

Highlands Highlights



King City Highlands Homeowners Association (503) 684-8294

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HOA February Special Event

Submitted by Gary Melott



Soup and Salad Dinner Saturday, February 8th



Social Hour starting at 5:30 p.m. Serving will be at 6:00 p.m.

The soups (with all the trimmings!) are being made by the wonderful Resident volunteer chefs in our Community. There will also be a surprise salad, garlic bread sticks, and special dessert.



Cost is only \$7.00 — pay at the door.



There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

We are looking for six or seven Residents to make the soups. Those volunteering to do this may cook your favorite soup using a crock pot; the Clubhouse has two crock pots if needed. Please call Gary if you have any questions, or you want to volunteer, at (503) 598-4636 or e-mail to g.gbmelott@frontier.com.



HOA Board Message

Submitted by Mike Dahlstrom, President

Welcome again to a new year, a new decade, and the continued efforts to keep our Community beautiful, desirable, and maintain (and enhance) the amenities that retain our property values.

When my wife and I first moved here—our first home in an HOA—we were beyond impressed with the aesthetics in the Community. I came to realize that to maintain the Highlands' character, we each have a role to play whether we're in condos or single-family homes. One of those roles is abiding by the various HOA policies and guidelines.

The Architecture & Landscape Committee (ALC) oversees maintenance and improvements for our Community's collective common areas. The ALC also provides guidelines for single-family homes regarding home exteriors, front yard landscaping, and back yard fences. It's incumbent upon us all to seek the

ALC's review and approval which ensures the Community's visual appearance remains so attractive. Condominium Owners need to make contact with your Condominium Owners Association (COA) Board or management company – Community Management Inc. (CMI) when considering significant changes to patios and decks. As a reminder, all COA common property landscaping is managed by contractors including planting and trimming, and are not a responsibility of the Owners.

Another role I want to emphasize is continued Community awareness of how your Boards are fulfilling their prescribed duties, the ones you elected us to do. I encourage everyone to attend HOA Board meetings (typically the 4th Wednesday of the month) and for the Condo Owners, COA Board meetings (typically the 2nd Thursday of the month).

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February Info

Regular Office Hours:

Monday 9 am – Noon
Wednesday 9 am – Noon
Thursday 1 - 4 pm

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Condo News



Condo Board Highlights

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

Mark Your Calendar!



Because the pizzas from *Pizza Caboose* have been so successful the last couple of years, they will be served again, starting at about 5 p.m., before the Annual Meeting. Several varieties will be available, including the popular Hawaiian-style pizza with Canadian bacon and pineapple. The other offerings will include meaty, vegetarian, and gluten-free pizza. Condo Owners are urged to come early to get slices of pizza while they are hot, socialize with other Owners and welcome new ones, meet our Property Manager Erin Ashley, and sign in for the Meeting.

By the time you receive this Newsletter, you should already have received the official Annual Meeting

notice in the mail from CMI. A proxy form should be found with the notice, and *it is very important that this form be completed and returned as soon as possible.*

Your proxy can be mailed to CMI, handed to any Board Member, or dropped off at the Clubhouse Office. Proxies from at least 63 Condo Owners are needed to form a quorum, and that includes those who attend the Meeting. Even if you intend to come to the Meeting, the Board asks that you submit the proxy just in case some sudden matter keeps you from attending. Without a quorum, business cannot be conducted, and the process will have to be started all over again.

The Annual Meeting is important because there will be two vacancies on the Board that need to be filled. The Nominating Committee, led by Penny Pershey and Shel Siegel, has been contacting Owners to get willing candidates. The Committee will present a report at the Meeting, and additional nominations may be made from the floor.

In addition to the election of two Directors, the Meeting will include reports on proposed projects for the year as well as a review of the activities during 2019.

Following the Annual Meeting, the newly formed Board of Directors will hold an organizational meeting, including the election of a Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

COA Board Approves Projects

The monthly meeting of the Condo Owners Association (COA) Board was held Thursday, January 9th. At that Board Meeting, funding was approved for the following projects:

- ◆ Replacement of the surrounds on the last 35 garage doors.
- ◆ Improvement of drainage in three areas, as recommended by the landscape contractor.
- ◆ Elimination of weeds growing in the sidewalk cracks and along the curbs.
- ◆ Purchase of foam faucet covers as desired by Neighborhood Watch Building Captains.

In addition, it is anticipated that nine decks will be refurbished this year.

Plans are also in the works to replace worn out or hazardous stairway carpets in some of our buildings.

The Importance of Volunteer Board & Committee Members!

Condo Owners who moved into the Highland Park Condos within the past year (and possibly even some who have been here for a while) may not be aware of the dire consequences of not electing a full Board of Directors. At a Board Meeting in January 2019, attorney Jason Grosz explained what would happen if the Condo Owners fail to elect a full functioning Board of five members. In short, an outside attorney might be designated to operate the Association and our monthly assessments could skyrocket.



