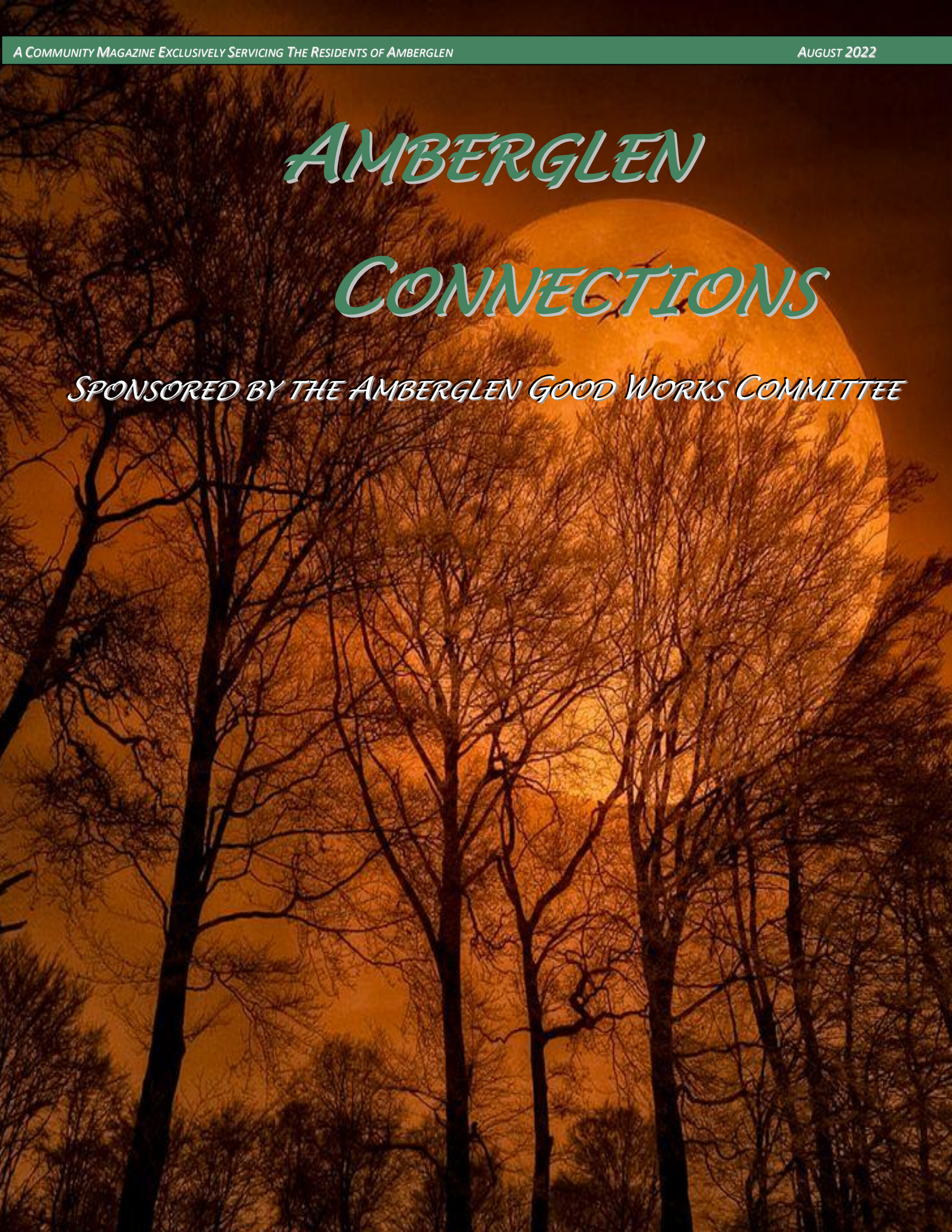


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AMBERGLEN HOA BOARD INSIGHTS

The board is excited about the new Adopt a Road project that will be discussed with updates at the Amberglen Good Works (AGW) Steering Committee Meeting. It will be held on August 9th at 6PM at Roundtable Pizza. It is open to anyone interested in attending, especially those residents who might want to participate in the project. We hope to see you there!

Additionally, we believe everyone received a calendar in the mail from Waste Connections outlining the new trash/recycle pick-up dates. We contacted Waste Connections for clarification of their new calendar and they told us that the only change in our area's trash/recycle date is the day of pick-up. Instead of trash/recycle pick-up on Fridays, it will move to **Thursdays** beginning **August 18th**. Please mark your calendars to reflect this change!



