

# THE FALLS AT SNOHOMISH CASCADE

## June 2014 Monthly Update

### **Financial Update:**

**SCHOA Accounts at Whidbey Bank—These numbers have changed since the May Board Meeting.**

Reserve Account = \$87,868.81

Daily Operations Account = \$46,546.54

**IMPORTANT:** Meeting Minutes from the May 28, 2014 board meeting are being sent with this update.

### **Save these Dates Please:**

There will be a **short Special Board Meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** for the board to approve the budget for 2014. This will be held at **Shelley Logan's home at 14320 Cascade DR SE.**

**The Budget Ratification Meeting and our Summer Board Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. at Fire Station 13 in Silver Firs.**

Here is a list of the summer meeting dates:

**June 25, 2014 –Budget Ratification Meeting**

*(formal notice of this meeting and a copy of the budget will be mailed to you on June 11<sup>th</sup>)*

**July 30, 2014**

**August 27, 2014**

Homeowners are always welcome to participate at meetings. We appreciate your input!

**Q & A:** *What are we doing about the fence along Sno-Cascade Drive?* As of the last board meeting, ASPI Surveyors will be performing a survey to find exactly where the existing fences lie. This course of action was recommended by the Fence Advisory Team and approved by the board.



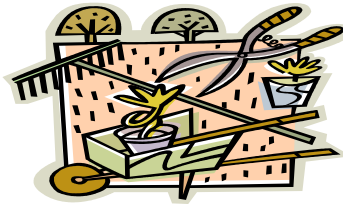
### **Neighborhood Beautification Day!**

**This Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9 to Noon.**

Please lend a hand and a green thumb! ☺

We would like to divide The Falls up by zones and work on projects like picking up trash, cleaning mail boxes, clearing the trails, and assisting a couple of neighbors in need. Volunteers are meeting at Totem Falls at 9:00 am. Bring gloves and tools.

Students can help and will get community service hours too. Contact Shelley Logan at 425-330-2317



to be added to the volunteer list, or email the board.

Pizza & Salad will be served for all volunteers

following the event at the Logan's home.

Please RSVP.

### **Landscape Update:**

The south entrance is finished and looks awesome. Many thanks to Ben Blankenship, Michelle Haneberg, and Shelley Logan for volunteering to plant the new shrubs at the south corner! Also, many thanks to the seven families that have helped us water our new plants. Since our May board meeting, Kim Hawley has also volunteered to help with watering our plants. You, too, can help if you would like. No volunteers will be turned away ☺

Shelley cleaned the signs at both entrances to The Falls on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The green moss and grime is gone. Now our signs are sparkling! The lighting is being fixed at both entrances by another neighbor, Alan Ferrin. We appreciate his service to our neighborhood as well!

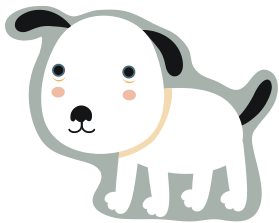
The waterfall is off indefinitely. It appears we may have a leak. We will keep you posted.

Work is now beginning on the medians. We are working on getting water to the islands and need volunteers to help us water the new plants during the summer months. **Contact the board via email if you would like to be on the watering schedule.**

Many homeowners have commented on the excellent job our new landscape company has been doing and have asked how to reach them for service. Here is the contact information:

**Archey's Landscape Maintenance LLC  
(425) 870-7342**

Wow! Our neighborhood has really stepped it up when it comes to curb appeal! Your new driveways, newly planted lawns, removal of tired shrubs, weeding, and barking look gorgeous. Everyone appreciates your hard work. Thanks for keeping us looking so good.



### **Poop Alert!**

Our landscaper has made us aware that homeowners are allowing their pets to

poop in common areas and are not cleaning it up, or are possibly deliberately dumping pet poop in common areas as a means of disposal.

**THIS IS NOT OK.** Dog and cat waste that is left on the ground is more than smelly and unsightly; it pollutes our water and poses a health risk for pets and people, especially children. Please remember to **scoop the poop, bag it, and put it in your trash bin.** Landfills are designed to safely handle substances such as dog waste and cat litter (per Snohomish County Government website). There is NO common area anywhere in The Falls where it is appropriate or OK to leave or permit pet poop. Please be certain to clean up after your pet.

**Thank you.**

### **More inexpensive curb appeal ideas**

(even free!):

Ideas from MSN  
Real Estate



1. Mow, trim, prune and weed: A manicured lawn and weeded beds show you care and take pride in your home. Edging along the sidewalk really makes a difference too. 😊
2. Mulch: The darker the better—it makes your plant colors pop and helps hold the moisture for your plants. Doing this simple step makes your yard look newly landscaped.
3. Focus attention on your front door: Try a beautiful hanging basket that welcomes your guests. Maybe even a new door color. Consider updating your hardware for a more sleek and modern look.
4. Use some elbow grease: You can use a pressure washer to clean your siding, foundation, patios, walkways, driveway, stairs, decks, and porch. Take a bucket and scrub brush to your front door and mailbox where gentler cleaning is necessary.

### **Reminder to Homeowners:**

**The second half of the Annual Assessment is due on or before July 15<sup>th</sup>.** On June 2, a courtesy invoice was emailed to all homeowners that made a partial payment in February. Please expect this to arrive in your email from the Aynax on-line invoice system.

*To avoid a late fee, please be timely with your payment.*

### **How to Contact the Board:**

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SCHOA, PO Box 15030, Mill Creek WA 98082

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Monthly updates and meeting minutes are available on this new site.

