

About a month ago a group of residents got together via NextDoor to help out a homeowner in need. This resident had received several compliance violation letters from the POA and was unable to quickly comply due to hardship. The group showed up on a Saturday morning, pulled weeds, raked gravel, swept gutters and showed this homeowner a true community spirit. While I did not join in, I was moved by the generosity of our community. And since then I have heard other stories of similar hardships. And I thought, why don't we help them as well?

The answer is, we will.

So, myself and Marta Sprout with the support of @IslandIssues are announcing the formation of the IslandSquad. The IslandSquad will be a volunteer group of Island residents who want to help in their community. Long term the goal is many volunteers working on many projects (like Marta's community patrol), but the first project we will focus on is helping out with yard cleanups. To do this we need two things:

- 1) Volunteers – if you are interested in helping out, please email us at issues@IslandIssues.net We will make sure you are notified when a cleanup is occurring and how to help.
- 2) Yards – if you know of a homeowner with a hardship, especially ones who have received violation letters from the POA, let us know. Same email, issues@IslandIssues.net

We will not publicly publish any information about submitted homes. We will arrange to meet on a Litter Critter Saturday with clipper in hand and a trailer behind the SUV. We might not be able to fix everything but I am absolutely sure we can make a difference. We will even let the POA know that the IslandSquad is on it.

I know it is short notice, but we do have an upcoming Litter Critter on May 13th. I would love to hold a cleanup that Saturday morning. Then the goal being additional cleanups as needed on future Litter Critter Saturdays.

So again, if you are interested in helping or know of someone who needs some help, contact us. We can get this started and we can do this.