

HORIZON POINTE LACEY HOA
NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES
MARCH 2026

This amazing weather has all kinds of growing things budding into life and making their presence known again – daffodils, camelias, kids on wheels of all kinds! 😊 (Pollen season, here we come. 😞)

INLAY TOT LOT Installation was completed on the 15th and the Lot opened for play on the 18th – only to find within a few hours of use that one new ride in the side yard had not had all of its fittings finished properly, posing a significant hazard. The Lot was shut immediately. A playground technician returned the next morning and performed the necessary work, but the Lot will remain closed until a Certified Playground Inspector gives the OK on the entire installation. The inspection is scheduled for Monday, March 9th. An announcement will be sent out by email when the Lot is again open. The Board will be voting on a bid from our landscaper for renovating and expanding the remaining section of grass.

TREE REMOVAL FOR SIDEWALK REPAIR The first twelve trees buckling the sidewalks were taken out by Willard's Tree Care on February 17th. Thanks to everyone's cooperation in parking that gave the crew all the necessary street clearance, they were able to get all twelve trees cut down and chipped in under 7 hours! It has been recommended that we NOT grind the stumps, as doing so will make the removal of the remaining roots harder, so we'll just have to live with the stumps. I had a very productive meeting with representatives from three City of Lacey departments on 2/26. Due to budget constraints, the transportation department will not be able to replace as much sidewalk as they had initially hoped when we talked last Fall but have given a firm commitment to replacing 10 sections this year. (Removing trees even if the sidewalks can't be fixed immediately will at least keep the roots from growing nearly as fast and exacerbating the sidewalk problems.) As we are being proactive about the issue, which benefits both us and the City, the City is waiving permitting fees for us. There are a lot of moving parts to this whole project, so we appreciate your patience as we navigate it.

PORTABLE BASKETBALL HOOPS A reminder that by our governing documents, portable basketball hoops belong in driveways ONLY. Being in the street or blocking sidewalks is contrary to City/State right-of-way laws. Using the parking strip damages turf and irrigation heads and you could be charged for any rehab/repair work needed.

PERPETUALLY PARKED CARS The worst of the moss in our neighborhood is on the street around cars that are never moved. If you notice a car with thick moss around it, and you

know who it belongs to, please speak up to the owners. If you don't know who it belongs to, please report it to the City of Lacey Police on their non-emergency line so they can check it out and perhaps tow it. Our streets are not meant to be a long-term parking lot.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. BOARD MEMBERS! State law now requires all but emergency measures to be voted on at Board meetings, which means that if we don't make quorum, *we can't vote*, and that delays necessary work from being done. Last year, we had to cancel three of our eleven Board meetings due to not making quorum and it happened again last month. ***Please, if you have ever thought about serving, and could attend our meetings with reasonable consistency, let us know through VIS.***

2. ACC MEMBER One of our current members has resigned for family reasons, so we need a third person on the Committee per our governing documents. If you would be willing to serve on this Committee, please let us know through VIS. It will entail a once a month meeting as the same voting rules mentioned above apply to committees. The Board will shortly be adopting a document detailing the Standards for approving ACC applications that will make decisions straightforward and consistent.

3. There was no response to our request for volunteers for any of the three opportunities in last month's Notes – pest control, neighborhood landscape patrol, or Neighborhood Watch - so the Board is dropping those initiatives.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MARCH 9th Since we couldn't do the February Board meeting, we are holding an emergency Board meeting on Monday, March 9th so that we can get some critical votes done. You should already have received information in an email about this. The focus will be on Executive Session matters. If there is time, we may address some other items that would have been taken care of in February had that meeting occurred.

The guys from Willard's Tree Care commented on how friendly the neighborhood is and how cooperative everyone was about the disruptions related to the tree work. So many of you are choosing to make this neighborhood a better place for having you in it. Thank you!

Susie Aasen, President

In service to the neighborhood