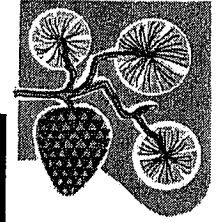


March 2015



# 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:

March 10th  
Adjudication 7pm

March 14th  
Open Board 10:00am

March 18th  
Finance 6:30pm

March 25th  
Events 6pm

March 25th  
Open Board 6:30pm

**Are you good with numbers?**

**Want to put that skill to work?**

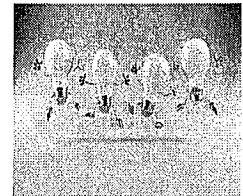


The finance committee is looking for new members to help build the 2015-2016 budget.

Pick up an application at the office or online at [www.nisquallypines.com](http://www.nisquallypines.com)

**The Board of Directors is taking applications to fill 3 positions.**

Meetings are open to the community, please join us to see what it takes to be part of the Board of Directors and what is going on in the community!



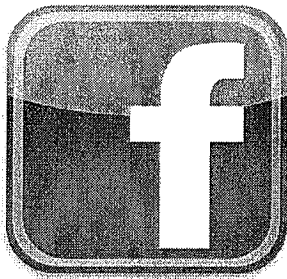
## **YUK!! DOG POOP!!**

How many times have you said this or something more original when you stepped into dog poop in your own yard, in the parks, and on the Pines rights-of-way, and you don't even own a dog?

How about all those blue tarps on roofs and over piles of whatever (maybe garbage) in people's yards? Cars parked on the rights-of-way for days and/or nights, along with the empty garbage cans, unkempt yards?

Do these or any other property issues make you unhappy? Resolution 94-1, which our community property standards and living rules are based on, were written and accepted in 1994, 21 years ago. Things change---we no longer have security, but we do have a better method to determine who is responsible for what.

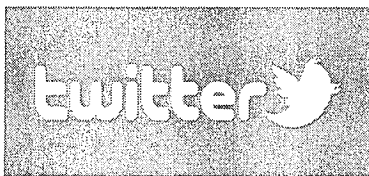
The Adjudication Committee wants to bring this old resolution up to date and make it fit our community today. It does not make anyone happy when the only members of the committee are Board Members (this is true of all committees). The Board wants you, the residents and members of the community, to come and help us decide what is best for OUR community.



### **ATTENTION MEMBERS:**

The following Facebook pages are not Nisqually Pines Operated:

- ◇ Nisqually Pines Development Page
- ◇ Nisqually Pines Resident Yelm
- ◇ Nisqually Pines Community
- ◇ [Twitter.com/nisquallypines](https://twitter.com/nisquallypines)



The contents in these pages are misleading. If you have any questions please call the office and talk to the staff for clarification.

# MARCH 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Adjudication 7 pm	11	12	13	14 Open Board 10:00am
15	16	17	18 Finance 6:30 pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Events 6pm Open Board 6:30pm	26	27	28

## *A Word from our Staff*

**Office Manager:** *Charity Mayerl*

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

You can avoid late fees by getting your dues in the office on or before the 15th. If we are closed you can drop your payment in the slot under the payment window. It is safe and secure.

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

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

**Residents you are responsible for your guests, please make sure they follow Pines rules.**

**Water Department:** *Julie Rbey-Baumann*

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

Per Resolution 94.1.085(2) No person residing, visiting, or working within the legal boundaries of Nisqually Pines CC shall:

Turn water service to private property on or off at Pines water valves. **Access to meter boxes is for the Pines personnel only.** Each resident should have their own shut-off valve on their property. Fines are as follows: \$150 \$250 \$500 \$1000

**Please contact Water Manager for water shut-off.**

Thank you,  
Water Manager  
Julie Baumann

**Maintenance Department:** *Bob Smith and Joe Zeiler*

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

### **Please Remember:**

It is the responsibility of all Residents, renters & visitors to pick up after their dogs do their duty in any public area in the Pines. It becomes a biohazard for Maintenance and Water departments who work in the easements along the road

# Updates

## **Treasurer Report:**

The audit is complete and the auditor will be here Wednesday March 18th at 6:30pm to discuss their findings with the BOD, Finance Committee and Community. Copies will be available at the office starting Thursday 3/19.

