

# *AMBERGLEN*

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*HOH RAIN FOREST, OLYMPIC PENINSULA, WA STATE*

*NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHERS/EDITORS*

Deb & Ron Rowe

*GREETINGS AMBERGLEN NEIGHBORS!*

Last month Hannah and Scarlett had their first birthday party. It was a “SMASH”...a cake smash that is. The girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Our daughter was able to capture the moment.



Scarlett

Hannah

Regards,

Ron & Deb Rowe



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## COVER PHOTO - HOH RAIN FOREST

Hoh Rainforest is located on the Olympic Peninsula in western Washington state. For more information about this rain forest, see page 9 of this newsletter.

## FEEDBACK/ IDEAS/ SUBMISSIONS

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## AMBERGLEN HOA BOARD INSIGHTS

### Amberglen HOA Projects Update

The HOA Board is working on four projects for our neighborhood.

1. **Entrance Landscaping.** Our landscaper is applying a moss kill, removing the dead moss and refreshing the mulch/bark dust.
2. **Entrance Irrigation.** The dead spots in the entrance lawn are the result of sprinklers that do not adequately reach all of the lawn. The sprinkler nozzles will be changed. A drip line will be added for shrubs on the west side of the entrance.
3. **Fence Staining.** An assessment of Amberglen assets is made every year. That assessment identifies the maintenance schedule for each asset and estimates the cost of future maintenance. The assessment identified re-straining the fence along the east side of 67th Avenue this year. The undergrowth has been cut back to enable access to the fence.
4. **Tree Management.** The Amberglen HOA owns nearly 11 acres of wetlands. Many homeowners feel the wetlands are an important reason they bought homes here. However, trees in the wetlands were blown down this past winter causing property damage. The Board hired an arborist to assess the condition of the trees in the wetlands. The Board is developing a strategy to fund the recommendations in the arborist's assessment. The goal is to address risk area before the rains and winds start up again.

Regards,

Nicholas Rexing

## IN, OUT & ABOUT GREATER WA / ORE

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

- [Downtown Laughs at Donnell's](#) Every Monday night  
813 Main St. 6pm -8pm
- [Salmon Creek Farmers Market](#) Weekly on Tuesdays  
1900 NE 154TH ST 11am – 3pm
- [Comedy on Tap](#) 2nd Thursday every month  
Kiggins Theatre 1011 Main St.
- [Laughs on Loowit: Free Comedy](#) 2nd Saturday
- [Labor Day Weekend Annual Food and Wine Pairing | SWWA Winery Association](#) daily until 9/4

For a complete list of events for the month of September, click [Vancouver WA Events](#)

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

[amberglenconnections@gmail.com](mailto:amberglenconnections@gmail.com)

## AGW COMMITTEE INSIGHTS

Now that summer is over and the Fall season begins to drizzle in, it is time for us to think about the holiday season and the joy it will bring to all of us.

The AGW has a few plans in the making to spice up the upcoming holidays.

- Halloween Scavenger Hunt and Party – Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Celebration – Tentative Date of December 8<sup>th</sup>
- Possible Community Gifting Tree

Please come to the monthly AGW meetings held on the last Monday of each month at Round Table Pizza at J&M Plaza to share your ideas or voice your creative insights to additional activities or events.

Hope you are having a great September!

# AGW'S HELPING HAND

## QUARTERLY FOOD DRIVE

Once every quarter, on the third Saturday of March, June, September, and December, AGW volunteers go around the neighborhood and collect the food from those who graciously donate to this cause. Once they have collected your donation, AGW volunteers will leave the donation bag on your porch. Please store it in a safe place until the next donation date which is Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Remember, if your bag gets lost or damaged, just contact the AGW for a replacement bag.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## UPDATE ON HALLOWEEN GATHERING

Save the date: October 28<sup>th</sup> is the Amberglen Halloween scavenger hunt and gathering. There will be prizes, food, and loads of fun! Costumes for all including pets are encouraged since there will be a contest for best adult, best child and best pet costume!

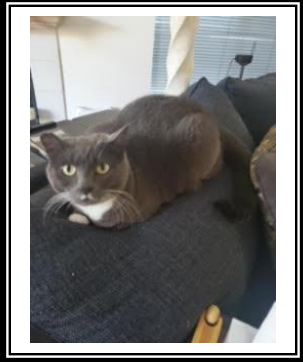
Our daughter who is a professional photographer. She has offered to set up a portable studio on site to take pictures of any one who desires to capture themselves and/or family (including pets) in their creative costumes. No appointments necessary. Just walk up and let her capture the moment.

