

Highlands Highlights



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HOA Board Highlights

Submitted by Steve Hall, HOA President

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This month, I want to take a moment to welcome and to speak to all our new Residents here in KC Highlands. We trust that most of the boxes have been unpacked and that you have been able to settle into your new homes. We hope you've had an opportunity to settle into your new community, and to participate in at least one of our many opportunities where we can meet our neighbors. Perhaps you attended the Ice Cream Social hosted by Gary, Ed, and Shel, or the Pancake Breakfast. Maybe you have gone to a Happy Hour on Friday evening, or the Living Well Speaker Series. If you have, I am sure you have felt welcomed. If you have not, we encourage you to come out and participate in the many things this Community has to offer.

What many new Residents may not realize is that for three decades, our KC Highlands Community has been successfully operating on a very lean budget. This has been sustained by

neighbors volunteering their time and making contributions, both large and small. Many have served on our Board of Directors and various HOA and Condo Owners Assoc. (COA) committees—all important to our Community.

Others engage in planning, budgeting, and maintenance activities which help keep KC Highlands looking great, while doing so in a remarkably economical manner. In a few seconds, I can identify over 30 individuals who help run the business of the Community on a monthly basis. Not only does that represent excellent combined judgment and provide a series of checks and balances, but it also represents more than a full-time job. This volunteer effort and community spirit is not only better, it also saves each of us hundreds of dollars a year.

The Newsletter that you are reading right now is produced, edited, and distributed by many volunteers.

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HOA Board Elections — Looking for Candidates

We are fast approaching our annual King City Highlands Homeowners Association election for positions to the Board of Directors. If you are an Owner of property in KC Highlands, you are eligible to be a Board Director. This year there are two open Board positions. Each is for a two-year term.



Board meetings are held once a month with a Special Meeting called occasionally. Find out about the inner workings of our Community, what the different committees do, and learn the process of developing the yearly budget. Help to make our Highlands Community sustainably livable by offering suggestions and ideas, and vote on matters concerning the operation of our Community. All Board decisions are made in accordance with the governing documents.

Candidates will be introduced at the October Board Meeting. After CMI receives the candidates' names, they produce the ballot, send it out to all Owners; then election results will be announced at the November Annual Meeting.

A Nominating Committee has been formed. For answers to questions or to volunteer to run for one of the Board positions, contact any member of this Committee: Vicki Miller, Mary Kelly, Mike Blailock, Mary Anderson, Shel Siegel, Denny Peffers, Tom Chown, or Dave Platt.

Condo News



Condo Board Highlights

Submitted by Ed Salzman, Chair, Highland Park Board of Directors

The monthly meeting of the Condo Owners Association (COA) Board was held Thursday, September 12th.

Unit or Common Elements Alterations—New Condo Owners (as well as old) should be aware that there are restrictions on what can be placed on decks and patios. The Bylaws state: "A unit owner may not change the appearance of the common elements or the exterior appearance of a unit without permission of the Board of Directors." This applies to "lobbies, patios, balconies, porches, decks, ramps, vestibules, and stairways." Owners seeking variances must apply to the Board BEFORE any alterations are made. The Board recently received applications after the alterations were made.

Year 2020 Budget—This is the season when the budget for 2020 is being prepared. Treasurer, Wayne Staley, and Finance Committee Chair, Zoe Allen, are planning to bring a budget plan before the Board at the October meeting. Any Condo Owner with a proposal for a new project should contact Wayne or Zoe before the October 7th Finance Committee meeting.



Smoking Ban Vote— The "polls" are now closed for voting on the proposed Bylaw measure that would prohibit smoking inside condo units. The final vote was: In favor – 74; Against – 22. With 63 affirmative votes needed for passage, the measure was approved with 11 votes to spare. The voting deadline was originally set for October 15th, but so many early votes were cast that the Board of Directors closed the polls at its September 12th meeting.

The Bylaw will not affect current Residents because the measure contains a grandfather clause, making the prohibition apply only to new Owners.

Required legal steps are being taken to make the measure official and into Bylaw. The effective date will be reported in next month's Highlights.

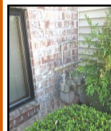
**The next Condo Board Meeting will be
Thursday, October 10th at 5:30 p.m.
See you there!**

Projects Update...

- ♦ **Doorbells and Name Plates** -- The Board of Directors has awarded a contract to Pro Maintenance (Bobby Gang) for the installation of new doorbells and nameplates at the entrance to all Condo buildings. The work will get under way when the nameplates are received.
- ♦ **Streetlights** -- Maintenance Chair, Sheldon Seigel, reports that only three streetlight bulbs needed replacement this summer. This means that the COA's bulb supply may last as long as five years.
- ♦ **Weed Control** -- Brightview, our landscape contractor, has been instructed to stop using a generic form of Roundup for weed control. That chemical is under fire for allegedly causing severe health problems. The contractor will propose alternative methods of weed control.
- ♦ **Water Shut-Off Valves** -- Analysis of the water shut-off valve problem is continuing. One solution under study would elevate the valves so they would no longer be covered with mud and water.

