

March PARKWOOD



WELCOME BRIGHTON!

We are thrilled to welcome Brighton Residential Management as our new property management company! With years of experience, their expertise will bring valuable improvements and enhancements to our community.

We truly appreciate your patience and support during this transition. Change can bring challenges, but it also brings new opportunities, and we are excited for what's ahead!

Thank you for being a valued part of our community!

The Parkwood Team

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Sunday, March 9th 2025

IMPORTANT UPDATE

New After-Hours Emergency
Number; 877-678-5711

OUR TEAM

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

**“In March, let
positivity be the
sunshine that lights
up your every day.**”

GLIMPSE Into Parkwood Neighbors

NAME: Charlotte Martin

DOB: 1955 Born in Houston, Texas lived until 10th grade then Huntsville Texas.

Siblings: I am the oldest of 3. Two younger brothers. Youngest died at age 23 of Leukemia.

Widow. I was married for 31 years to Larry, (a wonderful man) a Texas Highway Patrol Officer. We moved as he continued to be promoted. His last duty station was as a pilot for the state in the Rio Grande Valley (border of Texas and Mexico). He loved flying, and we flew in small airplanes all over Texas. I loved being a Cops' wife. Larry passed away in 2008.



CAREER: BBA in Accounting from Sam Houston State University. I worked in the accounting field for many years for CPA's doing tax return preparation and financial statements. I then moved over to Corporations and worked in A/R, A/P, Payroll and Human Resources. I wore many hats in the accounting world. I loved my career.

YEAR MOVED TO PARKWOOD: March 2024. I continued to work in Texas until Sept 2013. I retired, sold my house and moved to Diamond Point, Sequim to be roommates with my mother, Barbara. We had the best time together, seeing the peninsula and surrounding areas. Then I got diagnosed with a neurological disease and became disabled in 2018. Had to start using a walker and stop driving. My mother's health started declining in 2023, she passed in June of 2024 from a stroke.

WHAT made me choose Parkwood? Housing costs, Close to town. Looking for a community of people to join. I love the people and dogs.

WHAT do you feel is the meaning of life? Making a contribution in whatever way you can (money, time, knowledge). Do your best, work hard, make good choices. Be a kind and a good person, help others.

WHAT are thoughts about cell phones, technology, social media? I have a "smart" phone. It can be a valuable tool, to search internet, GPS, take pictures, etc. Keep in contact with friends and family. I don't use facebook or any of those platforms. People need to go outside, enjoy nature, not be connected to phones all the time. I don't really care what your plate of food looks like.(smile)

WHAT are my priorities in life? To be a good person, good friend. Help my fellow man/woman. Be God's helper.

IF you could talk to anyone living or dead. My mom. We had a wonderful relationship. Her personality changed after the stroke and we didn't connect any longer. It was a sad situation.

IF you had an abundant amount of money, what would you do with it? I would donate to good causes, Olympic Peninsula Humane Society, St. Jude's, Shriner's etc.

WHO inspired you, and why? My parents inspired me to be a good/loyal person. Have good values, believe in God. My teachers instilled a strong work ethic, contribute to society, try to make a difference in people's life's.

FAVORITE animals? Dogs, but I love all animals...hummingbirds, cats, elephants. Dogs were my children.

QUALITIES YOU most admire in a person. Honesty and loyalty are very important to me. A person standing by their word.

ADAGES to live by. Share your knowledge. Lend a helping hand. Be a cheerleader.

HOBBIES: Reading, Gardening. I love being outside, meeting people (and dogs). (-sk note: Charlotte sits by her garage, (unless she's busy) on Parkwood Blvd usually about 10:30 to Noon. Anyone is welcome to stop by, (treats for dogs.) (:

compiled by (sk) susan knickerbocker

Suckin' Up Sap

By Ida Domazlicky and Jane Nicholas

Photo by Chris Perry



Is “yellow-bellied sapsucker” anything other than a Jack Benny-style insult? YES! While the yellow variety is found in central and eastern N. America, the exceptionally beautiful RED-BREASTED Sapsucker, a type of woodpecker, inhabits the west coast, as Chris’s photo at right illustrates. I first realized they lived in Parkwood shortly after we moved in six years ago because the tree off our deck had the tell-tale vertical and horizontal rows of shallow holes shown in my photo below. Not a problem for the tree, sapwells allow the sapsucker to, obviously, lap up nutritious sap. But that’s just the beginning. Once the sap is flowing, it attracts a wide variety of insects, spiders, and ants that the woodpecker eats. The sap also attracts hungry hummingbirds. I once stood next to a sapsucker tree in Rocky Mt. NP that was a madhouse of hummingbirds fighting over the sap,



so intently that I could almost touch them before they dodged my hand. In Parkwood, our sapsuckers seem to be resident mostly from fall through late spring before leaving to nest up-mountain in broad-leaf maple or conifer snags. Pairs are monogamous for the season or longer. Watch for these gorgeous birds in Parkwood through at least March.

Also, our Anna’s Hummingbirds are already courting and mating. Watch for little families at feeders!

P.E.R.T Parkwood Emergency Response Team

As I write this newsletter in the middle of February, we have had over 30 days of below average temperatures in a row (come on summer). Now let’s look at this time frame without trucks delivering supplies to our communities. Most Americans take for granted the system to deliver essential supplies to their area. “The system” an underlying infrastructure that keeps goods, services and commerce in America flowing creates a sense of normalcy and order. Food, water, gasoline and medications are just a few of the items restocked weekly in order for our dependent society to maintain a steady flow. What many fail to grasp is just how fragile the system is and just how quickly it can collapse. In the event of a catastrophic i.e. earthquake what would happen? In 24 hours, delivery of medical supplies will cease, hospitals will run out of basic supplies, services stations will begin to run out of fuel. In 2-3 days, food shortages will escalate especially in the face of hoarding and consumer panic. Hopefully within a week some supplies will start coming in by air, but this will not fix the problem by a long shot. In 2 weeks, the supply chain will be getting better but remember the Olympic peninsula is just a small part of the overall problem. Look at Seattle and how many people live there they are going to need the same supplies as we do. This is not a doom and gloom letter just some facts on what could happen. So, try to have at least 2 weeks of supplies, hopefully a month. We can get through a earthquake catastrophe but we all need to be prepared. Join CERT -- get ready. Goose.

CLUBHOUSE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES – MARCH

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 - March 5th - 1 PM**
1st Wednesday of the Month
- **Community PERT Meeting – March 14 —10 AM**
(Parkwood Emergency Response Team)
2nd Friday of Mo, Contact: Goose @ 360-301-1188
- **Book Club — March 19 —1:30 PM**
3rd Wed of Mo at Ruth Brown’s House,
(Contact: Kathy Hammond @ 425-268-8909)