



Major Catch Basin Problem

In February the Board conducted a complete Winter review of the HOA's groundwater run off system. During that inspection it was learned from a resident of a recent development around Cotton and Oakmont. That issue was that after a storm excessive rainwater accumulates around the mailbox making it very difficult for residents to pick up their mail. The Board called out it's contractor Catchall to review and fix the problem. Matt Kellogg of Catchall reported that they pumped and cleaned the two catch basins of debris that handle groundwater run-off in that area but that was not the major problem. Kellogg indicated that a concrete plug was found, using a remote camera, in the overflow pipe that runs between the two catch basins that was at the basis of the overall problem.

The Board is waiting for Catchall to provide a cost estimate to repair the overflow pipe, but it will require excavation into the middle street. The cost to repair could well be over \$15,000.

The Board pleads with all people not to dump anything into the catch basins as they are not sewers and do not carry debris away but rather, they are a stationary large concrete hole that simply lets stormwater percolate back into the sandy soil of Capitol City.



Why Keeping Cats Indoors Benefits Everyone

We'd like to take a moment to discuss the importance of keeping cats indoors—not only for their safety but also for the well-being of our neighborhood. Free-roaming cats face many risks and can unintentionally cause problems for homeowners and local wildlife.

Reminder: Per the HOA Rules and Regulations Enforcement Policy (2022), “No pets shall be left free to roam.” Cats, as domestic household pets, must be supervised and may not wander outdoors unattended.

Protecting Our Cats

Keeping cats indoors helps ensure they live longer, healthier lives.

Life Expectancy: The average life expectancy of an outdoor cat is just 5–7 years, while indoor cats typically live 10–15 years.

Population Growth & Overcrowding: An unsprayed cat and her offspring can produce between 98 and 200 kittens in her lifetime, contributing to the growing number of homeless and feral cats in our community.

Infectious Disease Risk: Free-roaming cats can spread cat scratch disease, Salmonella, Ringworm, and Rabies—which not only threaten other animals but also pose a health risk to humans, especially children and those with weakened immune systems. You can learn more about these zoonotic diseases here: [Cornell Feline Health Center – Zoonotic Disease](#).

Traffic Hazards: Cats allowed to roam are at high risk of being injured or killed by vehicles.

Parasites & Health Concerns: Outdoor cats are more likely to bring in fleas, ticks, and intestinal worms, which can affect other pets and lead to household infestations.

Minimizing Community Impact

Beyond the risks to cats themselves, allowing them to roam freely can create challenges for homeowners and disrupt the local ecosystem.

Property Damage & Nuisances: Outdoor cats may dig in gardens, leave waste in yards, and mark territory with strong-smelling urine—causing frustration for neighbors and increasing maintenance efforts.

Threats to Local Wildlife: Free-roaming cats are natural hunters. They are estimated to kill between 1.3 and 3.7 billion birds each year in the U.S. Many native bird species already face significant pressure from habitat loss; curbing predation from domestic cats can help protect biodiversity.

Feeding Outdoor Cats: Feeding stray or feral cats—even with good intentions—encourages the growth of outdoor cat colonies and attracts raccoons, opossums, and other wildlife, increasing the potential for conflicts, property damage, and disease transmission.

A Simple Solution (Cats Cont.)

By keeping cats indoors or providing safe, enclosed outdoor spaces—such as catios or leashed walks—we protect pets, prevent neighborhood disruption, and support local wildlife.

Please do not leave food out for cats or wildlife. Doing so increases the number of stray animals in our neighborhood and contributes to health and safety concerns for the entire community.

If you see a free-roaming cat in the neighborhood, please call Thurston County Animal Services at (360) 352-2510 to report it. We appreciate your cooperation in helping make our community safer, healthier, and more enjoyable for everyone—both human and feline alike.

Lawn of the Quarter

The Winter/Spring Lawn of the Quarter Award goes to longtime residents **Duane and Julie Smith** at 6309 West Sarazen Street for their lawn and extensive Christmas decorations. The Smiths have called Capitol City home since 1993, and Julie said that they love it here and that they appreciate being acknowledged for their annual Christmas decorations that they put up each year for both the front and the rear of their property.



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Alternative Payment Method

VIS is excited to share some great news with you! In the coming weeks, Capitol City Golf Club Estates Association will be offering a new, convenient payment method to make managing your homeowner assessments even easier.

We've partnered with FRONTSTEPS, the leading provider of community association technology, to bring you a new payment solution – **FS Pay**. Effective immediately, you can access and pay your assessments directly through your existing Caliber Portal using FS Pay!

What's in it for you:

- View and settle your account balance online with ease.
- Set up recurring payments for added convenience.
- Enjoy lower commissions when using credit or debit cards!

Here's what to expect:

Current Caliber Users: When you access your Caliber Portal and click "Make a Payment", look for the additional payment option called **FS Pay**.

New Caliber Users:

1. Click the "Get Started" button below.
2. Select "Create Login" and enter the following account number and email to register.
3. Account Number:
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If you have questions on how to submit payments through your Caliber portal, access the Guide to Making Payments or contact FRONTSETPS technical support at (720)739-2899 for assistance..

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