That is why it is so important that our Owners volunteer to serve on the Condo Board, as well as on the various Condo Committees.

Condo News

Know Your Neighbors! Strong communities are key to preparing for emergencies.



Communities that have strong connections and active groups, churches, and schools respond and recover better following a disaster. In the initial hours after a disaster, help most often comes from those around you. **Take the first steps today to get to know the people around you so you can help each other during an emergency.**

Alita Ostapkovich
Emergency Management Coordinator
Washington County

New Year Reminder...



Highland Park Condos has a management company, CMI, and a professional manager, Erin Ashley. Erin's phone is (503) 445-1119 and her e-mail is erina@communitymgt.com. She and her assistant, Doug, work regular business hours Mon-Fri. Please use this service that we all pay for every month. If you e-mail, be sure that you identify the property in your subject line as either HPC or Highland Park. Always provide your full name, building number, unit number, and phone number—whether you call or e-mail. It is okay, and preferred, that you contact Shel Siegel regarding light bulb replacements outside and also in the building entrances—e-mail to slsbjs@yahoo.com.

Submitted by Zoe Allen

Condo Landscape Committee

The Committee met *Submitted by Zoe Allen* January 7th to discuss three drainage proposals and preliminary irrigation work for this winter. These proposals included replacing the failed drainage system on the west side of Building 17, and failed drainage at the garages for Buildings 10 & 18. *Brightview* offered a 10% discount on these proposals if the work was done in January or February. The Committee agreed to ask the Board of Directors to approve these proposals at the January Board Meeting.

The Committee recommended approval of a proposal from *Brightview* to make a down payment on spring irrigation system repairs. The technician will make small repairs as he goes through the inspection. He will prepare a detailed report of all immediate repairs needed this spring. *Brightview* will then present a written proposal for all spring repairs for Board approval.

Winter pruning of shrubs and trees should happen in January, weather permitting.

Brightview is no longer removing or killing weeds on our property. Pro Maintenance was contracted to do this work starting in October 2019. They should be working on the SW corner of the property and other areas very soon.

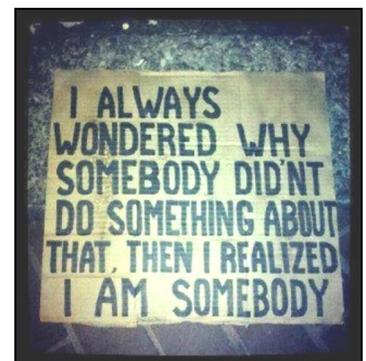
The next Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 11th at 10:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse Card Room. We always welcome and want additional Committee Members. **Please come join us.**



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Ever Wonder...

Why they're called apartments when they are all stuck together?



Safety Grab Bars...

Submitted by Sandy Bergeron



When our Condos were built, safety grab bars were not included in Unit bathrooms. Some remodeling has been done to some Units over time, but it was suggested that permanent grab bars not be put inside tub or shower enclosures made of the original material for fear of causing cracks and leaks.

For safety to prevent falling, it is recommended you have the permanent type installed on the wall just outside your tub or shower where you can easily 'grab' and hold onto them. If the plastic enclosures have been replaced with tile, then multiple permanent grab bars could also be installed on that type of enclosure material. Otherwise, the suction cup type of grab bars might add additional safety when in the tub or shower.

HOA Board Message & Committee Reports

HOA Board Message *Cont'd from page 1*

By attending the Board meetings, you have an opportunity to provide perspectives, ask questions, learn updates of various committees, and be part of the ongoing decision-making for your Community.

Over the next couple of months, the HOA Board will be considering implementation issues associated with potentially changing our common area landscape water use to recycled water from Clean Water Services. Topics for that conversation include how it might be funded, how costs would be distributed between the HOA and COA, and how implementation is coordinated with sprinkler systems improvements also in the works. Another significant effort will be re-negotiating a contract with Comcast for basic cable services. This is a requirement of our CC&Rs, but a much different conversation than when the CC&Rs were written in the mid-90's.

Please join us. The Board needs to hear your perspectives—they help inform the discussions and ultimately the decisions you ask us to make.

Architecture/Landscape Committee

Submitted by Rob Mustard



To the casual observer, winter seems to be a pretty quiet time here when it comes to ALC-related Highlands projects. To a more observant person, though, it's clear that there are *lots* of projects going on, at least within and around Highlander's homes. There have been contractor's trucks parked in the streets, doing exterior painting, adding insulation to attics, installing windows, doing some landscape renovations, as well as other interesting projects.

Just as a reminder, any time you're thinking about renovations to the outside of your house, whether it's painting, windows, a new roof or fence or other architectural work, some freshening up of your garden, or even pruning or changing out your street tree, you need to at least consult with the ALC. You might need to submit an *Architectural or Landscape Project Application*—or not!