### **Ending Balances for January 2015**

General Fund: \$180,756.68

Long Range Plan: \$289,841.48

Water Loan 1 Fund: \$57,027.86

Emergency Fund: \$20,083.22

Key Bank USDA Loan: \$229,596.83

Gold Money Market: \$165,557.05

CD #1: \$51,537.78

CD#4: \$90,211.94

CD#5: \$26,645.20

Twin Star Savings: \$86,697.91

**Grand Total \$1,197,955.95**

### **GREAT NEWS!!!**

We have had a major turnover of vacant homes. Some of them were in collection with our attorney Rob. He has gotten the bank to pay off and then they have been being sold at auction. It seems like more of them are being lived in by the owner's than them buying for rentals. We are down to about 10 cases from the nearly 30 we had in the past in Rob's office.

# Board News

## Board of Directors

*Tonie Barton* - Vice President, Acting President, Clubhouse, River Park and Pool

*Joyce Clapham* - Treasurer, Office Contact and Adjudication

*Sherry O'Dell* - Secretary

*Cory Parsons* - Security, Water and Maintenance

## Board Updates

Eric Weaver has resigned from the BOD do to work conflict. Thanks for all your hard work in helping the community.

This month the Board is looking at holding the 1st meeting on Saturday the 14th @ 10am hoping to get more community involvement.

Our office staff is working on updating our website, so be on the look out for changes over the next few months!

We have been reviewing policies and procedures and updating as necessary and upon approval posting them in the monthly newsletter. Copies are available at the office and on our website.

### **Volunteer's Needed!!! Homeowners we need YOU!!**

Our community is in need of volunteers for both our board of directors and our committees. We ask that you please consider joining us. Help us continue to make the Pines a better place to live!

### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Sunday April 5th @ 2:30pm  
For preschool to 6th grade

We need donations of pre-wrapped candy and eggs



# Updates

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### Property Standards

Last month the following warnings or fines were issued:

- 2 basketball stand on easement
- 13 debris
- 8 parking on easement
- 1 garbage cans sitting in road
- 2 fine second dwelling

6 Thank you notes were sent to members for coming into compliance.

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

We are planning to update this resolution and need more community input—please come and attend our Resolutions meetings.

Starting this month Property Standards will start doing random checks during the evening hours.

# Committee Happenings

## **Adjudication**

No cases for February. **Next meeting March 10th, 7pm**

Members: Mary Risch, Phyllis Meyers, Theresa Donovan, Rob Parkhill

Contact: TBA

## **Finance**

**March 18th 6:30pm - Agenda: Current P & L, June ballot items**

Members: Joyce Clapham, Tonie Barton and Mary Risch

## **Events**

**Need volunteers to help organize Easter Egg Hunt. Contact the office if you are interested! Next meeting: March 25th 6pm**

Members: Charity Mayerl, Rob Parkhill, Mary Risch,

Contacts: Joyce Clapham and Tonie Barton

## **Resolutions**

**In need of volunteers to help rewrite our outdated Resolution 94-1's. Next meeting: TBD**

Members: Tonie Barton, Eric Weaver and Charity Mayerl

## **C.E.R.T. Community Emergency Response Team**

We are currently looking for someone that is qualified to run the **C.E.R.T.** team. Mr. Mike has resigned do to health issues. We extend a big Thank You for all that you have done.

**Next Meeting: TBA**

*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!*



## 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, playground, clubhouse park area and office area.

Please make sure you are cleaning up after your pets!  
Pet feces are toxic!!

Thank you!



## LITTERING:

Please do your part in keeping our community clean. Littering effect our community and the value of our homes.

**FACT:** Cigarette filters take up to 100 years to decompose.



### 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

Winter Hours are 8 am to 7:30 pm approx.

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!!**

### PARK TRAIL

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

# 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

## For Sale

Old Trunk \$50  
Ring Size 7 \$40  
Garden Table \$200  
(360)464-0993

2-Cherry wood Computer  
desks w/hutch \$75 each  
2-Cherry wood File cabinets  
\$50 each  
4-Book Cases \$20 each  
Epson Scanner \$35  
Photo Printer \$40  
HP Laser Printer \$25

Lue (360)458-4869  
Cash Only

## Caregiver

### w/30+ years Experience

Has openings, will work days,  
nights, over nights and weekends.  
Trained and Experienced with per-  
sonal care, dementia care, respite  
and hospice care.  
Call Carol 360-339-1846

