

HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

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BOARD NOTES

A seasonal reminder to all new and old members that many visitors driving through Highlands during the summer season are gathering their "first impression" of our village. It will be beneficial to all of us to be attentive to the value of keeping the landscaping shipshape and ensuring that refuse containers are placed out for pickup and put away promptly. As a preferred practice, if we avoid placement of refuse containers on the curb before 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, and then follow up to retrieve the containers as soon as possible after pick-up it will help us to keep our best-foot forward.

The cutoff date of August 15 has been set for signing the petition in favor of annexation to the city of King City. In the meantime, we are attempting to make contact with all owners to offer an opportunity to resolve any unanswered questions and sign the petition, or if they choose - to voice their opposing feelings. If you still need any clarification concerning the annexation proposal, please feel free to contact any one of our board members.

With much regret, we note that Elsa Mann has been compelled by her children and her medical advisor to leave our beautiful community and embark upon a new chapter of her life at the Woodland Heights Assisted Living Center in Tigard. Elsa has been a pillar of our community and will be greatly missed. She has been the long-time editor of our monthly newsletter and more recently the Secretary of the KC Highlands Homeowners Association. Over the recent years it has been my privilege to know Elsa as a wonderful personal friend, but I fully realize that a few comments from several of her longtime friends would have far more meaning than anything I might say - so without further introduction ...

"Remembering Elsa's Contributions - Upon your arrival thirteen years ago your presence was quickly felt. You enthusiastically volunteered to be in charge of Travel, and what wonderful trips you planned for us - to wineries, to the Rose Festival, to Mt. Hood, to plays, to special dinners, and many more. But, you didn't stop there - you joined and chaired numerous committees, you were on the Board, resurrected the Memorial Committee, took charge of Special Events, and slaved over the Highlands Highlights. Thank you, Elsa, for all that you have done to keep Highlands the great community it is. It will take many people to fill your shoes. Best wishes to you! We will miss you!"

Be sure to take a minute to talk to Elsa - all she's doing right now is sorting through all that 'stuff' we accumulate ...

Dave Platt, President

CONDO NOTES

The first half of our parking space and road is done and looks great. What a huge cosmetic improvement to our property. Thanks to almost everyone who cooperated by not walking or driving on the new coating before it was ready.

At our July Condo Board Meeting the subject of recycling came up again and it was suggested that recycling rules and garbage issues should be mentioned in the monthly newsletter. So for the fourth time this year, here are some basics. Both the recycling and garbage bin lids must be closed all the way when Pride Disposal comes on Mondays to pick up our trash and recycle. That's every Monday for garbage and every other Monday for recycle. Please do not put any kind of garbage in the recycle bins. The most common items that are being found in the recycle bins that shouldn't be are: styrofoam of any kind (even the small shells that contained raw chicken, meat or bakery products), plastic bags, plastic caps and lids from pop and water bottles, plus margarine and cool whip containers lids (in other words almost all plastic lids), straws, fast food and deli boxes and bags that contain food waste and dirty pizza boxes. Cardboard boxes should be flattened or cut down and large pieces should be stacked between the bins. You can visit www.pridedisposal.com for all kinds of additional information.

The Fischer Road construction project is scheduled to begin on August 1 and last for several months. The street will remain open but traffic will be directed by flaggers. Please drive safely and expect delays. Better yet, avoid Fischer Road during construction hours.

The next meeting of The Highlands Condo Board of Directors is on Thursday, August 11, at 3:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. It is our Quarterly Meeting so Ross Holtry, our Property Manager, will be in attendance in case you would like to meet him or have questions for CMI.

Zoe Allen, Board Treasurer

ALC

So far the weatherman has had a hard time convincing us that summer is here. For those of us who do not like extra hot weather and enjoy a little rain thrown in, the weather has been just fine. Certainly we appreciate not having to water the yards as frequently and the flowers are lovely.

We continue to have a very high number of applications to review/approve at our weekly meetings. Through July 1, 76 applications have been reviewed and approved. Far and away the busiest year we have ever had. This coincides directly with the high number of new home owners. In addition to applications, members are always available for owner questions.

Another homeowner has been notified their yard will receive special recognition for August. Joe and Monte Koller, 12521 SW Bexley Lane, are August's winners. Please drive by and see what a beautiful yard they have.

The Drainage Project has begun on the Peachvale/Overgaard greenway. We anticipate this portion of the project should be completed in August. Due to safety concerns, we are requesting residents avoid walking in this area until the project is completed. Sidewalk grinding bids have been requested. Grinding schedule is yet to be confirmed.

Continued Private Lot Landscaping concerns: The Committee's sole purpose is to make sure all HOA governing documents, as well as guidelines in the 2015 Architectural & Landscape Manual, are followed. All Highlands private homeowners should have copies of these documents in their possession. If you need a copy, they are available in the Clubhouse.

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In recent articles here in the Highlights, the ALC has made multiple requests to homeowners to keep their landscaping at an acceptable level. Unfortunately, in spite of these reminders, it has been noted that more and more landscape violations are occurring. We have started, and will continue to contact those owners whose landscaping is out of compliance. We, as your neighbors, do not enjoy this part of our job - but we are obligated to do it. The guidelines we use have been established for many years and are not new to homeowners in Highlands. The rules are not difficult to understand: 1) Regular mowing. 2) Keep your yard weed free. 3) Maintain the 80% green plant rule versus too much bark dust. 4) Water enough to keep your plants, trees and shrubs alive. Following these very basic Landscaping Rules as well as our Architectural rules is what makes Highlands stand apart from our neighboring 55+ communities AND maintains our real estate values. If you have any questions about yard maintenance we would be happy to clarify. PLEASE HELP HIGHLANDS REMAIN THE PREMIUM PROPERTY IT IS BY MAINTAINING YOUR YARD!!!

