

# HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

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### **BOARD NOTES**

The Christmas season is past and we now look forward to a New Year in our beautiful Highlands community. Much was accomplished in 2016, but one project stands out amongst the rest. After 25+ years, our clubhouse received a total interior coat of paint with beautiful accent colors throughout. For those of you who are detail oriented, be sure you examine the meticulously painted office window grids and the plantation shutters in the Great Room. The major 2017 project to be undertaken by the Clubhouse Interiors committee is replacement of the well-worn carpet and hard floor surfaces.

### **EMAIL NETWORK**

Our recent spell of winter snow and ice again highlighted the inadequacies of timely communications via our e-mail network. We recently lost the XPRT network as a result of our long time administrator Darlene Whitten's move out of our community. Consequently, we urge everyone with e-mail addresses to ensure that you have registered with the HiNet network. To register, send a request to be added to the network to: [hinet@hevanet.com](mailto:hinet@hevanet.com). We are currently working with CMI to develop a second e-mail network.

### **CPR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Sudden Cardiac Arrest kills 1,000 per day or one person every two minutes. All Emergency Medical Responders within Washington County send a defibrillator on every medical call, but survival chances decrease by 10% with each minute that passes. Having a defibrillator in the hands of laypersons can increase survival rates.

The HOA recently voted to purchase a defibrillator and expect delivery within the next couple of weeks. In conjunction with this easy to operate life saving device, we need volunteers to learn to operate it and to perform CPR when required. Washington County Emergency Medical Services will provide three-hour training classes at our Clubhouse for all volunteers. Training fees for Highland volunteers are underwritten by the HOA.

We need as many volunteers as possible to make this program a success. Sign up to possibly save a loved one, or a neighbor. Classes are planned for mid-January at the Clubhouse; confirmation time and date will follow as volunteers sign up. There will be no charge for this training and you will earn a Certificate of Completion at the end of the class.

Please sign up on the Clubhouse bulletin board, or if you have questions please contact Rod Bartholomew at 503-352-4338.

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**PLEASE NOTE a NEW Town Hall and HOA Board Meeting schedule:**

- Both will be moved to the **Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Wednesday of the month**
- Town Hall will meet at 6:00 p.m.
- HOA Board will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Wishing you a Happy New Year, The KC Highlands Board of Directors

**CONDO NOTES**

Happy New Year everyone. We've added many new owners since last January and that will probably continue through 2017. If you pay your monthly homeowner dues by check and have not received coupons for 2017 please be sure to call CMI and let them know. Please don't mail off a check without instructions from them. The phone number to call is 503-233-0300. If you pay your monthly dues with ACH (automatic deduction from your bank account) you don't need to do anything. ACH is the most convenient way to pay monthly homeowner dues for all concerned. You can download a form from the CMI website [www.communitymanagement.com](http://www.communitymanagement.com) or you can call CMI and they will mail you a form.

Our property manager, Ross Holtry, has left CMI and our new manager is Laura Broughan. You can reach her at 503-445-1220 or her email is [laurab@communitymgt.com](mailto:laurab@communitymgt.com).

During the cold weather before Christmas we tried to contact everyone who has a water turnoff valve inside their unit. We may have missed some owners but it is important that these valves, which control the outside faucets, be turned off during the winter. Not all units have these turnoff valves, but my understanding is that if you have one, it will usually be located in the second bathroom or under the kitchen sink. We also spot-checked around the property to see if covers had been placed on the outside faucets. In most cases they had been because our owners know to attach them if they see them laying on the ground. Thanks to everyone for helping out.

Outside lighting and building entrance lighting are very important at Highland Park Condominiums. Lighting is both a safety and security issue. Please report outages to Sheldon via email at [slsbjs@yahoo.com](mailto:slsbjs@yahoo.com) or if you do not have email access call Zoe Allen at 503-430-0045. Please be **very specific** as to the location of the outage.

Our Annual Meeting of the homeowners at Highland Park Condominiums will be February 9, 2017 at 6 p.m. The time has been changed to 6 p.m. in hopes that residents who work will be able to attend. More information about this meeting will come from both the Board of Directors and CMI at a later date.

