

HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

Community News



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HOA BOARD MESSAGE

The holidays (and cooler weather) are upon us. That means more time indoors for many. Please make the effort to check on neighbors who may need assistance as we tend to see less of each other through the winter.

The Annual Homeowners Meeting was well attended with more than 70 community members in attendance. A quorum was reached so the election outcomes were accepted by Community Management Inc. representative Chelsea Campbell. Your new board for the next 12 months: Judy Baese (re-elected), Jerry Crane (mid-term), Mike Dahlstrom (re-elected), Ron Sobel (newly elected), and Cherie Stanley (mid-term). Your Board Officers for the next year: Mike Dahlstrom – president, Judy Baese – secretary, and Cherie Stanley – treasurer.

Congratulations to Ron Sobel for your first 2-year term on the Board and thank you George Buckmaster for your service over the last 2 years.

There will be a December 21st Town Hall beginning at 3 p.m. with a Board meeting to follow. The Board has some end-of-year tasks to consider.

It appears the HOA will end the year within budget, thanks in great part to each of the committees being very prudent with spending and focusing on priority expenditures. Thank you to all the community volunteers for all you do – you make Highlands a great place to live.

Lastly a reminder for everyone residing in the community, please have a resident application on file in the office. If you have a family member (other than spouse), partner, or friend living with you, they also need to have a resident application on file. Highlands HOA is a planned community that complies with State regulations as well as our governing documents. To ensure we meet those rules, we maintain an application in a secure file for each resident. Thank you for your cooperation.

We look forward to seeing residences begin to decorate for the season, it seems each year there are additional holiday lights (and even some competitions??).

Happy holidays all.

HIGHLAND PARK CONDOMINIUM BOARD MESSAGE

Just want to give a shout out and thank you for those of you who attended our 'get acquainted potluck. Not only was the food good but we had a couple attend who had moved in just days before. It was very encouraging when we got done eating and began talking how many people actually want the opportunity to continue to get together. Also, there were people from the houses who thought it would be a good idea to include everyone. It was nice to see people who I hadn't seen for months.

The communication from the vendor who is doing the deck work has been amazing. It has been seamless and very comprehensive. They are doing just what they have said they would do.

If you would consider running for one of the open positions on the board or would like information about being on the board, please contact Pat Barcroft, 503-475-2868. This must be done before the January meeting so at that meeting people can have the opportunity to meet you prior to the Annual Meeting in February. As I have mentioned before being on a committee or the board working as a team for the benefit of our community is a rewarding experience. It's a great opportunity to get to meet other residents as well as doing your part to keep the Highlands a lovely place to live.

Be aware that the board does not have a December meeting. Have a safe and peaceful holidays.

Pat Barcroft
Condo Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS

OUR FAMOUS HIGHLANDS ART AND CRAFT FAIRE ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 3rd 10am – 4pm

Shop an assortment of beautiful handcrafted items made by 17 local artists. Invite your neighbors and friends to this wonderful event! There are flyers on the clubhouse entry table to give out.

Participants: Set up will take place on Friday Dec 2 at 2pm. Help with setting up tables would be appreciated!

DONATION BOXES FOR OUR CHARITIES

Boxes out and ready for your contributions.

Current Needs lists are attached to the boxes for your convenience.

If you wish to bring a toy, they will be delivered to our local fire station.

Please get your donations in by Dec 15th!

Nancy Crandell

THE HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIRE COOKIE BAR IS BACK!



For the Highlands bakers who are planning to donate tasty holiday cookies for the Highlands Craft Faire Cookie Bar, **thank you** in advance for your generosity. Your efforts will help raise funds that will be donated to 3 local charities.

Bakers, we are looking for 3 to 4 dozen of each cookie type/ flavor. (This is the average amount a single cookie batch makes.)

Delivery of Cookies: Please bring your cookies to the Clubhouse kitchen on Friday December 2nd from 5 PM to 7 PM. (It is best to drop the cookies off during this dedicated timeframe as many other volunteers are setting up the craft faire tables in the main areas.) I will be present to receive the cookies.

Before dropping off your cookies:

- Please tape your name and contact phone number to the underside of your tray/container. I will make sure to get it returned to you.
- On the top of the tray/container, please indicate the kind of cookie(s). This will help the kitchen volunteers assisting guests at the counter.
- Nuts: Please indicate what type of nut used in the cookie. There may be some guests allergic to a specific nut.
- Frosted Cookies: Please keep in mind that the cookies are easier to pack and not stick with other cookies if the frosting is hardened.
- Consider using paper cookie cups for a crumbly cookie. This makes it easier to handle and elevates the look of any cookie.

Gluten-free cookies are most welcome, too. There may be some guests looking for a gluten-free option.

If you want to provide cookies for this worthy fundraiser and have not signed up, don't worry. Your cookies will be accepted during the drop-off time.

