**March 2021 Billing Newsletter**

**![MCBD07251_0000[1]]()It’s tax season/scam season.** The Social Security Administration & the IRS do **NOT** intitiate contact with taxpayers by email, phone, text message or social media. They do not ask for personal or financial information. They won’t demand immediate payment with prepaid gift cards or wire transfers. They won’t threaten you with local law enforcement or revoke your drivers & business licenses. These are all SCAMS. Report them on the IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting website or call 800-366-4484. Report unsolicited emails claiming to be from the IRS or Electronic Federal Tax payment System to phishing@irs.gov.

Scammers are being very clever! We have recently received emails, phone calls and text messages from scammers posing as USPS, UPS, Amazon, Chase Bank, PayPay and Apple. Anyone requesting you click a link, open a document or give out personal information is likely trying to scam you or infect your device with malware. Don’t fall victim, be cautious and ask a trusted friend or relative if you’re unsure of suspicious requests or requests you did not initiate!

**Mowing Notes:** Spring is upon us and lawns are beginning to grow quickly. We’ve already seen and heard some mowers this month so it’s time to get your lawn mower ready for use. Mowers don’t always start up when needed after a long winters rest; take some time to be sure it will be ready when you are. For the cleanest cut and healhiest lawn, make sure to sharpen the blade at least once a year. To prevent crabgrass & weeds, apply an herbicide. The best time to water your lawn is early morning. Mow your yard in a different direction or pattern than your last mow to help the grass grow more evenly.

**![MCj03598730000[1]]()Chickens:** Some community members may be considering adopting chickens this spring. If this is the case, be sure there are **NO ROOSTERS** in your flock. If you do get some accidentally, re-home them as soon as possible. Some neighbors may not appreciate the odor, flies and rodents that your chickens may attract. In order to alleviate neighborly tensions, keep your coop clean and away from property lines to minimize visibility, noise and smell. Keep your hens contained with a fence. Once a week rake the bedding out of the coop and replace it with fresh bedding. Make sure to store your chicken feed in a tightly sealed, safe place and don’t overfeed your hens. These precautions will decrease the risk of attracting rodents and raccoons.

If you use a dozen eggs a week, then two hens will do. Mature hens will lay eggs through the spring, summer and into the fall, as long as they have 12 to 14 hours of daylight. Chickens are most productive in the first two years of life. Egg production slows after 2-3 years. If you have an excess, sharing your eggs might decrease a neighbors irritation with your new endeavor!

**Neighborhood Watch:** Several members reported junk being left by the blackberry bushes at the beach. Suspicious persons have been seen around Penn Cove Rd. The police have been made aware but please be cautions of your surroundings and call 911 to report any suspicious activity. Beach camping is not permitted.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 9, 2021** at 7pm via ZOOM. Call or email the office for the link if you are interested in attending, rollinghills@oakharbor.net