

# Utility Company GREENBELT Access



## **BACKGROUND**

Trespassing into the Ridgecrest greenbelt or common area is not allowed. The greenbelt has been a point of access for adjoining development owners dumping trash, brush pickers, children playing, children creating fires, burglars disguised as authorized workers, etc. Equipment has been stored there providing a reason for frequent use of the area near the corner of Mullenix and Deeridge. The equipment has been moved years ago. Additionally years ago we experienced at least one sheriff's documented incursion from the greenbelt area to the rear of lot 26 via the access road used by the Washington Water Service. Consequently, the home on lot 26 was burglarized. The Ridgecrest Board of Directors has the responsibility of managing the greenbelt in accordance with the Kitsap County Community Development regulations and with due consideration to our own security.

## **PROBLEM:**

***WE DO NOT WANT ANY REPEAT PROBLEMS OF THIS TYPE COMING FROM THE GREENBELT DIRECTION.*** The Washington Water Service and Puget Power service personnel have legitimate reasons to access our greenbelt area while conducting maintenance. The only problem with this arrangement is that homeowners cannot distinguish between these workers and potential burglars.

## **ACTION:**

**PUGET ENERGY COMPANY:** Puget Power now takes their electric readings remotely so they would have no reason to frequently visit the site however they have been contacted and agree to notify us when a rare maintenance requirement is necessary.

**WASHINGTON WATER SERVICE:** This leaves the water company who accesses our greenbelt on a regular basis providing us and the local area with dependable water service. Mr. Mike Ireland and his staff have graciously agreed to have their service personnel contact us first before entering the greenbelt. To facilitate this Mr. Ireland has agreed to the posting of a sign at the access gate to ensure his employees are kept aware of this agreement.

We thank our utility services companies for their contribution to our security.

**Ridgecrest Homeowners Association  
Board of Directors**