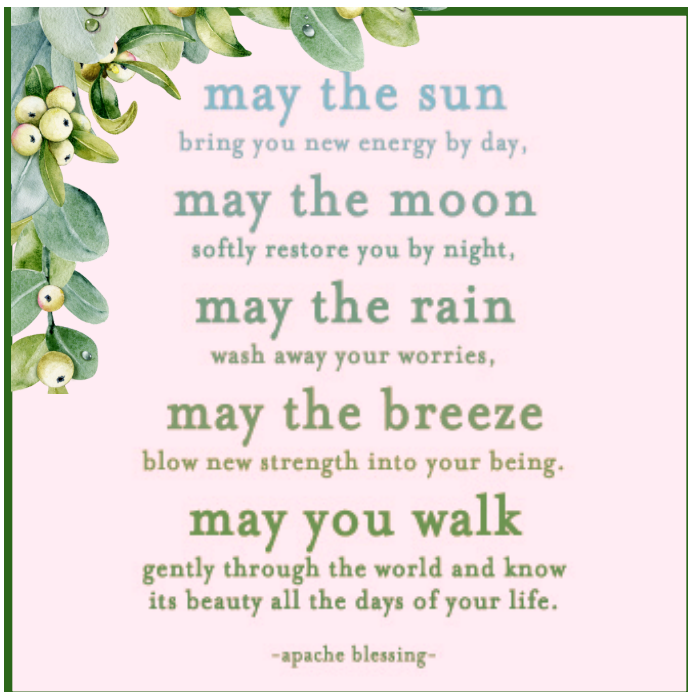


# May PARKWOOD



**Don't Forget to Turn in Your  
Resident Survey, Please**



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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

**BEST SUMMER YARD  
CONTEST!!**

### **Calling All Gardeners & Gardener Wannabes!!**


Whether you're a seasoned green thumb or a newbie still figuring out which side of the plant goes up, we want to see your creativity bloom!

#### **Show us your gardening chops!**

- Spruce up your yard, container garden, or patio space.
- Don't be shy — if you need tips, tap into Parkwood's Gardening Experts and ask a neighbor with a lovely yard for advice.

#### **The People's Choice Winner** will receive:

- A \$100 Home Depot Gift Card
- Winner Announced at the Summer BBQ
- Their yard featured in our August Newsletter (Runner Ups too)!

 **Snap some pics and submit your entry by July 23rd — we can't wait to see Parkwood in full bloom!**

**Let's grow something beautiful together!** 

### OUR TEAM

Manager: Dale Metzger

Asst. Manager: Laurie Thomas

Maintenance: Kyle Johnson

360-683-8765

After Hours Emergency: 877-678-5711



# Glimpse Into Parkwood Neighbors

compiled by: -sk susan knickerbocker

Arlene Raynik



- Year born: 1936
- Children: 2 living children, one deceased. Grandchildren: 9
- Town and state you were raised: Los Angeles CA.
- Career: Organized new law firms for Deputy District Attorneys in California.  
Also a comptroller for a real estate corporation in Texas.
- Year you moved to Parkwood: 2006
- What made you choose Parkwood: Serenity.
- What would you like to see available at Parkwood: Free rent.
- What do you feel is the meaning of life: Do unto others (good or bad) as your conscience will bear.
- Lessons you've learned: How to add and subtract, add positive thoughts and subtract negative thoughts in my daily agenda.
- What are your thoughts about cell phones and all this new technology and social media?  
Love cell phones and technology. No comment on social media.
- Job you would never do: Close down all the chocolate factories in the world.
- Do you think the world is better or worse now than when you were young? Why?  
Better, because more medical cures.
- If you were arrested with no explanation, what would your closest friends/family presume you had done: Spoke my mind.
- What bores you: I'm bored when I'm asleep.
- What do you miss in society from 'the good ole days:' Unlocked doors, larger ice cream cones.
- Who inspired you? Goose who leads the Parkwood exercise--for getting my body parts in motion.
- What are your priorities in life? Be happy!!!
- Words to hear today: 'Love' and 'Tolerance'.
- If you found out you had 7 days to live, what would you do?  
Buy up all the peppermint life savers at Walmart.
- If you could ask God one question? What on earth were you thinking?
- If you could talk to anyone living or dead, who would it be? Jesus Christ.
- If you had an abundant amount of money, what would you do with it?  
Run it through my printer.
- Anyone you would apologize to, and why? God. For all the times I used God's name in vain.
- Important Values: Sincerity.
- Animal you are most like: A turtle because the word 'hurry' is not in my vocabulary.
- What is something no one knows about you? Really...?
- Who inspired you, and why? Snow White, she landed 7 handymen.
- In hindsight, what would you have done differently in your life?  
Pursued a career in journalism. Because in high school it was fun to write articles on anything for extra credit.  
In the 90's I prepared a monthly newsletter containing family news and distributed it to all relatives.
- Pet Peeves: Someone finishing my sentence when I'm talking.
- Favorite animals: Humans.
- Qualities you most admire in a person: Honesty and kindness.
- Favorite Book: Hawaii by James Michener.
- Adages or advice to live by? BE HAPPY! Because it's a mental state which I believe promotes a healthy body.
- Hobby you have now? Dancing and playing cards.
- What would you like to ask other Parkwood neighbors? What is your net income?



