

HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

Community News



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HOA BOARD MESSAGE

Happy and Healthy New Year to Our Highland Community!

Even though the annual holiday season has drawn to a close, I want to recognize the giving nature of our Highlands community. The first shout-out goes to Linda Rey-Keeney and Gordon Keeney for their great Cookie Bar effort which generated more than \$1,200 in benefits to local charities. This could not have happened without the volunteers who doled out the goodies that more than 30 baker's contributed. Next, Cheryl Viale's outreach for money and gift cards to go to Deer Park Elementary School households. To Cheryl and all who contributed to the more than \$1,800 in donations – *THANK YOU!* We greatly appreciate Nancy Crandall who led the organization and delivery of boxes of dozens of necessities to local charities. These community members, and all who contributed and supported the efforts, demonstrate what compassion for others means. Again, thank you to all!

With the new year, a big thank you to; ALC, Finance, Interiors, Clubhouse Maintenance, Special Events, Neighborhood Watch, and Library committees' leads and volunteers as they continue to do the work necessary to maintain our livability. Thank you also to our Highlights and HiNet volunteers as well as all who lead group activities which contribute to our community! And, of course, your board will continue to manage (and sometimes enforce) the guiding rules and policies of the HOA.

I've noted many, many times, that our Highlands is the wonderful place to live because of the time and energy of committee leads and volunteers. And there are always openings for you to contribute your time and talents - maybe this is your year? (Yes, my ever-present query!)

We step forward into this new year with confidence that our Highlands remain one of the best places to live. We will see new community members join us and some will transition away. Please continue to be the wonderful community that watches out for each other, shares, and enjoys our times together.

Mike Dahlstrom, president
president@kchighlandshoa.com

HIGHLAND PARK CONDOMINIUM BOARD MESSAGE

I want to thank everyone who volunteered their condo for the gathering of copper pipe samples that were sent to the lab for analysis so we can determine the probable life expectancy of our community plumbing. I was amazed how non-invasive the process was and how considerate the workers were. The Board now will have the information needed as plumbing issues come up to make informed decisions as how to proceed. Again, thank you.

I, again, want to remind anyone who would like to run for the Board to submit their applications.

I wish everyone a safe and peaceful holiday season.

Pat Barcroft

CONDO LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

As we look forward to the new year, we will see more work being done to maintain and improve our landscape. East West thatched and removed many leaves this past month. Yellow ribbons were placed on some trees and shrubs as Pro Maintenance Co states this interferes with gutters and windows that need to be cleaned. This was noted and will be forwarded to the attention of an arborist.

Work was done at building 19 for a drainage issue by Rain or Shine Landscape and their company will also address an issue at unit 83 in building 15.

The Condo Board met and evaluated 3 companies who do snow removal as Rain or Shine does not do snow removal. It was decided to use River City Snow and Ice, LLC auto deployment for snow removal.

The condo landscape committee will meet on Monday January 22 at 2:00 p.m.
Lucy Laande, Condo Landscape.

ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

As I write my final Highlights article, I wish to share a section of one I wrote as I began my three-year term as Chair of the Architecture and Landscape Committee.

As a whole, we think of ourselves as the Highlands Community. From the ALC's perspective we are made up of smaller segments, each with specific concerns. Homeowners along the Brick Wall have roots, branches, leaves and arborvitae to contend with. Those adjacent to King City Civic Association face issues with neighbors outside our boundaries. The Fir Grove people are inundated with needles, branchlets and cones. Along the pathways and greenways, Residents observe passers-by, their dogs, and various wheeled conveyances. Whereas the Condo Owners have their own Landscape Committee, they share and use the common spaces and we welcome their roaming and observations. Where am I going with this? All these aspects of our landscape weave together as the ALC discusses maintenance, irrigation, drainage, and plantings during our meetings. These are the components which make up the visual and functioning fabric of the Highlands Community. Our responsibility is to guide and manage the execution of the tasks necessary to accomplish the mandate given the ALC by the governing documents with guidance from the HOA Board of Directors (BOD). This is all done within a budget carefully crafted, based upon expenses from preceding years and with knowledge of necessary yearly projects. Each expenditure is presented to and either approved or denied by the BOD after scrutiny. We do not take our volunteer commitment lightly.