*If we wait until we're ready,
we'll be waiting for the rest of our lives.*
—Lemony Snicket

Finding Your Gas Meter...



My gas meter Submitted by Sandy Bergeron on building #19 is right outside my bedroom window, since I live in a downstairs, inside unit. The other one is for my upstairs neighbor. The corner units using my same entryway have their meters located on the west side of the building. For those owners using the other entryway to building #19, their meters are a mirror image of ours.

You might have to look behind bushes for your meter. You may need a crescent wrench to turn off the gas meter to your unit. But the gas company has to turn it back on, so don't turn it off unless you smell gas and know it is leaking from your meter.



This information is only for extreme conditions when the gas company is extremely busy with other emergencies, such as a major earthquake. We hope that will never happen during our lifetime. Remember the TV commercial: "If you smell gas, leave the house and call the gas company's emergency number." More useful information we hope we never have to use; but better to have it and never have to use it, and to have that water and those emergency supplies ready and never have to use them.

Be informed, be prepared, be safe.

Condo News



Condo Landscape Committee



Arborists Tree Inspection—A property walk-around was done early last month with Phil from Halstead's. There will only be one tree removal; the rest of the work will be tree pruning. They'll be cleaning up all large pine trees, two big maples and a huge honey locust that overhangs the walking path. They'll also prune limbs that are overhanging roofs, gutters or chimneys.

Committee Meeting on September 10th—Began with a renewed discussion about weed removal/abatement, with objections raised on the use of Roundup for weeds. Other initial comments were made regarding comparisons with other landscape companies. The biggest plus with the current company is that they know our irrigation system, where others don't.

Meeting continued with Jean, our rep from Brightview present. The discussion regarding the weed problems continued. The committee suggested alternatives to Roundup be explored and Jean will provide three alternative proposals to that, which would be implemented in 2020. Bark application is done every two years, so it will be time to do it this next year. Some objections were raised to the current type; other choices will be explored. We are currently in the third quarter of our "landscape calendar year", which calls mainly for finishing fall pruning. Fallen leaf removal will start in October and continue into winter.

Items to be put on the Condo Board agenda: Fall irrigation repairs and Brightview's landscape enhancement proposals for this fall.

Another Reminder—Please be respectful of all Brightview employees. If there is a serious problem while they are working on-site, call Zoe Allen or Ed Salzman. They will contact Jean Jung, our property representative, if necessary. Many of the workers speak limited English, but they do know that they are not to take instruction from individual homeowners.

The next committee meeting will be October 8th at 10:30 a.m. Please join us. We always welcome and need additional volunteers.



This Just In...

Our Tree Service by Halstead's will be done on October 10th.



Anyone who has never made a mistake, has never tried anything new.

—Albert Einstein

Garage Door Locks



Submitted by Sandy Bergeron

Regarding the planned meeting September 16th for interested Condo residents, the speaker was a "no show."

So much for plan "A", and on to plan "B" — please watch for new information TBA (to be announced).

Some inexpensive things to do in the meantime for garage break-in prevention—put a 99-cent electrical outlet plate cover from Home Depot over the garage door override lock in the middle of the garage door, make sure your car is locked and you have the keys, or pop the garage circuit breaker overnight.

Snowbird Reminders



Submitted by Zoe Allen

We have added many new Owners since the last time we suggested what Snowbirds should do before leaving a unit empty for several months.

First, if you have not registered with Mabel in the Clubhouse Office, please be sure to do so before you leave. Also, you need to let your Neighborhood Watch Building Captain know when you are leaving and give them your contact information. If you are leaving a key with a neighbor, let the Building Captain know or leave a key with him or her. If you don't know who your Building Captain is, there is a list on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse.

How much you want to winterize your unit is up to you. Many leave the heat pump set at 55 degrees. If you have a gas water heater, do not turn off the water or the pilot. Check the manual that came with your heater for further winterizing instructions. Since water leaks are the most damaging incident that can happen in your absence, check your washer hoses, ice maker hose, and of course, the water heater pan. Even small leaks can cause lots of damage.

HOA Board & Committee Reports



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HOA Board Highlights

In addition to the business side of the Community, some individuals have started new, interesting and successful Community activities. Lucianne Phillips, for instance, continues to organize *Living Well Speaker Series* talks, presenting important topics such as earthquake preparedness. Nancy Crandell continues to organize our December Craft Faire, which presents an opportunity to sell some of the many handicrafts created by Highlands Residents. Additionally, the Cookie Bar typically raises significant contributions for local charities. There are many others who help organize activities, including sewing groups and a book club—to name a few.