## PET SAFETY AND AWARENESS

With our temperatures still in the 70s and mid-to high 80s, what may be comfortable for us, is not always comfortable to our pet family members. With this thought in mind, one of our Amberglen neighbors provided the following chart to help remind us to consider the comfort of our furry little ones who count on us to keep them safe.

Hot Car Safety			Hot Asphalt Awareness	
Temperature in Car				
Air Temperature	After 10 Minutes	After 50 Minutes	Air Temperature	Asphalt Temperature
65°	84°	99°	77°	125°
70°	89°	104°	86°	135°
75°	84°	109°	87°	143°
80°	99°	114°	Press the back of your hand firmly against the asphalt for 7 seconds to make sure it will be comfortable for your pet's paws.	
85°	104°	119°		
90°	109°	124°		

## AMBERGLEN PET OF THE MONTH



**Gracie**



**Sammy**

### WELCOME GRACIE AND SAMMY RENNER!

Hey everyone! I'm Sammy, the good-looking white mouser on the right. I'm 14 which makes me the senior over Gracie who is only 8. But don't get me wrong, I am no old man! Just ask Gracie.

Gracie: "He sure acts like an old man when he takes his seemingly endless daily power naps."

Sammy: "Hey there! You are right beside me snoozing away. Besides, I like it when we can from time to time catch a few scant rays of sun that peak through the front and back windows."

Gracie and I came from "sunny" California in January of this year. It took us four long days to finally get to our new home here in Amberglen. Thank goodness we were traveling first-class in our sleeping seats!

Hey! Where is the sun? Why is the Northwest sky so steely gray and rainy? After inquiring around, Jake, a neighboring tommy assured us it does warm up around here and he was right! I think Gracie is about to retire her fashionable winter attire after experiencing a few of those 90-degree days! Jake also said it could reach over 100-derees around here. Mom, Dad we did move to Washington, not Arizona, right? Thank you both for providing us with electricity and water to battle the hot summer days Washington is experiencing!



In addition to keeping us cool and hydrated, Mom and Dad feed us great meals, waste management, and make sure we are comfortable on their bed and chairs! They know that we really have claimed the beds and chairs as ours and we graciously allow them a small space upon which to sit or lie.

Life is great at the Renner house and we all plan to spend many more napping in the sunlight by

the window, listening to the birds singing in the tree under the clear, blue sky.



We have a "purrfect household"!

## SEPTEMBER FUN FACTS

September is seen by many to be a very pleasant time of the year. The weather should finally start to let up, with cooler nights chasing away the heat of the day. September is the time to finish the year's harvest and celebrate its bounty. Here are some additional facts about September.

### *FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT SEPTEMBER*

- In the year 1752, the British Empire skipped 11 days of September, between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. This was actually due to another calendar change, although this time it was when the British Empire changed from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar.
- Back in the days of the Anglo-Saxons September used to be called Gerst Monath, which translates into "barley month". It was given this name because it was the time of year that the barley crop was harvested, and it was a special time as they brewed a popular drink out of it.
- September has some pretty interesting holidays spread throughout the month:
  - September is National Happy Cat Month
  - Kids Take Over the Kitchen Day (US) on September 13th
  - International Talk Like a Pirate Day on September 19th
  - National Punctuation Day (US) on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

### *HISTORICAL EVENTS*

Year	Day	Event
1666	2	The Great Fire of London began in a bakery in Pudding Lane near the Tower. Over the next three days more than 13,000 houses were destroyed, although only six lives were believed lost.
1690	25	The first newspaper to ever be put into print in the US was published
1752	1	The Liberty Bell arrives in Philadelphia.
1776	9	The United States came into existence as the Continental Congress changed the name of the new American nation from the United Colonies.
1787	17	The US Constitution was adopted.
1830	1	"Mary Had a Little Lamb" was published
1939	1	Hitler invaded Poland, consequentially beginning World War II.
1955	30	American cultural icon and famed movie star James Dean had his life cut short by a car crash in California at the early age of 24.

### *FUNNY QUOTES AND SAYINGS*

- ❖ "September: the month when pumpkin spice-flavored everything is everywhere."
- ❖ "September: when it's not summer, but it's not fall yet."
- ❖ "Fall is here! Time to get cozy in my sweatpants and enjoy some hot chocolate."
- ❖ "I used to love September, but now it just rhymes with remember."
- ❖ "Wine is the divine juice of September."
- ❖ "September tries its best to have us forget summer."
- ❖ "All the months are crude experiments, out of which the perfect September is made."

### *TRIVIA (ANSWERS ON LAST PAGE)*

1. The Beatles received a gold record for which single on 12th September 1966?
2. What flavor popsicle is celebrated this month?
3. Which two pilots made the world's first non-stop heavier-than-air flight from Europe to the USA in September 1930?
4. What is a traditional game played in September?
5. What is different about September compared to every other calendar month?

