along the edge of the roads or in the easement against oncoming traffic.

Carry a flashlight or wear bright colored clothes so you can be seen easier during the twilight and evening hours.



Bicycle riders— please make sure your reflectors work or you have a light so you are more visible.



Car Owners— Check your front headlights and rear taillights to make sure that they are in working condition.

### C.E.R.T

CERT is looking for members to join them on the last Sunday of every month at 6pm. Learn about emergency preparedness in your community and what you can do to help yourself and your community.

Next Meeting: Sunday  
August 27th at 6pm  
Clubhouse

## PUGET SOUND ENERGY

### Call 811 Before You Dig

As summer approaches, you may have plans to start construction and landscaping projects. Your friends at Puget Sound Energy want to remind you about the importance of calling 811 at least two business days prior to any digging. It is the law, and utility-owned lines are located for free.

Whether you are planning to use your employees or hire a contractor, smart digging means calling 811 before each job. Outline your dig area in white paint so that the utilities will know where to mark. Even homeowners digging on their own property must call, if digging deeper than 12 inches.

Don't take a chance. Call 811 before you dig, then dig by hand within 2 feet of the markings.

Visit their [Safety](#) page to learn more about gas and electric safety, and our [Business Services](#) page for all your energy needs.

For questions, please email [businessaccounts@pse.com](mailto:businessaccounts@pse.com)



### PARK TRAIL

The trail from Heather to the River Park is "Use at your own risk" due to the storm damage and erosion.



#### 6 Easy Tips For Preventing and Eradicating Litter

- 1.) Keep a litter bag in your car and hang on to litter until you find a garbage can
- 2.) Report Litterbugs
- 3.) Make sure your trash cans have tight-fitting lids
- 4.) Share with others the proper way to dispose of trash
- 5.) Put papers in a paper bag before placing them in your recycling bin
- 6.) Look for ways to beautify your neighborhood and community, including landscaping and repairing fences. Attractive, maintained neighborhoods are littered less and research shows that they are usually safer, too.

# Classified Ads

## Handy Man

Roof repairs or replacement  
Skylight replacement, roof cleaning  
Call Wes Craney  
360-970-4480

Affordable prices, honest  
& efficient.

I'm experienced in painting, texture,  
flooring, tiling, carpeting, sheet  
rock, etc.

Also outside work: welding, trim-  
ming, cutting trees, landscaping,  
lawn mowing, pressure washing,  
deck repair & mechanic.

Call 360-970-1992

## House Cleaning

Jody's house cleaning services  
I will clean anything in your home!  
I have excellent references  
Call Jody at 360-400-3119

## Certified in home Provider

Seeking Clients or  
housekeeping jobs

Rides to appointments or chores

Honest and dependable

Will work by the hour or the job

Call Julie 253-380-5290

## Caregiver Wanted

Looking for someone  
part-time caregiving for a  
disabled adult

Contact Laurie  
(253)441-5806

## AVON

Been looking for some  
Avon? Now is the time  
to call (360) 955-5100  
Claudia Privette  
Independent Sales  
Representative

## For Sale

Mirro Canner  
Holds 7 qt. Jars  
18 pints or  
8-1 1/2 pts.  
\$50  
Call (360)458-4843

## Free

10 concrete fence  
pillars  
Call (360)458-6768

## OPEN PUBLIC

### BINGO

### NISQUALLY

### MOOSE LODGE

Monday's at 6:30pm  
1117 Yelm Ave. W  
(360)458-3381

## For Sale

Troybilt Tiller  
Needs work  
\$150 or Best Offer  
Call James  
(360)789-4701

## For Sale

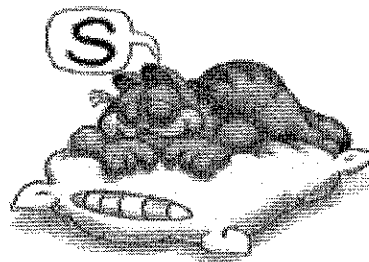
Baby High Chair  
Vintage 1950 era  
\$100  
(360)464-0993

## Free

6" glass display  
case  
(360)485-9835

## REMINDER

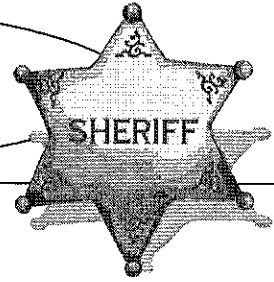
Quiet hours are from 10pm-7am  
7 days a week