It is well known that many hands make for light work. Furthermore, continuity and succession planning should be equally important to all of us. Come lend your Community a hand—make a contribution, small or large. *After all, if not me, who? If not now, when?*

Seen on a Business Sign...

*If you're going to live on the edge,
get fall protection!*

~Author Unknown

Clubhouse Interiors Committee



Submitted by Jo Hendrickson

The Committee has been gathering information for the bathrooms' renovation next year. We will undertake removing old wallpaper, choose colors, flooring, counters and a myriad of other choices to update our 30-year-old bathrooms. And of course, we will be adhering to ADA regulations.

Clubhouse Interiors Committee will be hosting the *Halloween Party potluck* on Saturday, October 26th. See our ad under October Special Event (page 6).

Fall has arrived and the Committee looks forward to decorating for each season. Accessories have been changed throughout the Clubhouse.

Enjoy our beautiful fall colors!

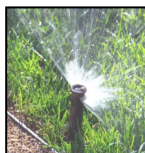
Architecture/Landscape Committee



We're heading into Fall 2019 already! We may be wrapping up one growing and mowing season, but we're already looking ahead to 2020.

Submitted by Rob Mustard

HOA's street and common-area trees: Mark Perkins has been heading up doing a comprehensive inventory of all of them. Like the good Ecologist he is, he's applying techniques that any professional forester would, starting with marking each tree with a small, numbered aluminum tree tag. The numbered trees are then recorded in a digital inventory worksheet, tracking the location, species, age, condition, and other characteristics. Later, the ALC can work with our Arborist to identify specific trees that need attention, e.g., pruning, diagnosis and treatment of disease, root-trimming, or removal and replacement. Thus, we should have a much better handle on exactly what our Arborist expense will be in any given year (versus paying a flat fee to have all the trees in a given "zone" pruned at once). This task has turned out to be bigger than Mark had anticipated. We started out with 300 numbered tags, and we're going to have to order more!



On the irrigation front: The Summer of 2019 has been much kinder to our plants than 2017 and 2018 were. Cooler temperatures and a little more rain really made a difference—almost back to "normal" for Portland. As to how much less water we've used for irrigation so far, we're still crunching the data on that. All the HOA's irrigation controllers have been turned off since September 15th, and that's saved us some money for sure. Members of the ALC and our Landscaper also noticed that some of the other controllers had been off for various periods of time earlier in the summer (without much explanation as to why). One of the HOA's two water meters is an irrigation-only meter, and the City of Tigard Water Department will have that account suspended from mid-October through mid-April. The six months of down time should save the HOA around \$1,050 in fixed meter costs. Before that meter gets turned off, our Landscaper will help to diagnose and correct excessive irrigation issues with the 131st Avenue zones.

Spending in 2019: The ALC has kept a very tight grip on it, especially after unexpected drainage and tree-removal projects. However, we're still planning on some small-scale "landscape renovation" projects to improve the aesthetics and reduce irrigation around our Community. Stay tuned for further updates.

Don't hesitate to contact the ALC if you have any questions about an upcoming project. And feel free to drop in on an ALC meeting (10:30 a.m. Wednesdays). There are always interesting things happening in the Highlands Community!



Special Events



Labor Day Pancake Breakfast

Submitted by Gary Melott & Ed Benberg, SE Co-Chairs



Our Labor Day Pancake Breakfast went very, very well. Thanks to all who came; we ended up serving a total of 109 people (105 adults and 4 kids).

And what made it go so well was not only the good food, but also because of all the volunteers. Special kudos go out to all our "Highlands Gentlemen" who helped make the breakfast a success!!



We think Gary went That-A-Way!

In the kitchen were Bill Hendrickson, Ed Benberg, Rob Mustard, Mike Albright, Jim Peffers, Shel Siegel, Mark Perkins, Reagan Matsler, Tom Chown, and Gary Melott. Helping in the dining room were Bruce Whitaker, Jim Poindexter, Bob Pailthorp, and Lavelle Day; the money collector was Bill Beecroft. Our heartfelt thanks to EVERYBODY!

See you at the Great Potato Bake!



Some of the Highlands Gentlemen



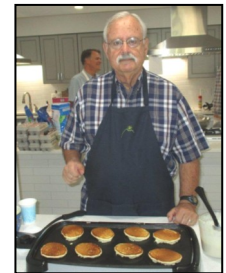
Those pancakes sure were good!



Oh, My! Too much batter?



Socializing after a great breakfast...



Get 'em while they're hot!

Pictures by
Ed Benberg

Great Potato Bake Party!

This Special Event Submitted by Ed Benberg
comes early in the month:

Ed's Great Potato Bake Party
Saturday, October 5th

Social at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m.

Just \$6.00 per person

Potatoes are hand-picked just for you!

Toppings include butter, sour cream, chives,
and real bacon bits.

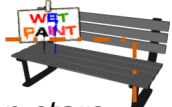
Additionally, there will be a nice green salad.