## 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 360-688-4931

## Looking for Odd Jobs

Teen trying to raise money  
for college.  
Dog sitting/walking, babysit-  
ting, housecleaning and yard  
help.  
Call April 400-0822

## For Sale

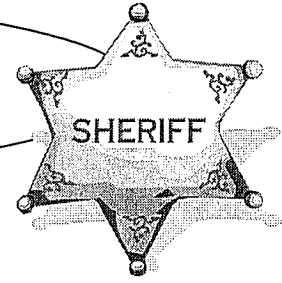
2 twin zebra print  
quilts \$15 each  
480-7611

## Free

Electric Organ - Works  
Nisqually Valley Moose  
Lodge #1905  
Ask for Bill  
458-3381

To advertise here  
contact the office  
staff 360.458.7370

# Police Blotter

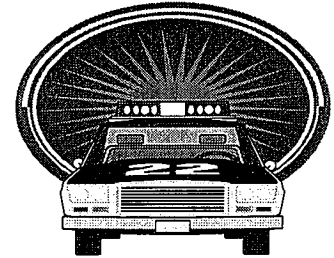


## January

- 27- Juvenile/Disorderly on Nandina, Routine Patrol
- 29- Routine Patrol, stopped young kids on bikes no lights/reflective clothing
- 30- Routine Patrol, found wallet w/I.D. nothing missing returned to owner in Yelm, stopped to bikes without lights
- 31- Complaint about silver coupe driving in the wrong lane at entrance, report overdue 12 yr. old on Heather, Routine Patrol

## February

- 1- Routine Patrol
- 2- Routine Patrol, assist w/homeowner @ Suntree Ct.
- 3- Bicyclist w/no headlight or taillight, ride to motorist whose car broke down to Sumac
- 6- Routine Patrol, speed enforcement Port Orford
- 7- Routine Patrol
- 9- Field Interview 3 juvenile females Heather, Routine Patrol
- 11- Routine Patrol
- 12- Welfare Check Thuja, Routine Patrol
- 13- Complaint reckless driving Thuja, Discussion with group of students about harassment, Bicycle crash Port Orford, Suspicious male prowling Aspen Ct., Traffic stop Port Orford, Suspicious male on bike Pepperidge & Bay unable to locate, Routine Patrol
- 14- Service Call Resident Almond Ct., warned driver about having someone ride on the outside of his vehicle Briar, Routine Patrol
- 16- Caught loose dog for owner Sumac Ct., Juvenile compliant/domestic Heather , Field Interview on Cornus and Heather, Routine Patrol
- 17- Routine Patrol
- 19- Routine Patrol
- 20- 2 suspicious males w/bicycles Heather & Cascara, recovered stolen plate, fraud complaint, suspicious vehicle, blocking vehicles on Thuja, party on Thuja, Routine Patrol
- 21- Routine Patrol, domestic disturbance call Heather



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.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

American Legion in Yelm is giving free sleeping bags and gift cards to homeless veterans. If you know any homeless veterans please pass this information along.

American Legion  
16733 103rd Ave. S.E.  
Yelm, WA 98597  
Phone: (253)216-4715 or (360)458-3230



## Garden Time

Is anyone interested in having a community garden? Here are some of the things needed to make this happen.

- 1) Someone willing to donate space in their backyard
- 2) Master Gardener-person who would be in charge
- 3) Use of water-charge small fee to help pay for water usage
- 4) Donate some of the produce to food banks or within the community
- 5) Establishing garden rules
- 6) Making plot assignments
- 7) Donate tools
- 8) Signed agreement
- 9) How many hours expected per week to work on plot

Contact the office so we can put in the next months newsletter.



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.

**CLARK'S**  
ADVANCED PEST CONTROL

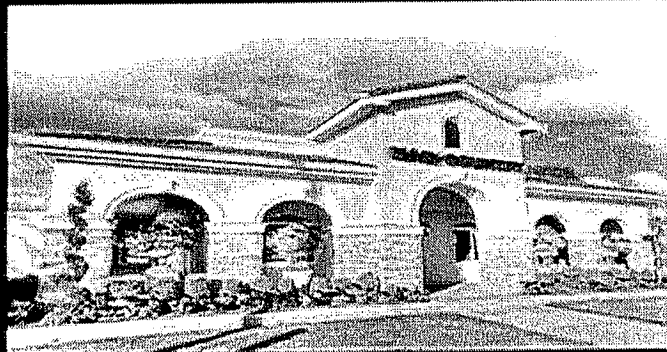
**Luke Clark**  
Owner/Manager

Cell 206 551-1113

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**NISQUALLY PINES COMMUNITY CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
JANUARY 17, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by President Eric Weaver. Present were Tonie Barton and Joyce Clapham. Also present were the two newly appointed board members, Sherry O'Dell and Cory Parsons.

