

# GHOA December 2025 Newsletter



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## 2025 Highlights/Updates

**SAVE THE DATE: Monday, February 2, 2026 for the Annual HOA meeting, at Kim Abbey's residence:**

Our annual meeting consists of a President's report, a budget report, the election of Board Members, an opportunity to discuss concerns about our community and a discussion of future projects. Taking care of our neighborhood is a big job and we encourage you to participate by sharing your ideas and talents. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can find an electronic copy of the meeting minutes on the website. We also welcome input and ideas via email.

Your HOA now has an EMAIL address!

In the future, all private and BCC emails will come from: [GreenfieldHOAoly@gmail.com](mailto:GreenfieldHOAoly@gmail.com)

PLEASE put this in your contacts so that you will not miss any important communications. Also, the Greenfield HOA Summer Newsletter is only sent in digital form now. In the past, all emails were sent from [kabbey48@gmail.com](mailto:kabbey48@gmail.com), the personal account of Kim Abbey, President of the Board. Please remember to update any new mobile numbers and new or preferred email addresses by writing to either of those emails to keep our Excel spreadsheet up to date.

### Annual Dues due:

Please pay your annual dues of \$400 as soon as possible. You can drop off a check at the house of Michael Haynes, Treasurer, at 3626 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE. On his porch is a dedicated GHOA drop-box, clearly marked.

### 2025 Tree Update:

In 2025, the City of Olympia Urban Forestry Department approved a permit for us to remove more trees. We removed 5 trees in the spring and planted 20 trees in November. This leaves us with 33 more trees to remove and 56 more trees to plant. In 2026, we plan to remove several larger trees and plant another 15-20 trees. If you received a tree watering bag last spring from your tree planted in 2024, you can remove it for the winter, but **please put it back on in late spring** (April 2026). If you had a tree planted this November, you will receive a watering bag in the spring.

### Tree Planting on your property:

Homeowners! When choosing plants/trees for your property, especially backyards, think 10 or more years ahead! Avoid plantings that will be 'too large' and would then begin to reach your roof and your neighbor's roof in the coming years.

### Architectural Committee:

BEFORE you begin any new roofing or painting of your house, please submit an Architectural Application. You will find the FORM on the [www.greenfieldhoa.org](http://www.greenfieldhoa.org) website. Open the 'Frequently Asked Questions' tab. and scroll to #4 'Painting and Exterior Home Modifications'. There, you may open the form. PRINT a copy to be filled and signed by TWO neighbors who approve of your color selections. Paint chips and shingle chips should be included.

The goal is to maintain the neighborhood to the highest standards applicable. Over the years, the Board has approved more varied Paint Colors for houses to modernize the community.

You can scan and email **the form** to [GreenfieldHOAoly@gmail.com](mailto:GreenfieldHOAoly@gmail.com), OR you can send or bring it to Kim at 2008 Kyle Street SE. Of course, you may also ask questions about your home improvements at the above email for Kim Abbey, Board President.

### **Attention:**

Neighbors! Beware of property theft. Take great care to check that your garage door is closed before dusk. Also, keep your front yard or garage exterior light on, all night. Even close your garage during the day if you will be working in the backyard. Please use all security measures to prevent burglaries!

### **Mailbox Keys:**

Have you ever wondered who to call if you lose your mailbox key? You can call B.K. Mailboxes at 360-455-9078, and they can help you get a new lock and keys.

### **Email address of homeowners:**

The Board recommends and requests homeowners to provide email addresses to the Board for any future correspondence. Email the Board at: [GreenfieldHOAoly@gmail.com](mailto:GreenfieldHOAoly@gmail.com)

### **New Board Members needed:**

The Board is seeking a new Treasurer. Michael Haynes has served for four years and would really appreciate if another homeowner steps up to the task. If any owner has past experience with Accounting or is willing to learn, please email or call him to talk about what is needed.

Please consider serving our Greenfield community by becoming a Board member. Several Board members are looking to relinquish their duties, and **y**ou have an opportunity to nominate yourself to a Board position now.

Some perks of being on the Board include:

- Making decisions that directly affect where you live
- Connecting with your neighbors
- Learning the history of Greenfield Estates

If volunteers are not found to fill these positions, the Board may consider hiring an HOA Property Management company. This could require a significant raise in dues. Please contact our President, Kim, if you want to learn more about becoming a Board member.

### **Be a good neighbor!**

**SLOW DOWN!** Please follow speed limits when driving through the neighborhood. Consider talking with your teen about safe driving. It may save a life!

Maintain your yards including the landscape strip between the street and the sidewalk adjoining your property, trees, shrubs and street drains, keeping them free of debris (Addendum to Covenants).

Keep your garbage cans out of view from the front, and placed toward the rear of your house as indicated in the Covenants (Article III, Section I).

### **Questions? Check out the FAQs section on the website!**

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