

HORIZON POINTE LACEY HOA
NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES
FEBRUARY 2026

We hope your January proved satisfactory and that you avoided any of the nasty flu bugs making the rounds! Didn't we at least have some awesome weather?!

INLAY TOT LOT No, it's still not done. The latest install date, given in a video conference on January 26th, is next Monday, the 9th and is expected to take about 4 days to finish. The Board is no less frustrated than anyone else over these delays! Half the money was paid up front, as is typical for any contractor, and the demolition work is mostly done. If the company again delays, VIS will be contacting our attorney. Since the Board is no longer allowed to vote between meetings (State law), no other action can be taken until we meet on the 19th.

MOSS We have been made aware of moss issues in places in the neighborhood and have asked Nasim to present proposal choices for dealing with it. Since we are also asking for a comprehensive turf rehab plan, turf moss issues may be folded into that. It will be discussed at the Board meeting on the 19th.

TREE REMOVAL Willard's Tree Care has been selected to begin taking down the first twelve troublesome trees. Work is scheduled for the 17th and 18th of this month. The first general information email has gone out, and more detailed info will be sent to all addresses involved. We are already putting together a list for the next round(s) this spring. The City will have input as to which trees take precedence. We don't know yet when the City will do the sidewalk work – most likely May or June. I hope to have a representative from the City to speak at the February or March Board meeting. We'll let folks know when it is scheduled.

COLLECTION POLICY The Collection Policy has been revised to comply with the changes to the Washington Uniform Common Interest Owners Act (WUCOIA) that went into effect January 1st of this year. Everyone should be getting a copy of the new policy shortly. Please take the time to read it and contact VIS with any questions you may have. Next up will be the ByLaws.

CITY OF LACEY NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT GRANT The Board will be applying for one of these grants. The two front-runners for projects are a Neighborhood Watch program (see the next article on volunteer opportunities!) and installing park benches in some of our pocket parks.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. Pest Mitigation Rodent control isn't something that lies in the Board's purview under the CC&Rs, but we are hoping there will be folks willing to put their time and effort into forming a committee to explore what mitigation steps might be taken. Committee members might talk with the Health Department or with local pest control companies familiar with the neighborhood for ideas, maybe even get some group discounts for inspections. Maybe a comprehensive message could be put together to send out to make people aware of all mitigation steps they might take. Maybe there are things we could change about common area landscaping that would make the neighborhood less welcoming to the unwanted residents. We will never eliminate all our pests, but if we can at least reduce our popularity, it will help. Email info@vismanagement.com if you're willing to volunteer. We'll need someone to serve as chair of the committee.

2. Neighborhood Landscape Patrol A resident suggested that there be an organized group of folks who regularly walk the neighborhood and would be willing to pay attention to Association landscaping issues such as missing/mis-directed sprinkler heads, leaks, sick trees, dangerous hanging branches, and so on. The Patrol would divide the neighborhood by blocks, streets, sections, whatever works. If we can get even part of the community covered this way, it would enable us to get in front of issues faster. Email info@vismanagement.com if you're willing to volunteer. We'll need someone to serve as chair for the Patrol.

3. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH Board member Johnny Robison is looking into establishing (reviving?) a Neighborhood Watch program. If you would be interested in participating, please email info@vismanagement.com by the 18th so we can determine if there would be sufficient volunteers to make it feasible.

The Board is made up of volunteers; there's no pay involved – we do it for the glamour! 😊 We come from diverse backgrounds and life stages. Some of us have served on other HOA or other non-profit boards, while for some, this is the first time they've done anything like this. There's plenty of room at the table for new volunteers, whatever your background or experience! Even if you don't want to volunteer, come to the Board meetings. As for any government, transparency matters. We welcome extra eyes on the process!

Susie Aasen, President

In service to the neighborhood