Judy Austin, Chair

LIBRARY WHISPERINGS

Well, by now we all know that there is no "check out" for any item at the Highlands Library. Take what you are interested in and return the items in a timely manner. Just place **ALL** items in the plastic bin on the desk. If the bin is full, put them on the desk itself. Please do not reshelv anything; let our committee take care of that for you.

Our Biography and Non-Fiction sections have a lot of new and interesting books available. We have added quite a few books about military events, donated by a member of our community. On the top of the new middle shelf, in the book holders, there are books that are new to the Library, classics or recommendations from your Library Committee.

Take a look at our new bulletin board on the wall next to the free bins (game room side of the Library). The committee will have a best-seller list and articles about activities around the Portland area that residents may enjoy.

Just a reminder, the Library is for Library use only, every day until 5 p.m. No meetings, card playing or group activities until after 5 p.m.

Library meetings will take place on the second Friday of each month at a new time, 2:30 p.m. Happy Reading!

Leslie Watson, Librarian

BIBLE STUDY

August 2 - We are gratefully looking forward to Pastor Joel Slater coming to teach God's Word again. This young pastor, with small children, is an Associate Pastor in a large Portland church. His love for God's Word results in a dynamic presentation, and brings real insight, wisdom and deep personal reflection.

August 16 - This evening, we are blessed to have Pastor Scott Dean with us. His ministry is one of "youthful" enthusiasm, with a broad background as an Assistant Pastor, a missionary in Mongolia for eleven years and, currently, Principal of the Christian School in his church. His teaching of Scripture is meaningful, and rich in principles and applications for daily living.

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

Harmon Sommer

DIRECTORY COMMITTEE

Welcome New Members to our HOA ...

Parkerhurst, Robert & Betty	12550 SW Bexley Lane	831-905-7972
Parfish, Pat	16354 SW 130th Terrace, #78	831-595-5043
Palsler, Rachel	16033 SW 129th Terrace	503-475-1849
Prouse, Maybelle	12593 SW Dickson Street	503-430-0683
Pullen, Del & Patty	16132 SW 129th Terrace	971-888-1180
Shepherd, Gloria	12600 SW Peachvale Street	

SPECIAL EVENTS



It's time for our annual
ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Traditionally, Highlands has had an ice cream social on a Sunday afternoon in August to welcome new residents to our community. This year the date and information is:

Sunday, August 14
2:30 p.m.

There will be ice cream (l) and homemade toppings by Chef Gary Melott
There will be cookies and fellowship

Everyone is invited!
All new residents will receive an invitation to join us and meet your neighbors
There is no charge for these new members

There is a \$3.00 charge at the door for everyone else!
Please sign up on the Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse so we can better plan
Please join us in this happy activity!!!

MOVIE NIGHTS

AUGUST 12 AT 7 P.M. - "WALK, DON'T RUN" - In celebration of the 2016 Olympics, we will watch a classic comedy set at the 1964 Tokyo Games. Cary Grant (in his last movie role) Samantha Eggar and Jim Hutton are forced to share quarters during the housing shortage in an Olympic City. And the fun begins. Join us for a little break in the coverage of the games and laugh along with your neighbors.

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AUGUST 26 AT 7 P.M. - "LOST IN AMERICA" - Join Albert Brooks and Julie Hagerty as California Yuppies who decide to leave the corporate world and wander the USA in a new motorhome. Enjoy the scenery and their misadventures as this unlikely RV-ing couple find their way across our grand country. A happy adventure? Come, laugh with us and find out.

Nancy Crandall

BOOK CLUB

Senioritas Book Group will meet in September on the third Wednesday of the month, which will be September 21 at 1:30 p.m. in our Clubhouse. We are reading a best-selling thriller - "Missing Presumed" by Suzy Steiner. This is a British thriller, and sounds wonderfully mysterious. Come join us!

GARAGE DOORS

It has come to our attention that there are a rash of good homeowners who seem to leave their garage doors open at night. If it is intentional, perhaps one should write a note to anyone passing to the effect that they may browse the contents for the taking, or even to come in for a cup of coffee. My feeling is that open garage doors are not intentional. More care needs to be taken to be sure your home is secure for the night - if you've left it open for air circulation, part of that choice is being sure it's closed before you turn in for the night. In the Condos, it's easy to leave the garage open, forgetting to push the little button. My neighbor has told me several times that she's pushed the button for me, as I have for her, when finding the door open and no one present. It drove me crazy, doing that, until I realized: I would carry the door opener with me for easy access when going out, and forget that it was in my pocket, where I unintentionally could touch it. Voila! Open garage door!! Be careful, friends. I guess it means that we have to keep thinking, all the time. So do!!!!

From your Friendly Neighborhood Watch Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Homeowners - please, please pay attention to the By-Law (CC&R) that tells us not to put garbage cars out on the edge of the road until Sunday evening. It would be nice to keep our streets and homes looking in tip-top shape without garbage cars littering the streets during the day.

The 9 a.m. Tuesday and Friday Walking exercises are continuing at the Highlands Ballroom. Lorene reports the 20 minute music video guarantees to get your heart rate up and a nice cool-down finishes the FREE routine. Meet new friends...come join the "Highlands Walkers."

Not to be confused with the "Highlands Street Walkers," who deliver your newsletter ...

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Clubhouse Office Hours: Mondays & Wednesdays, 9 to 12; Thursdays, 1 to 4.

Calendar items are accurate as of the first of the month. For updates, please check the Master Calendar in the Clubhouse lobby or on the front door of the Clubhouse.