The guidance provided by the Architecture and Landscape Manual governs the action of the ALC when it receives an application from you, the homeowner. As stated earlier, we, as the ALC volunteers, are committed to upholding the governing documents and maintaining the appeal of our community.

After leading this committee, I do reaffirm the accuracy of those words. It has been a wonderful and, in a good way, challenging time. With confidence, I pass the leadership role to Joe Mulder. He has been a member of the ALC since February of 2022, is the Architecture Coordinator and leads the Brick Wall repair project. You might recognize Joe as he walks his white Labradoodle, Sassy, throughout our neighborhood. As of January 1st, Joe will receive the emails addressed to alc-chair@kchighlandshoa.com

During my tenure, our community has sent emails to me, made phone calls and chatted with me in person, sharing concerns, questions and, Thank Goodness, compliments. We are all striving to uphold the appearance and safe livability of the Highlands.

The committee members, past: Connie Armstrong, Jim Peffers, Anne Kuzminski, and present: Judy Baese, Leslie Elliott, Connie Holt, Virginia McEwing, Joe Mulder, Rob Mustard, Elaine Sobel and Tim Woodley have been the most knowledgeable, supportive, genuine group of friends and co-volunteers. I thank them all.

Bonny Chown

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUP AND SALAD PARTY COMING TO CLUBHOUSE

Date and Time: Sat. Jan. 13 at 5 PM serving at 5:30.

We encourage you to bring a pot of your favorite soup or a salad to share and get in free.

All others pay only \$5 at the door.

There will also be rolls and butter plus pie and whipped cream for dessert.

Come join the fun by meeting some new neighbors and friends!

Thanks,

Ed Benberg, Special Events

Lucianne Phillips, Co-chair

GAME NIGHT EXTRAVAGANZA!

Set your calendars for Game Night Fun! Monday, February 19, starting at 5:30. Please bring an appetizer to share and your own drink of preference.

Pictionary, Catch Phrase, Mexican Train, Trivia, Taboo are games under consideration to play for the evening. There will be separate areas set up for each game and someone available to instruct players on how each game is played. We hope everyone will give each game a try during the evening.

We are asking for RSVP's due to how the areas are set up for how many people can play each game. But don't worry, we can accommodate one and all!

If you have any questions or want to volunteer to help us with this event, please contact either Elaine Sobel or Connie Holt.

Please do RSVP Connie Holt your attendance to join in the fun.

503-936-9297 or punkshasta@gmail.com

We look forward to this brand new event and having a fun game night!

Elaine and Connie

EVENT UPDATES

DEER CREEK DONATION RESULTS

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for all that you did for Deer Creek Elementary School Families. I did make an announcement at the Highlands Christmas dinner, but it was incorrect. We seem to have had a few donations that came in after the December 6th deadline. Hold onto your "Capes and Wings"--We had a grand total of \$2,000 to send to families in need of many different things. Most of the cards were for Walmart, Fred Meyer and Target. We took all the cash and converted it into gift cards, as well.

I hope all of you feel your heart grow 2 times bigger this season. Not only will you have a wonderful Christmas, but just knowing the joy and assistance you brought to so many families should make you happy and proud to live in a community that provides this joy and assistance to others.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Cheryl Viale, Coordinator

2023 COOKIE BAR RESULTS

I am pleased to let everyone know that the Cookie Bar raised **\$1,215** this year (\$1,137 in 2022). As mentioned in earlier emails and articles, all dollars raised were divided equally between the three local charities to help those in need: the Bethlehem House of Bread, the Caring Closet, and the Good Neighbor Center.

This fundraiser could not have been successful without the support of the entire Highlands Community. Thank you to the community members who donated the delicious cookies. A big thank you goes out to the many kitchen volunteers who assisted the guests at the Cookie bar counter which influenced the guests' donations: Aniko Vigh, Bonny Chown, Cherie Stanley, Connie Holt, Elaine Sobel, Fran Hardiman, Gordon Keeney, Marguerite Burns, Mary Kelly, Mary Sue Jason, Mike Dahlstrom, Pam Crane, and Stacey Puppo. Finally, I do not want to forget to thank those who supported the Cookie Bar with their purchases.

