BOULEVARD CRIER

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



We are seeking volunteers to fill the following positions on the BLCA Board: **Current Vacant Positions:**

Events Director Co-Communication Director



Position that will be vacant after March 2023

Membership Director **Communications Director** Secretary President

The Boulevard Lane Community Association is a community association. and the Board needs help from its community.

"Time commitment can be as little as 2-4 hours a month. We want new and diverse voices and encourage all our neighbors to consider joining your BLCA Board of Directors. **Please email:** info@Boulevardlane.org or send a PM through our social media channel to your board."

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Wow, what a summer!

Like many of you, I am grateful for the fall rains just around the corner. This has been an unusually hot and dry past few months. Through it all, your Boulevard Lane Community Association (BLCA) was able to host numerous successful in-person events, such as our National Night Out cookout. We also supported the Community Garage Sale and helped organize a Community Mailbox Clean-up Day. Thank you to all our neighbors who attended these events. It was wonderful to meet some of you for the first time and to say hello to old friends.

Your BLCA Board needs several volunteers ASAP. We have multiple positions we need filled: President, Secretary, Events Director, Membership Director, and Communications Director. I am stepping down as President of the BLCA effective March 2023, along with Kellie Cooke, who is stepping down as Secretary. All roles are vital to the continued success of the BLCA. If these roles aren't filled, we run the risk of dissolving the BLCA and all the good we do for the neighborhood! Please reach out to the BLCA at info@boulevardlane.org if you have any interest in joining/saving our BLCA.

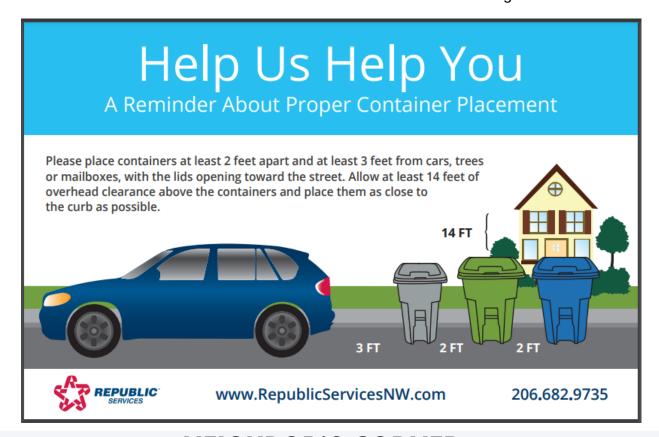
Save the date! November 15 th will be our FIRST hybrid BLCA General Association Meeting. All neighbors are encouraged to join virtually or in-person. We will discuss important details about the BLCA, with a focus on sustainability as we look for new board members. The in-person meeting will be held at the Fairwood Library.

Look for details on the upcoming General Association Meeting and more in The Crier, on our website, and on social media channels. As always, you can reach out to any Board member through our posted contact methods.

BLCA President | Heather H

DID YOU KNOW?

On trash day Republic Services actually wants your receptacles on the street, closest to the curb and not on the side walk like most of us have been doing our whole lives.



NEIGHBOR'S CORNER

Solar & Electric Power

11 years ago, I was the first to install solar panels in our neighborhood and the first to drive an electric car. To those who wondered how these would pan out, I have an update for you – They're Great!

I installed the solar system myself (fully permitted) and saved 65% off the quotes I got. The Feds gave me 30% back as a credit on my taxes, Washington State paid me \$0.15 for each kilowatt-hour I generated, and I saved the \$0.10 per kilowatt-hour that PSE charged me. After all that, I got everything back, but about \$7,000. My system is 400% larger than a typical homeowner will install and has produced an average of 12,000 kWhr per year, which covers all of my house electricity and about 20,000 miles of electric driving.