Our "rainy season" has finally arrived, and it's been damp and chilly. We've had almost three inches of rain so far in January (as of this writing), and that's actually ¼ inch over the normal amount. However, since October 1st—the start of the "Water Year"—Portland is still nearly 6.5 inches short of the normal amount of precipitation. We're still in drought mode, folks. At least the NRCS says that the snowpack in the Cascades is right around 90% of average, with plenty of snow season left to go. That melting snow is critically important for the farmers in eastern Oregon, but equally important for communities like ours. We get our water from the Lake Oswego-Tigard Water Partnership, and their source of water is the Clackamas River—melted snow! Speaking of Tigard Water, they've pushed their annual 3.25% rate increase back from January 1st to July 1st. It's still coming, but we'll all spend a little less money on our water bills this year.

Please feel free to contact me at alc-chair@kchighlandshoa.com with any questions about an upcoming project. In fact, feel free to drop in on an ALC meeting (10:30 a.m. Wednesdays). There are always interesting things happening in KC Highlands.

Clubhouse Interiors Committee



Submitted by Jo Hendrickson, Chair

I wish to express my appreciation for our wonderful Committee and friends who so graciously gave their time to not only decorate, but also take down all the Holiday décor. This is no small task, but with many bodies—approximately 17—it does make the project much easier. Lots of heavy boxes have to be hauled down from the attic, emptied, and then carried back up again.

When we put up decorations for the Holiday season, we decided to eliminate some items, so as we packed away décor this year, we put aside and donated some items that we were no longer using. Less to store is better and especially for those fellas climbing up and down the attic ladder. As noted by the many comments, the Holiday décor was beautiful.

Thank you to all our wonderful helpers!

Finally—bought a new pair of shoes with memory foam insoles. No more wondering why I walked into the other room!

HOA January Special Events Reports

The ANNUAL CHILI PARTY...

Submitted by Ed Benberg



...was held on Saturday, January 11th at the Clubhouse and was a great success!

Several Residents joined in to help make the great chili—and everyone enjoyed having a hot 'dish' on a cold evening, plus the toppings to add as desired. To complement the meal was a great green salad, plus garlic bread prepared by Gary. The dessert of vanilla ice cream and cookies was yummy, except for having to leave at the end of the evening, back out into the cold night!

As usual, Ed had funny stories to tell, and fun was had by all!



The annual snowman décor appeared.



Happy attendees eating the hot meal!



Joyce & Bobbi happy to take Barb's money!



Quila helps Marcia find her name tag...



The ladies eagerly awaiting the chili & trimmings!

Pictures by Bonny Chown & Ed Benberg

Hospitality brings strangers in, welcomes them as new friends, then stokes the warming hearth where all can gather.

~Author Unknown

New Year's Eve Party

Submitted by Dennette & Jim Peffers

A good time was had by all at the Highlands New Year's Eve party! The evening started with food and more food, then progressed to a variety of table games, a lively Wii Bowling contest, pool, great conversation, and best of all, the sound of laughter. We didn't quite make it to midnight this year, but it was still a truly enjoyable time.

Thank you to all who attended and to those who helped organize, set up, and clean up after this event.



Pool-players focusing on their game!

It was a pleasure to provide a safe, fun, and friendly venue where our neighbors could celebrate and socialize together.

Wishing everyone good health and happiness in the New Year!



Card-playing ladies having fun!



A Mahjong group enjoying their game...

Pictures by Ed Benberg

New Year's Day Gathering

Submitted by Nancy Crandell



Those of us who are 'early birds' joined together to start off the first day of the NEW YEAR by watching the New Year's Day **Rose Parade** from Pasadena, California on our big screen TV. The parade, was as beautiful as ever. Attendees also shared and enjoyed great breakfast 'goodies,' and as promised, Ed's delicious pancakes.

As always, it was fun to share this fabulous parade viewing and breakfast time with friends and neighbors.



When you want your dreams to come true, it helps to keep busy and stay happy.

And, the happier you are with what you already have, the happier you are.

~Author Unknown

Activities

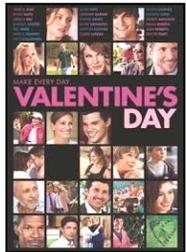


February Movie Nights

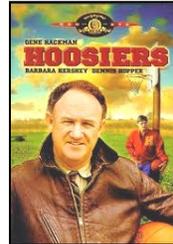
Submitted by Nancy Crandell

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

Our movies for February were highly recommended and loaned to us by Highlands' Residents.



February 14th — Join us to enjoy the romantic comedy, **VALENTINE'S DAY**, featuring an all-star cast. This movie tells the stories of many couples and how they spend this special day. Stories crisscross, collide, and boomerang. There is a proposal, a break-up, flowers that don't get sent, a long-held secret finally told, parental love, young love, old love,—it is all here. Full of surprises, this film is great fun.



February 28th — This has been called one of the best sports movies of all time. **HOOSIERS**, starring Gene Hackman (at his best), tells the story of an unlikely high school basketball team's long shot attempt to win the state championship. You will be on the edge of your seat as these youngsters put it all on the line. It was nominated for two Academy Awards and also stars Dennis Hopper and Barbara Hershey. Enjoy watching this rag-tag group become a team.

