

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026



Parkwood 2026

We're looking forward to making 2026 our best year yet! So many great ideas are already coming from our community, and we can't wait to bring them to life. Now that the holidays are over, let's come together to make our community even better—every new idea is welcome!

Year in Review

This last year brought us changes, new events, groups and gatherings! Parkwood is happy to see everyone involved and we are looking forward to more opportunities to create a community that is bonded by events and groups that keep us entertained, productive, informed, and happy!



Looking Forward to 2026

We have our Annual Parkwood Party this month, January 22nd at 12pm! Come join us for some great food, fun, and prizes! I hope to see you all there!



Our Parkwood People

We have so much talent within our little community. I see it everywhere I look from chefs, to artists, to carpenters, to musicians! Here is but one examples of the talent in our community. This entire Christmas Village was embroidered by Barbara Kreeger! She started this village in 2015 and has added to it yearly.



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Glimpse into Parkwood Neighbors

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Name: Terri Bancroft

DOB 1953

Husband Jerry: He passed away in 2010.
Son: Gary 1977 Grandson: Nick 2000



Town/State you were raised? Washington State: Born in Yakima, Seattle a few years, Bellevue 12 years

Career? Nursing – Washington 8 yrs in hospitals, Anchorage 35 yrs in an OBGYN office and I LOVED it.

Where did I live before Parkwook? Alaska 40 yrs. (Eagle River 3, Wasilla 13, Anchorage 24yrs)

Year you moved to Parkwood? July 17, 2021 What made you choose Parkwood? It looked quiet, clean, and relaxing

What would you like to see more of at Parkwood? Intentional social get togethers.

What do you like best about Parkwood? Everyone is friendly and helpful to all.

What is your favorite kind of music? Easy listening and country

If you could un-invent one thing what would it be? Hatred

What do you feel is the meaning of life? To love, laugh and be kind to all.

What is something hardly anyone knows about you? Sailed in Wash. 1979-1981 Dog musher 1984-1991 Sailed in Alaska 1991-2000

Lessons you've learned? Be kind to everyone, even those who have hurt you.

What is something that never fails to make you laugh? Children, dogs and cats

Your thoughts on technology? Keeps me in touch with family and friends, but electronics drive me crazy.

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

What do you miss in society from 'the good ole days'? Less TV time and more socializing.

What are your priorities in life? Be the person God wants me to be. Kind and generous to everyone.

What are rules/laws you are trying to change? My son is in prison in Kentucky, a mistake he made in 2010. The new (horrible) Warden has changed many rules. She's insisting that visiting is only one hour, once a month for all prisoners. Gary's day is the 3rd Wednesday only. Hard to fly to Kentucky for only a one hour visit and only on a certain date. I am working to change these rules.

If you could ask God one question? So many ???'s Can you please take away the violence in this world and make it a loving place for all to live in?

If you could talk to anyone living or dead, who would it be? My late husband Jerry.

How did your husband die? Did you have your last words together? He died suddenly after a wonderful vacation in Cabo. Home on a Sunday, we worked Monday, Tues. I had off. He said he was heading out, I looked at him and said OK. "We are having meatloaf for dinner." His heart quit suddenly. So my last words to him was about the meatloaf. I miss him terribly of course. But having those as our last words is kinda funny...

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If you had an abundant amount of money, what would you do with it? Share it, with church, Vets, service animals and community needs.

In hindsight, what would you have done differently in your life? Spend more time with family after graduating from Nursing. I spent more time starting my adult life, living in Spokane then Tacoma. My younger brothers were 3 & 5 & I didn't spend enough time with mom as an adult, she died 8 years after I graduated at age 52.

Favorite animals? Puppies & Kittens, Dolphins remind me of sailing, our 4 boats were named after dolphins because they are slick and fast.

Qualities you most admire in a person? Honesty

Adages or advice to live by? We can't direct the wind, but we can adjust our sails. That's life in my opinion.

What hobbies do you have now? Scrap booking.

What was your first job? Nurses aid 9th grade at Interlake Manor Nursing Home.

What was your first car? Ford Pinto-no radio or CD, Stick shift – nothing more could be taken out to make it cheaper.

What would you like to ask other Parkwood neighbors? If I could put them in my contacts along with a picture so I could look them up on my phone to remember their names.

What chore do you like least? Cleaning.

What quirk do you have? Interrupting during conversations. (Please stop me folks)!

What job couldn't you be paid to do? Put abandoned animals down.

Favorite book? Do you like nonfiction or fiction? Fiction. "Wild Flowers in Winter" by Naomi Wark, a fiction but about a real person here in Washington. "Songs of Spring" prequel to her first book. About Alzheimer's and family.

Best or worst advice you have been given? Best: Live for today with the lessons you learned from the past. Learn from your mistakes, then move on.



RAINDROPS AND RAINBOWS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 2025

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December is a time of traditions and celebrations. One of those traditions is the Christmas Bird Count. It dates back to 1900 and is the longest-running citizen science project according to the Audubon Society. Each year birders pick a date between Dec. 14 and Jan. 5, and are assigned an area to count all the birds they see.

Each year our count area has included Parkwood, plus about a mile beyond to the south, north, and west. This area includes two ponds which are known hot spots for ducks.

December 15 was our day. As you know, weather in December is unpredictable. This year we prepared for rough weather since recent conditions had been quite blustery and wet. We were delighted to find daylight arrived drier, warmer and sunnier than expected. Throughout the day a light drizzle alternated with sufficient sun beams to provide rainbows to watch over us. It was a good day.