## SEPTEMBER TASTY TIDBITS

### FENNEL AND PORK PAPPARDELLE

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1lb free-range pork sausages
- 1 large fennel bulb
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 5 oz fresh chicken stock
- 10 fresh thyme sprigs
- Handful of flatleaf parsley
- 3 fresh Rosemary sprigs
- 5 oz double cream
- Zest of 1 lemon
- ½ lb. fresh pappardelle



#### **DIRECTIONS**

1. Squeeze the meat from the sausages. Slice the fennel bulb in half lengthways, then...
2. Heat the olive oil in a large frying pan over a medium-high heat, add the fennel and sausage, then fry, stirring often, for 15-20 minutes, breaking up the meat into chunks. The fennel should be tender with bite; the meat should be browned.
3. Meanwhile, put a large pot of salted water on to boil. Add the chicken stock to the fennel mix and bubble on a high heat for 3 minutes.
4. Finely chop the thyme, parsley and rosemary. Add to the pan with the double cream and the zest, then season.
5. Cook the pappardelle in the boiling water for 2-3 minutes until tender. Drain (reserving a good splash of the water), then gently mix the pasta through the sauce, adding a little lemon juice and pasta water if needed.

### TRIPLE BERRY CRISP

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 c of each type of berry, thinly sliced (blueberries, raspberries and strawberries)
- 1/2 tsp cornstarch
- 2 tbsp white sugar

#### **CRUMB TOPPING:**

- 1/4 c all-purpose flour
- 1/4 c quick-cooking oats
- 1/3 c walnuts, chopped
- 2 tbsp packed brown sugar
- 2 tbsp white sugar
- 1/8 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp ground nutmeg
- Pinch of salt
- 2 tbsp butter, room temperature
- Optional: Ice cream



#### **DIRECTIONS**

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.
2. Toss the berries with cornstarch and 2 tablespoons of sugar, set aside.
3. Make the crumb topping. Combine flour, oats, walnuts, brown sugar, white sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt in a bowl. Add the butter and work it in until the mixture is crumbly.
4. Pour the berry mixture into a 1 1/2-quart baking dish and top evenly with the crumb mixture.
5. Bake for 40 minutes.
6. Serve with ice cream. Enjoy!



## HOH RAIN FOREST



Hoh Rainforest is one of the largest temperate rainforests in the U.S., located on the Olympic Peninsula in Western Washington state. It includes 24 miles (39 km) of low elevation forest 394 to 2,493 feet (120 to 760 m) along the Hoh River. The Hoh River valley was formed thousands of years ago by glaciers. Within Olympic National Park, the forest is protected from commercial exploitation. Between the park boundary and the Pacific Ocean, 48 km (30 mi) of river, much of the forest has been logged within the last century, although many pockets of forest remain.

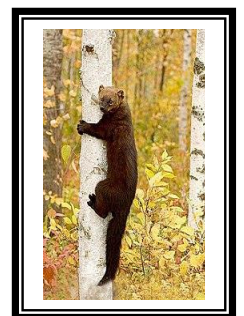
The Hoh Rain Forest, pronounced "Hoe", earns its name from the ever-flowing Hoh River that carves its way from Mount Olympus towards the Pacific Coast. However, where the name originates, is up for debate. The word "Hoh" comes from Native American languages; possibly the Quileute word "Ohalet" which means "fast moving water" or "snow water." Since the river itself forms from glacial runoff, that origin seems straight-forward. Other explanations state that the Quinault word "Qu," meaning "boundary," could be the root of the name as a river as massive as the Hoh certainly forms a formidable boundary across the landscape. A third consideration claims that the word "Hoh" translates to "man with quarreling wives." What the actual history behind the name is appears to be lost to time. Regardless of the name, there's no question as to the allure that draws visitors back to the rainforest year after year.

The Hoh Rain Forest is located in the stretch of the Pacific Northwest rainforest which once spanned the Pacific coast from southeastern Alaska to the central coast of California. The Hoh is one of the finest remaining examples of temperate rainforest in the United States and is one of the park's most popular destinations. The Hoh lies on the west side of Olympic National Park, about a two-hour drive from Port Angeles and under an hour from Forks. The Hoh Rain Forest is accessed by the Upper Hoh Road, off of Highway 101

Hoh Rainforest is the wettest forest in the Contiguous United States, receiving over 100 inches of rain per year. It is an Oceanic climate. Throughout the winter season, rain falls frequently, contributing to the yearly average of 140 inches of precipitation each year. The result is a lush, green canopy of both coniferous and deciduous species such as the Sitka Spruce, the Western Red Cedar, bigleaf and Vine Maple, Black Cottonwood, and Douglas Fir. Mosses and ferns that blanket the surfaces add another dimension to the enchantment of the rainforest. The lettuce lichen which requires the cool, moist conditions found under the canopy of old-growth forests is consumed by deer, elk, and other animals. Many native wildlife also makes the Hoh Rainforest their home, including the Pacific tree frog, northern spotted owl, bobcat, cougar, raccoon, Olympic black bear, Roosevelt elk, coyote, Cascade red fox, and black-tailed deer.

