

## ORCAS HIGHLANDS AUTUMN SURVEY RESPONSES – A Brief Summary

As most of you will remember, the Board of Directors circulated a mail survey in the autumn. We thank the forty percent of our owners who responded. Your insights were important to us; we felt they may be interesting to you, as well.

First, we learned that there was not sufficient interest in amending the CCRs for us to embark on that process. While there was mixed interest in establishing a rule prohibiting future transient rentals, respondents gave strong support to creating an additional assessment for homeowners who hold transient rental permits. This assessment would help defray wear and tear on the OHA road and water system.

Nearly all survey respondents provided the Board with excellent write-in comments as well. From these, we learned that OHA property owners are committed to maintaining community spirit and living in harmony with each other.

Significant interest was expressed in enforcing our existing CCRs, and for improving communications about exactly what they mean to our property owners. The Board has heard that request and will act accordingly. We have created a CCR summary that is included with this mailing. Please keep it and refer to it, as necessary.

To further facilitate this communication, the Board has been discussing the possibility of sponsoring neighborhood get-togethers----another idea endorsed by survey respondents. Should any of our residents have an interest in working with the Board on this, please contact a member of the Board. Currently, our social events are limited to the annual meeting and to the potluck we hold during our summer wildfire mitigation project. We are seeking innovative ideas for community-building.

Other neighborhood concerns follow:

- Be responsible for your pets. Use leashes when they are off your property and restrict their barking
- Each OHA lot may have one detached single-family dwelling. County code established that this subdivision is one of single-family occupancies.
- The existence of trees on the properties is to be preserved, whenever possible, for the beauty of OHA and the enjoyment of all the owners. Keep the trees or manage their harvest
- Junk cars, boats, and similar parked and stored items visible from the road are discouraged

Again, thank you for your input. The community is, and will remain, as good as its residents wish it to be.