



Spring 2023 “The Law & Order Edition”

MANORWOOD



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We Remember**

Pool Season's Here!

With the hot weather arriving before Memorial Day weekend, the MOA opened the pool early for residents to enjoy. Unfortunately, pool violations immediately occurred. The rules for using the pool must be taken



seriously to maintain our Department of Health pool permit, avoid costly department fines, and ensure the safety, health, and enjoyment of swimmers of all ages. The rules are posted in the Clubhouse, on manorwood.org, and every spring in this newsletter.

Within days of the pool opening on May 13, common violations were children younger than 13 not accompanied by an adult and children 13 to 17 with more than one guest. Also, chairs were broken, used bandages were left behind, and someone tampered with a security camera.

Pool hours are 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. Capacity: 25. No lifeguard is on duty. Pool attendants are not lifeguards. Pool is for Manorwood Division 1 residents/tenants and their guests ONLY. Pool attendants have full authority to enforce rules.

Pool Rules

- Sign in with first and last names of all swimmers.
- ID required to enter pool area (must be homeowner/tenant or child living at home). Youth ages 13-17 without an adult will need to bring ASB card or driver's license.
- Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times (not an older sibling).
- Children 13–17 may have 1 guest who is 13 or older.
- Each lot is allowed a maximum of 5 guests.
- Infants must wear swim diapers in the pool.
- Appropriate and safe conduct is required.
- No headfirst diving, running, or horseplay.
- Possession/use of alcohol, tobacco, vaping products, or other tobacco products is prohibited.

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- Keep food and drinks 4 feet from the pool.
- No glass in pool area.
- No animals allowed in pool or Clubhouse, unless ADA approved service animal.
- No frayed street clothes in pool.
- Persons with skin abrasions, infectious skin diseases or open sores, or who are wearing bandages, are not permitted in the water.
- Persons with communicable disease or anyone who has been ill with vomiting or diarrhea within the last two weeks may not use the pool.
- Audio equipment is allowed only if the sound is maintained at a level that does not disturb others (battery-operated only).
- Patio furniture in the pool area shall not be removed from the pool area.

Violation of pool and MOA rules may result in a loss of privileges. In addition, if a lot is delinquent by \$100 or more to the MOA, Clubhouse privileges, including use of the pool, will be suspended.

Updated ACC Guidelines

After hours of meetings, an MOA committee has completed its review and update of the 2018 Architectural Control Guidelines. The committee forwarded its draft to the full Board of Directors, which will discuss and vote on accepting the draft at its meeting at 6:30 p.m. June 8. Once the draft is approved, it will be distributed to all MOA members for review and feedback from owners. Notable changes, of which there are few, will be highlighted. After feedback, the Board will vote on enacting the final revision. Be on the lookout for further communication about the coming 2023 ACC Guidelines. We look forward to your input.

7 Ways to Keep Our Neighborhood Safe

By Josh Beloit

As times have changed, many neighborhoods have lost the close-knit feeling that was once prominent. However, creating a safe and secure neighborhood is still possible with some effort and collaboration among us neighbors. Not only does a safe neighborhood provide peace of mind, but it can also save you money and hassle. According to FBI statistics, the average cost of a burglary is nearly \$3,000; burglaries account for about 16% of all property crimes; and residential burglaries make up nearly 63% of all burglaries.

Here are some tips for Manorwood homeowners to keep our community, neighbors and homes safe, according to SafeWise.com.

1. **Make friends with neighbors:** Familiarizing yourself with your neighbors can be a beneficial first step in creating a safe neighborhood. Offer to serve as a resource in case of emergencies, help as needed, and see if your neighbors are comfortable sharing their needs as well. For example, if your neighbors have children, keep an eye out for their safety and notify parents if you see something amiss. If you have older neighbors, check on them and offer assistance. Also, if your neighbors have indoor pets, be observant and notify them if you see their pets outside. Get together with your neighbors, such as for walks, barbecues, sports, etc. These activities build a sense of community and security.
2. **Keep up your yard:** A well-kept yard can help deter crime as trimmed foliage offers fewer places for criminals to hide. Fences can also deter burglars, especially if fences are visible from the street and the front of your house.
3. **Install a security system:** One of the most effective ways to prevent crime is to install a home security system and use it properly. A visible security system can provide added protection for your home and family.
4. **Exercise caution when out of town:** When you are away from home, take steps to make it look like someone is still there. Swap favors with neighbors to keep an eye on each other's homes, such as mowing lawns, shoveling walks, picking up mail and packages, and blowing off driveways after wind events. Use timers or smart switches to turn on lights, or look into smart security systems that allow you to control lights remotely.
5. **Close windows and blinds at night:** To prevent burglars from getting a glimpse into your home and its contents, close windows and blinds at night.
6. **Improve lighting:** Adequate lighting can deter criminals, so encourage neighbors to turn on porch lights in the evenings and consider installing motion-detector lights in the back or sides of your home. Well-lit doorways and pathways can also discourage burglars from attempting to enter your home. But please communicate with your neighbors so that your outdoor lights are not shining into their windows!
7. **If you see something, say something:** Be vigilant, look out for your neighbors, and report any suspicious activities or incidents to the authorities. Working together as a community can make a big difference in preventing crime, such as package theft or other crimes. If one neighbor is home most days, see if they can help by collecting packages for other neighbors to prevent them from being left unattended for long periods of time.