Then top everything off with Gary's
special ice cream cake dessert!

An added feature this year is Eldon coming
with his accordion to entertain us. He is fun!

A sign-up sheet is posted on the Clubhouse
bulletin board. Please **sign up by October 3rd**.

Don't miss this one!



Improving Your Day...

"Tell a man there are 300 billion stars
in the universe and he'll believe you.
Tell him a bench has wet paint on it
and he'll have to touch it to be sure."

—No Worries News, June 2019

Looking Ahead...

...To our **Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 11th**. The menu will be the same as last year (Turkey or Salmon with all the Trimmings).

We will start selling tickets in November. There'll be more information to come. All tickets will be \$25.00 each.

Be sure to mark this special Holiday Event date on your social calendar!



October Special Event & Activities



Annual Halloween Party Potluck ! — Hosted by the CI Committee

Submitted by Jo Hendrickson



**Ghosts and Witches and Creatures of Fright
Don't miss the call of Halloween night.
Come one, Come all in the Threads of the season
If you Miss this Bash, 'tis an Act of Treason.**



It will be a Halloween Potluck, so pick your poison and bring it on over. There will be prizes for 'best' guy and gal costumes—'best' being ambiguous. Be sure to carve or decorate a pumpkin; bring it to the party to place on display and perhaps take home some "riches."



See you on **Saturday, October 26th**.
The undertaking **begins at 5:30 p.m.; dinner is at 6 p.m.**

A sign-up sheet is on the Clubhouse bulletin board.

Join us if you dare for a Halloween scare!



*If you can dream it,
you can do it.*

—Walt Disney

High Diners

Submitted by Pat Combs

*Make new friends, but keep the old.
One is **silver**, the other is **gold**!
(Girl Scout Song)*

Our October event celebrates **OCTOBERFEST!**
at

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Tuesday, October 8th, 4 – 6 p.m.

10350 SW Greenburg Road, Tigard
(503) 639-4544 www.gustavs.net

*Meet new people, enjoy new food,
and have a great time with your neighbors!*

There is a sign-up sheet at the Clubhouse, or respond to one of the Committee members listed below. Watch for reminders of these activities through Hi-Net, and listed on the website, highlands55.org.

The event at Café Murrayhill had over 25 people in attendance!!
Everyone is invited!

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Fran Hardiman, (541) 604-6611
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Needle Arts Group

Submitted by Nancy Perkins



As the leaves are starting to turn and the weather is becoming cooler and wet, it's time to think about indoor hobbies! Please consider joining our Highlands Needle Arts group. We meet once a week to share friendship and work on our craft projects. We also show off our latest projects and get advice or share ideas. If you have an unfinished project, dust it off and bring it along. We can help you finish it.

**We hope to see you Fridays at 1 p.m.
in the Clubhouse Living Room!**

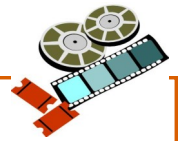


Doctor: *You need to go to
the gym and exercise.*

Patient: *I can't—I'm in the
Fitness Protection Program.*

~Author Unknown

October Activities



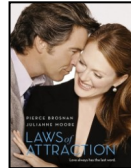
Movie Nights

Submitted by Nancy Crandell

FOR OCTOBER, MOVIE NIGHTS WILL BE THE 2ND AND 4TH FRIDAYS AT 7 P.M.



October 11th— "THE MOVING OF SOPHIA MYLES" is the touching story of Sophia Myles, portrayed by Della Reese, wife of a small town's long-time Reverend who is a pillar of the church and community. When he passes, she must vacate the home she has lived in for years. Rue McClanahan (of *Golden Girls*) is a pushy real estate broker and aspiring "queen" of the town. Sophia must stop her. This is a portrait of small-town America, the loving bonds of family and friends, redemption, and the journey from heart-ache to hope. You will be inspired.



October 25th— On a light, playful note, "**LAWS OF ATTRACTION**" starring Pierce Brosnan and Julianne Moore is the story of two opposing divorce lawyers (she is traditional, straight to the point, and he is unconventional and unpredictable) as they represent a high profile couple in a "noisy" divorce. Opposites attract, it's true, but the problem with these two lawyers is that they're not really opposites. There are many twists and turns that develop into an interesting and unexpected match. This movie is great fun. You will be surprised!

The unlikeliest of people harbor halos beneath their "hats."

~Author Unknown

Highlands Travelers

Submitted by Wendy Gardner



Collette Tours and Vacations are one-of-a-kind. True adventures go beyond incredible destinations or inclusive packages. Collette delivers a sense of possibility across all seven continents. Since 1918, they have been sharing their love of travel. Today their worldwide travel collection features comprehensive land tours, river cruises, rail journeys, small group tours, family trips, garden holidays and more. With Collette, wake each morning on tour with a new experience in front of you, and when your head hits the pillow that night, you will know it has been an amazing day. Best of all, they seamlessly handle the details—all you have to do is enjoy the adventure.

