



The Children's Park.

The play equipment continues to be dirty and in disrepair. A volunteer committee is studying various types of play equipment and would be pleased to hear anyone's ideas. Please send them to board@northernheights.org.

Easter Egg Hunt. The annual hunt sponsored by the Board and chaired by Jennifer Rick and Amy Casey will be held in the children's park at 10 AM on Saturday April 23rd.

Garage Sale.

The annual sale will be held at individual yards or garages on June 18th from 8 AM to 1 PM. The board will place an ad in the *Bellingham Herald*.

Earth Day is April 22nd. It is hoped that all residents will make a special effort that weekend to do extra picking up of litter on your block.

REMINDERS

Please cut tree limbs that hang over sidewalks. The lowest limb should be six feet above the walk. Trees located in the grass between the sidewalk and the road are the home owner's responsibility.



Read the CC&Rs and bylaws on line at www.northernheights.org.

Where the Wind Blows or Windy Wednesday. We have one of the best neighborhoods in the area. One reason is that we take pride in how our hood looks, by keeping it neat and clean. Unfortunately, on windy trash days the lids of the trash cans blow open, or the cans fall over, or recycling comes out of their bins

and the wind makes a mess. Whose trash is it when this happens? It really becomes everybody's trash and as such we need to jump in and try to capture as much as we can. Since SSC does not want us to tape or weight the lids we have to compact the trash as much as possible. Be sure the bin is not overstuffed and the lid closes; pack as much as you can in bags. Avoid putting out recycling on Tuesday night. Recycling is picked up late on Wednesday morning in this area.

Scoop the Poop



The dog poop is ongoing. Please do not

let your pet run loose to "do their business". Good "petiquette" is to bring along clean-up bags when out on walks with you four-legged friend.

Neighbors have reported that some of the offenders are actually folks who live on **near-by** streets (Tree Farm Lane, Tweed Twenty, Kramers Addition, Chandler, etc.). If you see violators please ask them to bring a bag when they walk their dog. This may be especially true of dogs off leash or walking in the dark.

SIGNS permitted are those of a political nature during campaigns, those bearing the owner's name and address and For Sale signs. None may be placed in medians or common areas. Realtors are the usual offenders so you are urged to return their

signs to them if you see them anyplace but your property.



Recreational Vehicles

With summer approaching please review 3.2 of the CCRs regarding the parking of boats and motor homes.

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November 2011
NOTICE. The annual meeting will take place at Northern Heights Elementary School on 3 November 2011. Registration begins at 6 PM and the meeting starts at 6:30 PM and is expected to take about 1 ½ hours. When you register your name will be entered for a drawing to eliminate your dues for 2012, a

wise reason to attend.

End of year greetings from your Northern Heights Community Association Board. It has been an easily paced year regarding neighborhood issues.

Numerous letters with the fine list attached had to be sent in late spring and early summer with reminders of yard maintenance.

The Board sends letters on association stationery of CCR violations when a neighbor complains, only if the complaint is signed. The complainant is never identified.

The signs on the park had to be replaced to reflect the words "No trespassing" in order for law enforcement to act against violators.

New signs and a gate were purchased for the detention pond area for safety reasons and vandalism.

We replaced one street light bulb this year.

We thank Peter Griffin for doing a fabulous job with our web site www.northernheights.com. We encourage you to visit the site regularly.

Whose Trees Are They Anyway?

Yours. If you have what remains of a flowering plum planted in the grass between the sidewalk and the road in front of your house, it is your responsibility to keep it pruned. That means removing suckers and limbs that hang over the sidewalk or road making passage inconvenient or unsafe. See "Neighborhood Trees" in the January 2009 neighborhood newsletter on the web site.

Livestock. Cute and worthwhile but against the CCRs of Northern Heights. So that means no chickens, roosters, ducks, pigs or other

creatures. Review the CCRs on the website including the List of fines for continued offenses.

When the Dog Barks.

Though not specifically addressed in our Association covenants dog barking is a violation of Title 6 Animals of the Whatcom County Code. See the web site for the appropriate steps to take if a dog barks regularly and it is annoying you. You can also call animal control at 733 2080 between 10am and 6pm Tuesday through Saturday.

Do You Know Where Your Kids Are?

Playing in the detention pond is dangerous and a Northern Heights liability. Destroying the fence to get in there will increase homeowner's dues in order to repair and replace it. Same goes for destruction in the park, which includes litter.

Unhappy about what the Association pays for landscaping?

Submit a proposal to the Board. We will be happy to compare any landscaper contract you are able to

develop with the one we have. If there is no input from the community there will be no changes.

Unhappy about the playground equipment?

Form a group to work on replacements.

Your Board Needs You

We have vacancies for president and an at large position. The president conducts meetings usually held monthly except December and July and lasting about an hour. Please let the board know if you would like a position and we will vote at the annual meeting on 3 November or you may volunteer for a position that evening. The at large position is so we are sure to have a quorum at meetings and to share responsibilities for projects that arise during the year that are previously mentioned in this newsletter. Not only are you needed, but it is the right thing to do.

Emergency Preparedness. What a concept.

In case of a serious emergency you may need to survive on your own. That means having enough food, water and other supplies on hand for at least 3 days. One resource is

www.whatcomready.org , click on Get Ready.

www.redcross.org and www.mtbredcross.org are

also useful as is

www.mayoclinic.com.

The Board and community thank Jennifer Rick and her team for organizing the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

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