The Minutes of December 10, 2014, were read and approved with one small change. MSC

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. We received three large checks from past due accounts due to the efforts of the attorney. There is now a section in the newsletter that gives a review of our financial status. The current audit is on track and should be ready for the members in March. We are also on track with the activities in the long range plan.

**Unfinished business**

Complaint Policy – the policy was reviewed and will be approved after the new resolution approval.

**New Business**

Board Application – an application to be on the board from Cory Parsons was received by the board. MSC to accept the application.

Oath of Office by new Board Members - Both new members, Sherri O'Dell and Cory Parsons read their Oath of Office. They will go into the office on Monday to sign them in front of our notary.

Oath of Office Process - Tonie explained that many times new board members will be appointed by the Board, but not sworn in for weeks, maybe longer, waiting for the Oath of Office. They are not placed in the board loop until they are sworn in. After discussion, it was decided that the appointed members, once appointed and passing the background check, will be included in board memos etc. They will be sworn in as a matter of protocol at the next open meeting.

Resolution Approval – The changes from the last meeting suggested by the Board to the attorney were approved. Resolution 2015-1 is approved by motion effective January 17, 2015. The office manager will notarize the signatures and send the document back to the attorney who will file it with Thurston County. MSC to approve Complaint Policy based on the resolution changes.

Evening Hours for Property Standards – The property standards administrator has noticed (as we all have) that many residents wait until office hours are over and before they begin to burn, park on rights-of-way, turn their dogs loose, etc. It was suggested that the administrator vary her hours so that she will be able to drive around after office hours or later in the evening, etc. After discussion about feasibility, state laws, etc., a MSC to make this happen. She will vary her schedule.

On the same topic, a member asked if it legal for the property standards person to take pictures from the road and rights-of-way and use a zoom lens. As long as she is not trespassing, she may do those things. She can also take pictures from a neighbor's yard, if permission is granted.

**Department check-ins**

Joyce advised that the audit is on track and that the office employees are getting cross training. Maintenance is working on the usual things, clearing the blackberries by the clubhouse and the debris and growth around the little lake. A pothole on Port Orford keeps undoing itself. Water is doing her usual checking meters, shutting off water, keeping the system up to code, etc.

Several members had ideas about the potholes and the use of asphalt, etc. and offered to provide their expertise and help solving the problem.

Security – Eric advised that if they see the sheriff just parked in any area for a long time to please let the office know. Note the date and the time. They are supposed to roam most of the time they are here.

Clubhouse/river park/pool – the TV for the clubhouse will be here, probably this afternoon. It will be in a locked cabinet and available for members to use when they rent the clubhouse. It will be connected to cable and have other hook-ups. A special line will be put on the check list for the clubhouse relating to the TV, remote, etc. The pool and river park have no current problems.

**Committee Reports -**

CERT – Mike advised that one CERT member is gone due to a violence situation. The committee is now down two members. He reminded everyone that CERT members are volunteers who are trained to act in a natural disaster in the community. They can back up law enforcement. Mike says there is a rumor out there that says the Pines has given the committee members \$4000 to spend. He clarified that the funds are for CERT to buy certain items needed for an emergency. These items will be kept at the clubhouse, not at members' home. The next meeting is Sunday, January 25 at 6:00PM. The topic will be treatment of deceased bodies.

Adjudication - Phyllis advised that they had one case and that the fine was upheld.

Resolution Committee – Nothing yet. Tonie will write an article for the newsletter hoping to get some volunteers.

Finance Meeting – The first finance meeting of the year will be on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30PM.

**Upcoming Events** – Easter is on April 5<sup>th</sup> this year. The Pines would like to have an Easter Egg Hunt that Sunday afternoon for the kids, however, volunteers are needed to be at the hunt to hide eggs and keep an eye on the hunters. The eggs will be stuffed at the office prior to the hunt. At least five (5) volunteers are needed. Without them, there will be no egg hunt. If you would like to help. Please contact the office as soon as possible.