Please join us in welcoming our friend Laura Hernandez of Collette Tours on **Thursday, October 16th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Refreshments will be served so please RSVP to either Wendy Gardner (wendygardner2014@att.net or 818-807-7063) or to Barbara Nelson (bjnls@comcast.net or 503-709-6117) by Monday, October 14th. Looking forward to sharing another exciting travel experience with you!

Adventure is in and of itself...

—Amelia Erhardt

Bible Study

Submitted by Ron & Anna Willis



Fall is another wonderful time of year for our household. The changing colors all around means that we change household decorations – it's a seasonal thing inspired by the need for creative expression. We also look forward to the inspiring messages that our speakers prepare each month for our Bible Study. This month we will welcome back two well known speakers to our group

October 1st—Pastor Ben Jaquith has served our Community Bible Study for many years. He was instrumental in establishing his Tigard church and faithfully served there for nearly 30 years. The church has expanded their ministry to include a thriving K-12 school. We welcome back Pastor Jaquith.

October 15th—Pastor Andy Knezevich wears many hats in his roles as husband, father of four busy little children, full-time employee of a hi-tech firm, teaching responsibilities at his Beaverton church, and works with college and career young adults. He is always an encouragement to our group—we look forward to hearing from you once again Pastor Andy.

This Bible Study offers Christ centered messages from gifted speakers twice each month – the first and third Tuesdays. The studies last one hour from 7 to 8 p.m. followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Please join us this October – we look forward to seeing you.

Announcements & Community Information



Houses Neighborhood Watch



Submitted by Connie Holt

Our Houses Neighborhood Watch meeting was held at the Clubhouse on September 18th.

I want to thank all the Neighborhood Block Captains for doing such a great job watching out for everyone in the neighborhood and meeting and greeting new neighbors into our Community. This is what makes this a fantastic place to live and makes us all feel safe.

New neighbors: if you don't know who your Block Captain is you can call me, or there's an area map of the houses and a list of Block Captains on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse.

Fall is here, which means the Holidays are right around the corner. So.....

Happy Holidays Everyone!

Connie Holt

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*Life isn't measured by
the breaths you take,
But by the moments that
take your breath away!*

—Maya Angelou

Book Club

Submitted by Judy Sutton



At our **Book Club** meeting on September 18th, we decided to go back to meeting just six times a year instead of monthly. Our next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, November 20th** at 1:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. New members are always welcome!

For each meeting, we alternate between reading non-fiction and fiction. Our November selection is a fiction—**The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules** by Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg. This is a delightful "comedy of errors!" It's about a group of friends who become delinquent seniors when the desire for a better life leads them "astray."

For more information, contact Judy Sutton at (503) 639-1752. Hope to see you at our next meeting, and you're invited to bring book suggestions!

Highlands Art & Craft Faire Sign-Up

COMING SOON — Submitted by Nancy Crandell

**Our 5TH ANNUAL ART & CRAFT FAIRE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th!**



The sign-up sheet is now posted on the Clubhouse bulletin board for those interested in having a table at our 5th Annual Art and Craft Faire. Be sure to get your name on the list so we can have an idea of how many of you want to participate this year, and so we can plan tables, etc.

Sign-up sheets will be posted later for those who wish to help with flyer distribution, sign placement, greeting, and the all-important cookie baking for our Cookie Bar.

If you have questions, please call me at (503) 746-6701 or my cell at (541) 729-8649.

*Thanks to the gift of resiliency,
our spirits stretch instead of breaking;
they offer fresh responses
to life's inevitable surprises*

~Author Unknown

Condos Neighborhood Watch

Submitted by Sandy Bergeron



Reminder to Building Captains:

Please put the next meeting on your calendars—**Tuesday, November 12th at 4 p.m.** in the Clubhouse Boardroom. Everyone is always invited!

Meanwhile, feel free to contact me with any questions or issues regarding our Condo Community.

Sandy Bergeron

Condos Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

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*"There are moments in life
when you miss someone so
much that you just want to
pick them from your dreams
and hug them for real."*



—Charlie Brown

Announcements & Community Information



IN MEMORIAM

John Pruess, who lived at 16457 SW 130th Terr, #113, passed away recently. A memorial service was held on September 21st at St. James Episcopal Church, 11511 SW Bull Mountain Road.

Former Residents LeGrand and Gwen Woolley, passed away. They had moved to Hillsboro to be close to their daughter. LeGrand passed away first and a service was held at a Center where they lived for many years. When Gwen passed away, a small service was held at the cemetery and she was buried next to her husband.

On Friday, September 13, our neighbor, Stasys Rudys (12876 SW Dickson St), lost his wife of 46 years and best friend, Živilė Rudys. We celebrate the life of Živilė, remembering the various ways she touched our hearts.