*I live in my own little world,
but it's OK.
Everyone knows me here.*
~Author Unknown

Bible Study

Submitted by Ron & Anna Willis



You may recall that there was snow on the ground in February last year, and we canceled one of our studies. We had a near miss here at KC Highlands last month—a disappointment for some, and welcome relief for others. No matter your preference, we all continue our routines each month. Our regularly scheduled Bible Study is part of our lives and routine, where we are blessed through a variety of speakers each month—snow or no snow.

This month, we welcome back **Caleb Beickel**, who spoke twice last year. Caleb has graciously volunteered to speak twice again this month. He returns to us having added to his bio information: he is a PK (Preacher's Kid), has served as a pastor, a missionary to the Philippines, and of course currently as a layman, along with his wife Sarah—very active in their Sherwood church. He and Sarah have added one more important item to their family information: they are now the proud parents of their first child, a boy. We look forward to hearing all about the welcome addition to their family.

*Our dates for this month's studies are
February 4th and February 18th.*

The Highlands Bible Study is scheduled on the first and third Tuesdays of each month – January through December. The study begins at 7:00 p.m. with a time of worship, and a Christ-centered message, concluding at 8:00 p.m. with fellowship and refreshments.

*Please join us for our Bible Study
in the Highlands Clubhouse.*

Book Club

Submitted by Judy Sutton



Those who attended our January 15th Book Club meeting selected **The Woman in the Window** for our March read.

This is a fiction thriller by Dan Mallory, who writes under the pen name "A. J. Finn." It is about a woman child psychologist whose agoraphobia has confined her to her own home for the last 10 months. She begins watching her neighbors through her window and sees something horrible... Mystery lovers should enjoy this book!

Our next Book Club meeting will be on **March 19th** (the first day of Spring) at 1:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. For information on upcoming book selections, check the Book Club's bulletin board in the Clubhouse Library. For questions and more information, call Judy at (503) 639-1752.

*Seen on a Local Church Sign...
We may not be Dairy Queen,
But we sure have great Sundays!*

~Author Unknown

Activities

High Diners

Submitted by Pat Combs

Come and Celebrate the Chinese NEW YEAR for Happy Hour in February at



Bridgeport Village, 7463 SW Bridgeport Rd., Tigard
(503) 430-3020 www.pfchangs.com

Tuesday, February 11th, 4 – 6 p.m.

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

There is a sign-up sheet posted on the Clubhouse bulletin board or respond to one of the Committee members listed below.

Events planned for 2020 will include the Vintage Room at Reserve Golf Course, Albertina's Kitchen, Hubers Café, G-Man Brewery and Grill, Gubanc's, and more! Watch for reminders of these activities in the *Highlights*, as well as through Hi-Net, and listed on our Highlands web site highlands55.org.

Everyone is invited!

Pat Combs, (971) 371-2188 Fran Hardiman, (541) 604-6611
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What if, from now on and always, people stopped using the word 'evil' and replaced it with 'ignorance'? —less fear, much better, and perhaps even leading to global transformation.

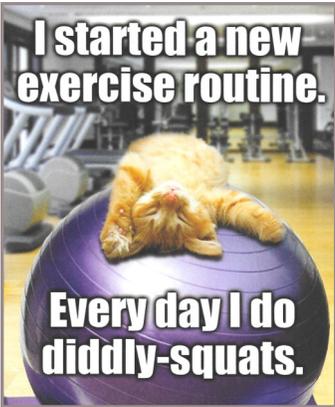
Open Sewing Day

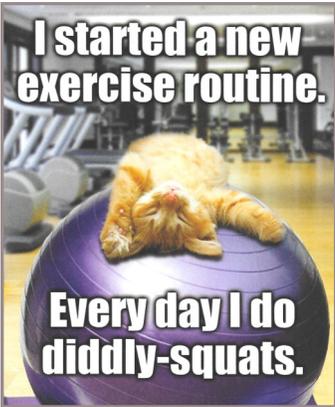


The **second Thursday of each month** is an open sew for 'all things sew' at the Clubhouse. *Highlands Open Sewing Group* is open to all Highlanders. Pack up your sewing machine and sack lunch, make that new pattern you have wanted for spring, or work on your latest crafty project, or newest quilt. It doesn't matter what type of sewing is your passion... it's all for the *Love of Sewing*.

The group reserves space from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., but you may come whenever and as often as your schedule allows. Anyone interested is welcome to visit, and to join the group, 'cause we have 'sew' much fun!

Great Writing...

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group (Weren't they fat enough already?!) 



Highlands Travelers

Submitted by Wendy Gardner

Join us for the first travel adventure presentation of the year, and decade, on **Wednesday, February 19th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse as we welcome Gisele Fernandez with *UnCruise Adventures!*

Small Ships, BIG Adventures—with adventure, place, and connection at the heart of it all.

