

Westwood

Lexington Hills

Spring 2026 Newsletter

Neighborhood Spring Clean Up

The weekend of April 25-26, we're organizing a neighborhood cleanup and would be thrilled if as many neighbors as possible could join us. We'll post about it on our Facebook page and send out an email once we're ready for volunteers to sign up. This event is open to working with your schedule over the weekend, so we hope to see many of you there to help beautify our neighborhood!



NEW lock on Mailboxes

Earlier this month, the post office replaced all the master locks on the mailboxes in our neighborhood (and is working to do the same in all of Puyallup). This change is expected to prevent mail theft by individuals who previously had access to the master key. However, the most effective way to prevent mail theft is to pick up your mail daily, eliminating any potential targets for criminals. Additionally, you can check the "Informed Delivery" feature daily to monitor your mail for that day. Furthermore, there are new notification options available for your mail. If you haven't visited the website recently, I recommend checking it out to stay even more informed

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Mark Your Calendar!



April 25-26th - Westwood



Spring Cleanup



May 17th (4 pm) - Annual Homeowner's Meeting

July 18-19th - Lexington Hills Annual Garage Sale



Crows and Moles and Voles... Oh My!

Our neighborhood lawns have been under attack from just about every critter imaginable lately. The newest troublemakers are the crows, who love digging up turf in search of grubs. If your lawn's roots aren't strong, they can easily pull up chunks of sod while hunting for their next snack.

Moles are also big fans of grubs and will tunnel extensively through yards to find them. Voles, on the other hand, aren't after the grubs at all — they prefer vegetation and will happily chew on the roots of your grass and plants. Together, they make quite the trio of lawn trouble.

Managing Grubs

A product like GrubX can be applied in late spring or early summer when grubs are active. Reducing the grub population helps discourage both crows and moles.

Strengthening Your Lawn

Keeping your lawn fertilized and well watered helps build strong, healthy roots that are far less likely to be pulled up or damaged. I encourage every homeowner to take these simple steps so we can enjoy a neighborhood full of thriving, resilient lawns this year.

Want More Tips?

There are many helpful YouTube videos that cover additional methods for keeping these critters at bay and maintaining a healthy lawn. **around the globe. As with ALL of their events, the whole afternoon as well as activities and performances are free!**

ACC's Corner – Spring Update

Spring has finally arrived, and with it comes our annual ACC neighborhood walk through in April. This is our chance to look around the community and identify any homes that may need a little seasonal maintenance—nothing major, just the usual touch ups that help keep our neighborhood looking its best.

Before we begin, we kindly ask each homeowner to take a moment to look over your home, lawn, and landscaping. If you notice anything that needs attention, feel free to share your plan for addressing it with the ACC Committee at the email below. We're here to help, not to hassle, and early communication always makes things easier for everyone.

Common springtime issues to watch for:

- Moss or weeds in lawns (it's been a big moss year for many of us!)
- Grass damage from winter or from crows digging for grubs
- Weeds growing in driveway cracks
- Weeds in landscaping beds
- Bushes or shrubs that could use trimming
- Moss or debris on roofs
- Rain gutters that need exterior cleaning
- Rotten or damaged exterior trim or siding
- Faded exterior paint
- Fencing that may need repair or staining

We truly appreciate all the homeowners who take pride in caring for their property. When each of us does a little, it makes a big difference in keeping our neighborhood looking beautiful.

ACC Committee

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SENIOR CELEBRATION

In a couple of months, high school seniors will be graduating and embarking on a new chapter in their lives. As a tradition that began in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we plan to honor and congratulate the graduating seniors who reside in our neighborhood. This tradition was initiated when the 2020 graduating class faced the absence of a graduation ceremony due to the pandemic, and we wanted to provide them with something to look forward to. Over time, it has become a cherished tradition that brings our neighbors together and demonstrates our support and best wishes for the graduates' future.

We gather donations for the seniors, which include gift cards, balloons, candy, cash, cards, and more. On a designated date, we collectively walk from our homes to the seniors' homes, present them with the gifts, congratulate them, and extend our heartfelt wishes for their future endeavors. We warmly welcome anyone who would like to contribute to this tradition and encourage everyone to join us for our "senior parade."

If you have a high school senior, live next to one, or know of any from our neighborhood, please email presidentlhhawestwood@gmail.com with their name and school. Additionally, if you wish to make a donation, please send an email as well for further information. We are hopeful that this tradition will continue for years to come, with the unwavering support and participation of

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KARSHNER MUSEUM

Spring is here and the weather is warming up! However, Washington is infamous for having a wide range of cold and warm weather in the spring. If you're looking for something to do in our community on the days when the weather can't make up its mind, there is a gem of a museum less than fifteen minutes away from our neighborhood! It's the Karshner Museum and Center for Culture & Arts.

The Karshner Museum is a teaching museum owned and operated by the Puyallup School District. It hosts many events free to the public throughout the year focusing on creating exhibits and learning experiences that help visitors make connections between themselves and the world. The museum has hosted events to learn about cultures all over the world, from every continent, as well as spotlighting local artists.

For example, on Saturday March 21 they hosted "Artists in Action" where many different talented local artists working with a variety of media-- leather, paints, photography, mixed media of digital and acrylics-- came to meet the museum visitors and share their artistic processes. You could watch them bring their art to life! Karshner Museum makes an effort to have hands-on activities for adults and children alike, so at this specific event, one could even make their own hand-stamped leather keyring or necklace!

Another event hosted on Thursday March 26 was "Legends, Lore and Music Culture and Arts Festival" highlighting Irish and Scottish traditions through music, dance, story-telling and art to take home. There were live performances by The Morigans Band, Tacoma Scots Pipe Band, and the Seattle Irish Dancers who gave a dance lesson after their performance. Many delighted children joined in!

If you're interested to check out one of their events, coming up on Saturday April 18 the museum is hosting "World Ways: Daily Life Across Cultures". It will be an afternoon of hands-on activities and interactive displays exploring how people live, work, eat, and travel around the globe. As with ALL of their events, the whole afternoon as well as activities and performances are free!

To learn more about the museum and see their permanent exhibits about local history, please find their Facebook page under "Karshner Museum and Centre for Culture & Arts" or find their website! Their Facebook page regularly updates their scheduled events, as well, so keep an eye out for all the wonderful learning adventures waiting!

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