**Community Comments -**

Resident asked what to do about her neighbor's dog that has jumped the fence and hurt her dog and child a couple times. She was advised to file a formal complaint at the office and she and the dog owner could meet face to face to discuss the issue.



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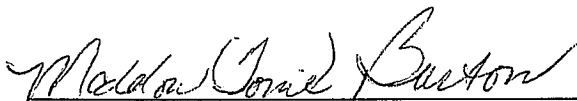
A member asked why the dues were going up to \$200 a month. He was advised that his information was incorrect and that there is no increase planned until the next budget approval for October 2015.

There was discussion about a facebook site that appears to be a Nisqually Pines website. The site is run by a resident and contains a lot of misinformation. It is not an official website.

MSC to go into closed session to discuss an employee complaint. 11:07AM

The meeting reopened at 11:33AM. The Board agreed that the issue will be resolved by updating our current policy.

MSC to close meeting at 11:34AM.



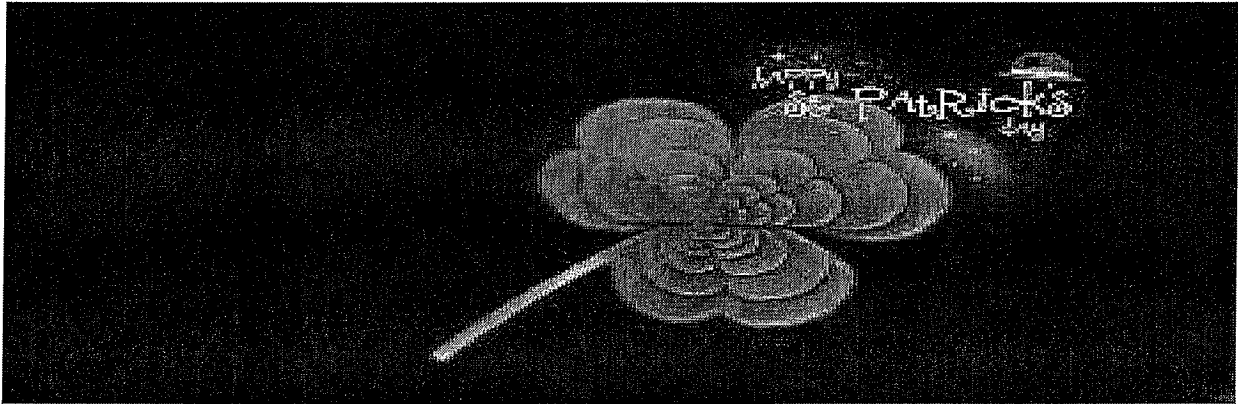
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Madelon (Tonie) Barton- Vice President



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Joyce Clapham – Treasurer



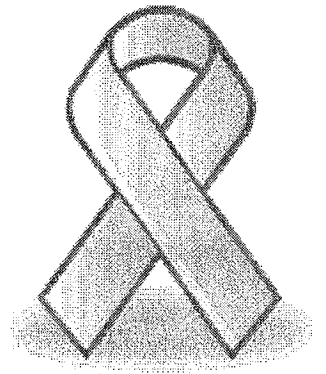
**Relay For Life Fundraiser  
St. Patrick's Day Dinner  
Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm-7:30pm**

**Nisqually Pines Club House**  
16949 Port Orford Blvd, Yelm

Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes  
\$10/per person \$5/kids

Other great ways to contribute:  
Silent Auction Table

For more information:  
Contact Charity - 360-400-0822 or Joyce 360-402-1190



Finishing the fight against cancer!!



**Relay For Life Fundraiser, Spring Bazaar**  
**Saturday April 25th 9am-5pm**  
**Nisqually Pines Club House**

**16949 Port Orford Blvd, Yelm**

Teams Together We CanSURVIVE and Teens Fighting For A Cure  
are teaming up to host a Spring Bazaar!!

**Vendors wanted!**

We will feature the following vendors:

Party lite, Paparazzi Jewelry, Scentsy, Mary Kay, Sock  
Monkeys/Homemade items, Vinyl Decals, Momma Bears Bakery,  
Backwoods Paracord & Crafts and several tables of homemade items, and  
many more.

