

MERIDIAN VALLEY MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Dick Metz
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We are now well into our beautiful northwest summer. I feel quite lucky to live in a neighborhood that is so pleasant to walk, bike, and run though. With all the kids out of school please make sure you are extra vigilant for pedestrians and bike riders during these long summer days.

This is also great weather for walking your dogs through the neighborhood. **Remember that all dogs must be on a leash and you must clean up after them. But also, remember that per Kent City code your animals must be well behaved and they must not be a nuisance or do any damage to your neighbor's yards.**

With the nice weather, I know many of you are planning home and yard improvement projects. The Architecture Committee chaired by Frank Wisdom and Roger Wall must approve all exterior changes. They are ready to accept your designs/plans and will work closely with their committee to expedite requests.

Your Meridian Valley Maintenance Association is continually working to keep this neighborhood the beautiful place in which we all enjoy living. That requires both effective working committees and a dedicated Board of Trustees. The broader the participation we have in both the committees and the Board the more effective they are. Please consider helping on one of the committees or running for the Board for 2015. Participation from our members is critical to keeping this neighborhood the wonderful place we all enjoy living in. **If you have any interest in volunteering, contact me or one of the other Board members.**

TREASURER – Brian Goodell
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Current revenues and expenses are favorable compared to the 2014 budget. We have had to replace some computer and digital recording equipment for the gate cameras which was not budgeted. We will be able to postpone other expenses or capital to cover these expenditures. Financial reports are available for review at the MVMA office.

Six homeowners of a total of 425 properties have not made full dues payments for 2014, including two homes currently in foreclosure. This is a significant improvement over recent years and the MVMA Board is grateful for your support.

The Investments Committee has approved the policy guidelines for 2014 and made recommendations for the rebalancing and management of our portfolio. Details available.

FACILITIES & COMMON GROUNDS – Jack Ottini
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The big project for the summer has been completed; all speed bumps and stop lines have been painted. This year we added some glass beads to each bump so they will reflect light at night. The north and south gates have been power washed and painted.

Two areas of our fence were repaired. The fence was cut in both cases. To those who live next to the fence, please report any unusual activity to security.

All residents are asked to spray the weeds in the curb area in front of their homes. Our landscape maintenance team is spraying in all other areas. All of our common ground areas are weed free and in good shape. Some of the trees we planted along 144th Avenue SE are not doing well. We are putting extra water and more fertilizer on them hoping to save most of them.

Finally, the air-conditioning unit in the guardhouse stopped working just before the hot weather started. A new unit has been installed. The guards now have a cool place to work.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE – Frank Wisdom / Roger Wall

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Well it is that time of year again. We had a very wet spring, now we are having a very hot summer (At least for the Great NW). So, everything is growing like crazy and that includes our friends THE WEEDS!! Yep, most of us have some of them and a few of us have more than others. Now, we know it is hot out there so we want you to choose carefully when you take action against our friends THE WEEDS.

Need help deciding what to do?? There is a Master Gardner Clinic at McLendon Hardware on the East Hill of Kent Wednesday August 20th and every Saturday until September 27th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Drop in and talk with them about our friends THE WEEDS or any other yard questions you might have.

Now this heat has also promoted our shrubbery to take off but we realize some shrubs can be trimmed now and perhaps a few cannot. Again, if now is a good time to trim, lets catch up with our neat look for which Meridian Valley is so famous. If you need to wait until cooler weather, do so but when the time is right let's catch up with those as well. It will help us all enjoy the community together.

We have been a busy group this summer, several homes have been repainted, there are many new roofs, several new driveways, and some are in the process of new landscaping. There is never a dull moment in Meridian Valley.

We thank all of you for coordinating your projects with us and we will do our best to give you timely responses. Enjoy the rest of the summer, see you in the fall!!

SECURITY – Eric Zerr

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Summer is in full swing and it is great to see people out walking/riding in the neighborhood. We can always use reminders to be cognizant of our neighbors and make sure that our pets are under control, don't wander onto private property, and that they need to be picked up after. The weather won't even be turning to cooler nights before kids are heading to the bus stops and walking home in the afternoon. Please be mindful that kids act unpredictably and dangerously. Drivers need to take extra care when around them. Slow way down, give them extra room in the roadway, and try to make eye contact with them, in the hope they will move to the side of the road so you can pass. Couple these activities with parents teaching their kids roadway safety and I'm hopeful the transition to the new school year will be smooth. Thanks for making this a safe and vibrant community

MERIDIAN VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

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Meridian Valley Country Club has many exciting offerings for 2014! We have several different Membership types, with one that's sure to fit your lifestyle. Make sure to call the Clubhouse Office to learn about special MVMA Homeowner Memberships. Whether you're a golfer or just like to socialize, there's always an event to enjoy for adults-only and for families. For more information call or email the Office. You already live in the community, become part of our family!

MVCC Women's Division is sponsoring the **Seattle Cancer Care Alliance** with the 3rd Annual Women's Golf & Luncheon/Dinner Fundraiser. This event called "Hit Fore the House" will be held Tuesday, August 19th. The format is a "Step Aside Scramble" with an 8:30 am and/or 5:30 pm shotgun. There will be a Silent Auction and Raffle Baskets. The 18 Hole guest fee is \$60 (which includes \$20 donation and lunch cost). Please bring cash or checks for many fun opportunities to show your support! Call the Golf Shop at 253-631-3133 to sign-up.

MVMA WEBSITE – Robert Steiner

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The MVMA website and e-mail distribution list are the most expedient means to efficiently contact MVCC residents. Currently more than 60 percent of the residences in MVCC are included on the distribution list. The e-mail distribution list is used almost exclusively for items of security and for general information which the Board feels will be useful to residents. On occasion residents have objected to e-mails. You have the option to remove your name from the distribution list if you do not wish to receive e-mails. Send your request to be **added or removed** from the distribution list to **mvma@qwestoffice.net** or **rlsteiner@comcast.net**. It is difficult to keep the list totally current as individuals periodically change their e-mail provider. If you change your address or have left MVCC, please update us.

The MVMA web-based resident database allows residents to personally update information (guest list, automobile information, alternate address, etc) which is currently on hardcopy at the security guardhouse and/or MVMA Office without a trip to the MVMA Office or guardhouse to complete hardcopy paper forms. The information is password protected and available only to the resident and those who currently have access to the hardcopy of information (Security, MVMA office staff, and Board). In order to utilize the MVMA website, the resident(s) must have a functional e-mail account. **Please send an e-mail to webmaster: Robert Steiner rlsteiner@comcast.net requesting that your password be sent to you. When that request is received, you will be sent your password (which can be changed) and instructions on how to update the personal information in the database.** If you choose not to take advantage of this on-line capability, you can submit changes to your personal information, guest list, and planned absences, etc., using the existing forms.