I will send out this info again in a reminder email in the week before the Craft Faire.

Please note: the December 2nd Happy Hour at the Clubhouse has been cancelled due to the set-up of the Craft Faire and Cookie Bar deliveries. Your understanding is greatly appreciated.

Linda Ray-Keeney: 503-816-6058 (voice or text) / Inghighlands@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DINNER

Wednesday December 14th at 5 pm social time followed by a buffet dinner at 5:30 pm.

Price: \$25

The holiday season at the Highlands Clubhouse is in full decorated splendor. If you enjoy a festive setting of white tablecloths, good food , friends and neighbors, then you won't want to miss this event!

MENU

Sliced turkey breast with gravy, or

Grilled salmon

Yukon Gold mashed potatoes

Green beans almandine (cooked past crunchy)

Harvest green salad

Sage bread stuffing

Rolls and butter

Cranberry sauce

Berry pie

As an added feature the Dickens Carolers will delight us with traditional Christmas music at 7 PM.

The last day to buy tickets at the clubhouse will be Sat. Dec. 3rd from 1 to 2 PM.

ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Merry December! Early this morning there was frost on the rooftops. Colder temperatures intensify the leaf color through-out the Highlands. At the Dickson Garden the Chief Joseph Pine needles are turning golden. The gifting season began early this year with the placement of the 'Harold Anderson Memorial' bench. A resident here from 1997 until his passing in 2007, his contributions to our community were many. For example, he and wife Sue, owned one of the few pick-ups in the Highlands. So, they would go to the Christmas tree farm, choose and fell a tree and place it in the Clubhouse. Prior to the thrifty purchase of 'after Christmas sale' decorations, the tree was decorated with ribbon and pinecones. Our sincere thanks to Sue for providing a resting spot for our walkers in his memory.

December brings a review of the past year's accomplishments. The ALC focused this year on reducing both our water use and the concurrent cost savings. With the help of the spring rains, we met, and exceeded, the goal of 20% less consumption. The savings over 2021 comes to nearly \$8000.00. And, the dormant grass is regaining its green color.

Other actions by the ALC included:

- Care of the street trees: fertilizing, pruning, removing and replacing dead and diseased ones
- The Dickson Garden: added more plants, volunteers spread bark, residents donated rocks for hardscape
- Phase 2 of the walking path repair and resealing was completed
- Interviewed and hired a new Landscape Maintenance Company
- 85 Architecture and Landscape applications were reviewed

Thank you ALC members for your time and dedication to the above efforts.

There is currently a vacancy on our committee. If you would like to be a part of this busy and fun group, please talk with a member.

As always, please contact me with questions or concerns. We meet the first Wednesday of the month in the boardroom at the Clubhouse. You are invited!

Bonny Chown alc-chair@kchighlandshoa.com

CONDO LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Hello Fall. The leaves are falling with the heavy winds and some beautiful sun shining days. Some tree branches have had to be pruned to free the gutters of leaves.

The landscape committee has had some concerns from owners that noticed shrubs and tree branches infringing on the brick building and fence. East West will be giving their attention to removing leaves and will be pruning as well. We appreciate the concerns and will continue to monitor our buildings. The landscape committee will not have a meeting in December but will meet again on January 23, 2023.

Lucy Laande, Condo Landscape

HOA BLOCK CAPTAINS

New House Block Captain

I would like to introduce our new Block Captain, Tom Troyer, 12591 SW Bexley Lane. He will be block captain for Bexley Lanes' area 7 located on the map that is posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse. I appreciate him agreeing to volunteer and help out. Thank you, Tom!

Please be vigilant during this holiday season as Amazon is already quite busy leaving packages on front porches. If you notice a package not being picked up by your neighbor, please check on them to make sure all is OK. It takes all of us to watch out for each other and keep our community safe by having eyes on our neighborhood.

We're always looking for new Block Captains. So please feel free to call me and volunteer!

Happy Holidays Everyone!

Connie Holt

Houses Block Captain Coordinator

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CONDO NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

We had a neighborhood watch meeting in November. It was well attended. Only two captains could not make it. And we netted ourselves a new captain, for building 19 east entrance. Jennifer Frahs is our newest captain.

We discussed ways to make our condo community safer. Since our condos were built at different intervals of time, not all condos have equal amenities. The first section of buildings built have four outside water faucets to winterize. But then as time and builders went on....my building has only one outside faucet.

We started our meeting by going around the very full boardroom tables introducing ourselves and stating our building or buildings we watch over, as some of us have more than one building, to watch. My building has co-captains, one for each entryway. This is my ultimate goal for our condo community watch program. We can't always know what is happening on the other side of our building much less other buildings, out of our view. We are always looking for new captains to join us. Sometimes it takes a village. Please consider joining us. Many hands make very light work for all.