It does take the effort of many caring people.

Happy 2024,
Linda Ray-Keeney
lnghighlands@gmail.com

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee wants you!

The new year is the perfect time to join the Finance Committee. You'll have the opportunity to see how the HOA dues and transfer fees are used to support our community and pay the bills throughout the year. We meet at 6:30p on the Tuesday prior to the monthly Town Hall and Board meeting to review the previous month's financials and identify any issues found so they can be resolved. Be a part of this vital committee and help keep the HOA on course financially.

I want to thank Bill Rivoire and Gary Wilson for their service on the Finance Committee. Their departures leave a big gap on the committee (but I did advise them that I'll reach out to them for assistance as needed ;-}).

Any questions may be directed to me at finance-chair@kchighlandshoa.com or call/text me at 760.525.9687.

Mary Kelly
Chair - Finance Committee

HOA BLOCK CAPTAINS

New House Block Captain

I would like to thank Mary Kelly at 16077 SW 129th Terrace for volunteering to be a Block Captain. Mary will be Captain for the upper southern end of 129th Terrace, area 4 located on the map that is posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse. Thank you Mary for volunteering to be a Captain. It's greatly appreciated. Joyce Biglione will continue to be a Captain for the upper north end of 129th Terrace, area 3 located on the map.

We're always looking for new Block Captains, **especially on Overgaard Street**, to help out Andy and Mary Anderson. They are Captains for their whole street. Any Captain volunteers for any part of any street are welcome and greatly appreciated.

Neighborhood Watch Block Captain Meeting

Mark your calendars! We will be having a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain meeting on **Tuesday, February 20th, at 3:00** in the Board Room in the Clubhouse. Captains are encouraged to come and everyone in the community is welcome to join us.

Connie Holt, Houses Block Captain Coordinator

CONDO NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Happy New Year! I hope the Garage Grinches went elsewhere for their Christmas shopping than our Highland's condo garages.

According to Highland Park Condominium's protocol, the garage wreaths are hung on our garage light fixtures the Friday after Thanksgiving and on January 6th, removed and stored in our garages until next year. Some of the red bows are looking pretty shabby and faded and may need to be replaced sooner rather than later. Many condo owners get together and get new matching wreaths during post-Christmas sales. I found a pre-Christmas sale and got a new wreath, half price. So, I have a spare if any new owner does not have a wreath.

Our new condo dues have gone up to \$409.00 a month. I have auto pay through my bank. A new accounting system was installed, that caused some confusion early in 2023. You may have to check with your payment facility to be sure the payment increase is noted for 2024.

Our condo dues include electricity for all our outside lighting, water and sewer, trash and recycling, lawn care service and repair and upkeep of our parking lots and private street 130th Terrace that runs through our condos, just to name a few. Then there are money's allocated to the reserves for planned future projects, like outside painting, roof replacement, entryway carpet replacement or wall repainting. We have great reserves, but can't anticipate all the unusual or unexpected problems that may arise. That is where our great reserve board volunteers come in.

The HOA dues are yearly for every owner in the Highlands, House or Condo. They have gone up like everything else, to \$1023.00.

As the weather gets colder, keep your outside faucet cover or covers handy for temperatures below 32 degrees for any extended period. The buildings Watch Captains should have them stored in their garage.

Here's wishing you a healthy and safe year,

Sandy Bergeron Condo Neighborhood Watch Coordinator sandber31638@gmail.com

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Bible Study

First on the agenda is wishing you all a very Happy New Year. The second is setting goals! Isn't that what we all do at the beginning of the year: to reflect back and then looking forward, make the kind of changes that will make life better all around. I would like to make a goal for the Highlands Bible Study – one that is well known by many Christians, "To know Christ and make Him known." That is accomplished throughout the year by inviting speakers that do just that.

