

NORTHERN HEIGHTS NEIGHBOR NEWS

Your Community Association Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Northern Heights Community Association, I want to wish you all a belated happy and prosperous 2007.

Our community has been through a very challenging winter. Many of us have suffered damage to our trees, fences, and even our homes. I want to personally thank all who took pride in their homes and community by cleaning up the damage as soon as they could.

Spring is closing in, thankfully. Those of us who have lived here for a while know the rewards of plum and cherry trees turning the most beautiful color of pink and then to red. The tulips will be filling the front yards with color.

We are an area of Bellingham that is sought after. That is no accident. Let us continue to help make Northern Heights a homeowner's dream. I can assure you, your board members are committed to it.

Warmest Regards,

Ted Girgus
President, NHCA

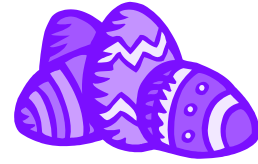


OUR TREES

We have beautiful flowering cherry and plum trees in our neighborhood that need our attention at times. The trees in the grassy median on McLeod Road are the only ones our maintenance company trims. All the other trees in front of our houses are homeowners' responsibility. Please do not let your trees obstruct sidewalks, and make sure there is at least a six-foot clearance for pedestrians to walk under overhanging branches. Dead trees should be removed.

STRANGER ALERT

Northern Heights Principal Wendy Barrett sent home a notice regarding a stranger in a car seen on MaGrath Road near the school, talking and offering candy to children. This has been reported to the police, and they are taking it seriously. Please remind your children to tell an adult immediately if they see someone or something that makes them feel uncomfortable. If you or your children see something that looks suspicious, call 911. It is safer for children to walk with friends and not travel alone.



EASTER EGG HUNT

The Board has set Saturday, April 7, at 10:00 am for our annual Easter egg hunt in the Northern Heights park. Three areas of the park are set aside in order to group the children by ages (up to 4; 5 – 8; 9 – 12).

However, none of this will happen unless someone volunteers to coordinate the event.

Help is needed to shop for candy and prizes, and put the candy into plastic eggs and hide the eggs in the park.

If you can help, please e-mail Ted Girgus at tedgirgus@northernheights.org or call him at 756-6533.

2007 DUES REMINDER

Association dues notices have been mailed to all homeowners and payments should have been made by now. If you did not receive a dues notice, please e-mail Linn Harrar at linnharrar@northernheights.org or call her at 733-9296.

Please remember that the \$150 annual amount is due in full right now.

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

The Board has set Saturday, May 5, as the date for the annual Northern Heights garage sale. The Board will place an ad in the Herald and put up signs. Those participating can place items for sale at the front of their individual houses, together with someone to work with buyers.

OUR CANINE FRIENDS

Northern Heights is a wonderful neighborhood in which to walk our four-legged companions. What is not so wonderful, however, is the reminders they sometimes leave behind. When you are walking your dog, please be a responsible pet owner and clean up any messes your dog may deposit. It is really unfair, not to mention unsightly and unhealthful, to let such droppings remain on other people's property or common areas.

NORTHERN HEIGHTS WEB SITE

In an effort to control costs and keep our dues as low as possible, the Board has decided to limit newsletter mailings to only a couple each year. However, there is information that all homeowners should have, and it is available at

www.northernheights.org at any time. Board meeting minutes are a good source of information. Please check the web site often.

GARBAGE CAN REMINDER

Garbage cans are to be behind the fence or behind the line of the front of the house, not exposed in the front of the house.

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