

Northern Heights Newsletter



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Landscaping

Our neighborhood is a beautiful place to live, a place we can be proud of. With the summer months quickly approaching there will be (hopefully) more opportunity for us to walk around and enjoy our neighborhood. We, as a board, would like to ask all of you to prune back the trees around your own homes that are overhanging the sidewalks.

Recently, the board was contacted by the City of Bellingham about four trees on McLeod. They wanted permission to remove the trees because of site line issues. They stated that trees must be trimmed to a height of 8 feet above the sidewalk. Unfortunately, two of the trees may have to be removed because they can not be trimmed to meet this requirement.

Trees between the street and the sidewalk are the homeowner's responsibility. Please maintain them so that in the future we do not

lose any more trees. With that in mind, the board has some recommendations on keeping the trees trimmed.

We would like to see all trees trimmed as follows:

**1 foot back from the sidewalk.
8 feet above the sidewalk.**

If you would prefer not to maintain the trees in your yard yourselves, on July 15th we will be walking the neighborhood and will at that time be checking and pruning trees to meet the above mentioned guidelines.

If you have any questions or comments please contact any one of the board members before July 15th.

Barkley Hill Association

All of you received a flyer from the Barkley Hill Association. Many of you have contacted the board about this issue. First of all, we the board do not endorse this association nor are we working with them. They were founded by a group of individuals to address concerns and improve the community of the Tweed Twenty neighborhood -While we applaud their effort, the board at this time has chosen not to join forces with them. Individual homeowners may at their discretion join this public association. But before you do, I would ask you to become more involved in your own private association as we could use the assistance.

Dues

Thanks to everyone who paid their dues on time. Your dues pay for landscaping of the median on McLeod and Children's Park, street lights and community maintenance issues such as the stormwater pond.

Stormwater Pond

Currently, the board is seeking bids for work on the stormwater pond. We hope to have someone start work on the pond in July or August if the rain lets up. Recently, the board received some pamphlets from Sarah Jones a Senior Girl Scout in our Association. In the pamphlet, she had some recommendations that we would like to pass on to you.

- Do not discharge toxins into the stormwater system.
- Keep the storm grates clear.
- Keep gutters clear.
- Report street maintenance issues/problems to the county.

Thanks Sarah and keep up the good work.

CC&R Reminder

Summer is finally here ☺, hopefully. Many of us have been waiting along time to enjoy the sun. The board would like to remind you that while it is perfectly acceptable to load or unload your RV or boat; it is not acceptable to leave your RV or boat parked in front of your home for an extended period of time.

Here is a modified version of some of the general use restrictions that are commonly violated:

3.2 Recreational Vehicles. All boats, utility trailers, trucks of more than one-ton rating, campers, recreational vehicles, travel trailers, motor homes and similar items...shall at all times be enclosed

within a garage or otherwise neatly stored behind the front wall line of the residence and reasonably screened from view from the street running in front of said lot...

3.6 Garbage/Refuse. No owner shall deposit or permit the accumulation of any such trash, ashes, garbage or other refuse or debris on or about such owner's lot or any other property...except in appropriate covered trash receptacles...

3.7 Vehicles. All automobiles and all other permitted vehicles ...shall be in good order and in working condition. Partially wrecked vehicles, discarded vehicles, unlicensed vehicles or vehicles which are in a state of disrepair shall not be kept on any lot...

3.9 Wire/Chain Link Fences. All wire and/or chain link fences in excess of four (4) feet in height from the ground are prohibited.

In the past, people have questioned what reasonably screened means. An advisory committee was formed to address this issue. Please contact a board member if you have questions or wish to contact this committee.

Streetlights

Please contact a board member if you notice a problem with any of the streetlights. This will help us get them fixed as soon as possible. Thanks.

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Annual Meeting

It's that time of year again. This year's meeting is at Bloedel Donovan on November 9th at 7 P.M. In the coming weeks you will be receiving more information about this event. Please plan to attend. In the event that you can not make it, please designate a proxy so that your voice will be heard.

Elections

One of the highlights of the annual meeting is the election of Northern Heights Board members. This year there are two positions open for election. Typically, the board meets once a month to discuss the business of the community. These meetings generally last about ninety minutes and are planned around board members schedules. Becoming a Board member is a great way of becoming involved and giving something back to our community.

Some of you may be interested in becoming a Board member but are unsure of the exact responsibilities of the job. The following is brief description of the Board position:

President: Presides over meetings and oversees the business of the Association.

1st Vice President: Presides and leads committees.

2nd Vice President: Monitors and enforces CC&R violations.

Treasurer: Collects and disburses funds.

Secretary: Records all the Association's business.

More detailed descriptions of the positions can be found in the bylaws. It should be noted that the new board will elect officers at the first meeting following the Annual meeting.

Open Campus at Squalicum

Seniors at Squalicum have been given the privilege of having an open campus during lunch for the 2000-2001 school year. This is a privilege and can be revoked if the seniors misbehave. We have been asked to watch for seniors around the neighborhood that you feel are violating this privilege. If you see any seniors that you feel need to be reported, try to get a name or license plate number and call Becky Elmendorf, principal of Squalicum at 676-6464.

Slow Down

Many of you have noticed and complained about excessive speeding down many of our streets in our neighborhood. Many of us have busy lives so it becomes easy to drive faster than the posted **25 MPH** speed limit. We need to remember that we live in a family neighborhood and that many children enjoy playing outside. Please slow down for the safety of the children and pets in our community.

Fun Community Event

Calling all kids and adults...Would you like to meet more of your neighbors, have some fun, and protect water quality all at the same time? Come join us on Saturday, September 16th for a neighborhood stenciling party. We will be stenciling stormdrains in the Northern Heights neighborhood to remind people not to dump pollutants into our stormdrains. Everything that enters those grated drains along our streets goes to the Northern Heights detention pond, then Squaticum Creek, and eventually Bellingham Bay. This can mean more money for the neighborhood to maintain the detention pond and less clean water for kids to play in and fish to swim in. This is a terrific opportunity to get to know more of your neighbors, spray paint an important message, and have some fun...we'll even have some refreshments! Call Erika Stroebel at 650-9008 for more details or meet at 1391 McLeod Road on **Saturday the 16th at 11am** ready to paint! Will reschedule whether permitting.

Neighborhood Trees

Thank you to everyone that has trimmed their median trees away from the sidewalks. The trimmed trees make it easier for our neighbors to enjoy walks, kids to ride bikes, scooters, and skateboards, and for drivers to see kids playing on the sidewalks. This also helps keep our neighborhood looking nice. Board members have been trimming trees along Roma and will continue to work through the neighborhood to help ensure that the trees are trimmed above the sidewalks. If you have any questions about the tree trimming please contact a Board member.

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