AMBERGLEN GOOD WORKS COMMITTEE INSIGHTS

There is a new crisis phone & text line, 988. What number to call in an Emergency:

CALL 911

Medical emergency such as a heart attack or physical accident

A crime has taken place like a robbery or assault

CALL 988

You or someone is feeling depressed, anxious, sad, or lonely

You or another person are dealing with substance use

Any mental or behavioral health crisis involving you, a loved one, or community member, including suicide or psychosis

Amberglen Good Works - Adopt a Road

More information will be provided at the AGW Steering Committee meeting on 8/9 at Round Table Pizza. Please order your pizza between 2-4pm the day of the meeting by calling 360-574-5755. A 10% discount applies.

Regards, Chuck Polacek



IN, OUT & ABOUT GREATER WA / ORE

If you find yourself with free time to spend, here are a few suggestions for activities near our community.

Comedy on Tap

Recurring monthly on the 2nd Tuesday

[Clark County Fair](#) - 8/6-8/14

Opening Friday: 8 AM to 11 PM; Fri: 10 AM to 11 PM; Sun-Thurs: 10 AM to 10 PM, Price: Adults: \$11.25; Seniors: \$9.25; Children 7-12: \$8.25; Kids 6 & Under: Free

[Cheap Trick](#) - 8/6

[Blood Sweat, & Tears](#) - 8/8

[Howie Mandel](#) - 8/7

1 Cowlitz Way, Ridgefield, WA 7:00 pm

Price: \$29-39

[AGW Steering Committee Meeting:](#)

8/9 6PM

[Round Table Pizza](#)

13009 NE Highway 99

[Friday Night Movies in the Parks | City of Vancouver, WA](#)

Until 8/1

[Vancouver Brewfest](#) - 8/12-8/13

Esther Short Park

Fri: 4-8pm, Sat: Noon - 8pm Price: \$35 at the door.

Admission includes eight 5oz tastes. Additional tastes \$2.50 each. Designated driver admission is \$5 and available at the door only (includes water/soda)

[Waterfront Park Concert Series](#)

Vanc. Waterfront Park

Recurring weekly on Friday until August 12th.

[Columbia River Triathlon & Endurance Sports Festival](#)

Recurring daily on August 12th - 13th

[Frenchman's Bar Park](#)

9612 NW Lower River Rd

[Free Coffee Friday for The Walk to End Alzheimer's](#)

Recurring weekly Friday August 5th - 26th 7AM to 8PM

Price: Donation

[Latte Da Coffee House and Wine Bar](#)

205 E. 39th St

[Chelatchie Prairie Railroad Train Robbery Special \(bycx.org\)](#)

Recurring daily August 20th - 21st

[Chelatchie Prairie Railroad](#)

207 N Railroad Avenue, Yacolt

Phone: [360-686-3559](tel:360-686-3559)

Train departs each day at noon and 2:30 PM

Price: \$18 per person, \$17 for seniors & military, \$12 for children 3-12

If you want to share an Amberglen community event or other events/activities, send an email to:

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OUR FEATURED AMBERGLEN FAMILY



MEET THE GILBERTS

ANDY, WENDY & THEIR TWO KIT KATS, LUNA & JON SNOW

Andy and Wendy Gilbert purchased their Amberglen home in July of 2019. Moving here from Wilsonville, OR made perfect sense because Andy works for Pacific Lifestyle Homes here in Vancouver. He is an Online Sales Consultant, and characterizes the position as an Online Concierge. He spends much of his time using his phone, emails, and videos in his work.

Wendy works for a New Jersey-based company called Branding Science. She is the Human Resources Director. She works remotely, and goes to New Jersey quarterly for meetings. Her company does health care market research.

While working at Pacific Lifestyle, Andy heard about the Amberglen Project. They investigated the neighborhood, and he and Wendy discovered the perfect lot for them. They love the area and the community, and appreciate the people who work so hard at making this a great place to live. The love for the community and her desire to help people are the things that inspired Wendy to run for Amberglen’s HOA president position.

Andy and Wendy have been married for 10 years. They first met when Andy was working as a wedding disc jockey with his friend who was a wedding photographer. The friend decided to introduce them, and the conversation went something like this: “Wendy, meet Andy. You’ll like him! He’s single and has a job!”



They spent their first evenings together sharing stories and discovered they have a lot in common. Their romance blossomed from there. Andy acknowledges their devotion by saying, “She loves me. She takes care of me. I need it.” We all need it at one time or another, and are grateful when it involves someone you love.

