

# Marine Hills Architectural Control Committee



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## Hello Neighbors. Happy Fall!

*By Jamyrlyn Mallory, MHACC Committee Member*

### **Yard Maintenance Reminders**

Our beautiful Marine Hills have been enriched with an abundance of fall colors, and now as we head into winter season, here's a few helpful reminders for yard maintenance and winter preparedness. Fallen leaves and debris can make for slick, slippery and even treacherous pathways and sidewalks. Remember to blow or rake fallen leaves, branches, and pine needles from sidewalks, pathways, driveways, and visible areas around your property. Check your roof and gutters for leaves and pine needles, and please don't forget to check that storm drains are clear of leaf debris. And, if you want an excuse to get outdoors and enjoy the crisp fall air, this is also a great time to cut back trees, bushes and shrubs.

### Volunteers Wanted

Do you appreciate seeing the lovely plants and flowers near the Marine Hills signs as you enter and exit the neighborhood at 9th or 11th Place? Those entrance plots are planted and maintained by a volunteer group of Marine Hills neighbors. Volunteers prepare the soil and plant twice yearly. Over the summer these neighbors make a two week commitment to clean the beds of weeds and debris. Unfortunately, the number of volunteers who complete these tasks has decreased over the years so we are asking for your support. If you enjoy gardening and want to help maintain a beautiful welcoming introduction to our neighborhood, please contact Mary Clingan at [clingan001@comcast.net](mailto:clingan001@comcast.net). Include "Marine Hills entrances" in the subject line so your reply isn't inadvertently deleted. We look forward to welcoming you to this wonderful team of volunteers.



## Winter Safety



*By Dorothy Griffin, MHACC Secretary*

As we enter the days of early darkness it's important to be safe and to keep our properties safe for ourselves and others.

### Be Safe, Be Seen.

Whether you're walking the dog, going for a run, or taking a family stroll - be aware that drivers may not see you when it's dark. Make sure that you can be seen by others when engaging in outdoor activities in the early morning and evening darkness. Wearing light colored or reflective clothing, carrying a flashlight, or having a collar light for your dog on those routine walks can make you visible and keep you safe in the dark. Stay on sidewalks whenever possible, watch out for blind spots on the roads, and face oncoming traffic when walking or running on the road is necessary.

### Keep your property safe.

Adequate outdoor lighting and keeping sidewalks and driveways clear of foliage and slippery debris will increase safety for walkers, runners, delivery people, and homeowners. This is also helpful for drivers as we navigate our neighborhood's many hills and curves.

### Neighborhood Watch

And, don't forget—Marine Hills is a Neighborhood Watch community. Signs are posted throughout. It's reassuring that we can rely on our neighbors to keep a watch out for each other, our properties, and our community and to take action by calling the police when necessary. We want everyone to enjoy our beautiful neighborhood and stay safe while doing so!



## Speaking of safety, let's talk 25!

*By Dan Wood, MHACC Committee Chairman*

The speed limit in Marine Hills is 25 MPH. Now, we all feel rushed sometimes and need to get some place in a hurry but that doesn't excuse the many drivers that routinely go well over 25 MPH on 9th, 11th, and 293rd. Speeding is a serious issue and poses a danger to children and adults walking, cycling, running or strolling in Marine Hills. One of the benefits of living here is the ability to get out, get some exercise, enjoy the fresh air, and take in the beautiful scenery and views throughout Marine Hills. Speeding drivers can cause accidents, harm, and injury—and no driver wants that. So please—be mindful when driving. Keep it at or under 25 MPH and keep our community safe.



## A 2020 Holiday Cheer Thank You



To all our Marine Hills Neighbors who bring bright lights and great cheer to our community— **THANK YOU!** 2020 has been a year like no other, and with the confinements and social restrictions imposed by COVID-19, the time and energy taken to produce delightful displays that brighten the dark nights and bring big smiles are more appreciated than ever.

From the much-anticipated Hallowe'en display provided by Mr. and Mrs. Jensen on 11th to all our neighbors who are decking the halls, draping trees and houses with twinkling lights, setting out Santa, sleighs, stars, snowmen and reindeer—a very heartfelt and grateful **THANK YOU.** You are bringing great cheer to all your neighbors and the entire Marine Hills community.



## MHACC Reminders

**Pet Etiquette? Pick up the Poop! It's the law.** Pets are plentiful in Marine Hills. There's a routine "pet parade" of young pups and old dogs, and responsible dog walkers know the drill—carry a plastic bag, pick up the poop, and carry it away to discard properly. For dog owners who don't, here's the law. Federal Way Revised Code Section 9.18.100 - Public Nuisances states: "Pet owners must remove all fecal material deposited by their pets on property they do not own, including neighbors' yards, city parks, school property, public rights-of-way, etc. Each person in control of the pet must have materials to remove and dispose of in a sanitary manner feces left by their pet when they are off their own property". So please— be a responsible pet owner....and pick up the poop!

**Boats, RVs, and Trailers in Marine Hills? A reminder.** Boats, RVs and trailers are only allowed to be stored in Marine Hills if they are hidden, or substantially hidden from view behind screens or enclosures, and even then they must be on a suitable parking pad. Boats and recreational vehicles are in violation of city codes, and not allowed to be stored on private property if they are more than 9 feet in height and more than 22 feet in length. Exceptions are during short periods when visitors are in Marine Hills or when boats are being moved from use to permanent storage.

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