



HOA Newsletter

Autumn 2025

Important contact information:

Our HOA's Website: www.thevhoa.org

Protocol Property Management

1756 Watson Street North

Enumclaw WA 98022

Phone: 360-802-2000

Contact person: Betty Chalfant

Email: betty@PPMSouth.com

Email HOA: newcastlevineyardhoa@gmail.com

Newcastle Police Department

Non-Emergency Dispatch

Phone: 206-296-3311

Police Vacation House Check:

Contact Newcastle WA police department's home page, click on Search, and then click on vacation house check. Please consider this service when going out of town

Annual Dues:

Protocol Property Management requests that if you are paying your dues by check, to please be sure that your current Vineyard address is noted on your check! Be sure to use Protocol Property Management's correct address:

1756 Watson Street North

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You can also pay your dues via Pay Pal through our HOA website: www.thevhoa.org.

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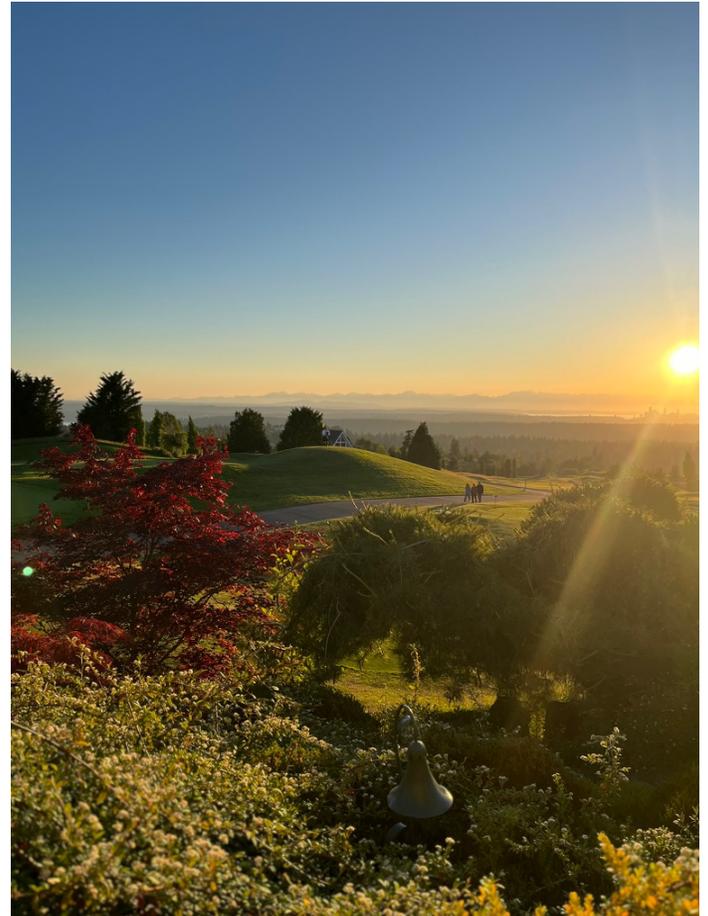
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Looking down onto Newcastle from the heights at the Newcastle Golf Club

You need to know!

If you are planning to change the color of your house, or are planning to do major landscaping changes like ripping up your front lawn, chopping down trees and shrubs in front of your house, or having any unusual equipment stored on your property or in your driveway such as construction equipment, recreational vehicles, boats, trailers, or anything else that you can imagine... You FIRST need to inform the Vineyard HOA Board. Simply go onto the Vineyard Website at: www.thevhoa.org, click on "Contact", and fill out the paperwork.

Any change to your property affects your neighbors and our entire community.

The Vineyard HOA wants to take this opportunity to thank every homeowner for working so hard in keeping up the appearance of their property. Overall, our community is really looking beautiful.

Your Thundercloud Tree....

Did you know that every home in our Vineyard community was originally landscaped to have a Thundercloud tree? These trees are distinctive, and beautiful....so beautiful that a few years ago the Seattle Times published a photo of our streetscape when our trees were in flower. They have become our signature tree. The Vineyard HOA Board realizes that some trees were not taken care of properly in the past, and that there are now a number of homes that are missing their tree. To that end, we on the HOA board want to let you know that if you are missing a Thundercloud tree and would like to have one, we have a limited supply available. All you need to do is to contact our HOA at:

newcastlevineyardhoa@gmail.com

We will supply you with a certificate good toward your purchase of a Thundercloud tree at a local nursery.

Your responsibility will be to first check with the city of Newcastle through the “call before you dig program” in order to make sure that where you want to plant your tree doesn’t interfere with any public utility line. Then, purchase a tree watering bag, and make sure the tree when it is young is watered at least twice a week when it is not the rainy season.

Since we are discussing landscaping, remember to care for your lawn. Please mow it, feed it, and remove weeds. Weed seeds travel. It is just common courtesy to prevent the spread of your weeds onto your neighbor’s property. All trees should be trimmed by a professional arborist. Two local arborists you can contact include:

The Davey Tree Expert Company: 425-429-7449

Bartlett Tree Experts: 425-481-6529.