I can't say enough good things about having solar. These panels have a 25 year guarantee, but they will likely last much, much longer – there are panels from the 50's still in use! At this point, I think of it as free power for the rest of my life :)

Driving an EV has also been a good experience. I drove mine for 125,000 miles before the first generation battery lost too much capacity. The current generation of batteries last so much longer. I calculate that compared to a 40 mpg car, I saved 3,125 gallons of gas and at \$3.00 per gallon, saved \$9,375 in fuel. I've never needed an oil change, or any other regular maintenance, except for tires. And I love the way it drives: single speed with no shifting, one pedal speed control with regenerative breaking, super smooth and quiet. I always wake up with a full charge:) Now that the battery is degraded, I'm thinking that I will replace it for about \$6,000 and drive it up to a quarter million miles...

If you would like to know more details about either one, come ring my doorbell. Tupples, my Labrador, would love to say 'Hi" while we chat.

Author - Brian Pifer

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Are you new to Boulevard Lane?
Please reach out to your BLCA Board for your FREE welcome packet
Email us at info@boulevardlane.org

If you notice new neighbors moving into Boulevard Lane, please contact the Welcoming Committee.

Please provide the following:

- If you know the new neighbor's name
- The address
- any other helpful information

BOARD MEMBERS 2022 - 2023

President: Heather Harris

Membership: Sahba Bahlizad

Welcome Committee: Kham Rasabout

Communication: Ana Osorio
Social Media Coordinator: OPEN

Secretary: Kellie Cooke

Treasurer: Kham Rasabout

Events: OPEN

FIND US

Website:Boulevardlane.org

Facebook Group: Boulevard Lane Community

NextDoor App

Mailing Address: PO BOX 59772 Renton, WA 98058

Email us:

info@boulevardlane.org

BLCA FALL GENERAL ASSOCIATION HYBRID MEETING

This meeting is your chance to rediscover or learn what the BLCA does. How it helps our neighborhood and why we exist.

Date: November 15th **Time:** 6:30 - 8pm

In Person Location: BLCA President's House (email info@boulevardlane.org or Direct Message Heather Harris on social media for the address)

If attending in person masks are highly encouraged

Zoom Link: bit.ly/BLCAFallMeeting

RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE!!!

We will have three \$25 gift cards to give out as a prize for attending in person or virtually.

Light snacks will be provided



UPCOMING EVENTS

Attention: These COULD be the last events as your BLCA is in dire need of board members.

Trick or Treat

Date: Monday October 31st

If your house will participate in giving out treats this year. Let us know my emailing us your address to add you to our Trick or Treat Map with all the homes that will partake.

We will have the map on the Boulevard Lane Facebook Page, on our website, on the entrance bulletin board but in case you don't have Facebook, email us at info@Boulevardlane.org your house address.

BLCA General Association Meeting

Date: Tuesday November 15th

Time: 6:30pm - 8pm

Where: BLCA President's House (email info@boulevardlane.org or Direct Message Heather Harris on

social media for the address) ***If attending in person masks are highly encouraged***

Zoom Link: bit.ly/BLCAFallMeeting

Go to our website under events to find the zoom link to join the meeting virtually

https://boulevardlane.org/

NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIALS

Join one or more of these up-coming neighborhood social events. Meet your neighbors, meet your board, and find out what the BLCA is all about.

December 16th- Neighborhood Cookie Exchange

Time: 7pm - 8pm

Location: BLCA President Heather's House

Come ready to share your favorite cookie or holiday dessert bars and meet your neighbors.

Bring 1-2 dozen bars/cookies to share and a container to take cookies/bars home

Drinks and light snacks provided

Members of your BLCA Board will be on hand to answer questions about the association and what we do.

Email info@boulevardlane.org OR Facebook PM Heather Harris for location address

January 13th - Bilingual (Spanish/Español) Night

Time: 6pm - 7pm

Location: To Be Determined

Drinks and light snacks provided

Members of your BLCA Board will be on hand to answer questions about the association and what we do.

Email info@boulevardlane.org OR Facebook Ana Osorio for location address

February 10th - Neighborhood Hangout

Time: 6-7pm

Location: BLCA Treasurer's House

Drinks and light snacks provided

Members of your BLCA Board will be on hand to answer questions about the association and what we do.

Email info@boulevardlane.org OR Facebook Kham Rasabout for location address