Andy and Wendy love music, including rock’n’roll, heavy metal, and punk rock. They also love to travel. Puerto Vallarta and the east coast are among their favorite destinations. Their mutual love of good food takes them to some very good restaurants. One of the experiences they love to talk about actually started badly with having a meal at a local restaurant.



Wendy has significant food allergies, and, unfortunately, the waiter did not take her requests in consideration concerning the food preparation seriously enough. Wendy ended up with severe food poisoning. Court claims against the restaurant resulted in a settlement. They decided to use the money for a romantic getaway to Disneyland, and they had a wonderful time!

Andy and Wendy have two cats: Luna and Jon Snow. They are indoor cats that are part of the family. Jon Snow was part of a litter that was named after Game of Thrones characters. They feel very fortunate that their chosen fur baby had not been named after one of the horrible characters on the show. And just like a cat, the character Jon Snow seems to have extra lives, as evidenced by his resurrection after his death on the show.



Andy was formerly a Restaurant Manager prior to his coming to Pacific Lifestyle, and learned to cook from several excellent chefs. He and Wendy are very well suited for each other because of his love for cooking, and their love of good food. They spent the last month having Simple Lawns & Landscape Design transform their backyard into an outdoor kitchen with a fire pit and seating area. It is beautiful, and will enable them



to have a great environment for entertaining friends. Andy will be able to display and enhance his Master Chef artistry. The neighbors will smell the wonderful aromas that his skills will produce. Yum!

“ONE CANNOT THINK WELL, LOVE WELL, SLEEP WELL, IF ONE HAS NOT DINED WELL.”
~ VIRGINIA WOOLF



KEEP AMBERGLEN BEAUTIFUL!

Paul and Sheila Knipper try to spend winters at their St. Petersburg, Florida condo and decided to do so this past winter, arranging with one of our Amberglen families to care for their property in their absence. Unfortunately, this family was unable to fulfill their commitment because they had to sell their house and move out of state. Nature took over as it so often does and "wildly decorated" the Knipper's property with its own version of beauty. However, this did not fit with the rules of our HOA. Upon their return, the Knippers tried to schedule service with a local landscaper whose schedule was full for at least six weeks. To add insult to injury, upon their return from Florida, the Knippers came down with the newest COVID variant and had to quarantine. This hampered their efforts to work on their property. Word got out to the Amberglen Good Works (AGW) Committee concerning the issues the Knippers were having maintaining their property. So the AGW stepped up and on July 25th, members of the AGW including Chuck Polacek, John Grant, Ron Rowe, and Ron Rowe's 12 year old granddaughter, Lana Hornback did their part to keep Amberglen beautiful by assisting Sheila and Paul Knipper to tidy up their property. Sheila takes pride in her herb garden. Hopefully the assistance she received will help her to grow and maintain her beautiful herb garden.



Ron Rowe



John Grant



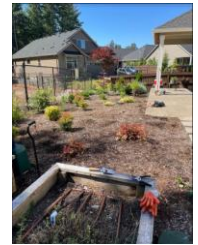
Lana Hornback



Chuck Polacek



Sheila Knipper



Sheila's Yard
now

*"Herbs are the friend of the physician and the pride of cooks."
~ Charlemagne*

HERB TIPS

Article written by Sheila Knipper

Herbs, both annual and perennial, grace my garden where their different scents perfume the air. If you like to cook or grill, fresh herbs are a must and so much less expensive than buying them in the grocery store. They are best planted in the spring although fall planting works as well. I recommend spring planting when you can find seedlings in garden centers, like Yard n Garden (NE 102nd St) or Cascade Greenhouse (NE 139th St) or any of the big box stores like Home Depot. Fall is a good time to transplant or divide perennials such as oregano, marjoram, thyme, rosemary, sage, lavender and mint or lemon balm. However, I suggest putting mint and lemon balm in pots; otherwise they spread everywhere. I keep some annual herbs such as basil, parsley and cilantro in pots close to the covered patio since it is closer to the kitchen and I use them a lot in my cooking. You can also pick herbs and add them to your flower arrangements as well. I also must confess that I grow catnip (in pots) for my two cats: Bella and Snowball.

I happen to like Middle Eastern food and tabbouleh is a delightful blend of cooked bulgar, couscous or quinoa, lots of finely chopped parsley, mint, tomatoes, cucumber (Persian or regular cucumbers that have been seeded) and finely chopped scallions; a well seasoned vinaigrette made with olive oil, minced garlic and lemon juice completes the dish. Serve with wedges of toasted pita bread or small tender leaves of romaine for a lovely appetizer.