For very helpful pruning information, you can also visit the Arbor Day website:

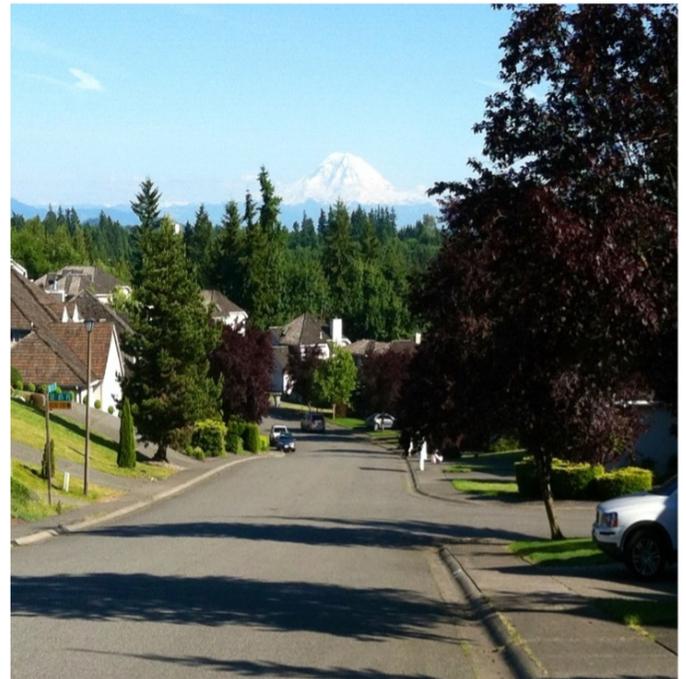
<https://arbordayblog.org/askanarborist/ask-arborist-rules-pruning/>

Creating a safe community

Now more than ever: Trash cans need to be put back out of sight by the evening of trash collection day please. Apparently, thieves think that if trash cans are still sitting out after trash day, then possibly you are not at home! Here in the Vineyard, the incidence of crime is very low compared to other neighborhoods. Even so, we still need to be careful. **We also are required by our CC&R’s to store our cans out of sight....so please put them back into your garage or behind a fence**

The Vineyard is a neighborhood block watch community. Neighborhood Watch Committees receive regular email updates from the police concerning break-ins, security issues and other important news. If you are not receiving notices, or if you would like more information on our block watch program, please contact Lisa Edwards at:

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**Pictures from The Vineyard sponsored
Spring 2025 Egg Hunt in Lake Boren Park!**

If you are interested in being involved in a Vineyard sponsored community event, we'd love to have you with us. Send the Vineyard HOA an email at : newcastlevineyardHOA@gmail.com

Our Special thanks go to James Banks for volunteering to be the Bunny....

You're a master at the art of communicating with children through the art of pantomime James!!!



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****Are you interested in becoming a board member or a committee member of the Vineyard HOA?**

Your HOA is looking for enthusiastic and engaged individuals with a positive attitude who enjoy working in a group situation. If this sounds like you, please consider volunteering your time with the Vineyard HOA Board! If you would be more comfortable being on a committee such as the architectural committee - that would also be wonderful, and would be a good way to gradually become familiar with the duties, responsibilities, and tasks of your HOA. Committee members do not have to run for election, but we do need to know that you're interested! Let us know any time. If you are interested in running for a board position, please send us an email by October 20th to:

newcastlevineyardhoa@gmail.com so that we can put your name on the ballot. To give you an idea of the time commitment, our board meets the first Wednesday of every month this year - and will continue to do so in 2026. Your HOA board members are also your neighbors - Jim Quigg, President; Philipp Schmidt-Pathmann, Liaison to the City of Newcastle ; Dee Mulford, Secretary; Vikas Luthra, Treasurer; and Leslie Karis Larson, our Architectural chairperson.

Sidewalk repairs.

Do you have a cracked or crumbling sidewalk in front of your home? If so, you can go on line to:

seeclickfix.com

Simply take a picture of the problem with your cell phone add attach it with your request. Don't forget to include your address!

Coming up next in our neighborhood:

Gather your families, and immerse yourselves in the warmth and joy that is a part of our community

September 6th

Newcastle Day. 10 am – 7 pm Join the city of Newcastle for the city's community event on Saturday, September 6th in Lake Boren Park! Featuring live stage entertainment, giant inflatables, carnival games and other kids' activities, community and vendor booths, food trucks, and more...

A note from our president...

Thank you for taking time to read this newsletter. We try to stay "behind the scenes" so you can enjoy living in the Vineyard without too many distractions. Your HOA Board is working hard to keep our neighborhood beautiful and safe. But we always appreciate your help. If you notice something that doesn't look right, please let us know. You can email us anytime at NewcastleVineyardHOA@gmail.com. We will reply to you very quickly. The Vineyard is our home too, and we want to help you and all our neighbors to preserve the value and attractiveness of our homes.

--- Jim Quigg



The 2025 Vineyard HOA board members, left to right... Jim Quigg, Dee Mulford, Vikas Luthra, Leslie Karis Larson, and Philipp Schmidt-Pathmann