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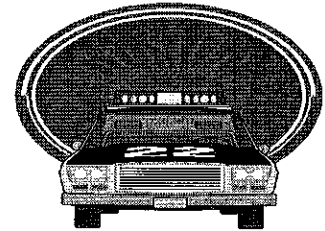


# Police Blotter



## June

- 23-Routine Patrol
- 24-Routine Patrol, domestic violence Silverbell
- 25-Routine Patrol, field interview Port Orford/Pepperidge Ln, public service Holly St., traffic stop Holly/Sumac, traffic stop Holly/Abelia
- 26-Routine Patrol, traffic stop Port Orford, suspicious circumstance Heather
- 27-Routine Patrol
- 28-Routine Patrol
- 29-Routine Patrol, child abuse cleared with report Daphne, disturbance Linden resolved, Animal complaint dog bite Linden
- 30-Routine Patrol, welfare check Port Orford resolved



## July

- 1- Routine Patrol, follow up on Thuja, lost dog Wisteria helped find it,
- 2- Routine Patrol, stolen auto recovered, public service, flagged down Pepperidge Ln
- 3- Routine Patrol, unsafe burn pile Silverbell had owner extinguish fire, suspicious person in truck on Pepperidge resolved
- 9- Routine Patrol, suspicious person Heather resolved, assist fire Almond Ct
- 10- Routine Patrol, suspicious person Heather made to leave
- 11- Routine Patrol, arrest on Heather, traffic complaint Filbert/Port Orford, suspicious vehicle Thuja
- 12- Routine Patrol, suspicious vehicle dog run resolved, disturbance with bats Linden Ct. Landlord/tenant problem
- 14 -Routine Patrol, traffic stop
- 18 -Routine Patrol
- 17 -Routine Patrol, traffic stop
- 19-Routine Patrol, medical call Heather
- 21-Routine Patrol, warrant arrest Port Orford
- 22-Routine Patrol
- 23-Routine Patrol,
- 24-Routine Patrol, one vehicle without river park pass asked them to leave

Routine Patrol means house checks, Clubhouse, River Park, Office and area patrol. If you see something suspicious, call 911. Don't wait until the next day and call the Pines Office.

**\*\*Please note that if you call the Sheriff and they aren't in the Pines on our time, their response time will vary on type of emergency. \*\***


The non-emergency number for the sheriff is 360-704-2740 Please lock doors and don't leave valuables in your vehicles. If you are going on vacation, you can have the sheriff check your house to make sure it is secure.

Fill out a vacation request form at the office.

Since we have the Thurston County Sheriff in The Pines we have seen less criminal activity.

Created by NPCC Staff and Board of Directors.  
If you have anything you would like to see more or less of,  
please let us know!!

Deadline is the 20th of the month.




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Cell - 360-628-4132

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**Nisqually Pines Community Club**

Board Meeting June 14th, 2017

*Minutes*

**Meeting re-opens at 7:36** (after ballot count)

**Please silence all cell phones**

**Roll call of board members:** Cory Parsons, Dayna Brown, Sherry O'Dell and Mike Koon

**Minutes-** Dayna Brown: Minutes from May 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 read by Dayna Brown - and approved

**Pool/Clubhouse/RiverPark** -Sherry O'Dell: Pool opens full time June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Clubhouse is being used almost every week. We purchased four new lounge chairs for the pool.

**Members are encouraged to sign up for committees, Finance, Events, Adjudication, Board and Cert team.**

*Department Check-in's*

**Office:** Cory: Good

**Water, maintenance and security-** Cory Parsons: Waiting on Thurston County to approve our well. Changed our Chlorine as was suggested by the county. Lots of Mowing which is normal for this season.

