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BOARD NOTES

As you read this newsletter, spring will be less than three weeks away – March 20. New leaves are already breaking out and daffodils are sprouting into bloom. It is time again to trim up our gardens and launch into new projects. As you begin into major remodeling and other large projects that will require use of a dumpster, please note in consideration of other community residents that we request the dumpster be placed in your driveway (not in the street) and please arrange to have it removed as soon as possible.

Some folks still find it confusing to receive two identical emails sent from two different sources. All residents are invited to add (or remove) their name from either or both email distribution lists. This is done simply by sending a note to that email address and request your name be dropped from it. Following is an explanation of the differences between the two:

- **xpr2xpr2**

The official "HOA Express" email distribution network – used to keep residents up to date on meetings and business related issues. This network does not relay lost, for sale, newsy and other general interest messages. To join this network, send your email address to xpr2xpr2@comcast.net

- **Highlands HI-Net**

The unofficial "local information" email distribution network – used to communicate non-business news and information. This could be anything from announcement of sales, lost pets, household items for sale, and other miscellaneous information. HI-Net will normally also resend all business messages sent over the "HOA Express" network (which creates double messages if you are on both networks). Please choose carefully what you send to HI-Net so it will not be necessary to edit or cut anything from the content. To join this network, send your email address to hinet@hevanet.com

Just a quick reminder, the new 2016 Directory is available at the Clubhouse, so be sure to pick up your copy. Bring your old directory and drop it in the recycle box in the library. We don't want to dispose of old copies where someone outside our community could gain access to them and possibly misuse personal information.

Have a wonderful March – and don't forget the Lasagna Dinner on Saturday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Dave Platt, President

CONDO NOTES

At the Annual Meeting on February 11 Darlene Whitten and Brad Williams were elected to the 2016 Condo Board of Directors for new 2-year terms. Your Board Officers for 2016 are: Chair, Darlene Whitten; Secretary, Elaine Johanson; Treasurer, Zoe Allen; Directors, Brad Williams and Sharon Wittfong.

Condo Notes this month will consist of reminders and information for new Condo owners and residents. Here's one announcement: Ilsa Welshar has left CMI and our new manager is Ross Holtry whom you may have met at the February 2015 Annual Meeting. He is already familiar with Highlands as he assisted Jason Sharkey in the past. The Board looks forward to working with Ross. His phone numbers are: direct line: 503-445 1210 or 503-233-0300 ex. 210. His email is rossh@communitymat.com

Garbage & Recycle: Pride Disposal is our vendor. They pick up garbage every Monday and recycle every other Monday. Lids on all totes (also known as bins) must be closed all the way. If totes in your area are so full that the lids can't be closed please try to use totes at a nearby building area. Remember, no styrofoam of any kind in the recycle bins. It is garbage, no matter what. There should also be a smaller tote in each area for wine bottles and other glass. Those totes are emptied every two weeks or as needed. Cardboard boxes should be flattened or cut down. Large pieces of flat cardboard may be placed between the recycle totes. Loose plastic bags go in the garbage, not the recycle bins. Please don't use plastic bags to package your recycle items. If a plastic bag has been used to carry your recycle items from your unit just empty the contents into the recycle bin and then throw away the plastic bag or better yet, use it again. **Fluorescent light tubes** such as most of us have in our kitchens may not go in either garbage or recycle. The closest location to drop them off is Pride Disposal at 13910 SW Tualatin-Sherwood Rd. There is a nominal fee of \$.50 to \$1.00 per bulb. A big thank you to the residents who cleaned up broken fluorescent light bulb glass in one of our garbage enclosures. We don't know who you are but we really appreciate your help. If a recycle tote in your area is consistently full to overflowing please let a Board member know. If necessary we can ask CMI to order an additional bin.

Have you ever noticed paper and plastic bags under the mail boxes on Monday afternoon? Wonder no more. This is another way to recycle newspapers. If you take The Oregonian, Wall Street Journal, etc. you can put them in a plastic or paper bag and leave them under the mailbox. Members from the local Lions Club come through and pick up the bags very early on Tuesday mornings. The papers are a fundraiser for them and a way for us to dispose of newspapers without stuffing them in the often full recycle bins.

Landscaping: Our condo board employs Willamette Landscape to take care of all our landscaping needs; lawns, shrubs, trees and perennials. It is a violation of Association rules for owners to plant anything in the ground at Highlands Condominiums or to remove or prune any existing plantings. It is okay to plant containers for your deck or patio. If you are on an upper deck please place catch basins under your containers so water and dirt do not escape and damage or stain the deck. If you have a special landscape request or a question about the grounds contact a member of the Landscape Committee, a Board member or Darlene Whitten, Chair of the committee. Also, you are always welcome to attend our monthly Landscape Committee meeting at 10:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday each month.

