

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026



Parkwood Potlucks are about good food & friends!

Parkwood in May

We have several things going on here at Parkwood in May besides our regular weekly activities. P.E.R.T will be having Clallam Ready here to put on a first aid class. This class is 2 ½ hours long, so lunch will be provided. We also will be having a presentation, with guest speaker Katja Bridwell, from the Audubon society to speak about Landscaping for our birds and pollinators. The Peninsula Men's Gospel Singers will perform Thursday, the 21st at 6:30 pm.

This Month...

NORTHERN COMFORT BAND
MAY 6TH AT 1PM

P.E.R.T./CLALLAM READY
MAY 8TH AT 10AM

4 SIDED INSPECTIONS
MAY 12TH & 13TH

LANDSCAPING FOR BIRDS AND
POLLINATORS
MAY 14TH AT 10:30AM

BINGO
MAY 16TH AT 1PM

PARKWOOD POTLUCK
MAY 20TH AT 12PM

PENINSULA MEN'S GOSPEL
SINGERS
MAY 21ST AT 6:30PM

**DON'T
FORGET**

Don't forget the Parkwood team will be performing their annual 4-sided inspections of your home's exterior & lot. Access to this property is permitted by law so long as reasonable notice is provided. Parkwood will be reviewing the conditions at your address for compliance to the Rules and Regulations. (I.e. moss on roof, exterior paint needs, disrepair, weeds, overgrowth...) Should any areas of concern be found, a checklist will be left highlighting remedies along with a date for re-inspection. Again, these inspections are only used to mitigate rules violations and help keep the community looking its best. We appreciate your consideration while we complete this task.



Clallam Ready Sequim (CRS) gave us a great presentation on being prepared so that we have the best defense against the unexpected. We also got a sneak preview of CRS's first aid and food ready courses.

We're so glad so many of you have been enjoying our Bingo games! We'd love to continue hosting Bingo as a regular event at the clubhouse, and we're currently looking for a few volunteers to help run the games when Laurie and Shannan are out of town. If we have multiple volunteers, we can create a schedule, so you'll still have the chance to play, too. If you're interested, please connect with Shannan at the May 16th game at 1:00 PM.

BINGO

GAMES | PRIZE | PARTY

MAY 16TH 2026 | AT 01:00PM

Parkwood Community Clubhouse

ParkwoodCM@brighton.co

NIGHTBIRD



Sunday LIVE MUSIC

AT THE PARKWOOD COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE

MAY 17TH | 2:30 PM

PARKWOODCM@BRIGHTON.CO



We're excited to offer two community above-ground garden beds for residents to enjoy! If you're interested in reserving either a half or full garden bed, simply sign up at the clubhouse. If there's enough interest, we'll happily add more beds. A garden hose will be available on-site for easy watering. To ensure everyone has a chance to participate, residents who sign up but do not maintain their garden bed may forfeit their spot to the next person on the waitlist. You'll find the garden beds located near the pump house by the bocce court.

Glimpse Into Parkwood

Neighbors

By: sk knickerbocker

John Szarke



What year were you born? 1949

Before Sequim, where did you live? Lifelong resident of Minnesota.

Spouse? My wife Lynn passed December 11, 2024 after a long illness. We were married 31 years. Lynn was a talented artist and musician. Her favorite prayer was, "May I see myself as God sees me, become that person and use me."

Why did you move to Sequim? After my wife Lynn passed away, I wanted to live by dear friends who used to live in Minnesota. Our friends live near this area.

Year you moved to Parkwood? 2025. The people are really friendly here.

Tell us an experience that broadened your view of life?

After the army, I hitchhiked for 8 months and traveled to Central and South America, Europe and Israel. When I reflected on the day I'd journal about the people I met, the art and the nature I experienced. It was a gift to live each day with a sense of mystery, simplicity, openness, trust, and thankfulness. Traveling as a hitchhiker provided rich soil for growing in faith and having a broader view of God, the world and myself.

What was your first car, and other fond memories?

I bought a 55 Ford for \$150 in 1965 and enjoyed smoking a corn cob pipe with cherry blend tobacco and listening to Andy Williams sing, "Moon River".

Did you serve in the military?

Yes., I was drafted into the Army in 1971 and served stateside.