Aboard *UnCruise Adventures*, find innovative activity and discovery, impeccable service and expertise, and awe-inspiring encounters. This is hands-on exploration with Mother Nature leading the way. Their 22- to 90-guest small ships are headed to where opportunities—migrating whales, blooming cacti, calving glaciers, time with locals—are greatest.

Adventure cruises with unrivaled access to explore Alaska, Mexico, Hawaiian Islands, Latin America, Galapagos, the Columbia & Snake Rivers, and the Pacific Northwest. Kayak mangrove forests. Skiff along bustling bird rookeries. Snorkel with sea turtles or sea lion pups. Hike through jungle, temperate rainforest, or desert arroyos. Define your Un-ness!

Please RSVP by *Monday, February 17th* to Wendy Gardner at (818) 807-7063 or wendygardner2014@att.net. (cst 1003143-10)

There will also be a sign-up sheet on the Clubhouse bulletin board.

We look forward to welcoming you once again!



Announcements

Attention House Residents

Submitted by Mabel Weber
It is time again to be thinking about having your Backflow Valve Tested.

The State of Oregon requires all house owners who have and use underground sprinklers to have their backflow valve tested annually. If the valve malfunctions, it would be a health issue for both you and your neighbors.

The company we have used to do this--PM Backflow--will be doing things differently this year. In late February or early March, they will be e-mailing each Resident who has used their service in the past. You will receive a coupon code in order to receive a discount if you have your testing completed by the deadline. They will also e-mail me the coupon code to the Clubhouse Office, so I can help Residents who do not have computers or are having trouble applying at home.

NEW RESIDENTS: You may call the Clubhouse Office with your e-mail address and I will forward the information to you or you may come into the Office and I will help you.

Anyone having questions may call the Clubhouse Office at (503) 624-8294.

Donation "Thank You's"

Submitted by Nancy Crandell

We have received some nice thank you notes from our Cookie Bar Charities. They are posted on the bulletin board for you to read. We will leave them up until February 10th. Our contributions were very much appreciated and have been a great help to our Community. I have already heard plans to come for the cookies next year.

MANY THANKS TO OUR HIGHLANDS BAKERS—WE ARE DEVELOPING QUITE A REPUTATION!



Special Events Committee Announces March Special Event



In honor of St. Patrick's Day, the March Special Event scheduled for **Saturday, March 14th** will be a Catered Corn Beef Dinner.



The Menu will consist of:
Corn Beef and Cabbage
Colcannon (potatoes with leeks & cabbage)
Roasted Onions, Asparagus, Brussels Sprouts and Carrots with Bacon
Irish Soda Bread with butter
Baked Cinnamon Apples, and Ice Cream with Highlands Hot Fudge Sauce

Look for more information to come!

Disaster Preparedness

Submitted by Lucianne Phillips

Disaster Preparedness Information is now available in the Clubhouse Library.

A Library shelf has been dedicated to disaster preparedness materials. You may select from the following pamphlets:



- ◆ Emergency Supply List
- ◆ Family Emergency Communication Plan
- ◆ My Pocket Plan (booklet to keep all of your key medical, insurance etc. Information)
- ◆ Preparing Makes Sense for Older Americans. Get Ready Now.
- ◆ Preparing Makes Sense for People with Disabilities. Get Ready Now.
- ◆ Preparing Your Pets for Emergencies Makes Sense. Get Ready Now.



Lost/Found Items at Clubhouse

Submitted by Mabel Weber

A pretty gray pullover sweater on a hanger was found on the Clubhouse Office door January 8th--if you left it at the Clubhouse, please pick it up--now in the coat closet along with several other garments that need to be claimed.

There also was a black travel mug left (possibly from the Zumba Exercise class) and there are many other lost/found items in the Information Hallway cabinet--there's even a bowl there!

When you come to the Clubhouse for an event, gathering, or meeting, please check in the closet and in the bottom drawer of the cabinet in the Information Hallway for any item you may have forgotten to take with you.

Community Information

Name Tags Update...



Submitted by Quila Bowlés

It's great that attendees are using the 'permanent' name tags for Clubhouse Special Events and gatherings—to date, we've made 175 for our Highlands Residents! If you bring guests, there'll be 'stick-on' name tags available for them. **REMEMBER:** always leave your name tag at the Clubhouse (place in the containers provided), so you'll have it for next time.

If you don't have a name tag and want one:

A form attached to a clipboard is on the cabinet shelf (by the name tag containers) in the Clubhouse Information Hallway. **PRINT** your name/information on the form and a name tag will be made for you.

When I was a kid, my parents moved a lot, but I always found them.

—Rodney Dangerfield

Our 'Unsung Heroes'...



...Continuing acknowledgement of our Highlands 'unsung heroes'—those folks who do so much for us in our Community! This month we'd like to honor **Shel Siegel**. He lives in the one of the Condos with his wife Bobbi (who also, by the way, does a lot of volunteering!).