The next regular meeting of the Highlands Board of Directors will be on Thursday March 10, 2016. The start time is changing with the March meeting to 3:30 p.m. See you at the Clubhouse.

Zoe Allen, Board Treasurer

*****.The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."*****

ALC

In western Oregon we are generally treated to a few sunny and warmer days sometime in February. It happened early in February this year and after such a rainy winter was even more welcome. There is nothing more beautiful for us in the Highlands on a sunny day than turning onto Peachvale and seeing our beautiful Mt. Hood, covered in snow, ahead of us.

Hope you all have noticed how bright and clean the perimeter brick wall and the clock tower enclosure are. Pressure washing is done and the trim painting nearly complete.

It is so gratifying to hear visitors to Highlands comment on how well the homeowners maintain their property and how impressed they are with our common areas. It takes everyone to make the effort to keep up the great appearance. The early sunny days we get on the way to spring are perfect times to begin clean-up chores. Yards are ready for edging and mowing, and it is a good time to get ahead of pulling weeds.

Remember that any changes to house exteriors such as painting, new roof, windows, and any landscape updates require an application to the Architecture and Landscape Committee for approval. The ALC anticipates being called upon to approve a large number of applications as the weather improves.

Halstead's Tree Service will be in Highlands soon to begin annual tree maintenance. They do one-third of the trees each year.

Mary Ann Packard, ALC Secretary

LIBRARY WHISPERINGS

The hardworking members of the Highlands Library Committee handled over 250 items in the month of January. We received over 60 new books, so come in and check out what's new.

If you're interested in volunteering on a great committee please attend the Library's monthly meeting on the second Friday of each month at 2 p.m. or give me a call, 503 227-5946.

As always, we thank our community for their donations and support.

Leslie Watson, Librarian

DIRECTORY COMMITTEE

New Resident

Cheryl McGee-Conner 15989 SW 129th Terrace 503-708-0110

Our 2016 Directory has an incorrect telephone number for the Tigard Public Library.

It should read - 503-654-5737

BIBLE STUDY

March 1st, Pastor Steve McCracken has faithfully taught here at Highlands Bible Study for many years. He is Senior Pastor for his Tigard church, and he teaches God's word with contagious enthusiasm, shaped by decades of ministry and service.

March 15th, Pastor Brian Pierce is an Associate Pastor in his Tigard church, having brought his young family to Oregon in 2012, after serving in the mid-west. Brian uses practical applications to bring meaningful messages from Scripture.

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Each of these presentations start at 7 p.m. They are non-denominational and the messages and the music are one hour in length, followed by coffee, refreshments, and fellowship. All Highlanders are encouraged and invited to attend.

Harmon Sommer

SPECIAL EVENTS

LASAGNA DINNER

Saturday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Do join us for a delicious Italian Lasagna Dinner with all the trimmings - lasagna, green salad, garlic French bread, ice cream and cookies. Just \$8. Please sign up on the Clubhouse Bulletin Board, so we can plan to have enough food! Come visit with your neighbors!



ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIRE 2016

This message to artists and crafters of Highlands. In response to requests for an earlier date, our Faire is scheduled for Saturday, November 12.

It seems a bit early to be thinking about it, but this gives you plenty of time to start your masterpieces of imagination. If you think you might be interested in participating this year you can call me at 746-6701 or email to njcrandel@gmail.com.

Pepper White has volunteered to co-chair this event so you can let her know as well. Happy planning!

Nancy Crandel

MOVIE NIGHTS

This month will bring us two beautiful films: Please note that they will be shown on the first and third Fridays this month, starting at 7 p.m.

MARCH 4 - "**AUGUST RUSH**" - In keeping with the music listening series we have been enjoying, the critically acclaimed film "August Rush" tells the touching story of a young musical prodigy in search of parents he has never known. If you are looking for a movie that will sing to your soul ... further! This film is a delight both musically and visually.

March 18 - "**A WALK IN THE CLOUDS**" - Kenau Reeves and Anthony Quinn head the cast of this beautiful and romantic story set in wine country following World War II. This is a visually spectacular film about the value of family traditions and the quiet strength of compassion and honesty. Those of you that picture Reeves as the typical action hero will be surprised at the tenderness he brings to this role.

Don't miss these special films presented on our big screen with our great sound system.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism, to steal from many is research

POKER, ANYONE?

At one time Highlands had two poker groups. There was the Tuesday night group and the Wednesday night group. They each met at Highlands Clubhouse twice a month. Now there is only the Wednesday night group and our people are aging out. We need a few new people in our game. Anyone interested please call Sandy Bergeron - 503-624-7896 and leave a message.