**Finance:** Sherry O'Dell: next meeting is July 12<sup>th</sup> at 5pm

**Cert:** Mike Koon: We have 9 people on the CERT team. We need volunteers, 2 hours a month.

**Events:** Sherry O'Dell: \*Potluck and Taco Bar on **July 16<sup>th</sup> 5pm**, bring fixings for a taco.

\*Picnic and Town meeting to discuss our budget on **August 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00am**. We will have a Guest speaker from United Health Care with a K9 demonstration with the Thurston County Sheriff's office at 11

**Community Comments:** Question about Chlorine change from person in the audience: Cory was able to explain about Washington State requirements

Opportunities for the Community coming up: free lunches for Pines Children will be offered on Tuesdays at the Clubhouse- Provided by the Rotary Club


Free Fishing Derby provided by the Nisqually Moose Lodge

We need more Board Members

Meeting closed at 7:47PM



Sherry O'Dell President



Dayna Brown Secretary

**Nisqually Pines Community Club**

Board Meeting June 14th, 2017

*Minutes*

*Opened at 5:32 to do the ballot count*

**Roll call of board members:** Mike Koon, Dayna Brown, Sherry O'Dell, Cory Parsons was absent for the ballot count.

**Meeting re-opens at 7:36** (after ballot count)

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**Roll call of board members:** Cory Parsons, Dayna Brown, Sherry O'Dell and Mike Koon

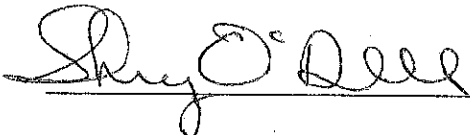
**Ballots: Sherry O'Dell:** Total of 141 Ballots received and counted. 667 Ballots were mailed.

Cory Parsons to continue on the board: 123-Yes, 6-No and 12-abstained. Total=141

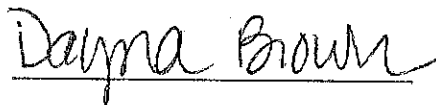
Purchase of Water Meters: 114-Yes 21-No 6-abstained. Total=141

A motion was made to accept the ballots. M/S/C

Meeting closed at 7:30pm



Sherry O'Dell President



Dayna Brown Secretary

## Color These Water Wasters—But Don't Be One!

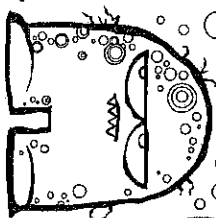
### Drainiac

Drainiac loves to run the tap. She rinses her dishes before putting them in the dishwasher and leaves the water running while brushing her teeth.



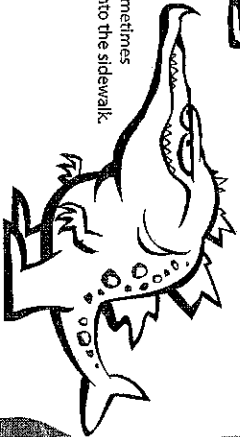
### Drip Drip

Drip Drip lets his sink drip all day and all night. He doesn't care that leaky faucets waste hundreds of gallons a week!



### Swifty

Swifty likes to watch toilet bowls swirl, leak, and run constantly. Swifty even uses his toilet as a garbage can, flushing down tissues.



### Sogosaurus

Sogosaurus waters her lawn and garden every day. Sometimes she even forgets to turn her sprinkler off and sprays onto the sidewalk.

- Answer Key for Use Your WaterSense**
1. Answer: SHOWER
  2. Answer: GALONS
  3. Answer: SILENT
  4. Answer: BRUSH
  5. Answer: BRUSH

### Mystery Word: WATER

**Answer Key for Test Your WaterSense**

1. Answer: B. It may seem hard to believe, but the average person uses 100 gallons of water per day, so a family uses about 400 gallons each day. If 100 gallons is enough to fill 1,600 drinking glasses, imagine how many glasses a whole family would fill up.

2. Answer: C. Help your parents test your toilets for leaks. Place a drop of food coloring in the tank and if the color shows in the bowl before flushing, you have a leak.

3. Answer: C. Leaky faucets are big water wasters. If you see or hear a leaky faucet, tell your parents about it so they can get it fixed.

4. Answer: A. If a house has leaks that waste 200 gallons each week, that's 10,400 gallons of water wasted each year—enough to fill a backyard swimming pool.

Number of times Flo appeared in the house: 9

Look for more kids' activities and learn more about Fix a Leak Week at

[www.epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak)

**How did you do?**

8 to 9 correct — You're a Water wizard! By finding leaks you'll help your family save 10,000 gallons each year!

5 to 7 correct — You're a water wonder. You barely let a drip get by you!