## Give a Hoot

By Ida Jane Nicholas and Ida Domazlicky

Hey everyone! Let's give a "hoot hoot" for owls! We all know that birds are amazing. Well, owls are definitely that, but they are also mysterious. When was the last time you saw an owl? Unless you're a night owl yourself, it's challenging, but maybe you heard a Barred Owl asking "who whooo cooks for you, whooo cooks for yaa'll". Or the perhaps you were caught off guard by the loon like call of the Western Screech Owl.

([https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Western\\_Screech-Owl/sounds](https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Western_Screech-Owl/sounds)).

There are six species of owls that are fairly common in the PNW. They range from the petite Northern Saw-Whet that is only 7" tall, to the imposing Great Horned Owl with a wingspan of 45". In between are the Barn, Western Screech Owl, Barred, and the day-flying Short-eared Owl. If you're really lucky you may spot the rare Snowy Owl which makes an appearance every few years. The Short-eared is the easiest to find because it often hunts during the day. Look for their crisscrossing pattern low over the fields near Dungeness Landing Co. Park.

Our six owls are quite varied in size and territories, but they have some special adaptations in common. One of the trademark owl traits is being able to rotate their heads 270 degrees. Special vertebrae and long flexible neck veins make this possible. It's necessary because owls can't move their eyes side to side like most animals. Isn't it cool how what seems to be a flaw can be overcome by adaptations? It's a similar situation with their vision. They have excellent distance vision, but it's less keen close up, so sound takes the lead at close distances. Each owl's hearing is tuned to the things they hunt most. This allows them to zero in on their meal. Speaking of food, many owls swallow prey whole. After digesting, they regurgitate the bones and fur in a neat pellet. As rodents make up much of their diet, we can help the owls by not using rodenticide.

Most owls are nocturnal hunters, but you might spy one resting during the day if you're very observant. It's not an easy feat to see one, day or night because they're well camouflaged and virtually silent in flight. The camouflage is easy to grasp by looking at the streaks and spots on their feathers, but how do they fly without making a sound? Owl wings have a large surface area. The feathers have serrated leading edges and soft fringe on the trailing edges to muffle sound. This helps them sneak up on prey and startle unsuspecting hikers. Whisper quiet flight has earned them the nickname Ghost or Demon. The eerie sounds, like the piercing scream and hissing of the Barn owl may have added to the lore. Yikes!

Keep your eyes and ears open for our wonderful owls as spring come into full bloom and owl fledglings begin to spread their silent wings and take flight. Hoot Hoot!

## **P.E.R.T** **Parkwood Emergency Response Team**



How many of us can remember days without TVs? I can. Back then, radio was our only entertainment/news and we would listen to shows with great interest. In the event of a major event today( ie earthquake) radio could very well be our only source of news from outside Sequim because cellular towers and power will be gone. In that scenario, a battery operated radio with a hand crank would be extremely useful. If interested you can get them on Amazon for about \$35. Most of them have NOAA and short wavelengths as well as AM and FM. Our local station, KSQM at 91.5 FM, is equipped to begin transmitting information on the current situation during a disaster and will likely be our only source of outside information.

Two way radios will probably be our primary source of communication. If you have one, great. If not, think about purchasing one or two. Amazon had two for \$18.99 which is a good deal. These are FRS 22 channel. They are low wattage but will cover the Parkwood area. If you have never used a two way radio let me know and I will help you. Try to attend the monthly Parkwood community meeting the second Friday of the month at 10am at the clubhouse. If you have any questions about either the hand crank or two way radios, bring them to the meeting and I will do my best to answer. It's best to be prepared now because once a disaster happens it's too late. Have a great spring.

--Goose

# **CLUBHOUSE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES - May**

## **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 - May 7 — 1 PM**  
1st Wednesday of the Month
- **CERT Meeting – May 8 — 6 PM**  
(Community (Sequim & Beyond) Emergency Response Team)  
2nd Thurs of Month, Contact: Goose @ 360-301-1188
- **Community PERT Meeting – May 9 — 10 AM**  
(Parkwood Emergency Response Team)  
2nd Friday of Month, Contact: Goose @ 360-301-1188
- **Nightbird (Band) – May 14 — 3-4:30 PM**  
Parkwood's own Kim Hammond (1 performance only)
- **Book Club — May 21 — 1:30 PM**  
3rd Wed of Month at Ruth Brown's House,  
Contact: Kathy Hammond @ 425-268-8909
- **Peninsula Men's Gospel Singers**  
Thurs, May 22 — 6:30 PM (1 performance only)