Ways I use herbs

- Basil in making pesto
- Basil and oregano in Italian and Greek dishes
- Marjoram and thyme in French cooking
- Cilantro in Mexican and TexMex food
- Parsley in both American and European cuisine (I prefer flat leaf over curly)
- Lemon balm when steeped in boiling water makes a lovely tea

AUGUST FUN FACTS

August is famous for being the ‘harvest month’ in many cultures – as it’s likely the best time to bring up crops from fields having spent the summers growing solidly. August is a ‘national month’ for many things – as well as being host to many national holidays.

DID YOU KNOW?

- While the current calendar has August as the eighth month of the year, that wasn't always the case. In the Roman calendar, August was the sixth month of the year. January and February didn't exist.
- August is named after Augustus Caesar (grandnephew of Julius Caesar), the first emperor of the Roman Empire.
- August is the last full month of Summer and the end of Winter in the Southern Hemisphere (below the equator).
- August is popularly known as harvest month.
- The Earl of Sandwich invented the sandwich in 1762 - August is now named as National Sandwich Month.
- Here are a few August holidays: - 8/1 is Sister Day, National Friendship Day, American Family Day, Llamas Day, & National Girlfriend Day. 8/3 is National Watermelon Day, 8/9 is National Book Lovers Day, 8/10 is S'mores Day. 8/13 is Left-Handers Day. 8/19 is National Potato Day. 8/21 is International Geocaching Day. 8/22 is National Tooth Fairy Day. 8/24 is National Waffle Day. 8/25 is National Park Service Founders Day. 8/26 is Women's Equality Day and National Dog Day. 8/27 is World Rock Paper Scissors Day. 8/30 is National Beach Day.
- August is referred to as the dog days of Summer. This is in reference to the hottest and most humid months and that is typically August.

QUOTES AND SAYINGS

Rasmenia Massoud - August is that last flicker of fun and heat before everything fades and dies. The final moments of fun before the freeze. In the winter, everything changes.

Tove Jansson - August is the border between summer and autumn. It is the most beautiful month I know.

Lauren Oliver - August still stretched before us long and golden and reassuring, like an endless period of delicious sleep.

William Cullen Bryant - The quiet August noon has come. A slumberous silence fills the sky. The winds are still, the trees are dumb. In glassy sleep, the waters lie.

Ray Bradbury - You laugh, you dance around, you shout, but not long after, the sun goes out. Snow falls, but no one sees it, on an August noon.

John F. Kennedy Jr. - What happens is that every August photographers camp out in Hyannis Port. So anytime I go down to the beach, or go to the pier or whatever, there's no avoiding them.

Garth Brooks - That smell of freshly cut grass makes me think of Friday night football in high school. The cutting of the grass reminds me of the August practice.

Ray Bradbury - One day you discover you are alive . . . but, not long after, the sun goes out. Snow falls, but no one sees it, on an August noon.

Tony Visconti - In August most of Europe goes on holiday.

Unknown - Make your June good, July better, and the month of August best by looking into the eyes of the sun.

AUGUST TRIVIA

Question	Answer
What is the August birthstone?	Peridot
There are two zodiac signs in August– you’re a Leo or a?	Virgo
Only 1 President died in August. Who was the President?	Warren Harding
What are the flowers for August?	Gladiolus and Poppy
What scandal in August resulted in the resignation of a President? Is August a dangerous month?	Watergate - President Nixon. In the US, there have been several natural disasters which have taken place in August - from droughts and tornadoes to flash floods and forest fires.
1. What is geocaching?	Outdoor activity where people use GPS devices to hide & seek geocache containers marked with coordinates all over the world

MONTHLY TASTY TIDBIT

SIMPLE TACO SOUP

INGREDIENTS

- 2 pounds ground beef or impossible burger
- 1 envelope taco seasoning
- 1-1/2 cups water
- 1 can (16 ounces) mild chili beans, undrained
- 1 can (15-1/4 ounces) whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 can (15 ounces) pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) stewed tomatoes
- 1 can (10 ounces) diced tomato with green chilies
- 1 can (4 ounces) chopped green chilies, optional
- 1 envelope ranch salad dressing mix

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large Sauce pan, cook beef (impossible burger) over medium heat until no longer pink.
2. Break the meat (impossible burger) into crumbles and drain excess juices.
3. Add taco seasoning and mix well.
4. Stir in the remaining ingredients.
5. Bring to a boil.
6. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes or until heated through, stirring occasionally.



MONTHLY NEIGHBORHOOD FUR BABY



I'M NECLAR ROWE!