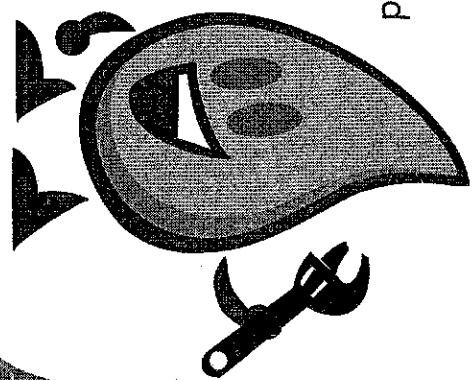
0 to 4 correct — Good job! Keep working on your water sense to get even better.

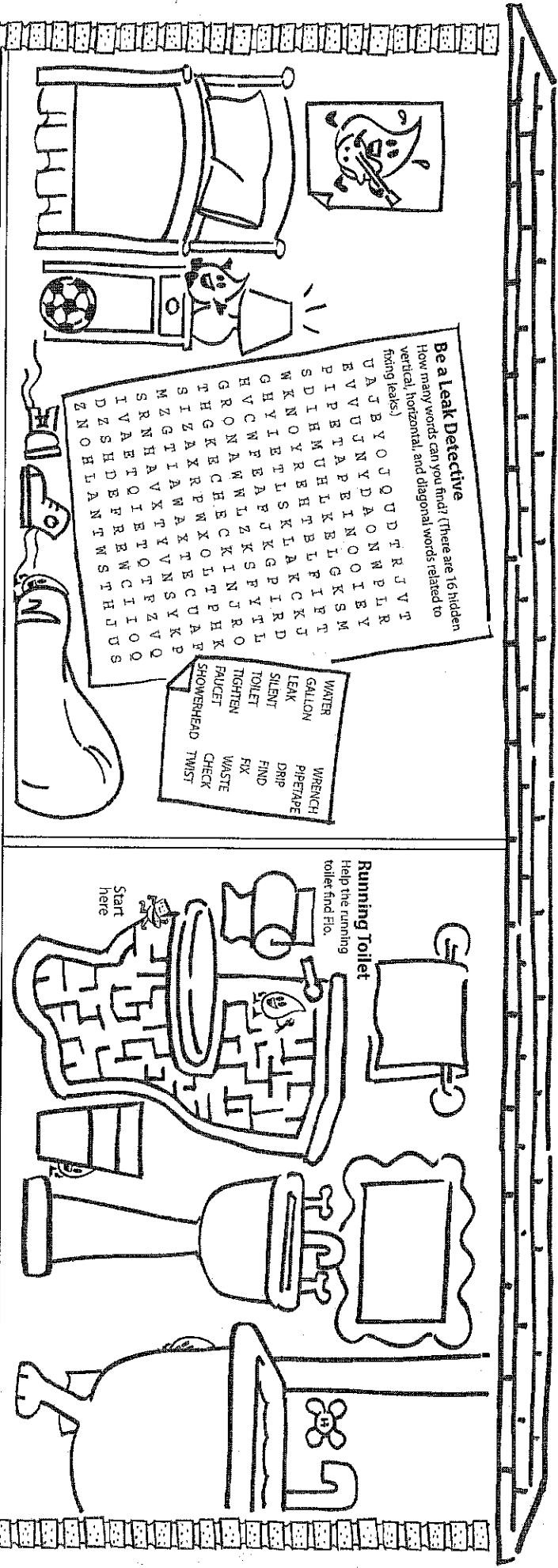


Drip.  
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Drip.



Hi, I am Flo, the We're for Water spokesperson. In the United States, leaks in our homes waste enough water for every kid to take a bath every day. Help me complete the activities inside to fix the leaks and save water!





**Be a Leak Detective**  
 How many words can you find? (There are 16 hidden vertical, horizontal, and diagonal words related to fixing leaks.)

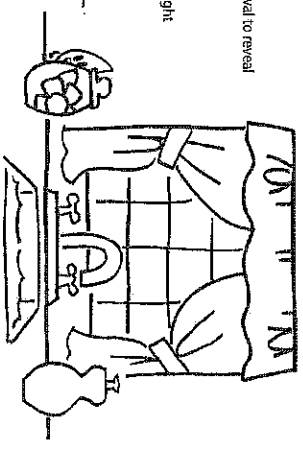
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| WATER      | WRENCH    |
| GALLON     | PIPE/FARE |
| LEAK       | DRIP      |
| SILENT     | FIND      |
| TOILET     | FIX       |
| TIGHTEN    | WASTE     |
| FAUCET     | CHECK     |
| SHOWERHEAD | TWIST     |

**Use Your WaterSense**

Figure out the missing words. Then put together the letters in the oval to reveal the mystery word.