An Informal Gathering/"Viewing" was held on September 16th at the Best Western PLUS Northwind Inn & Suites in Tigard.

A Funeral Mass was held on September 17th at St Anthony Catholic Church in Tigard.

Ruth Hoover, a former resident who lived in the condos just recently passed away. Her memorial service was held on September 20th at Portland Christian Church on Beaverton Hillsdale Highway and Dosch Road.

Our sincere sympathies and support go out to all these families.

Our 'Unsung Heroes'

You may not see him very much, but never fear, Jerry is near! And just because you don't see Jerry Crane, it doesn't mean he's not around.



It's been reported that he does LOTS around the Clubhouse—routinely checking that everything is in order; seeing that furnace and A/C units are maintained; making sure that any vendors are licensed, bonded, and insured; doing routine maintenance, like changing light bulbs; and the list could go on!

In August, Jerry oversaw the Clubhouse parking lot resurfacing, restriping, and curb painting—making it look the best in years! More recently, he was seen attempting to fix the door hinge to one of the doors leading from the Clubhouse hallway into the Boardroom area. Mabel reports he sanded the office ½ door to make the top a nicer finish.

Many thanks, Jerry, for ALL that you do around the Clubhouse to make it look exceptionally great!



The bags under my eyes used to be so bad that bell boys tried to pick me up by my face!

—Phyllis Diller

Reminder to Snowbirds...



Submitted by Mabel Weber

Fall seems to have arrived!

You Snowbirds no doubt are making plans for going off to warmer weather. Please come to the Clubhouse Office and complete a *Snowbird Form* so we know when you will leave and return. I can also e-mail the form to you if that helps.

There will be forms in the literature rack to the right of the Office door. If the Office is closed when you come, please complete the form and put it in the outside mail drop slot to the left of the front door.

If you want to receive the *Highlights* by e-mail while you're away, please make a note of that also.

Contact Mabel at the Clubhouse during Office hours for further assistance.

Thank you!

Beef Bend Road Still Closed !



Reminder: A portion of Beef Bend Road is still closed until October 29th for replacement of a culvert. SW Beef Bend Road, between SW Roy Rogers Road and Hwy 99W, is open to local traffic only. Beef Bend Road, between 146th Avenue and the Oakmont Apartments entrance, is closed to all traffic.

Those with mobility needs who travel between Myrtle and 146th Avenues are encouraged to call Washington County Department of Land Use & Transportation at (503) 846-7800 for an escort during construction.

There are three detour routes. Maps can be found at www.bit.ly/BeefBendInfo.

For more information, contact the Washington County Department of Land Use & Transportation at lutproj@co.washington.or.us or (503) 846-7822.

For the latest road construction schedules, visit www.wc-roads.com.

<https://nextdoor.com>

Info & Items of Interest



Q: How did the skeleton know it was going to rain on Halloween?

A: He could feel it in his bones!

Author Unknown

DEER CREEK CHILDREN WANT YOU !!

Submitted by Edie Jensen



It's not too late to get involved with the **SMART** program (**Start Making A Reader Today**).

You will spend an hour each week during the school year reading one-on-one with the same two kindergartners or first graders, modeling and fostering a joy of reading while supporting the child's efforts to read independently.

The program will operate weekly on Wednesdays from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. You may be a volunteer for either one or two hours with different children, of course.

There will be an orientation for volunteers at Deer Creek School on Wednesday, October 9th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The program starts October 16th.

Questions? Contact Kate Manelis, volunteer coordinator—e-mail her at Deer Creek Elementary <deer creek@smartreading.org> or call her at (503) 789-9057.

You will find volunteering at Deer Creek School an extremely rewarding experience. The outstanding staff has created an atmosphere focused on nurturing learning --- that means enhancing academic and other abilities as well as responsible behavior.

History Lesson—Did You Know?

Facts from around the 1500's:

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all, the babies.

By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying,

"Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

~Author Unknown

Where Does The Name "October" Come From?

October is here, and in the northern hemisphere that often means the days are flush with falling leaves, chilling weather, and growing anticipation for the holiday season. The tenth month by our Gregorian calendar, October shares a root with octopus and octothorpe —the Latin octo-, meaning "eight."



So, how did October become the 10th month?

In the Roman calendar, which had only ten months, October was 8th month, as January and February hadn't been added to the calendar yet! Like its neighboring months September, November, and December, the numerical name stuck; even after Julius Caesar expanded the calendar year from ten months to twelve. October entered Old English via Old French, replacing the English vernacular term Winterfylleð.

What happens in October?

Children may look forward to October for Halloween, which falls at the month's close, but beer-lovers may be more excited for what's happening at the beginning of the month—Oktoberfest. This long-standing beer festival has gained popularity around the world, but the true Oktoberfest is located in Munich, Germany, where the festival has been held since 1810.



The Year Was 1955...



Heard at the Gas Station: "When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 25 cents a gallon? Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."

