

Community Garage Sale – July 31st-August 1st

After a year hiatus due to COVID, the NHCA Board has set dates of Saturday, July 31st and Sunday, August 1st for our community garage sale. If you wish to participate, simply set up in your yard or garage on one or both weekend days and we'll take care of the advertising. We encourage you to collaborate with neighbors to get as many people involved as possible. We hope that after a year keeping to ourselves, a community garage sale will enable Northern Heights members to socialize with neighbors and re-form bonds that may have dwindled with the "stay-at-home" order. Ads for the community garage sale will be placed in the Bellingham Herald and Craig's List.

Retention Pond Tree Clearing

Trees have been removed from the community's retention pond over the past two years. As described in the January Annual Meeting Notice Communication, the remaining trees on the south end of the retention pond will be removed in the final phase of a multi-year plan. The Board is working with contractors to finalize the work in the pond, but the hope is that tree clearing will be scheduled for late July or early August.

Many residents have reached out asking why the trees on the south side of the pond are being clear-cut. Every year, leaves from the trees growing in the pond fall into the pond and create drainage issues. In addition, according to the Washington State Department of Ecology, trees shall not be allowed to grow in retention ponds. Therefore, the Board has decided to remove all trees from the pond over the course of several years. Next year, the inflow system to the pond will be re-worked to allow for proper drainage. The trees that grew in the area damaged the inflow system and it does not properly route the water into the retention pond anymore.

Summer Yard Maintenance

Summer is here and it has brought growing trees, bushes and lawns. Please be diligent about keeping up with your yard maintenance. Trim back any trees or bushes that are beginning to encroach on the neighborhood sidewalks to keep pedestrians from having to walk in the street and cut your grass every few weeks to keep the neighborhood looking in tip-top shape! Remember that the parking strips in front of the McLeod houses are the homeowners' responsibility to maintain.

If you notice that a community member is struggling to keep up with their yard maintenance, be a good neighbor and offer a helping hand. You never know what may be going on in someone's life; maybe you can help take one stressor off their plate! If you know of someone in need of help maintaining their yard and you are unable to assist them, reach out to northernheightshoa@gmail.com. We know a few community members that may be willing to help. In addition, if you are a community member that wouldn't mind lending a few hours of volunteer service to a community member in need, please email us with an offer to help.