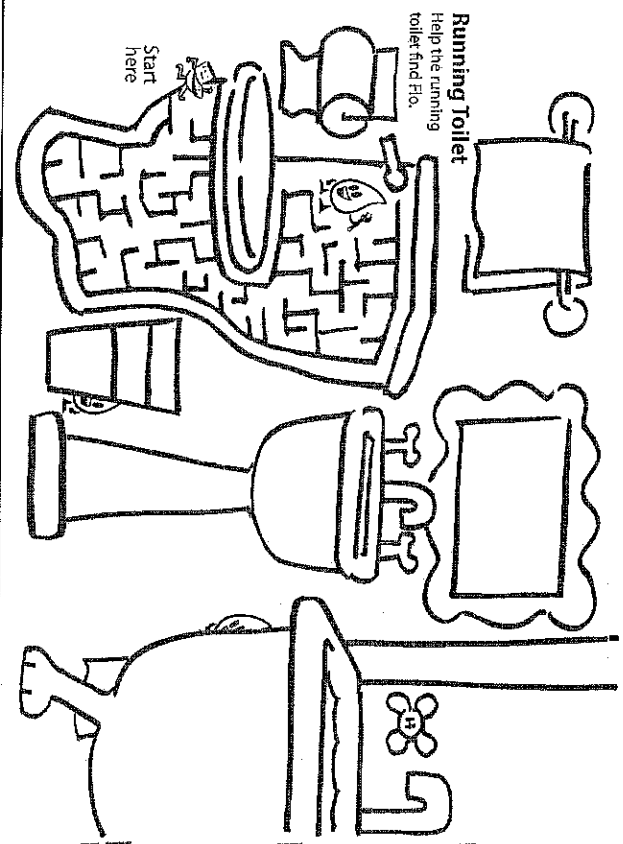
- If your  has a leak, you might hear a drip. Hint: You get clean in this.
- Water is measured in . Hint: Milk comes in these too.
- Toilets sometimes have  leaks; which means you can't hear them.
- Use your  and ears to help find leaks at home.
- Be sure to turn off the faucet when you  your teeth.



**Mystery Word**

**Running Toilet**

Help the running toilet find Fio.



**Test Your WaterSense**

- How many gallons of water does a family of four use every day?  
 A. 50      C. 250  
 B. 100     D. 400
- Which of these wastes the MOST water per day in most homes?  
 A. Running the tap while washing dishes  
 B. Using a garbage disposal  
 C. Ignoring a leaky toilet  
 D. Taking long showers
- What should you do if you find a leaky faucet?  
 A. Ignore it—drips are no big deal  
 B. Stick your finger in it  
 C. Tell your parents
- Most household leaks can add up to 200 gallons of water wasted per week. How much is this per year? Hint: It's enough to fill a backyard swimming pool.  
 A. 10,400 gallons per year  
 B. 1,000 gallons per year  
 C. 5,000 gallons per year

**Bonus Question: How many images of Fio can you find in this house? See back for answers to these puzzles.**





## What You Should Know About **Hiring a Contractor, Remodeler, or Handyman**

Are you planning to hire someone to work on your home or property? **You need to Hire Smart.**

We don't usually think about financial risks when planning a home repair or remodeling project. Yet each year, L&I hears from hundreds of homeowners who've hired someone claiming to be a "contractor."

The vast majority of Washington contractors are honest, skilled, and focused on satisfying their customers. But they also would agree that consumers need to be careful. The financial consequence of a bad or abandoned job can be devastating for any homeowner.

### **What can you do to protect yourself? Make sure you hire a registered contractor.**

Contractors **ARE** required to be registered in Washington if they are:

- Doing any work that "adds to or subtracts from real estate."
- Providing advice or consultation on a construction project.
- Developing residential property or "flipping" houses.

Contractors **ARE NOT** required to be registered if they are providing services such as:

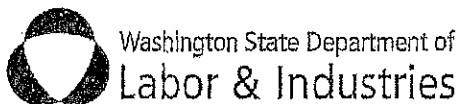
- Gutter cleaning.
- Pruning or lawn care.
- Window washing.

