

# SKAGIT HIGHLANDS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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# SPRING IN SKAGIT HIGHLANDS

As the days grow longer, signs of spring are manifesting throughout our community, heralding a number of spring chores for our homeowners.

## FENCES

Fences are at the top of the list, as several of the older fences in the community didn't withstand the winter windstorms. Even if your fence made it through the winter, it's still a good idea to check each post, push on it and see if it moves. If it does, consider replacing it. Does the fence need power washing and restaining? Community Standards do state fences are to be kept in good repair, clean and stained. Refer to the Fence Standards on the HOA website - HOA-PI Handbook2009.indd (skagithighlandshoa.org).

## EXTERIOR

The exterior of your home needs regular inspection and attention also. Siding that is exposed to little or no sunlight is susceptible to scum/fungi buildup. Before power washing, do your research and find out what is best for your siding. Using the wrong product or method can void the warranty and/or shorten the life expectancy of the siding.

## ROOFS & GUTTERS

Roof and gutters also need regular attention. Moss growth can cause the roof to leak and clogged gutters can cause water damage to the roof too, both of which are expensive to repair. Even if you don't live near trees, leaves and pine needles carried by wind land on roofs and rain washes them into the gutters.

## COMPLIANCE

The Community Association Manager will be inspecting homes for these items beginning in March . Regular, timely maintenance of your home is a great way to avoid Courtesy Notices, saving you the annoyance of receiving one as well as saving HOA dollars in mailing costs.

# HOA ASSESSMENTS

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We are coming upon a year of shutdowns of various stages because of the continuing pandemic. The Board of Directors is fully aware that it has caused financial hardship for some.

If this describes your situation, please contact the Community Association Manager to discuss options, like payment plans, that may be available to help you.

Please note, all communication from the Association will come from a Trestle Community Management return address with a c/o Skagit Highlands note on the envelope so it is important to open any and all mail received from Trestle Community Management.



## IN GROUND SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Did you know a city permit is required before installing a sprinkler system on your property, as well as a PIC form?

The Public Utility District of Skagit County also requires an annual backflow check performed by an independent vendor. A report of the results of that test must then be submitted to the utility district. Backflow valves are critical to keeping our drinking water supply clean and safe for everyone.



## DOG WASTE

This wouldn't be a Skagit Highlands Community Newsletter if the dog waste issue wasn't addressed. Not only is it illegal per Chapter 6.04 ANIMAL CONTROL AND PROTECTION, but is also a violation of the Community Rules Section 16 which can be found at RULES AND REGULATIONS ([skagithighlands.org](http://skagithighlands.org)) Your HOA spends over \$2000 a year emptying the various common area waste bins and keeping the dog waste bags stocked in the dispensers. The dog waste bags are often pulled out and draped over landscaping, driving up the assessments. The Board is considering adding more waste bins around the community to make it easier for dog walkers to do the right thing. Of course, adding more waste bins will increase assessments in the future. The alternative is to always bring your own waste bags on dog walks and carry the filled bags home and throw them away in your own trash cans.

## QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

Please contact our community association manager:  
Caitlin Traub, CMCA, AMS, PCAM  
[caitlin@trestlecm.com](mailto:caitlin@trestlecm.com)  
425-214-9344.

## RENTALS

Skagit Highlands Homeowners Association has a Rental of 8%.

All homes that are not occupied by the homeowner of record or immediate family (affidavit required) are considered a rental.

Those owners wishing to rent their homes should contact the Community Association Manager for more information and requirements for renting a home within the community.

Owners can also refer to section 18 in RULES AND REGULATIONS, available at [skagithighlands.org](http://skagithighlands.org) for additional details.

