

SPCA NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2020

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Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Apr. Board Meeting is canceled. In place of the Apr. Board Meeting, pertinent information will be collected and reviewed by the Board and then disseminated to the community via the following mediums:

- Website
- Newsletter
- Email Blast
- Community Center
- Kiosk Postings

We apologize if the information is sent out twice, we are working to ensure all SPCA residents remain informed to the best of our ability.

Items of Interest from Last Board meeting

Please note, complete meeting minutes are posted on our website at <https://www.sunset-plaza.org/>

Jean Homan (Secretary) and Peter Schrempf (Treasurer) are leaving the SPCA Board of Directors. They have both played vital roles in the management of our community and will be greatly missed. Their tireless efforts and ingenuity have kept our community on a steady path during difficult times and are indefinitely appreciated.

We would like to welcome both Brooke Picone and Jackie Uhlemann in their temporary appointments to the Board as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. It is important to note that these appointments are only temporary until the SPCA community as a whole has the opportunity to vote at the Annual Meeting tentatively scheduled for May 25, 2020.

Due to the current State of Emergencies regarding COVID-19, the Board unanimously decided that it would be in the community's best interest to temporarily close the Community Center to protect the health and safety of all those that use this facility. We will monitor the situation on a day-by-day basis and reopen the center when we feel we can reasonably guarantee that all those who use the facilities are safe from the spread of COVID-19.

New Board Members

Brooke Picone holds an M.A in International Relations from UW-Seattle, has been an owner/resident in our community since 2017, and is currently part of the Communications Committee. As a military veteran, she believes joining the SPCA Board of Directors is a fiduciary duty and civic responsibility. Brooke's goal for Sunset Plaza in the coming years is to see the gully restored to a thriving, natural state, continued proactive maintenance of an aging property, and to prevent any egregious errors that threaten resident safety or property values.

Jackie Uhlemann has experience as treasurer, secretary, and president on the board of her children's parent/teacher organization in California. She began her career as a tax accountant, later pursued a Master's degree in Psychology, and is a licensed professional counselor in Arizona. She and her husband moved to Washington to be closer to family. Jackie hopes to contribute to the financial stability and beauty that is Sunset Plaza by serving on the Board.

Gully Update

SS Landscaping has removed the appropriate downed trees and has left the remaining felled trees in place as "habitat logs" per the recommendations provided by Soundview Consultants. There is still some expected cleanup to be conducted by SS Landscaping to include the brush and leftover logs not taken by the community from the residential parking lot.

We are currently in the final stages of receiving permit approval from the City of Tacoma and are awaiting a site visit from the City's representative. Once final approval of the permit is received, SS Landscaping will then begin the removal of the invasive species and begin the preparations for planting.

Although things are currently moving forward, it is important to note that scheduling remains fluid and dynamic in response to COVID-19 changes and restrictions.

The Management Trust (TMT) Update

If someone needs a new gate card, gate remote, or pedestrian gate key, please email or call AuBree Fries at aubree.fries@managementtrust.com or (253) 472-0825 ext. 3491. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the TMT office is closed to foot traffic, so these requests need to be submitted electronically at this time.

A Friendly Request from Our Maintenance Man Eddie

Eddie has suspended his initiative of taking pictures of patios not in compliance with SPCA rules to allow residents to focus on more urgent matters during this difficult time.

Welcoming Committee

Hi Everyone! With the craziness created by COVID-19, we have not been contacting anyone. We apologize for that, but even though you have not met us in person yet, we look forward to that time.

A couple of things to note- **First**, if you plan to make any changes to your condo, please check with TMT to see if you need to get approval or a permit first.

Second, please be mindful of what you are putting in the recycle bins. There were tags on the containers, which means that it has been contaminated with a non-recyclable. If you did not get a copy of the new guidelines published by the City, please let us know, and we'll get you a copy. We don't want to lose all our recycling containers by not abiding by the rules.

Thanks, and stay well!

Communications Committee

Nancy Schrempf is leaving the SPCA community and the Communications Committee. We extend a heartfelt "Thank you!" to her for all her endeavors. Nancy's commitment to excellence is appreciated, and we will continue to work to the standard she has set for the Communications Committee!

Marcey Niesen has also left the Communications Committee to pursue a more active role in the SPCA Garden group. Thank you Marcey for all you have done, and we look forward to the beautiful garden plots you will create in the future!

The Communications Committee continues to operate with Brooke Picone and Alan Uhlemann. Anyone interested in joining the Communications Committee, please email Teresa Topping at missflyer2017@gmail.com

Garden Group

Welcome Marcey, who has taken the spot next to Herb to help with the garden group! Our last meeting was canceled, and we will hold one as soon as it permits.

We are still looking for free scrap outdoor lumber to build and fix a few garden boxes, so if you are a contractor and have some to donate, please let us know.

We have 3 new gardeners this year. If you would like to be put on the waiting list, please let us know. Contacts are Herb at amherb2000@yahoo.com or Marcey at palmtree.1973@yahoo.com. Happy gardening!

Rules Reminder

Pet Waste: It is required BY LAW to pick up all pet waste!! Bags and receptacles are provided throughout the community, and it is an SPCA HOA requirement to dispose of your pet's waste properly. This is enforceable by monetary fines of up to \$250.00 levied by the City of Tacoma per Tacoma Municipal Code 17.02.132 and 17.01.190.

Additionally, all dogs must be on a leash everywhere within the property except in the designated off-leash dog run area.

Upcoming Meetings

SPCA Annual Board Meeting: **Tentatively** Mon, May 25 at 6:30pm in the Community Center. All residents welcome!

SPCA Garden Meeting: March meeting was canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions. Next meeting TBD.

Safe Streets: **Meetings likely impacted by COVID-19 restrictions.** Safe Streets meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm in Swasey Library, right outside our front gates!

The West End Neighborhood Council: **Meetings likely impacted by COVID-19 restrictions.** Typically meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7pm in Tacoma Community College, Building 16. Please check their website, <https://sites.google.com/we-tacoma.org/we-tacoma/home> to verify the meeting time and place.

Call for SPCA HOA Board Members

Are you looking for a challenge? Looking for a way to make a difference in your community? Interested in learning what makes the community what it is? Curious about the budgeting process? We are looking for a few energetic owners who would like to be involved in making the decisions about the property.

Each term is two years with opportunities to focus on what is important to you and the community. Elections are at the SPCA Annual Meeting on May 25, 2020. If you are interested, please contact any Board member or TMT for more information.

Current Sunset Plaza Condo Association (SPCA) Board Of Directors

Teresa Topping, President missflyer2017@gmail.com

Jody Matthews, Vice President jodyvpsunsetplaza@gmail.com

Brooke Picone, Secretary brookepicone@gmail.com

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Please contact any board member for the password.

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SPCA Facebook: This group is for current residents and owners only, so you'll need to share your unit number for verification.

Join today! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SunsetPlazaTacoma>