We all love living in Manorwood, and with basic steps taken we can continue to keep our neighborhood safe and a place we are proud to call home.

Reducing Mail Theft

By Jon House

Hello, neighbors! In the past 10 years living in Puyallup I have read about mail theft, heard from neighbors about mailboxes being broken into, and been a victim of a break-in at one of the cluster mailboxes. The United States Postal Service is actively combating this. The USPS recommends the following:



- **Don't let incoming or outgoing mail sit in your mailbox.** You can significantly reduce the chance of being victimized by simply removing your mail from your mailbox every day.
- **Deposit outgoing mail through a number of secure manners**, including inside your local post office, at your workplace, or by handing it to a letter carrier.
- **Sign up for Informed Delivery** at <https://www.usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm> and receive daily

digest emails that preview your mail and packages scheduled to arrive soon.

- **Become involved and engaged** in Manorwood via talking to neighbors (what a novel concept), becoming involved with the Manorwood Owners' Association, and connecting with social media groups to spread awareness and share information.
- **Keep an eye out for your letter carrier.** If you see something or someone who looks suspicious around or following your mail carrier, call 911.
- **Report stolen mail** as soon as possible by submitting a complaint to the Postal Inspection Service at <http://www.uspis.gov/report> or by calling 877-876-2455.

The USPS [recently announced it is installing 12,000 high-security collection boxes](#) nationwide and enacting other measures, according to Reuters. Sadly, robberies of mail carriers themselves are on the rise. In the first half of fiscal 2023, 305 mail carriers were robbed, compared with 412 for all of fiscal 2022. Criminals are robbing carriers to go after their keys that open secure mail receptacles. The USPS says it is installing new locks and taking other actions "to protect postal employees and the security of the nation's mail and packages as threats and attacks on letter carriers and mail fraud incidents have escalated concurrently with a national rise in crime."

In Manorwood, be ever vigilant and reduce your likelihood of becoming a victim of mail theft.

Manorwood Owners' Association Board, Officers and Info

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Board Meetings (6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse):
June 8; July 13; August 10, September 14

Roof Cleaning Reminder

The MOA checks roofs for debris, moss, and general appearance beginning in June and running through September. Please check your roof now. If you receive a courtesy notice from the MOA that says your roof needs attention, and you already have a cleaning schedule or plan to schedule a cleaning, just let us know! Email

manorwoodhoa@gmail.com or contact our association manager, Lorne Martin, of J.C. Higgins and Associates, at 253-841-0111, Ext. 120, lorne@jc-higgins.com.

Everyone's Favorite Event: July 4 Parade & Potluck

The Puyallup Fire Department will again participate in the MOA's annual July 4 parade, and at press time we were awaiting the Police Department's confirmation. Kids decorate their bikes, pets and persons for the parade and follow the fire engine and police car. The firefighters park the engine and talk to the kids. A potluck at the Clubhouse will follow, with the MOA providing grilled hot dogs and beverages. Activities Director Stephanie Benson is finalizing details, which will be posted on Facebook, manorwood.org and the mailboxes.

Finding an Independent Arborist

The MOA encourages homeowners to maintain healthy trees, which are important to our community's beautiful forested environment. As a reminder, you cannot remove a tree that is 6 inches or more in diameter, 5 feet or taller, without the approval of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). You must submit a tree-removal application, which can be found on manorwood.org. Click the ACC Guidelines/Application tab at the top of the website.

The ACC may ask you to provide a written evaluation by an ISA Certified Arborist. One resource for finding an independent arborist is the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (PNW-ISA). The link to search for arborists is <https://pnwisa.org/page/find-an-arborist>.

Also, arborists are a great resource, for a fee, if you are interested in assessing the general health of your trees. Logging companies that ring your doorbell are not independent arborists.



Tree Planted for Chris Wilkie

The MOA planted a Jacquemonti clump birch on the Clubhouse grounds in memory of Chris Wilkie, who was serving as Board president when he suddenly passed away in November. Board member Aaron Grenlund generously donated the cost of the tree, and Board member Mark Thurber planted it on the south side of the entryway in front of the big maple stump. Chris was a native of North Dakota, where birch trees thrive. We will think of Chris as the birch grows strong.