~Author Unknown

Info & Items of Interest



Downton Abbey Is Back!



For those of you who are "Downton Abbey" fans, another sure-to-be good movie was released in theaters Friday, September 20th.

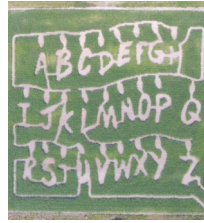
The Crawley's and their servants delighted TV's PBS audiences from 2010 to 2015. The movie's story picks up in the year 1927, as everyone returns to the English countryside for a reunion with the Crawley family and their servants on the big screen. How will the household handle a royal visit? Will Tom Branson ever find love again?

Why is Downton so popular when so much entertainment is dominated by superheroes and violence? "*Studios ignore the maturing audience at their peril,*" says Hugh Bonneville, who plays the Earl of Grantham. "*Downton invites you through doors that have written upon them, 'Welcome, come in. Take off your muddy 21st century shoes and have a relaxing cuppa with friends,'*"

Bonneville also states, "*It sounds corny, but it really was like putting on a familiar sweater.*"

—Parade Aug 2019, AARP.org Aug/Sept 2019

What is a Haunted Corn Maze?



Get lost in acres of corn, in the dark, on Friday and Saturday nights in October! Terrifying creatures stalk you as you make your way through our Haunted Corn Maze! This year the Sauvie Island Haunted Corn Maze theme will be inspired by the Netflix hit original series, *Stranger Things*! Be prepared to be haunted by dark ghouls and goblins, chased by zombies, as you make your way through their very own *Upside Down* while avoiding Demogorgon.

They want you to dress accordingly for the corn maze and farm! They ask that all guests please wear shoes with good traction, preferably boots. The fields and corn mazes can get wet and extremely muddy, especially after we have had rain! They do *not* recommend the haunted corn maze for small children!

They actually have two mazes! The haunted corn maze is a separate maze from the regular corn maze! Both stay open late on Fri/Sat nights in October – but the regular Maze is open daily.

The 2019 Haunted Corn Maze at Bella Organic Pumpkin Patch and Winery is located at 16205 NW Gillihan Rd., Sauvie Island, Portland. For further information go to their website: <https://bellaorganic.com/haunted-corn-maze/>

The Old Farmer's Almanac

While meteorologists say it's impossible to accurately predict weather patterns way in advance, it's never stopped the Almanac—putting out long-range predictions since 1792.

The Almanac uses a secret formula created more than 200 years ago by founder Robert R. Thomas. The publication claims it has been refined to incorporate modern technology and scientific calculations. While claiming they were 80.5% accurate with last year's winter predictions, people probably don't put much stock in their forecast.

The Almanac has just come out with its annual weather predictions, and it warns that the upcoming winter in the Pacific Northwest will be "wet (or worse!)." It says the Pacific Northwest will be warmer and rainier than normal, and we'll see below average snowfall. Late December and January will be the coldest, along with being the snowiest.

At least our region won't face the Midwest's "snowy, icy, icky," or New England's "wet and wild" winter!

—Grant Butler, The Oregonian



A photographer goes to a haunted castle determined to get a picture of a ghost on Halloween. The ghost he encounters turns out to be friendly and poses for a snapshot.



The happy photographer later downloads his photos and finds that the photos are under-exposed and completely blank.

Moral to the story:

*The spirit is willing,
but the flash is weak.*

— Jacob S., Lebanon, OR

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From Offbeat October Celebration Days...



"National Name Your Car Day!"

On October 2nd it's time to make a commitment to your wheels. On *National Name Your Car Day*—this year on Wednesday, October 2nd—give your trusty automobile what it really needs.

National Name Your Car Day is a day when people name their cars. Twenty-five percent of people have a name for their car, and the most popular name is "Baby." There have also been many famous cars that have had names, such as *Herbie* from the *Love Bug*, *General Lee* from *The Dukes of Hazzard*, *Bandit* from *Smokey and the Bandit*, and *Mater* and *Lightning McQueen* from *Cars*.



National Name Your Car Day has always been observed annually on October 2nd, but its origin is unknown. To celebrate the day, simply name your car, if you haven't already. You may want to think about the name you are going to choose for a little while, because it is something that will stick with your car for the rest of its existence! Don't forget to tell your friends your car's new name!



You may also want to make a day of it. Take the ole' jalopy out for a spin, a nice wash and shine, and then just maybe you will select a signature meant for one so reliable. After all, you spend all that time together and take such good care of each other—Isn't it time to give those four wheels a name?

www.checkiday.com, nationaldaycalendar.com

Editor's Note: I've always named my cars—do you? I'm issuing an invitation for next month! If you tell about yours, and the meaning behind it (if there is one), I'll share mine! Send a message to pufftale93@gmail.com.

Bees Fun Fact...

Did you know that bees sleep between five and eight hours a day, sometimes in flowers?