Our next regular board meeting is on Thursday January 12, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. at Highlands Clubhouse. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Zoe Allen, Chair, Board of Directors

## Architectural and Landscape Committee

As we head into the quiet months for plants and the outside, the A&L Committee can stop and take a breath. As the new committee chair, I would like to thank Judy Austin for her long service to the community as a member (which is continuing) and chair of the ALC. Her dedication and hard work has resulted in maintaining high standards for our common areas and helped to make our community a beautiful one.

Drainage work will continue in January, as we have identified three additional areas that cause water or mud problems on the paths or in members' yards. French drains will be added or replaced to alleviate this problem. The completed systems have diverted most of the excessive rain water to Clean Water Services collection points; and in areas treated, we have had no flooding despite nature's best effort to remind us we live in a former temperate rain forest.

After January 1, we will have our new vendor (Silver Leaf) to attend to our common areas. Weed spraying, heavy pruning, and dead or dying plant removal and replacement will be occurring. Many bushes have been allowed to become "leggy" and will need cutting back, so please do not be alarmed. Existing weeds will be treated and the weed killer will remain until the plant becomes active as it warms up. The purpose is to have weed-free, attractive, neat and tidy common areas by late spring.

Dave Platt is working with the original vendor on the clock towers and the timer errors should be corrected soon. Of course in March it will be right again!

Mark Perkins, Chairman

## LIBRARY WHISPERINGS

The Highlands Library is ready for 2017. Since we added the new bookcase to the Library in 2016 we now have the needed space for the many donations that we receive from our Highlands' neighbors. Thank you everyone for your donations.

The Library received over 650 new books in 2016, new to our Library, that is. Recently, we received a large donation for the History and Political section. So, if you enjoy non-fiction you might want to check out that section on your next visit to the Library.

Just a reminder on how the Highlands Library works. There is "no check out" for items in the Library. Take what you are interested in and return them when you are done. Donations and returned items should be placed on the desk in the bin or close to it.

We "will not" keep a book with a copyright date before the year **2002** unless it is a classic. Also, in the three white bins there are items that we are giving away. These items are things that you may take and, please **do not** return them to our Library.

Happy New Year, Leslie Watson, Librarian

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MONDAY JANUARY 2 - ROSE PARADE and POTLUCK BREAKFAST.** Join friends and neighbors at our Clubhouse to watch the Tournament of Roses Parade together on our big screen TV and share a New Year Breakfast. Come as you like - be comfy and cozy. Bring something "breakfasty" to share. The Parade festivities start about 8:00 a.m. if you want to see it all. Questions? Call Nancy Crandell 503-746-6701.

## **BIBLE STUDY**

**January 3:** We are privileged to start the New Year by having Pastor Dave McElheran with us. He is a gifted teacher of the Bible, and also is an accomplished guitarist with an excellent voice. He enjoys leading groups in singing and serves as chaplain of a Senior Living Center in Beaverton.

**January 17:** Pastor Brian Pierce is an Associate Pastor in his Tigard church, having been a pastor in Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana, before recently coming to Oregon. He has a commitment and love for teaching fresh Scriptural truths and principles, and applying them to our lives today.

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 and Maxine Sommer

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### ***Ed Benberg's ANNUAL CHILI FEED***



Saturday, January 21 at 5:30 pm.

Includes green salad, garlic bread and dessert.

A huge bargain for \$7.00 per person at the door.

Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

The Special Events Committee would like to thank all Highlands residents that made 2016 Special Events so wonderful. You made it very easy to put on the events. Without your support it would not work. A special thanks to all the committee members and volunteers.

As for 2017 there will be a planning meeting **Tuesday, January 10 at 11:00 a.m.** at the Clubhouse. At the same time we will plan the Chili Feed for the January event. We are looking for all those who are interested in this committee to please come.

If you have any questions call Gary at 503-598-4636.

Gary Melott

## **MOVIE NIGHTS**

**MOVIE NIGHTS** will be the **1st** and **3rd** Fridays in January at 7:00 p.m. following Happy Hour and we will celebrate the influence of music in our lives.

**JANUARY 6:** "MUSIC OF THE HEART" starring Meryl Streep tells the beautiful story of a violin teacher who ventures into an inner city school to teach children the beauty and discipline of music through learning to play the violin. It changes their lives in the process. She must buck the demands of the "system" and ultimately prevails. Don't miss this inspiring and uplifting movie.

