



ACADEMY TERRACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

2017 SPRING NEWSLETTER

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We have a new website!! Our new website is AcademyTerraceHOA.com. The format for this website will be easier for us to work with and update. We're still adding things, but the bylaws and covenants are up for anyone who would like to check them out. There is also an easy-to-use option for sending emails to the board if you need to connect with us.



Dates to remember

ATHOA Spring Egg Hunt—Saturday, April 15, 1-3pm (John Zoril Park)

UP Refuse Spring Cleanup & Canned Food Drive—Saturday, April 15, 9am–4pm. NOTE: This is the same day as the Spring Egg Hunt. If you want to participate in both, be sure to drop off your cleanup items first thing in the morning.

National Night Out—Tuesday, August 1, 6-8:30pm (John Zoril Park)

ATHOA Annual Meeting—Thursday, October 5, 7-8pm (location tbd)

UP Refuse Fall Cleanup & Canned Food Drive—Saturday, October 14, 9am–4pm.

Annual Dues Late Notices

Several homeowners have not yet paid their annual dues of \$78.42 for 2017. Second notices will be going out soon to these homeowners.

A fee of \$3 per month and 8% per annum interest will be charged for delinquent accounts, and the monthly fee will continue to accumulate until payment is made. Please note that properties with unpaid dues may be subject to lien.

When a lien is placed, it will not be released until all amounts due have been paid, including all dues owed, all accumulated late fees, and all lien expenses, as well as any relevant attorney fees.

Placing a lien is never our preferred solution. If you are having difficulty making your payment, please contact the board and we will be happy to work with you.



Help Keep Your Neighborhood Looking Good...

Overflowing trash containers create an unsightly mess, especially when the wind, birds and other wildlife distribute the contents into the road and your neighbors' yards. Please make sure your containers are securely closed to keep out the elements and local critters, and try to limit the time they are parked at the roadside.

When trash containers are not tucked away in a timely manner, they allow more time for problems to develop, and they may signal to passersby that no one is home. If you will be unable to put out and bring in your containers within a day or two of trash day, check with your neighbors to see if someone would be interested in helping you, perhaps on a reciprocal basis.

The City of University Place deserves a great big THANK YOU!!

You may not have noticed, but the City of University Place has made some important changes near the breakaway gate off of Academy Terrace Drive in response to concerns expressed by ATHOA members and the board. For the last several years, the area by the breakaway gate has frequently been a congregating place for a variety of individuals. The city has placed flexible traffic delineator posts across the road to indicate that this is an area not open to vehicular traffic. In addition, no-parking signs have been placed on both sides of the road to discourage people from parking near the gate. **If you see a vehicle parked near the breakaway gate where no parking is indicated, you can and should call 911 to report the offense.**

Information You Might Find Helpful

Are you weighing your healthcare options?

Call **SHIBA** (Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors): **1-800-562-6900**. SHIBA is a **free service** of the Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner. SHIBA is staffed by knowledgeable volunteers who understand your healthcare coverage and rights. They can compare the health plans available in Washington State, including Medicare, to find the plan that works best for you. They are not affiliated with or obligated to any of the insurance programs. No matter what your age, SHIBA volunteers will do their best to find the program that best meets your particular needs at no cost to you.

Are you interested in a home that incorporates accessible and adaptable features?

Learn about Universal Design features for your home so you can prioritize what features you want to include first, and why. Go to the below listed website for a copy of *Universal Design in Housing* prepared by The Center for Universal Design, North Carolina State University.

www.ncsu.edu/ncsu/design/cud/pubs_p/docs/UDinHousing.pdf

Would you like to try out one or more assistive devices before you buy?

If you would like to try out one or more assistive devices at a modest rental charge (usually \$20 or less) before buying to make sure which devices will really help you hear or see better, manage self-care tasks, etc. contact **WATAP** (WA Assistive Technology Act Program) **1-800-21408731**. Explain your problem to get suggestions for devices that may help you that you can try out. You may also send them your request or questions by e-mail: watap@uw.edu

Are you concerned about possible neglect or abuse of a relative or friend?

To report possible neglect or abuse of someone (young or old) living in a skilled nursing or assisted living home or institution, contact the **Supervisor of Social Services (1-253-798-3782)** for Pierce County Aging and Disability Resources or **Adult Protective Services (1-253-476-7247)**.

Be prepared to tell the social worker the name of the facility, its location, and what sort of facility it is (nursing home? Group home?) what sort of problems are indicating poor quality care. If possible, also let them know whether the patient, a family member, or private insurance is paying the facility, or if the person is on Medicaid. (NOTE: Medicare does NOT pay for long-term care. If the patient has been in institutional care for more than 100 or 120 days, he/she would have been involuntarily transferred from Medicare to Medicaid if income-qualified for Medicaid.)

Need information about other aging and disability resources in Pierce County?

Contact Pierce County Community Connections for the free informational and referral guide *Where to Turn*. This guide lists phone numbers by types of services and includes funded and non-profit programs that accept Medicare or Medicaid. To get a copy, call **253-798-4600 / 800-562-0332**, or email www.PiereADRD.org.