

HILL TALK

**THE LAKELAND HILLS HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**



Message from the President

I would like to thank Ron Surber and his family for all of their hard work on the mailbox project. When I hear that some of our boxes were vandalized with the intent of mail theft, and when I look at some of the neighboring HOA's boxes in a similar or worse condition, I know this was a good way to reinvest in our neighborhood. We received and appreciate all the positive feedback. Furthermore, this project provided the opportunity for many of us to meet neighbors from different streets we haven't talked to before, and that was a great experience as well. As I write this, I am watching the Mariners game, and that means it is getting to be springtime. We have all heard the early season mowing and pressure washing going on around the neighborhood. This is the time to get out ahead of our yards so they keep that high value appearance that drew us all to buy in this neighborhood in the first place. I would like to encourage all of you to start early as coming home to beautiful yards makes us all proud to be part of the community we live in.

Thank you,
Andrew

Summary of Board Meeting—March 27, 2018

Report from the President: Positive feedback was received about the mailbox project from HOA members. Andrew is working on getting access to the website for a volunteer webmaster.

Architectural Control: The mailbox project is near completion. All but 5 sets of keys are now distributed. The old mailboxes were dismantled and recycled. The total cost of the project is \$14,985.35. The HOA received a refund of \$557.15 for the old mailboxes.

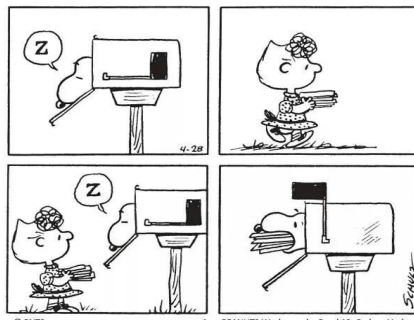
The landscape project is almost complete. We received no bids to paint house numbers on the curb.

Old Business: An anonymous letter was sent to the HOA citing concerns about ACC issues and city code violations. Some concerns were in regard to areas outside the HOA.

There was discussion on amending the ACC guidelines to cover utility trailer parking. The discussion was tabled until the April meeting.

The next board meeting is scheduled for:

7:00 p.m. on
April 24, 2018, at
Haggen Northwest
Fresh (Haggen's).



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If you wish to contact the board the following emails are monitored:

info@auburnlakelandhills.org
acc@auburnlakelandhills.org

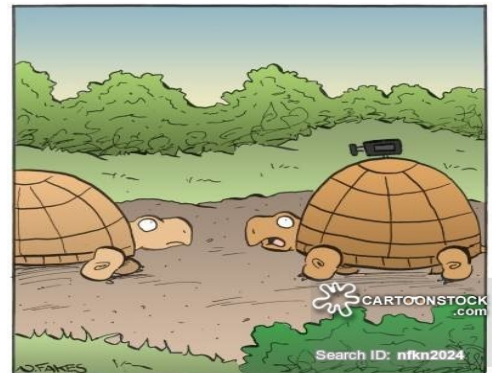
Website:

<http://auburnlakelandhills.org/id5.html>

Community Safety

Though police officers patrol our community on a 24 hour per day basis, no police force can always have an officer present before a crime occurs. We must share the burden of keeping our community and those who live and work here safe. There is no "magic formula" to keeping yourself safe; the closest thing is good old fashioned common sense. Here are some tips designed to reduce your risk of becoming victim of a crime:

- A. Try "casing" your own home, at night and during the day. Attempt to gain access to your home when the doors and windows are locked and "secure." Make sure you have some identification on you in case your neighbors call the police.
- B. ALWAYS lock your doors and windows. Doors should be made from strong wood or metal and should be locked with a deadbolt. Install guards on windows to prevent raising them more than a few inches.
- C. Leave a light on (perhaps on a timer) when you go away, even for the evening. Leave a television or radio on as well.
- D. Install motion sensor lights outside your home and out of reach so burglars cannot unscrew the light. Also, buy variable light timers to activate lights in your home.
- E. Be vigilant. If you see suspicious activity around your home, your neighbors' homes, or in your neighborhood, please report it to the police immediately.
- F. Document serial numbers of all electronics and take pictures of all valuables. Keep this in a safe place to provide to the police in the event you are burglarized.



"I just installed a home security monitor."

School Happenings

- May 14-18– 5th Grade Camp (Ilalko Elementary)
- May 12, Senior Prom (Riverside) EMP from 8 - 11 PM
- May 14 - School District Board Meeting (7pm)
- May 21 - Last PLC Late Start for the school year
- June 11 - School District Board Meeting (7pm)
- June 16,- Graduation Ceremony (Riverside 11:00 a.m.
Auburn Memorial Stadium
- June 21– Last day of school (elementary)
- June 22 - Last day of school (middle/high school)



How to Be a Good Neighbor

- Introduce yourself.
- Be respectful. (Don't mow the grass at 7 am on a Sunday morning.)
- Be aware of shared walls.
- Do not let your dog bark incessantly in the backyard.
- Practice parking etiquette.
- Alert your neighbor to parties.
- Keep your yard and garden tidy.
- Make sure your security light doesn't shine into your neighbor's bedroom.