\*\*\*LUNCH – Hot Dog, Bag of Chips and Soda for \$3.00 12pm-2pm\*\*\*

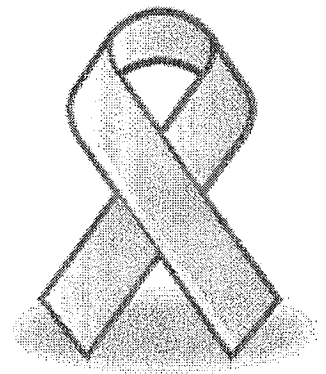
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## Tips to Keep Your Car From Being Broken Into

- 1) Never leave valuables in plain sight – This may sound obvious, but many people tend not to seriously evaluate what a thief may consider to be valuable. Many thieves will break into a car simply to steal a GPS system you may have left stuck to your window. Thieves like this often attack many cars at once, often focusing on apartment complexes or night clubs. Even the simple act of leaving a gym bag in your back seat can tantalize a thief into breaking into your vehicle. Although the bag may have nothing in it but gym clothes, they may steal the bag in hopes of finding expensive sneakers, mp3 players, wallets or other valuable items. To be as safe as possible, always put bags in your trunk, and remove your GPS from your window every evening. If your GPS uses a mounting bracket or device, try to remove that as well, just to be extra careful.
  
- 2) Always lock your doors and shut your windows – Again, most people view this as a matter of course, but many car doors remain unlocked and far too many windows are left rolled down. While most vehicles can lock all doors with the press of a button, many still require manual locking. Some vehicles have separate locking mechanisms for their trunks, as well. Many thieves choose which car they will rob based on how easy it will be to enter, and by testing door handles in parking lots looking for an open door. Do not make it easy for them to victimize you. Keep all doors and other points of entry to your car secure. This includes windows, moonroofs and, for trucks, sliding rear windows.
  
- 3) Be careful where you park – Always try to park your car in an as highly trafficked and well lit area as possible. Parking near other cars and away from dark corners of a parking lot is always a good practice. If you are parking in a garage, try to park near the security station or by the attendant's booth. If possible, try to park directly under a light post or other light source. Thieves will be less likely to commit a crime in the brightest area of the parking lot or structure they are targeting. If you are parking in an area that is new to you, always try to choose a spot in a driveway rather than on the street.
  
- 4) NEVER leave your car running and unattended – Have you ever left your car running while you ran into a gas station to pay for fuel? How about leaving the car on while you go into the Post Office to grab some stamps? One of the easiest ways a thief can steal your car is if you leave it running for them. Never leave your car running and unattended, no matter what the scenario. It only takes a couple of seconds for a thief to jump into your car and drive away with it and everything you had inside of it. There are far too many cases a year where a car is stolen in this very nature, sometimes with young children in the car at the time of the theft. To avoid becoming involved in such a horrendous incident, simply take your keys with you whenever you are unable to keep a direct eye on your vehicle.
  
- 5) Always use a security system – Security systems can be helpful for both stages of a stolen car incident – the before and the after. By utilizing visible cues of the presence of an alarm system such as flashing indicator lights or a Club on your steering wheel, the criminals will be less likely to break into your particular vehicle. Alarms that sound upon the opening of a car door and the breaking of a window are also helpful, as they can stop a criminal in between the act of breaking in and actually committing the theft. If your car is of substantial value to you, you should also consider affixing it with a GPS tracking device. These devices can assist the police in locating your vehicle within a few short hours of it being stolen. Often times the use of these devices can result in your car and possessions being returned to you exactly as you left them

## Burglary Prevention Tips

*Sergeant Ray Brady*

The Thurston County Sheriff's Office Investigative Services Division would like to provide homeowners some helpful tips to prevent burglaries. Most burglaries in Thurston County occur during daytime hours when most residents are not home between 8am – 5pm.

Burglars often drive to the residences they target and will often come to the front door and knock. If someone answers the door they will often make up some excuse for being at the location or advise they are looking for someone. If no one answers the front door they will try other doors around the residence before breaking in. Some steps you can take to help prevent burglaries:

- Report any suspicious vehicles or persons to law enforcement (360 704-2740 dispatch)
- Obtain a license plate if someone comes to your door and they don't belong there
- Have an audible alarm system that can scare off burglars and alert neighbors
- Make sure doors and windows are locked
- Place rods or wooden dowels in sliding windows and doors
- Secure window style air conditioners (This is a very common point of entry)
- Have a good Neighborhood Watch Program and have neighbors call law enforcement if they see anything suspicious
- Leave a light, radio, or TV on in the residence when you're away
- Make sure landscaping does not allow places for burglars to hide