The Gift of Carpet Cleaning

When members of the MOA donate their labor and lend equipment to maintain the MOA's common area, it *saves us all money*. The latest example is the carpet cleaning in the Clubhouse. Enter Board secretary and Clubhouse chairperson Hillari Mohler. She spent time over a Saturday and Sunday, sacrificing precious family time, to first vacuum the carpet, then shampoo it with the big-boy Bissell on loan from Board member Aaron Grenlund. Board members Jon House and Mark Thurber helped move furniture. Thank you, Hillari and team, for restoring the carpet to glory, including removing two large stains. Wow!

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<https://www.wsp.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Fireworks-Stand-List-Legal-and-Illegal.pdf>

Federally Legal Consumer Fireworks: These items are legal to purchase, possess, and discharge only at an Indian Reservation. Possession and/or use off the reservation is illegal.

Firecrackers

Generally 1/4" x 1 1/2" or less that come in packs to large bricks. A firecracker makes a single "pop" sound. Many firecrackers strung together will make repetitive "popping" sounds.



Sky Rockets and Missiles

Similar to the Bottle Rocket, a Sky Rocket is attached to a stick or has fins and may have a plastic cap. A missile will have fins rather than a stick. Once lit, it ascends rapidly, high into the air where it explodes.



Bottle Rockets

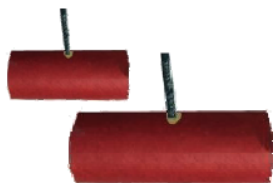
A firecracker type (tube) attached to a 12" long wooden stick. The stick is placed in a bottle and once lit, it rises into the air, travelling laterally before exploding.



Illegal Explosive Devices: The possession, manufacturing, or using of illegal Explosive Devices is a criminal offense.

M-80's, M-100's, etc.

Illegal since the 70's, an M-80 can contain flash powder, black powder, or a composition of materials that are sensitive to shock and can injure or kill people. Can do serious permanent damage to fingers, hands, and eyes.



Improvised Explosive Device (IED)

A pipe bomb is an improvised explosive device, consisting of a tightly sealed section of pipe that is filled with an explosive material. The pipe provides containment, meaning that a low explosive can be used to produce a relatively large explosion.



A tennis ball bomb is an improvised explosive device consisting of a tennis ball filled with combustibles or pyrotechnic material with a fuse producing a loud explosion.



Altered Firework

Sparklers are bound together in electrical or duct tape to contain the ignition of the sparklers, providing for a loud "whoomp" sound with a flash of light.



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Cylindrical Fountain

Upon ignition, a shower of colored sparks, and sometimes a whistling effect, is produced.



Helicopters, Aerial Spinners

A propeller or blade is attached, which, upon ignition, lifts the rapidly spinning device into the air. A visible or audible effect is produced at the height of flight.



Cone Fountain

Upon ignition, a shower of colored sparks, and sometimes a whistling effect, is produced.



Smoke Devices

Tube or sphere containing pyrotechnic composition that, upon ignition, produces a white or colored smoke as a primary effect.



Roman Candles

Heavy paper or cardboard tube containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, up to ten "stars" are individually expelled at several-second intervals.



Parachutes

Upon ignition, one or more parachutes are propelled into the air with stars, smoke, and other effects being discharged as the parachute floats downward.



Wheels

Pyrotechnic device attached to a post or tree by means of a nail or string. A wheel may contain up to six "driver" units; upon ignition, the wheel revolves, producing a shower of color and sparks and, sometimes, a whistling effect.



Mine/Shells/Cakes

Mine – An aerial device that shoots stars into the sky in an upward spray pattern. Shell – A shell is an aerial item that is fired into the sky. Cake – Dense-packed collection of mine/shell tubes that are fused together.



Ground Spinners

A small device similar to a wheel in design and effect. When placed on the ground and ignited, a shower of sparks and color is produced by the rapidly spinning device.



Reloadable Mortars

A shell consisting of a container, a lift charge, a time fuse, a burst charge, and stars/effects. The lift charge propels the shell out of the tube igniting the burst charge at the right altitude, igniting the effects.



Dipped Stick, Sparkler

Stick or wire coated with pyrotechnic composition that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition. Total pyrotechnic composition not to exceed 100 grams per item.



Novelties

"Trick and Novelty Devices" means any small firework device not classified as a Consumer of Display Firework. Items contain a small amount of pyrotechnic composition that is friction sensitive.



** Pictures shown are for illustrative purposes only and are not an endorsement of any brand or style of consumer firework.

