



NORTHERN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Thank you to all the association members who attended the 2017 annual meeting. With a quorum present we were able to conduct Association business including the approval of the budget as well as the election of new board members. At the subsequent board meeting on January 24th the new board elected officers to the following positions: Roberta Walker, President; Bryan Jones, Vice-President; Sarah Messmer, Secretary; Martin Sauvage, Treasurer; and Mike Yeend, At-Large. Congratulations to our new board of directors. Thank you as well to retiring Secretary Phil Sanford for his commitment and service to the Association over the last two years.

Trees (and street lights)

Please remember that homeowners are responsible for the trees on their respective lots including those on parking strips. Last year the Association incurred added expenses as result of additional damage to street light sensors caused by homeowners' trees. Individual homeowners can be held responsible for this cost. The city and county also have their respective requirements on trees overhanging streets and sidewalks which can lead to fines and penalties as well if not addressed. We ask that all homeowners keep this in mind as we grind our way towards tree trimming season.

Community Park

It's only January but the board has already received numerous complaints from homeowners regarding the lack of courtesy being displayed by their fellow pet owners in the community park. Please be respectful of all your neighbors and clean up after your pets.

City of Bellingham

The City of Bellingham recently identified Northern Heights as an Urban Growth Area (UGA) which has possible implications regarding annexation. Would you, as individual homeowners, be interested in having Northern Heights considered for annexation by the City of Bellingham? You can respond yes or no on the bottom of your dues notice to indicate your interest. Please keep in mind this is not binding or a directive to the board but just a way to gauge overall community interest.

New Website

As discussed at the annual meeting our current association website is too expensive to maintain and we are looking at more cost-effective options. The board is happy to report that thanks to the efforts of new board member Sarah Messmer, a new website is being developed. Although it's still under construction you can go to www://northernheightshoa.com to view it