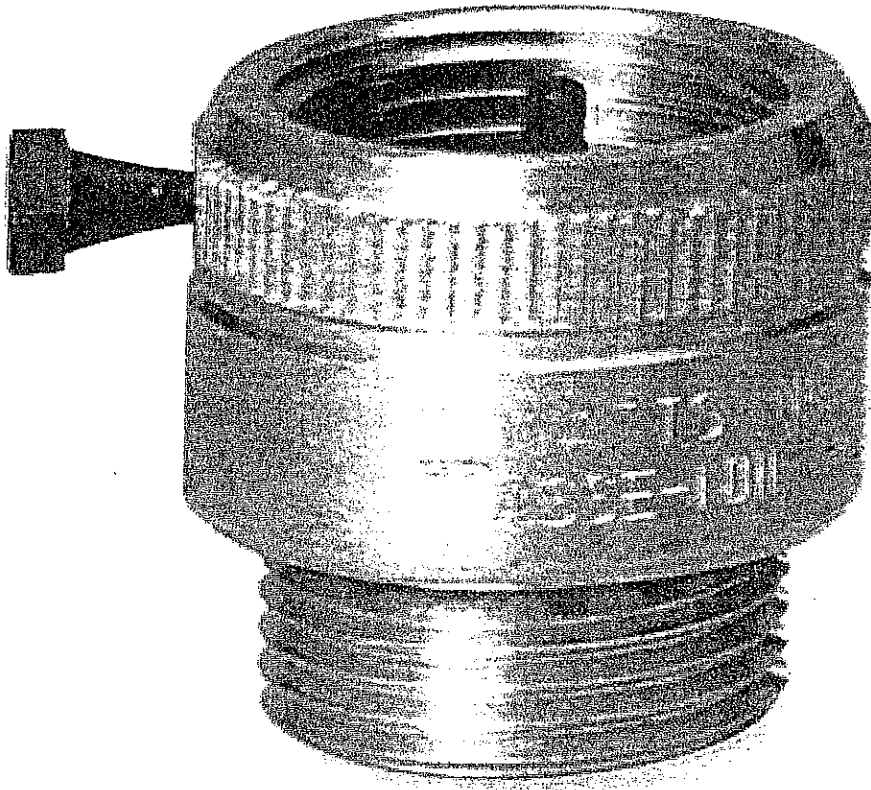


### **What is a registered contractor?**

A registered contractor must maintain a surety bond, have liability insurance, and have a Washington business license. All information is available online: [www.Contractors.Lni.wa.gov](http://www.Contractors.Lni.wa.gov).

Washington state *does not* require contractors to pass a competency or skills test to become registered (though L&I does test and license electricians and plumbers.) Still, it is not legal for anyone to perform work, advertise, or submit bids without being a registered contractor.





This is a vacuum breaker for the hose bib (spigot outside) protects your house from backsiphonage. Anything you threw your hose in to fill has the potential to contaminate your family and the water system. **Protection is the key.**

**All outside hose bibs must have a vacuum breaker on them.**

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The classic situation in plumbing, a vacuum breaker is a safety device to prevent accidental siphoning of hazardous material into a plumbing system when there is a loss of pressure. Plumbers can install these devices at various points in a plumbing system and the building code may require people to fit their plumbing with vacuum breakers. It is important to note that vacuum breakers cannot be used in areas with airborne contaminants, as these contaminants could enter the system through the device.

where a vacuum breaker becomes useful is when pressure is lost due to a power outage or other problem. If the lines drain out, as may happen when people run taps without realizing no water is available, this creates a vacuum in the plumbing. This can turn into a siphon, pulling non potable fluids into the plumbing and causing contamination. The vacuum breaker has a small valve that opens when the pressure drops, allowing air to bleed into the system. This prevents the formation of a vacuum and keeps contaminants out of the water supply.

Hose bibs and faucets can have a vacuum breaker, and these devices may also be used on other supply lines. They are part of a series of safety systems people use to keep drinking water safe. These include separating out drainage and sewage lines, installing emergency shutoff valves, and so forth. The vacuum breaker is usually cheap and people can install it quickly, with minimal fuss, to improve the safety of a plumbing system.