Follow the Law When It Comes to Fireworks; Think of Military Veterans, Pets and Others in Manorwood

By Cindy Hutchinson

Our country's Fourth of July traditions date back, of course, to 1776, when colonists celebrated their declaration of independence from Britain. Bonfires, concerts, parades, and the firing of cannons and muskets marked the occasion, along with more than a few drams of rum. The first use of fireworks to mark the Fourth of July took place in Philadelphia in 1777, [according to History.com](https://www.history.com/stories/2017/07/04/fireworks-philadelphia).

Fast-forward to 2023. You are likely aware that the firing of cannons and muskets is prohibited. However, did you know that Puyallup prohibits consumer fireworks except for what state law defines as "common fireworks," as shown in the chart on the previous page? **Firecrackers, bottle rockets, sky rockets and missiles are among the items prohibited.** A City of Puyallup public notice states, "Consumer fireworks are the kind which can be purchased from various retailers or at licensed firework stands. Many fireworks available for purchase outside of the city are not legal to own or discharge in Puyallup."

In Puyallup:

- You can discharge fireworks *from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on July 4 ONLY*.
- Discharging fireworks is prohibited on public streets and sidewalks and in parks.
- Youths 15 and younger are prohibited from possessing or discharging fireworks unless directly supervised by an adult.

Aside from legality issues, loud, unexpected noises can be traumatizing to people and animals. Numerous military veterans call Manorwood home. Here is an excerpt from a [Penn Medicine article](https://www.pennmedicine.org/news/news-blog/2020/july/the-overlooked-effects-of-fireworks) (<https://www.pennmedicine.org/news/news-blog/2020/july/the-overlooked-effects-of-fireworks>) about the effect of fireworks on individuals with PTSD and other mental health conditions.

"What makes fireworks so problematic for individuals living with PTSD?"

In terms of fireworks, individuals with PTSD, as well as any combat veteran regardless of their PTSD status, are more likely to be triggered or respond to this kind of stimuli. So we have a loud, unexpected noise, often under the cover of darkness. If we think about what a combat scenario looks like, you're expecting incoming fire and explosions that you have to be on guard for, that are often happening at night. And fireworks serve as a very significant reminder of these experiences, PTSD or no. So this really does impact people. It really disrupts sleep. It increases stress.

What actions can we take to be more considerate of our neighbors who may be living with PTSD or other mental health conditions?

Everyone can be considerate in a few ways. If you're going to use fireworks, try to make sure it's at predictable times. Veterans and society in general expects fireworks on 4th of July weekend, but not necessarily on a random Tuesday in August. The other suggestion is to restrict their use to reasonable hours."

Fireworks can greatly terrify our pets, as well as nature's birds, rabbits, deer—all creatures great and small. Please read this article by the Humane Society: <https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/fireworks-explosion-fear-animals>. Dogs, for instance, have extremely sensitive hearing, but all animals are affected. Speaking from personal experience, I have evacuated on July 4 with my terrified dogs, driving up and down Interstate 5 to protect them in the quiet environment of a vehicle.

Some of the July 4 explosions in Manorwood sound like sticks of dynamite. Whatever you do, please do not set off M-80s, M-100s, cherry bombs, etc., in our neighborhood.

There are many ways to enjoy the Fourth of July without loud explosions.

Checklist for Property Violations

During monthly drive-throughs, the Manorwood Owners' Association uses the checklist below to look for violations. If a violation is noted, you first receive a courtesy letter. If the violation is not resolved by the next drive-through, and there has been no communication from the homeowner about extenuating circumstances, fines will be imposed until the property is in compliance.

General maintenance:

1. House paint chipped or peeling
2. Roof moss or debris (roof inspections take place June–September)
3. Vegetation in gutters
4. Fence in poor condition

Repair or replacement needed:

1. Exterior lighting
2. Siding
3. Trim
4. Shutters
5. Chimney
6. Garage doors
7. Windows
8. Screens
9. Porch, deck, patio if visible from street

Landscaping:

1. Grass more than 4 inches tall
2. Trees, plants, shrubs, ground cover unkempt appearing
3. Weeds more than 4 inches tall
4. Tree/shrub canopy hanging less than 7 feet above sidewalk
5. Debris/overgrown plants, weeds or grass on sidewalk/driveway
6. Parked vehicle obstructing sidewalk

Improper storage of:

1. Lawnmower
2. Barbecue equipment
3. Firewood
4. Building/construction tools and materials
5. Car(s) parked on grass

Not screened from view:

1. Boat, camper, utility trailer, motorhome
2. Vehicles in state of disrepair
3. Window air conditioner not removed from front or side window October–April; large exterior HVAC unit not screened
4. Refuse containers

Questions? Please contact the Manorwood Owners' Association at manorwoodhoa@gmail.com. Thank you for keeping our community beautiful!