



## SWONA NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE March 2019

**PLEASE come to the SWONA 2019 Annual Meeting, Thursday, March 21, 7 p.m.**

- **Meet your neighbors**
- **Elect a new SWONA Vice President and Secretary**
- **Subarea Planning discussion with City of Olympia**

SWONA's Annual Meeting is March 21, 7 pm at Gloria Dei Church. Come and meet your neighbors, elect officers, and share ideas. SWONA's mission is to involve all neighborhood residents in full and democratic discussion and action on issues that affect the quality of life in our neighborhood. We also offer an opportunity for families, children and others to become friends, help each other, and to collaborate on projects and activities that keep our neighborhood healthy and nurturing of community life. SWONA is a Registered Neighborhood Association with the City of Olympia.

Much activity in the last year has been with many neighbors voicing opposition to the nature of a proposed development on the south end of Fern Street. With the recent hearing examiner decision to approve this development with very minor conditions, we need to look ahead to how we can better influence future development decisions within our neighborhood.

For those of you unfamiliar with SWONA or new to the neighborhood, we have organized the following:

- Created and maintain several pocket parks in the neighborhood
- Created a 'walking park' map of the neighborhood
- Opposition to construction of a convenience store at Harrison and Division (now the West Central Park)
- Convincing the City to close 16<sup>th</sup> and Fern and Decatur Street accesses to Highway 101.

In addition to quarterly meetings (generally, the third Thursday in March, June, September, and December), we hold an annual picnic at Decatur Woods Park in August that features kids' games, music, and food. Check out our website ([www.swonaonline.com](http://www.swonaonline.com)) or Facebook page for more information.

At the Annual Meeting we'll be saying thank you and farewell to Vice President Karen Janowitz and Secretary Angela Rush and electing their successors. Please consider volunteering to stand for these positions if you have an interest in the continued success of SWONA as a neighborhood association.

We will also have a Planner from the City to Olympia to explain and answer questions about the Subarea planning process.

Doors of the church open at 6:30 so there's time to pay this year's dues and chat with your neighbors before the meeting starts.

See you there!

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A note about dues. Official dues are set at just \$5 per voting member per year. Some people have asked to pay more either as a contribution, or to cover a few years' dues because they forget otherwise. Feel free to send in more and indicate if you want it to cover more years. Dues go to pay the costs of running the meetings (liability insurance, printing), and (if required) permit fees and incidentals for community events like the annual picnic and our Bike to Work Day station. We often apply for (and get) City matching fund grants for bigger ticket items, using volunteer hours for matching value.

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### 2018-19 Dues Renewal

Voting membership in the Southwest Olympia Neighborhood Association is open to everyone aged 18 or over who lives in or owns property within the area generally bounded by Harrison, Black Lake, Cooper Point/Auto Mall and the ravines on the southeast/east. Membership is \$5 per person per year.

**Welcome to SWONA!**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Kids? Ages? \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address(es) \_\_\_\_\_ Can we send you emails? Y / N

Interest in SWONA Activities- Check all that apply: [ ] Communications (distribute notices, make calls) [ ] Events (plan BBQ/walks) [ ] Traffic and Land Use (monitor developments) [ ] Advisory Board

Something you like about our neighborhood

\_\_\_\_\_ Any skills or talents to share? \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to return this form not at a SWONA meeting, you can securely drop off or postal mail it to Angela Rush, SWONA Secretary, 604 Cushing St SW, Olympia, WA 98502