Environmentalists are planning to reintroduce fishers to Hoh Rainforest due to their almost eradicated population in Washington and the introduced Virginia opossum is beginning to make way to the region in and around the forest. The area is also home to the banana slug, which has recently been threatened by the encroachment of a new species of slug, the black slug, an invasive species from Northern Europe.

I have not visited the Hoh Rainforest but plan to do so in the near future. I never knew Washington had its own rainforest, did you?



## AMBERGLEN'S ECOSPHERE



Carolyn had the opportunity to capture a photo of this beautiful barred owl as he perched in a tree about 10 feet from her side yard fence by her back porch.

Amberglen is so lucky to be able to share our community with such a magnificent creature!

## POTENTIAL TRAFFIC CONCERNS



### 119<sup>th</sup> STREET COTTAGES EXPRESS HOMES BY DR HORTON

- Floor Plans from 1,353 – 1,361 sq. ft.
- 3 Bedrooms, Loft, 2 Bathrooms, 1 Car Garage
- Stainless Steel Appliances & Solid Quartz Countertops
- Energy Efficient Smart Home Package
- 10-year warranty
- 34 Homesites, 27 already sold



### BARBERTON COTTAGES BY DR HORTON

- Single-Family Cottage Floor Plans
- Approximately 1,353–1,361 Square Feet
- 28 Homesites
- Price TBD

The houses continue to be built near our Amberglen community. However, there does not appear to be any upcoming projects to widen 119<sup>th</sup> Street in order to accommodate the traffic that will be generated by these new homes.

Additionally, the land on the northeast corner of 119<sup>th</sup> Street and NE 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue has been sold. Ron and Deb spoke with the previous owner and he told us that the new owner is considering putting a car wash, gas station and Pizza Parlor at this site. However, this is not set in stone and could change before any actually building occurs on this site. Unfortunately, any business or housing development built on this site, will potentially generate more traffic along NE 119<sup>th</sup> Street, making it difficult for our residents to enter or exit our community in a timely manner.

The AGW will communicate with Clark County to determine if there are any plans that have not yet been publicized, to address future projects to improve NE 119<sup>th</sup> Street to accommodate the present and future traffic. We will keep you informed of any other information we receive concerning this matter.

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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**HOMES PENDING & SOLD IN 98686**



Pending: 1,499,000  
5220 NE 114th St  
4 bds 4.5 baths 6,302 sf



Pending: \$599,000  
10700 NE 63rd Ct  
3 beds 2.5 baths 2,251 sf



Sold: \$575,000  
10406 NE 67th Ave  
4 bds 2.5 baths 2,358 sf



Pending: \$529,900  
6805 NE 104th Way  
3 bds 2 baths 1,656 sf



Sold: \$525,000  
10411 NE 68th Ave  
3 bds 2.5 baths 2,041 sf



Pending: \$1,025,000  
11217 NE 87th Ave  
4 bds 3 baths 3,036 sf



Pending: \$599,000  
10810 NE 68th Ave  
3 bds 2.5 baths 2,323 sf



Sold: \$573,000  
6618 NE 112th St  
3 bds 2 baths 1,814 sf



\$575,000  
10017 NE 81st Ave  
4 beds 2.5 baths 2,530 sf



Pending: \$889,900  
5906 NE 128th Cir  
5 beds 3.5 baths 3,319 sf



Sold: \$759,000  
12307 NE 59th Ct  
4 bds 2 baths 2,500 sf



Pending: \$719,900  
12022 NE 58th Ave  
3 bds 2 baths 2,429 sf



\$502,000  
8207 NE 99th Cir  
4 bds 2.5 baths 1,961 sf



Sold: \$580,000  
6424 NE 109th St  
3 bds 3 baths 2,190 sf



\$874,900  
11414 NE 64th Ave  
5 bds 3.5 baths 3,300 sf



## AMBERGLEN CONNECTIONS

### SEPTEMBER TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Don't let me down
2. The Blueberry Popsicle
3. Steve Yeager & Harry Connor
4. Conkers
5. It is the only month to be spelled with the same number of letters as its calendar month: 9.

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

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