

The Arbor Village Voice

Fall 2013

Friendly Reminders

- Please observe the 25 MPH speed limit in our neighborhood and help keep our kids safe.
- * Remember to bring in your garbage cans on Wednesday evenings. Arbor Village Policies & Procedures state that garbage cans may only be in view from the street from 5:00 p.m. the day before trash collection (Tuesday) until 10:00 p.m. the day of trash collection (Wednesday).
- As a pet owner, you are responsible for keeping your animal on a leash and cleaning up its waste whether it's in the park or on your neighbor's lawn. Please respect your neighbors and don't allow your pooch to relieve himself in the neighbors' yard.

Attention - Coyotes seen in our neighborhood

Recently coyotes have been seen wandering in the neighborhood. Coyotes are curious but timid animals and will generally run away if challenged. However, remember that any wild animal will protect itself or its young. Never instigate a close encounter.

Humans increase the likelihood of conflicts with coyotes by deliberately or inadvertently feeding the animals, whether by handouts or by providing access to food sources such as garbage or pet food. When people provide food, coyotes quickly lose their natural fear of humans and become increasingly aggressive. Once a coyote stops hunting on its own and loses its fear of people, it becomes dangerous and may attack without warning.

If you see a coyote acting in an aggressive or unusual way, call your local Fish and Wildlife office at (425) 775-1311 or the police. Calls to Kent Police will be dispatched to the Department of Fish and Wildlife.



Calling All Volunteers!

Are you a community-minded person interested in protecting our home values and upholding the standards that make Arbor Village a great neighborhood? Then the Board of Directors is looking for you!

The Arbor Village Homeowners Association Board of Directors has 3 open positions to fill. The Board of Directors is a group of conscientious homeowners who volunteer their time, generally 2-3 hours per month, to help keep our neighborhood a nice place to live. The nomination and election of officers will take place at the upcoming annual General Membership meeting. Nominees must be Arbor Village property owners in good standing and must be present at the meeting.

If you're interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please notify us at board@arborvillage.info or contact Lynn Sutherland, our Community Manager, at (253) 638-9811.

Arbor Village Homeowners Association Board of Directors

- Debbie Sampson, President
- ❖ Frank McDunnah, Vice President (open Jan)
- · Rich Bradley, Secretary
- Open position, Treasurer
- John McKenzie Member at Large
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Falling leaves clog gutters and drains

People aren't the only ones stressed by nasty weather. Trees react to weather, too, and when they do they shed their leaves. That annual botanical event frequently coincides with one of Western Washington's big fall storms – instantly clogging gutters and storm drains and bringing localized flooding.

Although utility crews work hard to clear street drains and culverts, there are thousands of drainage structures in the region. A big fall storm can bring more work than crews can handle. When neighbors pitch in and clear a clogged storm drain, they are helping to protect their neighborhood from flooding.



Take a moment to clean the storm drain grates in your neighborhood. Make sure they are free of leaves, litter, and other debris, particularly when rainy weather is headed your way. Clean up fallen leaves, twigs, grass cuttings and other debris from your yard and place it in the lawn waste container for pickup so it doesn't end up clogging the drain.



Visit the Take Winter By Storm website, **takewinterbystorm.org**, for a downloadable house maintenance checklist which includes a number of weatherization tips.

Kent Police - Dial 253-852-2121 for less critical situations

By using the non-emergency number, the public is ensuring that 911 will be readily available for actual emergencies. *Both 911 and 253-852-2121 ring into the Valley Communications Center.*

Examples of calls that are appropriate for a non-emergency operator:

- A residential, business or vehicle break-in that occurred on an earlier day
- The return of a runaway child.
- Identification of additional lost or stolen property after an initial report has been made
- Lost property
- A hit and run traffic collision when no longer at the scene of the collision

Examples of when to call 911 include:

- Serious medical emergencies
- Any crime in progress
- Any type of fire
- Any dangerous or life-threatening situation
- Any suspicious activity
- Any time a person fears for their safety of the safety of others
- Any person unsure if their situation is an emergency is encouraged to call 911

Important Information

The Arbor Village Homeowners Association Board of Directors is a group of volunteer homeowners elected by <u>you</u>, the homeowners, to enforce the Protective Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs) to help protect property values for all homes within the Association. Compliance reviews are conducted monthly and courtesy letters are sent to homeowners who are in violation of the CC&Rs.

Non-compliance of the following are most often cited and may result in fines:

- Lawns should be regularly mowed and edged, weeds should be eliminated
- ◆ Trash containers must be stored out of sight by 10:00 pm on Wednesdays (trash collection day)
- Trash, junk, yard waste or other debris must be stored a container not in view of the street
- Inoperable vehicles may not be parked or stored on the property except inside a garage
- Trailers, recreational vehicles, and commercial trucks may not be stored or parked on the property overnight except by written permission of the board
- Fences should be repaired, replaced and/or painted as necessary
- Paint your home's exterior when existing paint is chipped or faded

Please do your part to comply with the CC&Rs and help keep our neighborhood looking nice and a place where we can all be proud to live.