## Winter Water Safety Tips

*Sergeant Ray Brady*

TCSO Dive Rescue Team would like to take a moment to remind the citizens of Thurston County about the dangers of our waterways. As the weather continues to get colder this winter we want to discourage citizens from being on the water without proper thermal protection and a life preserver. Stay off frozen lakes, ponds, streams and rivers. Frozen water in Thurston County is typically not capable of supporting a person's weight. Our waterways don't freeze solid enough and often have thin or weak spots near outflows, inflows, or any moving water. Take extra precautions to keep kids and pets off of frozen waterways. Have a safe and happy winter.

## Winter Safe Driving Tips

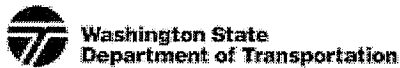
*Sergeant Jeff Dehan*

The Thurston County Sheriff's Office would like to remind our citizens to be prepared for winter road conditions. We suggest that each vehicle you drive have a Preparedness kit. This kit should include, at minimum, the following:

- Blanket and or extra warm clothing
- Bottled water and non-perishable high energy foods
- Flares
- First aid kit
- Cell phone charger
- Snow chains
- Good winter tires installed on your vehicle prior to driving

When driving on wintery roads, please keep in mind these few helpful tips:

- Buckle up
- Keep your car's windows, mirrors and lights clear of snow and ice
- Allow plenty of time to reach your destination
- Brake early and slowly
- Keep a safe distance of at least five seconds behind other vehicles
- DO NOT use cruise control
- Avoid abrupt steering maneuvers
- Maintain at least a half tank of gas during the winter season.
- If necessary to pull over, make sure you are clear of the roadway

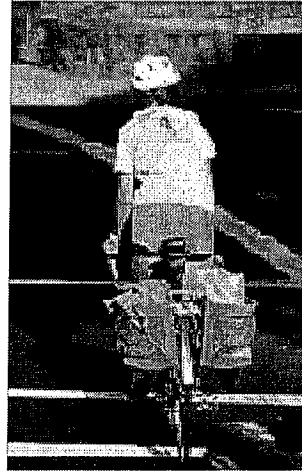


## Tips and Resources for Bicycle Commuting

Bicycle commuting in Washington has increased over 75% in the last ten years. More people are choosing to avoid the hassles of traffic congestion by biking to work and even doing their after work shopping and errands by bicycle. They are also working exercise into their transportation time.

### Commuting Tips

- **Bicycle Size** - Make sure your bicycle is the right size for you and is properly adjusted. If you are in the market for a new bicycle, check out the hybrids and mountain bikes. Some commuters prefer the fatter tires and upright position for riding in traffic.
- **Bicycle Helmets** - Wear a bicycle helmet every time you ride. Head injuries cause 75% of bicyclist deaths. Recent studies indicate that wearing a bicycle helmet can reduce your risk of a head injury by 85%. Bike helmet requirements by county.
- **Bicycle Racks** - A rack over the rear wheel is essential for carrying items such as clothes, briefcases, books, etc. Panniers that attach to the racks are available in a variety of sizes and shapes.
- **Tools** - A basic tool kit and a tire pump will allow you to make roadside repairs should they be necessary. The farther away you are from your destination, the more important this becomes.
- **Riding in Weather** - Fenders are handy if you plan to ride when it's wet.
- **Bike Lights** - Lights and reflectors are a must, even if you do not plan to ride at night. There is always a chance of a late meeting or spur of the moment social activity after work or school that may see you riding home after dark. A white headlight and a red rear reflector are required by Washington law for night riding.
- **Dress for the Weather** - It is sometimes tricky to know exactly how to dress for a particular temperature. But as a general rule, you should be comfortable to slightly cool before you start your ride. You will warm-up quickly once you get going. If you dress so that you are warm before you even start riding, you will get too hot. Layer your clothing so that you can always add or subtract a layer depending how you feel a mile or so into your



### Commuting Resources

- Washington State Bicycle Commute Guide
  - Small Version (pdf 1.8Mb)
  - Print Ready Version (pdf 20 Mb)
- Traveling with your bike
- Bike to Work Events
- WSDOT Commute Trip Reduction Program

### Commuting to Washington Universities

- University of Washington
- Evergreen State College
- Central Washington University



commute.

- **More Bicycle Safety Tips**

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