Favorite pastime? Being in nature. I plan on visiting more of the National Parks this summer and camping.

What life lesson has made a difference for you? My wife

Lynn always saw the best in others.

If you had 7 days to live what would you do?

I'd thank God for the gift of life. I'd invite friends and family to a "farewell" party with good food and great music in the beauty of nature. I'd thank them for being a part of my "life journey".

What are your current goals or hopes?

1. Use talents and gifts. 2. Be compassionate, loving, and forgiving. 3. Celebrate life! Marvel at the beauty of nature, people, music, art, etc. 4. Be grateful. 5. Be open to new things and new people. 6. Don't limit myself or others. 7. Love God. Trust God.

Is there a special Charity you support and if so, why? Yes. My wife and I have supported World Vision for several years.

World Vision helps poor people in nearly 100 countries become economically self-sufficient. A highlight of my life was visiting their World Headquarters in Federal Way, WA on my way to Sequim this past October. I'm really impressed how they put together a 5 year strategic plan to help a community with both leaders from the community they are serving and leaders from World Vision.

When you first came to Sequim, did anything surprise you?

Yes. I was surprised by the "Be Kind" flags on the light posts. I mentioned this to a woman clerk at Walmart and she responded, "Yes. And be careful, the "Kind Police" are out today." I was also surprised in downtown Sequim when I stopped for a woman crossing the street. After crossing, she blew me a kiss. Afterwords, I emailed our nearby friends and asked. "Are the people in Sequim becoming too friendly?" 😊 😊 😊



BIRDS OF A FEATHER

BY: JANE NICHOLAS AND
IDA DOMAZLICKY



PHOTOS BY (LEFT) PAUL TAVARES (MACAULAY LIBRARY) AND (RIGHT) IDA DOMAZLICKY

The two male birds pictured above are very similar in appearance and habits. In fact, since 1973 they have been listed as one species - Yellow-rumped Warbler, but were originally thought to be separate. This combined classification has been challenged over the years and is still under review to this day. As new tools emerge we might see the old classification restored or split even further. The bird on the right with the bright yellow throat is listed as a sub-species: "Audubon's" Yellow-rumped Warbler. The bird on the left is a "Myrtle" Yellow-rumped Warbler which has a white throat and more prominent black facial markings.

In our area, the "Audubon's" is the most common. The population peaks in the PNW late April through May which is when nesting season begins. They will raise up to six chicks at a time in a nest lined with horse or deer hair and moss. They may even raise a second brood if conditions are favorable. They forage in the canopy in search of insects on the trees and in the open air, mimicking fly-catchers at times. We have also seen them out and about in winter snows, scratching under low-growing plants, perhaps in search of fallen berries.

The "Audubon's" range is typically from the Rocky Mountains westward and includes parts of western Canada. The "Myrtle" is the eastern sub-species, but does occasionally show up along the West coast, so it's worth taking a second look when you spot a Yellow-rumped Warbler. The two sub-species have been known to interbreed in mid North America where their ranges overlap. Yellow-rumped Warblers are about the size of a chickadee, but typically plumper. In summer, the white flashes on their wings and yellow patches are more pronounced so they really stand out. They are beautiful birds with their gray, black, white and yellow plumage. They have similar lilting songs that blend with those of finches and chickadees into a lovely spring morning chorus. Both sub-species have the distinctive canary-yellow rump patch which is more prominent in males. This ID feature has inspired the species name, and the affectionate nickname: "butter butt." At least two have taken up residence in Parkwood this spring so be sure and listen and watch for "butter butts" and their fledglings in the coming weeks. You won't be disappointed.



P.E.R.T



Hello Parkwood. I want to thank Clallam ready for giving us lots of helpful tips on what to do in an emergency situation, those of you who attended I hope you left more informed. That's not the end of it. We have more to come. On May 8th at 10am Clallam ready will put on a 2 and a half hour first aid class at the clubhouse, as this is a long course, lunch will be available. So please remember how long this goes on, so be prepared. Then on June 12th there will be a Food ready class at 10am at the clubhouse for one hour. We will have sign-up sheets, so we know how much food to buy. Enjoy spring and be safe out there. Looking forward to seeing you all.

~Goose.

MAY

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