BOOK CLUB

"Senioritus" Book Group meets this month on Saturday, March 19 at 10 a.m. We'd love to have you join us for a cup of coffee and good conversation focused on the current reading project - **"Boys in the Boat"** by Daniel James Brown. This book is the true fascinating story of the men at the University of Washington who rowed their way to immortality at the Olympic Games in Berlin in 1936. It is a wonderful tale of the process of making a rowing crew out of young men in college, and their ability to work together to compete in this chance of becoming a cohesive team. A wonderful story and the Gold Medal to prove it. Come join us. We meet bi-monthly on the third Saturday, and we rotate between fiction and non-fiction books. You MUST read - come share your choices!

DEER CREEK IS THE PLACE TO BE

Our neighborhood school, Deer Creek Elementary, is fortunate to have much support from we Highlanders!

Our residents, for example, tutor children in reading and math; others assist teachers by preparing learning materials, work in the library, participate in the art program, or take part in one-time events. You may have helped, too, by contributing empty containers ... thanks to Muriel Lynn whose sponsorship of this activity resulted in the purchase of three new "Elephant & Piggie" books for the library!

Volunteering at Deer Creek School is an extremely rewarding experience. The 600 children welcome you with bright smiles and even hugs. The outstanding staff has created an atmosphere focused on nurturing learning — that means enhancing academic and other abilities as well as responsible behavior. You can help in many ways. Here are some:

- Weekly for several hours - tutoring or reading to individual or small groups of children; assisting in the library; preparing materials for teachers; and other things.
- Weekly for an hour - laminating and other office and school needs.
- Occasionally - hearing/vision screening; art literacy program; lunch items for staff; and others.

The Deer Creek website will tell you about school activities and how to get involved:

<http://deercreek.ttsdschools.org>

Call the school office (503-431-4450) or me (503-624-0229) to learn more or ask questions.

Eddie Jensen

Answering Machine message: "I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes."

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

WARNING - If your hot water tank is a **State Censible 510 E** and you live in Highlands Condos, you are living on borrowed time. That means you have the original 40 gallon tank installed in 1991. Your tank is 25 years old. Time for a new tank.

I had a large drip pan under my hot water tank and put a warning alarm in it to warn me if it started to leak. I was warned in plenty of time to avoid the massive damage others in that situation have told me about.

Sandy Bergeron

Muriel Lynn wants all residents to know that we are no longer collecting cans and bottle tops for Deer Creek School. Much gratitude is felt for all the support in the past!

PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR SCAMS of all sorts. Those that come over the telephone line, or your email, or someone at your front door or snail mail. Don't feel scared to move or breathe, but be on guard all the time. We are told we older people are more susceptible to being sold a bill of goods - so be your own good guardian!

RUMMIKUB - Ed and Sue are introducing a new table game to play called Rummikub. We start playing at 7 p.m. and you are all invited. It is an easy game to play and we can introduce you in no time and then you will be on your own to challenge the other three players at your table. Be the first player to eliminate all the tiles from your rack by forming them into sets of runs and groups. Try to keep as few points in your rack as possible. It's very similar to Dominoes and can be a lot of fun. We will play the second and fourth Tuesdays in place of Bingo. Come join us! See you this Tuesday evening.

Sue Anderson

Please place your used flashlight and hearing aid batteries in the containers on the shelf in the supply room rather than placing them in the garbage. We do not wish for these to be placed in the landfill. We might say, Please put **all** used batteries in the container!

Sue Anderson

All you good people who walk dogs - A reminder comes from a resident that a lot of people are not picking up after their dogs along the walking path. Please be more attentive to the pleasure of all people walking the path, and keep it beautiful!

MARCH 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		10 Coffee 1 Bridge 7 Bible Study	10 ALC 2 Chinese Mahjong 7 Mixed Poker	11 Exercise 7 Hand & Foot	10:30 Coloring 1 Wrapody 5 Happy Hour 7 Movies	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5 Great Music	11 Exercise 11:30-Yr Condo Reserve Mtg 5 National Mahjong	10 Coffee 10:30 Condo Landscape 1 Bridge 7 Summklub	10 Town Hall & Board Meeting 7 Mixed Poker	11 Exercise 8:30 Condo Board Meeting 7 Hand & Foot	10:30 Coloring 2 Library Comm. 5 Happy Hour	9:30 Lasagna Dinner
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27	28	29	30	31		
Easter Noon-9 pm Private Family Dinner	11 Exercise 7 CFO Mtg	10 Coffee 1 Bridge		11 Exercise 7 Hand & Foot		

Clubhouse Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, 9 to 12; Thursday, 1 to 4.
 Calendar items are accurate as of the 1st of the month. For updates, please check the Master Calendar in the Clubhouse lobby or on the front door of the Clubhouse.

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