**JANUARY 20:** "SHALL WE DANCE?" stars Richard Gere, Jennifer Lopez, and Susan Sarandon. A meek workaholic's life changes by a chance encounter with a dance instructor and the decision to sign up for ballroom dancing lessons. He keeps his new passion a secret from family and friends for fear of their reaction. Richard Gere's artistry in dance is an unexpected treat.

We will start at 6:45 p.m. for those who want to see some extra information about the making of this film - 7:00 p.m. for the movie presentation. Call Nancy Crandell 503-746-6701 if you want more information.

**IF YOU WALK TO THE MOVIE NIGHTS, REMEMBER TO BRING A FLASHLIGHT FOR SAFETY.**

Nancy Crandell

## **WALKING EXERCISE**

When the "Weather Outside is Frightful", join us at the Clubhouse on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. for indoor walking with our fitness walking DVD. We have fun, get fit together and we can adapt to your comfort level. Come alive in the a.m. and be ready for the rest of your day.

Nancy Crandell

## **DANCE EXERCISE START AGAIN JANUARY 5**

After a break for the holidays Zumba Gold dance exercise will resume on January 5 at 10 a.m. We will then continue on our normal schedule of meeting on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse. If your 2017 New Year resolution is to lose weight, or get fit, this is the fun class is for you. Your first visit is free and then it's \$3.00 per class after that. Please join certified instructor, Cathy Scott and Highlands' gang for a fun activity.

Zoe Allen

## **COFFEE HOUR**

All you coffee drinkers the Coffee Hour is starting again. Come join your other neighbors for some hot coffee and good conversation. Come at 10 a.m. on Tuesday mornings.

## **TECH TIP**

Computer giving you trouble? Try restarting; this usually clears many problems. When you shut down and restart your computer, you receive a new, fresh version of the operating system without any of the extra junk that you can pick up from the Internet. Note, this tip also works with your smartphone or tablet. So next time you are having troubles just reboot.

Mark Mehall, King City Computer Club Teacher

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Anderson, Donna	12600 SW Peachvale Street	503-984-4884
Bartholomew, Rod & Beverly	12599 SW Bexley Lane	503-352-4338 <b>New phone number</b>
Engen, Terry	16146 SW 130th Terrace # 6	503-568-7578
Giera, Jim	16248 SW 130th Terrace # 21	503-747-6422
O'Brien, Bobbie	Springs at Carman Oaks, 3800 Carman Dr. # 116B, Lake Oswego OR 97035	503-882-2121
Zoller, James & Irene	16285 SW 128th Place	503-670-0560

## THANK YOU

Thank you very much for the coupons given for Deer Creek School. The children receive extra books from the contributions.

I also collect the tabs from pop and beer cans. They go to benefit kidney dialysis.

Muriel Lynn

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I also would like to thank all Highland residents for all the kind words and encouragement that have been given to me over the year. I want to say a very heartfelt thank you for all the Highlights contributors and especially the proofreaders. They have helped me so much. Thank you HOA Board Members. I appreciate everyone and wish you a very Happy New Year.

Mabel Weber, Receptionist

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The following locations are **Disaster Shelters**:

King City Clubhouse – 15245 SW 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue, King City  
Tigard High School – 8040 SW Durham Road, Tigard  
Calvin Presbyterian Church 10445 SW Canterbury Lane, Tigard

"Tomorrow, is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one." – Brad Paisley (Speaking of New Year's Day).

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
New Year's Day	8 a.m. Rose Parade/ Breakfast Potluck <b>Clubhouse Office Closed</b>	9 Walking Exercise 10 Coffee 1 Bridge 7 Bible Study	10 ALC Meeting 2 Mahjong 7 Poker	10 Zumba Exercise 7 Hand & Foot	9 Walking Exercise 10:30 Coloring 1 Wapsody 5 Happy Hour 7 Movie	
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	10 Zumba Exercise	9 Walking Exercise 10 Coffee 1 Bridge	<b>Clubhouse Office Hours: Mondays &amp; Wednesdays, 9 to 12; Thursdays 1 to 4.</b> <b>Calendar items are accurate as of the first of the month. For updates, check the calendar on the Clubhouse front door or watch for updates on Hi-Net.</b>			