It was reported that in August, during the messy road construction project on 131st Avenue, Shel was seen sweeping and shoveling the gravel out of the Peachvale/130th Terrace corner entrance to the Condos—a good deed way beyond the 'call of duty.'

Shel does many things in and around the Condos in a light maintenance capacity, such as changing light bulbs—on the Condo private street as well as in Condo building entrances, both exterior and interior. He's a member of the Condo Reserve Study Committee. He also works on special projects—right now determining where the outside water meters are and a system for having access to, and shutting off, the water valves.

He can also be seen helping in the larger Highlands Community, such as at Special Events—both setting up the Ballroom's tables and chairs and putting them away. Always willing to help—right before the Annual Craft Faire was to open, he went running to get a small Phillips screwdriver to help a vendor undo a display box.

Shel is retired, but likes to keep busy, and is always happy to be doing things to help out.

Thank you so much Shel, for all you do!

Condos Neighborhood Watch



Submitted by Sandy Bergeron

We had another informative Neighborhood Watch meeting on January 14th. Our guest speaker Ron Nixon did a lot of research for me on garage door safety, our locks, and garage break-in problems. He has discovered many weaknesses in our old opener and lock system. There are several ways to make our garages safer from break-ins: disable the door lock on the siding and only use a remote control or keypad for access; get a new emergency override lock installed in the middle of the garage door; and cover your emergency lock with an electrical outlet cover. Nothing is fool-proof, but at least it's a deterrent.

We now should have insulated covers over all outside faucets. If you don't have one, e-mail me at sandber31638@gmail.com and I will get one to you—it's very easy to install.

For disaster preparedness, *Map Your Neighborhood Pamphlets* have arrived—one for each Highlands House and Condo. Our Building Captains will see that each Condo Unit will get a pamphlet.

Discussion was held regarding safety grab bars in our bathrooms. See a detailed article in this issue on page 3, "Condo News."

Moss on walkways seems to be a slippery problem in some areas. Watch your step, and report those areas to Shel Siegel, Maintenance Committee Chair, via e-mail at slsbjs@yahoo.com

In case an emergency arises, it's important to let your Building Captain know if you are going to be gone for any length of time, so they can keep an extra eye on your Condo and garage.

Sandy Bergeron

Condos Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

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sandber31638@gmail.com



*Hope is that thing with feathers,
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without words,
And never stops at all.*

~Emily Dickinson

Community Information

Houses Neighborhood Watch



Submitted by Connie Holt

The Neighborhood Watch Block Captains had a very successful meeting on January 22nd, and I thank you all for your contributions.

A key issue was alerting new Residents of their responsibilities and opportunities to learn about our Community. Block Captains agreed to provide a welcome letter within a few days of new Residents moving in.

Rob Mustard recently talked with David Runyan of King City Public Works Dept., and David asked if we would like large *Neighborhood Watch* signs posted. We all agreed YES! So, a big thank you to David who will lead the project in getting the signs posted at each Highlands corner of 131st Avenue at Dickson and at Peachvale.

Lucianne Phillips gave a great presentation on the neighborhood preparedness program called "Map Your Neighborhood" to know what to do in the first critical hours following a disaster. We agreed that a Community meeting should be held sometime in April for everyone to understand how to help yourself and your neighbors. More information will be coming regarding that meeting.

Connie Holt
Houses Neighborhood Watch Coordinator
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Know Your Neighbors! Strong communities are key to preparing for emergencies.



Communities that have strong connections and active groups, churches, and schools respond and recover better following a disaster. In the initial hours after a disaster, help most often comes from those around you. **Take the first steps today to get to know the people around you so you can help each other during an emergency.**

Alita Ostapkovich
Emergency Management Coordinator
Washington County

More On... The Plastic Bag Ban



By now, hopefully you're aware that **effective January**

1st to comply with Oregon State law, stores are no longer providing plastic bags and there is a 5-cent charge per paper bag used at checkout. Exceptions to the single-use plastic bags are: produce and meat department bags, bulk bags, dry cleaning bags, garbage bags purchased for home use, pharmacy prescription bags, and newspaper bags.

The Oregonian reports their newspaper bags are exempt because they are biodegradable. Or, to reduce plastic use, request your newspaper be put in a tube the carrier places under your mailbox/on the porch, or go 'digital.'

Portland-based businesses seemed the most prepared for the change. Shoppers in general felt good about it and thought the incentive factor was good. For instance, one store gave a 5-cent discount for bringing in your own bags. Another charged the 5-cent fee, but gave 10 cents off for bringing in your bag. Some customers opted for not needing a bag at all for one or two items.

'Think green'—use reusable bags. Keep them handy in your **vehicle cabin** so you'll remember to take them into the store—a simple, small thing that everyone can do to help our environment.

Staff Reports,
The Oregonian, 01/01-04/2020

IN MEMORIAM

We have just learned that our dear friend and recent former Highlands Resident, Muriel Jackson, passed away Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

Look for further information here and/or on Hi-Net.

