



ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

The Board has set Saturday, June 13, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, for our annual garage sale.

Turn old treasures into new cash. We can use this opportunity to clean out our garages and attics and let someone else appreciate our goodies.

The Association will place an advertisement in the Herald and put up directional signs to help folks find us and our unwanted valuables.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED AT NORTHERN HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Christa Shaw, the school counselor at Northern Heights Elementary School, has asked us to let the neighborhood know that volunteers are needed at the school to help with homework or to use the reading program on the computer. There is a homework club that meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. It is a small group and Ms Shaw hopes it could be expanded with the help of volunteers. If that time is inconvenient, the school could accommodate anyone at a preferred time of day. There are students who need someone they can read to, or exercise fine motor skills through playing with play dough. The children respond well to adult attention and could benefit from volunteer help.

Ms Shaw can be contacted at the school by phone at 647-6820 ext. 7429 or via email at Christa.Shaw@BellinghamSchools.org.

CCR VIOLATIONS

We don't like to be old scolds – really, we don't. However, there are three areas in the Community Covenants and Restrictions that seem to get reported to us time and time again.

Section 3.2 Recreational Vehicles. We can't park RVs, boats, trailers, or big trucks (one ton or more) in our driveways or any other place in the front of our properties. They must be enclosed within the garage or otherwise behind the front wall line of the house and reasonably screened from view. We realize this is a problem for those whose lots don't permit side storage. *If you need to store one of these in your driveway, especially over the summer when you're coming and going, please let the board know and tell us how long it needs to be there.* We'll try to accommodate you.

Section 3.5 Signs. The only signs we are allowed are ones showing an owner's name and address, political signs during a campaign season, and For Sale signs. Commercial signs, and any other signs, are not allowed.

Section 3.6 Garbage/Refuse. We cannot have any kind of refuse or debris on our property except in appropriate covered trash receptacles. That means the recycle bins, which are open, must be inside. And if there is enough garbage that the garbage can lid won't close all the way, the garbage can must also be inside. Otherwise, the closed garbage can may be outside, preferably on the side of the house behind the front wall line of the house.

TRAFFIC

In early March you may have noticed cables across the street on McLeod and Roma Roads. You may also have noticed a greater police presence on those roads as well as on Magrath Road. This is all part of the Board's efforts to work with Bellingham Police and Whatcom County Sheriff offices to try to calm our traffic.

Bellingham Police Chief Clifford Cook and Whatcom County Sheriff Bill Elfo have been wonderfully responsive to the Board's concerns over the speed of traffic on our streets.

The City and County have both been helpful in answering questions we've all had over the years, such as why speed bumps or speed pillows can't be installed on the streets (because they require emergency vehicles, especially fire trucks, to slow to about 5 MPH, which isn't good when they're rushing to an emergency).

We are hopeful we will see some improvement in our traffic situation.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Our neighborhood's infrastructure is aging, and we're starting to see cracked sidewalks and even potholes in the roads. Help maintain a safe neighborhood by reporting dangerously broken sidewalks and road potholes to the Whatcom County Department of Public Works, 360-380-8111 or notify the Board and we'll make the call.