

April PARKWOOD



**“Winter’s Done, and
April’s in the Skies.
Earth, Look Up With
Laughter in Your
Eyes!”**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Spring Yard Clean Up
April 8, 9, & 10th**

**Annual 4-Sided
Inspections
May 15 & 16th**

**Community Yard Sale
July 19th**

**Summer BBQ
July 30th**

**Fall Yard Clean Up
October 8, 9, 10, & 11th**

NEW EMERGENCY NUMBER

**New After-Hours Emergency
Number: 877-678-5711**

OUR TEAM

**Manager: Dale Metzger
Asst. Manager: Laurie Thomas
Maintenance: Kyle Johnson**

**Parkwood MHC
41 Green Meadow Dr, Sequim 98382
360-683-8765**

Glimpse Into Parkwood Neighbors

Bruce & Ida Domazlicky

Children? 2, 1 in Tacoma, 1 in Missouri
Grandchildren? 3 in Missouri

Where you were raised?

Bruce—Berwyn, Illinois. Ida—Cuba, Illinois.

Career:

Bruce—College professor of economics, 40 years

Ida: Teacher- My last 15 years were spent teaching hearing-impaired students in a small district, preschool through high school.

Year you moved to Parkwood?

2019

What made you choose Parkwood?

We love the proximity to mountains, ocean, and forests.

What do you like best about Parkwood?

Both: Friendly people and walking paths lined with mostly native plants

Lessons you've learned?

Bruce—Be more humble and empathetic

Ida—Trying to change people rarely works.

What are your thoughts about all this new technology?

Both: It is a joy to have encyclopedias, dictionaries and entire libraries at our fingertips.

Do you think the world is better or worse now than when you were young? Why?

Both: It's better in many ways. For example, the effects of the Civil Rights Act, Medicare, Medicaid, ADA, Environmental Protection Agency, and Obamacare have made life better for many Americans.

If you were arrested with no explanation, what would your closest friends/family presume you had done?

Bruce—Inflicted sarcasm on innocent people

Ida—protested destruction of a bird sanctuary by chaining myself to a tree

What do you miss in society from 'the good ole days'?

Bruce—People on their front porches on hot summer evenings in the city

Ida— I miss the freedom of days that seemed endless, without responsibilities.

What are your priorities in life?

Both—Trying to enjoy the little time we have left on this earth while trying to leave the world a little better for our presence.

If you could talk to anyone living or dead, who would it be?

Bruce—Adam Smith

Ida—Jesus, please. I have a lot to learn.

What do you wish you had learned early on in life?

Bruce: To be more empathetic

Ida: To be more realistic

Who inspired you, and why?

Bruce: My brother Gary, because he made me want to be as good as I could be in whatever I do.

Ida: My father, because of his kindness, intelligence and willingness to serve without needing much recognition

In hindsight, what would you have done differently in your life?

Bruce: Been more patient with my children's mistakes.

Ida: I've made mistakes, but those mistakes helped me learn and grow.

Qualities you most admire in a person?

Both: Intelligence, sense of humor, honesty, kindness, respect for all people, the willingness to make decisions that are for the good of others rather than oneself

Adages or advice to live by?

Bruce: Don't take yourself too seriously. Nothing much matters in the end.

Ida: Be sure your words are kind, true, and necessary. Or fun.

Hobby you have now?

Bruce: Amateur radio, reading, birdwatching.

Ida: I am a serial hobbyist. But birdwatching, writing, and playing hammered dulcimer are tops right now.



How to See More Birds at Home

By Ida Domazlicky and Jane Nicholas

How many insects does a pair of chickadees need to raise one nest of chicks? How many would Violet-Green Swallows need? To answer that, grad students and volunteers completed a 3-year study. The answer for chickadees: **approximately 5000 caterpillars or insects per nest**. And VG Swallows? No studies so far, but **at least double that number**, because while chickadee and sparrow adults can eat seeds, swallow



adults-- like all land bird babies-- eat only insects. So if you love seeing birds like the Fox Sparrow above, and if you miss having feeders in your yard, here's a partial solution. Provide a habitat where feathered parents can feed their chicks and themselves naturally. Plant native trees and shrubs, then add in native wildflowers and a water source. Non-native trees of course have pests, but native birds generally don't find those critters tasty. A yard that is at least 70% native plants looks like home to our native tree nesters, because they don't have to fly off-site to find food. To this end, the North Olympic Wildlife Habitat Project, sponsored by the Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society, is hoping Parkwood will join all of Carlsborg and Sequim in qualifying our yards as Certified Wildlife Habitat. With our abundance of native trees and shrubs, Parkwood has a head start. Information on steps towards certification is at <https://olympicpeninsulaaudubon.org/north-olympic-habitat-project>. But whether or not you pursue certification, every native you plant—even in a pot--will bring you more birds and will give nestling chickadees, nuthatches, sparrows and others a better chance of survival.

P.E.R.T Parkwood Emergency Response Team

Spring is here, the flowers are blooming, the heavy rains should be coming to a close. And remember, April showers bring May flowers which means it will not be long before we are going to have to water our gardens. Last year our water consumption in the park had gone up and there should be a report coming out from management in the near future reflecting this. What can we do to help? If your usage is over the monthly amount all the time, find out why. You could have a leak under your house, or your toilet is leaking, or you may have a hose leaking. These things are usually easy to fix and will save you money as well as water. As the park must report our water consumption to the state, and can be fined for over usage, those costs likely will be handed down to the consumer. You can help all of us in the park to avoid an increase in our water bills by being aware of overuse. It's easy to forget how little rain Sequim gets in a year, only about 15 inches, making us one of the driest places on the west coast. The population of Sequim has grown significantly in the past decade and that means more water is being pumped out of the ground. So, let's all be good stewards of our natural resources by checking our usage, kindly remind a neighbor of a forgotten running hose, etc. If you see any leaks around the park let management know. Together we can help keep our natural resources safe for future generations by being responsible for our environment. Goose.

CLUBHOUSE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES - APRIL

WEEKLY

- **Chair Yoga—Monday at 10:05 AM**
- **Fit & Fall Proof—Tuesday & Friday at 9:00 AM**
(No Friday Fit & Fall on PERT Meeting Days)
- **Canasta—Tuesday at 11:30 AM**
- **Poker – Tuesday & Saturday at Noon Men's**
- **Brew Crew—Thursday at 9:00 AM**
- **Park Arts—Thursday at 1:00 PM**
- **Ping Pong – MWFSat (may vary) 8:30 AM**
(Contact Tom Loveday to schedule a game: 360-681-8403)

MONTHLY

- **Triple J Band - April 2- 1 PM**
1st Wednesday of the Month
- **Community PERT Meeting – April 11 —10 AM**
(Parkwood Emergency Response Team)
2nd Friday of Month, Contact: Goose @ 360-301-1188
- **Book Club — March 19 —1:30 PM**
3rd Wed of Month at Ruth Brown's House,
(Contact: Kathy Hammond @ 425-268-8909)
- **CERT Meeting – April 10 —5:30 PM**
(Community (Sequim & Beyond) Emergency Response Team)
2nd Thurs of Month, Contact: Goose @ 360-301-1188
- **NOW Watercolorist Group – April 23 —9 AM to Noon**
(North Olympic Watercolorists) --4th Wed of Month