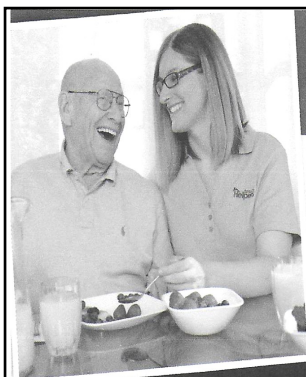
Also, they like to sleep with other bees and hold each other's feet.

Skeleton 1: *Why are graveyards so noisy?*



Skeleton 2: *I dunno. Why?*

Skeleton 1: *Because of all the coffin*



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And
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how come Banks have Branches?

~Author Unknown

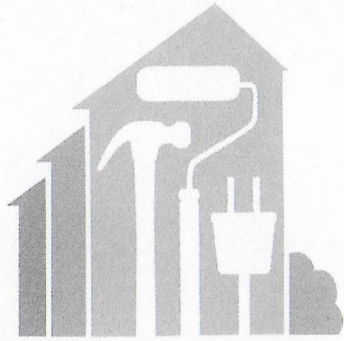


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Market Update

October 2019

Recent Home Sales in Highlands

| Type | Address | Bed | Bath | sq.ft. | Selling Price | \$/sq.ft. | Sales Date |
|-------|------------------------|-----|------|--------|---------------|-----------|------------|
| CONDO | 16264 SW 130TH TER #27 | 2 | 2 | 1200 | \$272,000 | \$226 | Jun-19 |
| HOUSE | 16011 SW 129TH TER | 3 | 2 | 1706 | \$415,000 | \$243 | Jun-19 |
| HOUSE | 12562 SW BEXLEY LN | 2 | 2 | 1919 | \$475,000 | \$247 | Jun-19 |
| HOUSE | 12627 SW PEACHVALE ST | 2 | 2 | 1475 | \$440,000 | \$298 | Jul-19 |
| HOUSE | 12699 SW PEACHVALE ST | 3 | 2 | 1624 | \$449,000 | \$276 | Aug-19 |
| CONDO | 16354 SW 130TH TER #75 | 2 | 2 | 1336 | \$246,000 | \$184 | Aug-19 |
| HOUSE | 16263 SW 129TH TER | 3 | 2 | 2059 | \$466,000 | \$226 | Aug-19 |
| HOUSE | 16311 SW 129TH TER | 3 | 2 | 1654 | \$390,000 | \$235 | Aug-19 |

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|  | | 9 Walking Aerobics 10 Coffee Hour 1 Bridge 7 Bible Study | 10:30 A/L Committee Meeting 2 Dominoes 2 Mahjong 7 Mixed Poker | 10 Zumba Exercise 7 Hand & Foot | 9 Walking Aerobics 10:30 Coloring 1 Needle Arts 5 Happy Hour | 5:30 Great Potato Bake |
| | | | | | | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| | 10 Zumba Exercise 11 Condo Maintenance 2 Dominoes | 9 Walking Aerobics 10 Coffee Hour 10:30 Condo Landscape 1 Bridge 4-6 High Diners | 2 Dominoes 2 Mahjong 7 Mixed Poker | 9:30-4 Sewing Group 10 Zumba Exercise 5:30 Condo Board Meeting 7 Hand & Foot | 9 Walking Aerobics 10:30 Coloring 1 Needle Arts 2:30 Library Committee 5 Happy Hour 7 Movie Night | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 2-10 Private Event | 10 Zumba Exercise 2 Dominoes  Columbus Day | 9 Walking Aerobics 10 Coffee Hour 1 Bridge 7 Bible Study | 2 Dominoes 2 Mahjong 7 Highlands Travelers 7 Mixed Poker | 10 Zumba Exercise 3 Clubhouse Interiors 7 Hand & Foot | 9 Walking Aerobics 10:30 Coloring 1 Needle Arts 5 Happy Hour | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | 10 Zumba Exercise 2 Dominoes | 9 Walking Aerobics 10 Coffee Hour 1 Bridge 7 Finance Committee | 2 Dominoes 2 Mahjong 7 Mixed Poker 7 Hand & Foot | 10 Zumba Exercise  6:00 Town Hall 6:30 HOA Board Meeting United Nations Day | 9 Walking Aerobics 10:30 Coloring 1 Needle Arts 5 Happy Hour 7 Movie Night |  5:30 Halloween Party |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |  | |
| | 10 Zumba Exercise 2 Dominoes 7 CPO4K Meeting | 9 Walking Aerobics 10 Coffee Hour 1 Bridge | 2 Dominoes 2 Mahjong 7 Mixed Poker | 10 Zumba Exercise 7 Hand & Foot Halloween | | |

Clubhouse Office Hours:**Mondays, Wednesdays 9 – 12, and Thursdays 1 – 4.****For changes:**

Please check the calendar on the Clubhouse front door window
or watch for updates on Hi-Net.