January 2nd – **Andrew Wachsmuth** is new to our HBS – He has been a high school math teacher in Beaverton for 22 years, but in recent years has also been called into part time ministry at a local church. His calling and passion are in small group and care ministries. He lives in Tigard with his wife Anne-Marie, 26 years, and they have three children: a daughter age 19, and son age 14 still at home. They also have a 21-year-old who is close to finishing at OSU. Welcome Andrew.

January 16th – **Serge Dezhnyuk**, is a familiar voice at our Bible Studies. He leads a weekly Men's Bible Study and has been involved in various ministries at his church in Beaverton. Serge and his wife Ana have four children. He works as a Civil Engineer in Beaverton and enjoys the outdoors, sports, and studying the Bible in his spare time. Welcome back Serge.

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. Please join us.

Submitted by Ron Willis

HIGHLANDS ACTIVITIES

NEW ACTIVITY! ↓

Here Comes Music!

Calling all UKE WANNABES!

Our First gathering is:

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 @ 3 p.m.

Location: 16076 SW 130th Terrace

Only bring yourselves, a uke (if you have one) and a willingness for laughter and fun!

Kathryn Margaret and Lucy Laande

RSVP: Kathryn at 971-268-0903 or kthem@live.com

HIGHLANDS ACTIVITIES CONT.

American Mah Jongg at the Highlands

We meet every Thursday afternoon at 1:00 to play American Mah Jongg. You are welcome to join us if you have some experience with the game, regardless of your level of expertise. Our goal is to have fun. We use the official National Mah Jongg League, Inc. card of standard rules.

If you do not know how to play this fascinating game and would like to learn, we will gladly teach you. You are also welcome to drop in and see how it is played.

Game time is Thursday at 1:00, in the card room.

Please contact me for any information.

Lori Clark at 505 301-4427 or
loriclark2002@gmail.com.



BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOURS FOR A HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL 2024

FROM THE HIGHLIGHTS VOLUNTEERS

KC HIGHLANDS CALENDAR

JAN 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	OFFICE CLOSED 9-4 Private Event	9 Walking Aerobics 10 Men's Coffee 1 Bridge 7 Bible Study	9:30 ALC Comm. Mtg. 1 Mahjong 1 Rummikub 2 Travel 3 Genealogy 6 Poker	10 Zumba 12:30 Line Dancing 1 American Mahjong 7 Hand, Knee, & Foot	9 Walking Aerobics 10:30 Coloring 5 Happy Hour	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	10 Zumba 11 Condo Finance & Main. Mtg. 1 Hand, Knee, & Foot 1 Caregiver Support Group	9 Walking Aerobics 10 Men's Coffee 1 Pool Lessons & Play 1 Bridge 2 Special Events Planning	1 Mahjong 1 Rummikub 5:30 Condo Board Mtg 6 Poker	10 Zumba 12:30 Line Dancing 1 American Mahjong 7 Hand, Knee, & Foot	9 Walking Aerobics 10:30 Coloring 2 Library Mtg 5 Happy Hour 7 Event Setup	5 PM Soup and Salad Dinner
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10-5 Private Event	10 Zumba 1 Hand, Knee, & Foot	9 Walking Aerobics 10 Men's Coffee 1 Pool Lessons & Play 1 Bridge 7 Bible Study	10 Disaster Prep. Mtg 1 Mahjong 1 Rummikub 2 Travel 3 Genealogy 6 Poker	9:30 Crafts Group 10 Zumba 12:30 Line Dancing 1 American Mahjong 3 Clubhouse Interiors Mtg 7 Hand, Knee, & Foot	9 Walking Aerobics 10:30 Coloring 5 Happy Hour	8-4 Private Event
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	10 Zumba 1 Hand, Knee, & Foot 2 Condo Landscape Mtg	9 Walking Aerobics 10 Men's Coffee 1 Pool Lessons & Play 1 Bridge 6:30 Finance Com Mtg.	10 Disaster Prep. Mtg 1 Mahjong 1 Rummikub 3:00 Town Hall HOA Board Mtg to Follow	10 Zumba 12:30 Line Dancing 1 American Mahjong 7 Hand, Knee, & Foot	9 Walking Aerobics 10:30 Coloring 5 Happy Hour	9-4 Private Event
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