As darkness fell we tallied our results by dome light. Within the confines of Parkwood, this year's count was 21 species with 129 individual birds. The total count for all of our assigned area was 51 species with 629 individual birds. Two hundred and fifty of those birds were various species of waterfowl that we spied through a rising mist over the ponds. Compared to last year's total numbers (52 species, 808 individuals) we were down some, but actually this year was an average year as to the total number of birds, and last year was the outlier.

The top five birds in Parkwood this year were: Bushtits 34, Dark-eyed Juncos 25, House Finches 10, Chestnut-backed Chickadee 9, with Anna's Hummingbirds and Ruby-crowned Kinglets tied at 8 each. Also seen were three different species of sparrows, and 3 Cedar Waxwings which were no doubt looking for any berries still clinging to branches. The top birds overall were Mallards at 120, followed by 61 Canada Geese, 51 juncos, and 48 Bushtits. We drew a flush of raptors including a Merlin, American Kestrel, Sharp-shinned, Cooper's and a Red-tailed Hawk. The compiled historic data for all regions is available on the Audubon Society website at www.audubon.org/community-science/christmas-bird-count.

It will be interesting to see what birds January delivers. You can report any sightings on www.ebird.org. Providing fresh water whenever practical is helpful. The hummingbirds will be looking for a sip of nectar water too. I've resorted to a heated hummingbird feeder when the temperature drops. What plans do you have?

Ida and I wish all of you a wonderful holiday and "Happy Birding" in 2026



Happy new year Parkwood. Believe it or not the days are getting longer but we still have a lot of darkness ahead of us. One suggestion if you're out walking in the morning or evening a safety vest is a smart thing to wear it makes you much more visible to cars and trucks. We have no sidewalks here in Parkwood so anything we can do to make our walks safer is good. Winter has just started so I'm sure we have plenty of cold weather coming, make sure you have plenty of warm clothes, flash lights, water and food in case of a power outage. Try to keep your gas tanks at least half full.

I will be sending out a notice soon asking for people to volunteer to be block captains also will have two way radio training. Stay tuned. Looking forward to seeing you on **Friday January 9th** for our monthly Parkwood meeting. Be safe out there. Goose.

PARKWOOD UTILITY INFORMATION

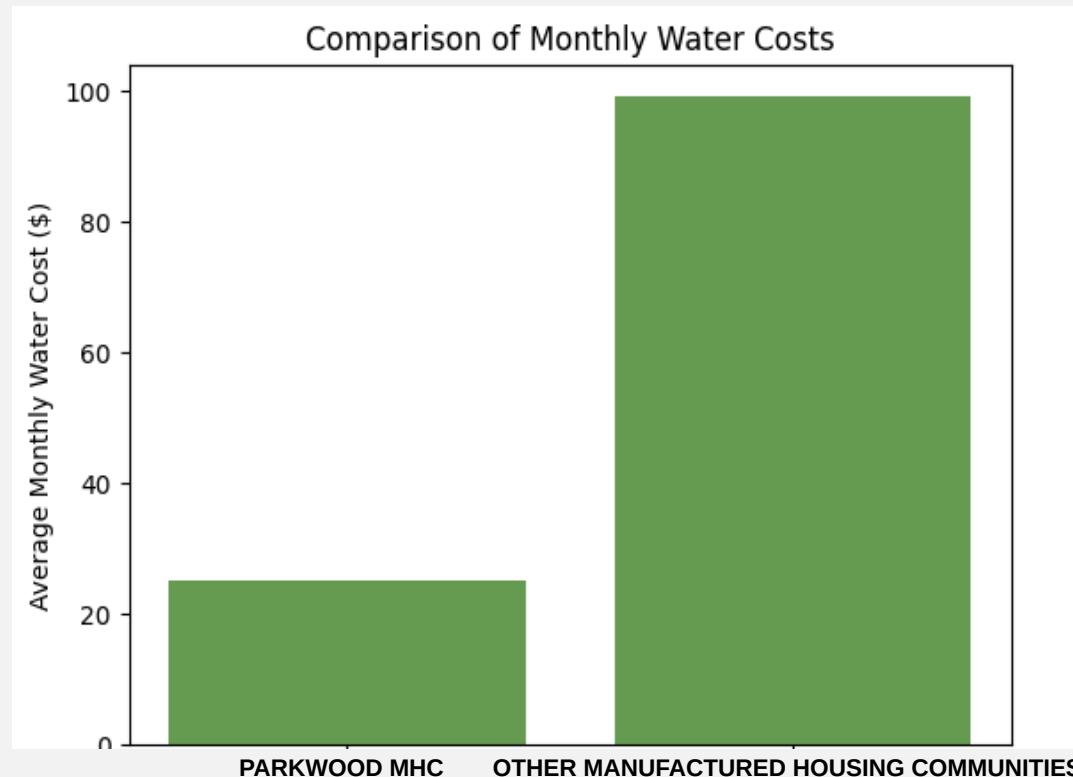
Here at Parkwood Housing Community we do our best to provide water to you at an affordable rate. We are happy to provide well water at a much more cost-effective rate than other communities on city water.

The increase to \$25 a month is to cover the servicing and maintenance of the well and septic system at Parkwood, along with the administrative fee of \$3.73. This is much less expensive than the average cost of water at most communities which averages at \$99 dollars a month, which is 74.4% lower rate than average.

We will continue to strive to keep these costs low for our Parkwood Community.

Monthly Water Cost Comparison

This chart compares Parkwood Housing Community's monthly water cost to the average cost at other manufactured housing communities.



JANUARY

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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