There was a Celebration of Life held on Sunday, January 26th at the Tumwater Ballroom in Oregon City, OR for our beloved Art and Doreen Hames. Art passed away August 12, 2019, and Doreen passed away January 15, 2020. Just four months apart, they were married for 68 years and formerly lived on Dickson Street.

Our sincere sympathies go out to both families.

Editor's Note: Yes, its importance warrants this intentional duplicate placement. It applies to the **WHOLE** Highlands Community—Condos AND Houses. Make it a strong community!

Items of Interest



Q: Why can't a bicycle stand on its own?

A: Because it's two-tired.

~Author Unknown

Emphasizing Kindness

February 17th is

'Random Acts of Kindness Day'

Let someone go ahead of you in line; bake brownies or cookies for the mail carrier; or cede a space in a crowded parking lot to another driver—the ultimate good deed!

~Via, AAA Oregon, Jan.-Feb. 2020



The Year 2020 is a 'Leap Year,' and Has An Extra Day in February!

What Is it?

If leap years didn't exist, our calendar and the seasons would all fall out of whack!

Everyone knows a year lasts 365 days—correct on your calendar—except during leap years. That's when you get an annoying reminder that the 365-day year doesn't match up with the true year—defined by how long it takes the Earth to complete one orbit around the sun. Forcing the human calendar to stay in sync with nature's cycles requires some awkward contortions. Every four years, February has 29 days instead of the usual 28. So, 2020 will be a 366-day year.

Why do we have Leap Years?

There would be no need for leap years if Earth's orbit took exactly 365 days. In reality, the solar year is a messy 365.2422 days. Thus, at the 365-day mark, Earth hasn't quite circled all the way back to its starting point. That lag of a 0.2422 day might seem small, but it adds up. If we had nothing but 365-day years, the calendar would keep slipping relative to the seasons. After three centuries, January 1st would come in autumn. After six centuries, it would land in summer.

That was the situation in Rome in the 1st century BCE, when the calendar had slipped a full two months out of alignment with the seasons. Per historian Richard Armstrong, "The Roman calendar was a terrible mess."

Who ceated the Leap Year?

In 46 BCE, Julius Caesar declared that the current year would last 445 days, bringing the calendar back into alignment with the seasons. Irritated Roman officials referred to it as the *annus confusionis*. Armstrong calls it simply "the longest year in history."

Did You Know...

...that February is Black History Month, and that Martin Luther King, Jr. got a 'C' in public speaking in seminary school?

Honor the month by listening to "I Have a Dream,"—one of the greatest speeches ever!!

~AARP, The Magazine, Dec. 2019/Jan. 2020

To limit any future confusion, Caesar instituted a new calendar (now called the Julian calendar) that added a leap day to February once every four years.

That was the beginning of the leap year as we know it today, but not the end. The Julian calendar produces years that average 365.25 days long—much better than the Roman calendar it replaced, but still not a perfect match with the actual solar year.

By the 16th century, the error had added up to a quite-noticeable 10 days. In response, Pope Gregory XIII replaced the Julian calendar with the more refined "Gregorian" one, which introduced the modern schedule of leap days. He also restored the seasons and holidays to their original place by decreeing a leap in time: October 4, 1582 was followed by October 15.

www.nbcnews.com

New Law for Oregon Bicyclists

When you're out driving, be aware that starting January 1st, Oregon bicyclists are not required to come to a complete stop at stop signs as long as they yield to right-of-way traffic.



The practice of rolling through a stop sign, also known as an 'Idaho Stop,' was approved by the Oregon Legislature last June. Governor Kate Brown signed Senate Bill 998 into law in August 2019.

The Idaho Stop was named after the state that first allowed cyclists to roll through stop signs in 1982. Delaware and Arkansas have since passed their own laws, and other states are discussing it.

A UC Berkeley study found traffic is safer by relaxing stopping rules for bicyclists and legalizing already existing behavior. The Idaho Stop reportedly reduced bicycling accidents by 14% in the first year after the law's enactment in Idaho.

~MyCentralOregon.com

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It's Super Bowl Time Again!

Super Bowl LIV 2020 is Sunday February 2nd

Kansas City Chiefs vs San Francisco 49ers at Hard Rock Stadium, Miami Gardens, FL

OR, the Purr-fect American Football Alternatives...

Cat Bowl II premieres on Saturday, February 1st on the Hallmark Channel

Puppy Bowl XVI is on Sunday, February 2nd on the Animal Planet Channel

And **Kitten Bowl VII** is on Sunday, February 2nd on the Hallmark Channel

Then two weeks later, be entertained by The 2nd Annual American Rescue Dog Show, a two-night event, Sun.-Mon. February 16th-17th on the Hallmark Channel. Fun categories are judged, such as best in couch potato, snoring, wiggle butt, talking, fetching, senior, special needs.

