

Northern Heights Newsletter



January 2001

Annual Meeting

On November 9th, the Northern Heights Homeowner's Association held its Annual Meeting. First, the Board would like to thank all those who participated. The highlights of this year's annual meeting were the election of new officers and discussion about the new elementary school. This year three board members were elected to a two-year term. We now have six elected board members, which is a great improvement from just four members two years ago.

Board of Directors

- *President: Rick Stroebel
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- *Vice President: Mohammed Farook
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- *Vice President: John Roberts
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676-9565
- *Secretary: Julie Jimenez

The Board meets the second Thursday of every month (schedules permitting). All homeowners are encouraged to attend and participate in meetings. Call for time and place or check the web page.

School

In case you missed it there was a meeting between the Northern Heights homeowners and the Bellingham School District design team concerning the new elementary school that will be built to the north of Northern Heights. The highlights of the meeting were: The architect starts out by giving an

overview of the how the school will be laid out. There will be about 50 staff persons.

The school is designed for 500 students maximum, with approximately 350 students to start. It will be similar in size to Silver Beach School. There will be parking for 75 cars for staff and visitors and 202 parking total spaces for events.

There was much discussion about the Magrath entrance and potential alternatives. An entrance from Mt. Baker highway was determined not to be an option due to traffic loading, signal spacing, and safety concerns. Britton loop and Roma Road accesses were also discussed. The design team will look hard at these two alternatives as either one of these accesses are preferred by the Northern Heights community over the Magrath entrance.

Eventually, all the back area to Britton Road will be built out. The overall built-out plan will be considered with a "best fit" scenario for the present and for future development. The school will be annexed into the city.

The project is scheduled to go out for bid in March 2001 with site preparation starting in April. The total construction cycle will take approximately 12 to 14 months to be ready for the 2002 school year.

The design team will review the list of concerns from the homeowners and will respond to those concerns at a meeting that will be scheduled for sometime in January 2001.

The full minutes of the meeting are posted on the Northern Heights website. Also, a videotape of the meeting may be borrowed from John Mortensen, 961-9064.

Web Site

Many of you are probably already aware of the community's new web site. If not, you can find it at www.northernheights.org. Information regarding the new school, community events, a message board and many other events and activities can be found here. Take a minute a look around for the latest information about our community.

Junior Workshop

Calling all kids! Julie Jimenez is sponsoring a monthly workshop. Each month you will be able to have fun and create new crafts. For more info check the web site for a time and date or call a board member.

Vandalism

There have been a few reports of vandalism with the theft of Christmas decorations and also in the Children's park with damage to the benches, swings and ground fires being lit. Help us keep our neighborhood a safe and enjoyable place to live by report all suspicious activity to the county sheriff and to the board.

A Safety Concern

It has been observed that some cars are being partially parked on the sidewalks. Children, people with strollers, and other pedestrians are sometimes forced into the street in order to avoid a car. Please, let's all keep our vehicles properly parked before a serious accident occurs.

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.

Address

All correspondence should be sent to 177 Telegraph Rd. #624 Bellingham, WA 98226.