Spring Gardening Tips

- Daily slug patrols in the evening or early morning for a couple weeks can drastically reduce the slug population. Look among their favorite food plants like lettuce and the tender shoots of young perennials. Then, catch them in their favorite moist, dark hiding places, like under wood planks or in the grassy edges that surround the garden.
- Give the gift of rose bushes and clematis to celebrate Mother's Day. Both pair together beautifully and can go straight into the garden.
- Edge your planting beds with herbs. Chives, 'Spicy Globe' basil, tri-color sage, and parsley all make pretty edgings. Thyme forms a lovely ground-hugging mat that's ideal for front-of-the-border planting.
- Plant your favorite heat-loving veggies this month. They include eggplant, hot and sweet peppers, tomatoes, melons, squash, beans, corn, and cucumbers.
- Keep after weeds while they're small -- they're easier to pull and if you get them before they go to seed, you won't have as many weeds to pull next year. Pull weeds after spring rains, and they'll slip easier from the soil than when the ground is dry.



(Tips taken from Better Homes and Gardens <https://www.bhg.com/gardening/>)

Architectural Control

The Architectural Control Committee will be conducting the annual home survey in May. Please ensure that :

- A. All garbage and recycle bins are stored so they are not visible from the street.
- B. Any faded, peeling paint on your house or trim is repaired. All sides of the home visible from the street also need to be the same paint color.
- C. All moss is removed from the house, the driveway, walkways and curb in front of your home.
- D. All fences are in good repair and gates in working order.
- E. Lawns visible from the street are healthy, green and free of weeds.
- F. Planter boxes and flower-beds in open areas are weed free.

These simple fixes ensures that our homes look loved and cared for and also help to keep property values up.



Board of Directors

Andrew Rawls, President/Board Member
Ron Surber, Vice President/ACC Committee
Andreas Ellis, Secretary/Treasurer
Nathan Martin—Board Member
John Tometich, Board Member

Important Phone Numbers

City of Auburn

253-931-3000 (Main Line)

Website:

www.auburnwa.gov/contact.htm



Auburn Police Department

253-288-2121

Auburn Valley Regional Fire Authority

253-288-5800

Ilalko Elementary

253-931-4748

Animal Control

253-931-3062

Puget Sound Energy

1-888-255-5773

Waste Management (missed collection)

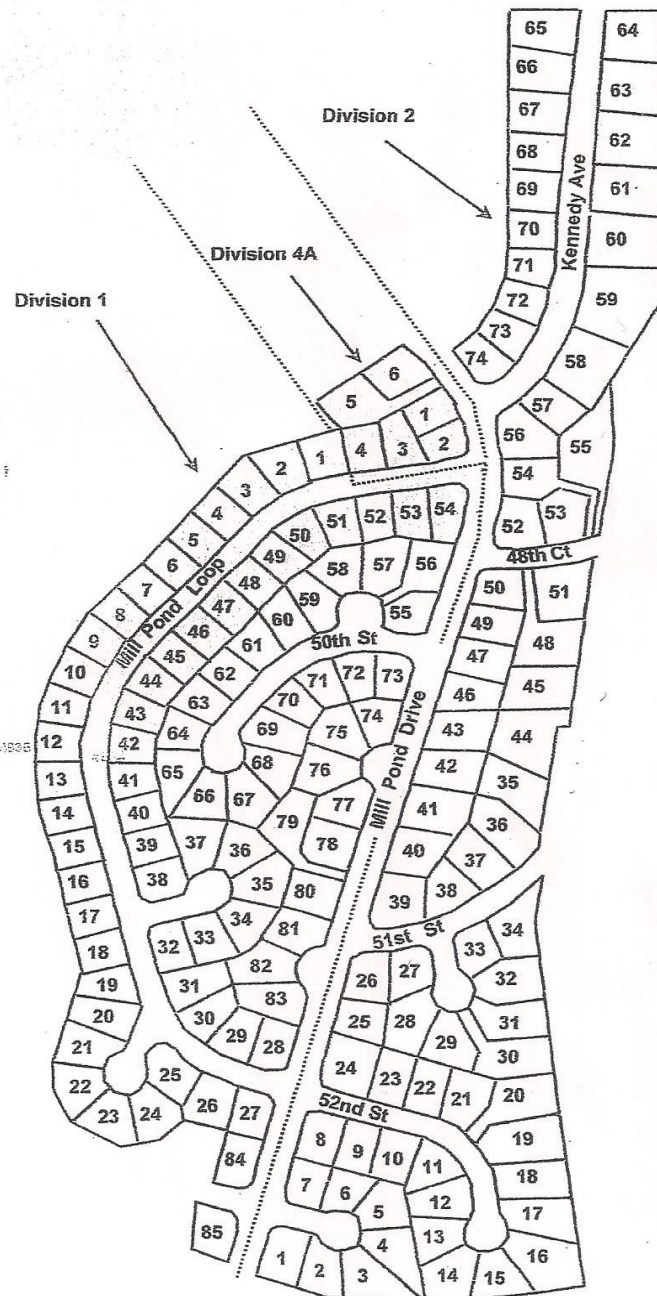
1-800-592-9995

If you are experiencing an emergency please dial 911

Do you have any news to share?

Send an email to: info@auburnlakelandhills.org and let us know. We'll publish it in the next newsletter. This is reserved for Lakeland Hills Homeowners only (no ads please). Include your name, address, and phone number and how you would like your news presented. We reserve the right to edit your submission.

Lakeland Hills Homeowners Association Map



Please note that there are a total of three different Home Owners Associations in this area of Lakeland Hills. This map shows homes in the Lakeland Hills HOA only.