BUT MY FRIENDS CALL ME NIKKI.

I'M SMALL, SWEET & LOVE EVERYONE I MEET!

I was born in Colville, Washington on May 4, 2021. Colville is really close to the Canadian border and out in the middle of nowhere so I wondered if anyone would come this far and give me a forever home. Then I met my Mommy and Daddy on July 2, 2021 when they decided to drive 7 hours to come see me and my two brothers, Lord and Leader. When they got to Colville, they did not come straight for me but picked up my brother Lord and then my other brother Leader. I was scared that I would not be the one they would pick, so I devised a way to get their attention. When Mommy picked me up, I waved to her and started kissing her all over her face. I could see her expression change from sadness to joy as she gently handed me to Daddy. He held me against his chest so I showered his neck with kisses. I knew they were mine when Daddy grinned and stated, "No contest. She's the one!"

I like to start my day poking my mommy in the nose with Ardy my Aardvark to wake her up to play. She never disappoints me as she sends Ardy flying across the room for me to chase. Mommy calls me her "Itty, Bitty, Teeny, Weenie Meany" because I won't let her go back to sleep. Its 7:30 am! It is time to get up, eat breakfast and play! I may be all of 5.5 pounds but I have a loud bark, am very insistent, and won't be ignored!



When I am not bugging Mommy and Daddy, I beat up on my stuffed friend, Bowmar. He really knows who the boss is! He has already lost his nose...next will be an ear or eye! Don't get me wrong, I am not always the mischievous sort. Just ask my niece, Lana Hornback! She is my baby girl and I love her so much! I wander down the hall every morning to see if she has come back to visit. I miss chasing her bare feet. I love chasing bare feeties! They are right in my line of sight.

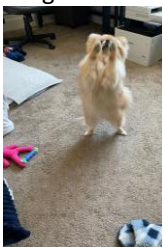
I recently celebrated hangouts, Fat Daves Restaurant and Lounge. It was Birthday to me and the cook grilled me a steak that thing! Love my peeps!



my first birthday at one of my favorite awesome! All of my friends sang Happy was amazing! I almost ate the whole



I also have a serious side and Mommy and Daddy know that. Mommy trusts me and knows I will be there for her. She needs me! I am currently going through Service Dog Training to help my Mommy. I have made it half way through and am working on the rest. When I have my vest on, please don't pet me without permission. I will wave to you but please respect the vest. I am working. I love all peeps but I respect my job and love my Mommy. Please help me to be a success at what I do.



I love my life here at Amberglen. Everyone is amazing and I love all of the new friends I have made. If you see me on our streets, I will wave to you! You are all my PEEPS!



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13104 NE 64th Ave	739,900	3	3	2,662	
4620 NE 118th St	739,900	3	3	2,585	
5308 NE 100th Cir	474,900	4	2.5	1,856	
13123 NE 61st Ave	600,00	3	2	1,852	
10907 NE 62nd Pl	669,000	4	2.5	2,408	
13211 NE 60th Ave	725,000	3	2	2,126	X
12506 NE 59th Ave	845,000	5	3	3,139	X
10700 NE 68th Ave	557,500	4	3	2,078	X
12023 NE 56th Ave	709,000	4	2	2,258	X
13312 NE 67th Ave	543,000	3	3	1,860	X
6006 NE 119th St	1.2M	3	2	980	X
6300 NE 119th ST	2.75M	3	1	2,352	X
6210 NE 119th St	2.75M	-	-	?	X
6803 NE 114th St	675,000	3	3	2,617	X
11711 NE 60th Ave	600,00	4	2	2,231	X
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AGW ADOPT-A-ROAD FLYER



Please help us with the Amberglen Good Works / Clark County Adopt-a-Road Project

Saturday, August 27

Volunteers will walk one of the routes shown on the map and collect roadside litter.

- Yellow team: Meet at NE 70th Ave. and NE St. Johns Rd. at 9 AM.
- Green team: Meet at NE 67th Ave. and NE 119th St. at 11AM.
- Red team: Meet at NE 109th St. and NE St. Johns Rd. at 1PM.

Equipment — including vests, gloves, trash bags, litter grabbers, cones, flags, signs, and first aid kit — will be provided by the Adopt-a-Road program.

Training and signing of release forms will take place before collection begins.

Any community member older than 13 years old is encouraged to join a team!

For more information, or to volunteer, contact one of the AGW steering committee members — or Chuck Polacek, at (253) 905-9876.

See the program training video at https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Pb2_0cCGOzc

Visit AGW at <https://amberglengoodworks.com>





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