

Westwood

Lexington Hills

Fall 2025 Newsletter

FALL BACK - CUT BACK

Here's a friendly reminder to set your clocks back November 2 for daylight savings time. This might be also a good time, if you haven't done it already, to make sure that you have cut back all your shrubs, trimmed your tree, branches, and put your yard in winter mode. Change your furnace filters and smoke alarm batteries. Batten down the hatches, so to speak, in hopes we DON'T have a seriously harsh winter season.



Talk about garbage!

In the past few years, garbage and recycling rules have changed a bit. Here's a link with updated information: [Pierce County Recycling Information](#).

*Also, remember to leave 3-5 feet distance between your bins so the truck 'arms' can reach around them.

*And don't forget to bring them in off the road and place them behind your fence at the end of the day.

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AUTUMN is in the AIR

Fall is here and Halloween is nigh, and Halloween always makes jack o' lanterns come to mind! Most of us have favorite pumpkin patches, but if you're new to the neighborhood and need some guidance, here is a list of a few local spots: Double R Farms; McMillin Farm Brewhouse; Picha Farms; Knutson Farms; Sidhu Farms; Spooner Farms; and Sterino Farms. Each one has a unique feature so you can choose your adventure or explore them all!

Double R Farms has a beautiful view of Rainier you can enjoy while on a hayride. At **McMillin Farm Brewhouse**, they also have craft beer along with their produce and pumpkins, offering many events for the whole family. **Picha Farms** showcases an annual bluegrass festival every fall. **Knutson Farms** offers a variety of fun patch activities for the entire family. Visit **Sidhu Farms**-- whose founder is from Punjab, India-- for authentic Indian food and award-winning jams made from their own berries. If you love farm animals, **Spooner Farms** has free animal fun with pigs, chickens, goats and rabbits as well as a free children's play area. Last but not least, **Sterino Farms** is just a hop, skip and jump from Picha Farms and has a selection of produce along with some food trucks like a Puyallup favorite—Fisher's Scones. And near the end of every October but before Halloween, Sterino Farms offers a \$1 special on ALL pumpkins! Perfect for last minute carvers or decorating your porch! No matter which patch you visit, may the memories you make, and the crisp autumn air leave you with happiness long into the season!



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VOLE MAN

It's been quite a summer, watching Nick chasing a new predator to our yard, namely, The Vole, who looks like a stockier cousin of a field mouse. We noticed signs of infestation including narrow surface, runways in our lawn, damaged or dead plants and wilting, vegetation. Unlike moles, voles do not create large amounts of dirt; instead, their tunnels, 1-2 inches wide, are on or just below the surface, leaving behind flattened or dead grass. The bad news is that they are herbivores and feed on stems and roots of grasses and plants, so they never run out of food source. Our yard has been a smorgasbord! After trying traps, bait, mouse traps with peanut butter, water flooding, and exhaust fumes, to no avail, Nick has created a device, he calls the VOLE-CON EXTERMINATOR. If he's successful in winning the war on voles, I'll let you know. He may be out for hire!



Nick Holbrook...aka the "vole man!"



ACC's Corner

The ACC Committee would like to thank all the homeowners that maintained their lawn and landscape in great condition this growing season. Your continued efforts are appreciated. The committee conducted a neighborhood walkthrough in the first week of August and had to send out over 30 covenant violation letters. A high percentage of those violation letters were sent to homeowners who showed little to no effort to maintain their property in a condition that is required by the covenants that we are all held to. Our hope is that we will have much better participation this spring and through the summer of 2026. Also, now would be a good time to evaluate the vegetation on your property and trim any trees and plants that are overgrown.

Now that we are quickly approaching that time of year when dark times are increasing, we ask for you to minimize the time that you park a car in the street as well as bring your garbage can, yard waste container and recycle container off the street on the same day that they are emptied. We ask this favor for the safety of our neighborhood families when they may play or be walking around the neighborhood.

Please make the ACC committee aware of any of our streetlights that don't turn on when it turns dark or if they stay on all day. We can then reach out to Puget Sound Energy to come and make the necessary repairs at no cost to the HOA.

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