It was so wonderful to see all my friends and fellow captains again. They are the best of the best. Thank you all for your caring service to our Highands Condo Community,

Sandy Bergeron CNW Coordinator sandber31638@gmail.com

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CLUBHOUSE INTERIORS COMMITTEE

It is always appreciated when our committee receives compliments on our beautiful clubhouse. That is something we never tire of hearing, especially since we now interact with residents who rent the clubhouse. Time flies and I can hardly believe that in December 2014 we hosted a Grand Opening of our newly redecorated Great Room. All new furniture, credenza and 'withered moss' accent walls. Then in 2015 much need storage was added in the Game room and in late 2016 a new color palette was selected and the most of the interior of the clubhouse was painted. Early 2018 new flooring was installed and later that year our kitchen received a complete remodel. Our committee is proud of these accomplishments which not only enhance the architecture of this beautiful building but also adds value to our community.

The Christmas decor is now up and we hope everyone will take some time and visit the clubhouse to enjoy all the beautiful decorations that were put up by this committee and friends Rob & Mary, Bill, Shel, Doug, Lee, Jeff and Barbara whose beautiful Santa graces the entry table this year.

Sunday, January 8th we will dismantle the holiday décor starting at 1:p. If you are interested in helping, call or text Jo at 503-539-8767.

Our committee extends wishes to everyone in the Highlands for a joyous Holiday Season!

Clubhouse Interiors Committee: Jo Hendrickson Chair, Linda Lucero, Kathy Bodyfelt, Helen Scofield, Joyce Biglione, Bobbi Siegel, Pepper White, Crystal Compese and Bobbie Somerville.

LIBRARY WHISPERINGS

Residents may visit our library any day, any hour. We have a vast range of materials. There are 4 shelves of dvds, and lots of large print books. In the non-fiction area, there are many biographies and health and wellness books.

Also in our library, just left of the desk is the Reference section. This includes HOA meeting minutes, By Laws, Reserve Study info and CC & Rs. These items are not to be taken out of the library.

Our awesome library committee has been very busy this year. They have processed 1,914 books. We are grateful to all the residents who have donated books and puzzles.

Bobbi Siegel, Librarian

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

By now we are all into the Holiday spirit as many prepare for the Christmas season. It's an amazing time of the year that we enjoy with family, friends, church, and other important gatherings. Here at Highlands, we too enjoy gathering for Bible Study, and at this time of year, a wonderful Christmas program. This month's guest speakers are familiar to us all.

December 6th, Serge Dezhnyuk. Serge has been with us on several occasions sharing from his experience leading Men's Bible Study and a variety of ministries at SW Bible Church. He manages his time between his growing family, work as a civil engineer, sports, outdoor activities, and bible studies. We look forward to hearing from Serge.

December 20th, Chaplain Dave McElheran will once again delight us with his speaking and musical talents as he leads in a time of praise and worship along with an encouraging message from God's Word. Chaplain Dave encourages all to participate so plan to sing along with him. We invite all here at Highlands to join us for a wonderful time of celebrating the Christmas Story of our Saviors Birth.

Our Bible Study meets regularly on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8 pm. Our gatherings include a Biblically based message followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship. You are welcome to join us.

Submitted by Ron Willis

COMMUNITY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Caregiver Support Group

Join us for this free 90 minute group to support family and friends caregiving! Are you an unpaid family or friend providing support to your spouse, neighbor, parent, or friend? We understand that caregiving is rewarding and it can also be tiring and frustrating. We welcome you to come and spend a little time with others who "get it". Share your story, get support, and learn ideas to help you provide care. This support group is open to anyone in Washington County who is unpaid and caring for someone over the age of 60 or any age with a dementia related diagnosis. Offered through the Washington County Caregiver Support Program and funded through the Older Americans Act.

The next meeting at our clubhouse is scheduled for December 12th from 1:00-2:30 pm in the "card room". The group will meet on the second Monday of each month at 1:00 pm. I have also posted a flier on the clubhouse bulletin board describing their services.

Ron Nixon, Highlands Resident Sponsor
SW Bexley Ln Tigard

THANK YOU

It's been said many times that our community of volunteers are what make the Highlands among the best neighborhoods to live. A special thank you goes out to Linda Lucero for leading her team of walkers who deliver the Highlights to your door each month. Linda has been doing this for 7 years and now has passed the baton over to Pat Combs to take over.

Thanks again Linda, enjoy your retirement! And thank you to Pat and the delivery people for doing what you do.

HIGHLIGHTS NEWSLETTER

VOLUNTEERS WANTED! I am looking for an additional volunteer or two who would want to form a team to share in producing the Newsletter each month. I am open to ideas. Experience with Word or a similar program is helpful.

Let me know!

Denette Peffers, Highlights Newsletter coordinator
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