Check your local channels for the correct times. All are great to watch!

Unusual 'Travel' Plans...

I've been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Guess you can't go there alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I've made several trips—thanks to my children, friends, family, and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more and more often as I'm getting older.

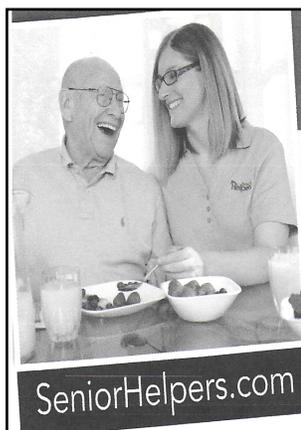
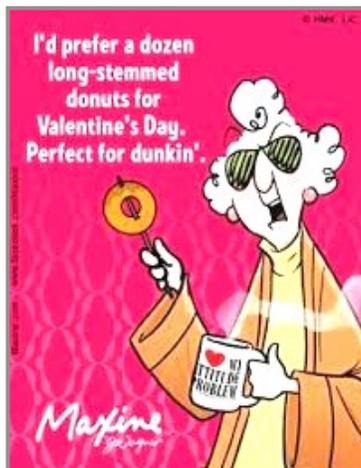
One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart. At my age, I need all the stimuli I can get!

~Bob Krampetz, *The Portland Oregonian*



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Did You Know?

'ZIP' is 57 years old this year!

Most countries use a code system to organize 'snail' mail. The Zone Improvement Plan, or ZIP code, was introduced in the U.S. in 1963. The first number represents a part of the country, such as "0" for the East Coast, or "9" for the West Coast. The second two numbers represent specific regions, and the last two numbers represent a specific post office.



Think on This Change.

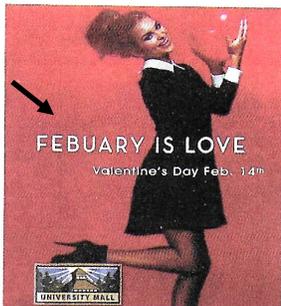
100 years ago, everyone owned horses and only the rich had cars. Today, everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.

~Author Unknown

The U.S. Postal Service...

- ...is the largest retail network in the United States. It's larger than McDonald's, Starbucks, and Walmart combined.
- ...is one of the few government agencies established by the U.S. Constitution.
- ...delivers nearly half of the world's mail.
- ...delivers about 800 pieces of junk mail every year to the average household in the U.S.
- ...carriers travel nearly 1.3 billion miles each year transporting and delivering the mail.

~Jeff Harris, *Shortcuts*
The Oregonian, Feb. 12, 2020



Yes, love is blind, but how about this spelling?!
~from Consumer Reports

Zen Sarcasm...

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.

~Author Unknown

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Margaret M.

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Christina and Duane L.

KAREN I want to thank you for all you've done. I knew I chose the right person when I asked my neighbors and they said you'd be the perfect fit for me.

Don S.

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Market Update

February 2020



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Recent Home Sales in Highlands

Type	Address	Bed	Bath	sq.ft.	Selling Price	\$/sq.ft.	Sales Date
HOUSE	12641 SW OVERGAARD ST	2	2	1304	\$388,000	\$297	Nov-19
HOUSE	16032 SW 130TH TER	2	2	1466	\$401,000	\$273	Nov-19
HOUSE	12554 SW PEACHVALE ST	2	2	1696	\$429,000	\$252	Nov-19
HOUSE	12730 SW DICKSON ST	2	2	1926	\$473,500	\$245	Nov-19
CONDO	16363 SW 130TH TER #96	2	2	1042	\$239,500	\$229	Nov-19
CONDO	16248 SW 130TH TER #24	2	2	1125	\$259,900	\$231	Nov-19
HOUSE	12748 SW DICKSON ST	2	2	1466	\$399,500	\$272	Dec-19
HOUSE	16333 SW 129TH TER	2	2	1705	\$411,500	\$241	Dec-19

Realtor Open House
1st Sunday of Every Month
1 - 4pm
 Invite your friends and family to tour multiple properties For Sale

November Portland Residential Highlights: According to the Regional Multiple Listing Service new listings, at 2,118, decreased 8.3% from November 2018 (2,310) and fell 30.9% from October 2019 (3,064). Pending sales (2,274) increased 19.4% over the 1,904 offers accepted in November 2018, and fell 11.7% short of the 2,575 offers accepted last month in October 2019. Closed sales (2,191) rose 2.2% from the 2,144 closings recorded last year in November 2018 and decreased 15.3% compared with the 2,588 closings recorded last month in October 2019. Inventory and Total Market Time Inventory stayed at 2.4 months this November, while total market time increased to 60 days. **Year to Date Summary:** Comparing the first eleven months of 2019 to the same period of 2018, new listings (39,248) have decreased 1.8%, pending sales (28,782) have increased 1.7% and closed sales (27,374) have decreased 1.5%. **Average and Median Sale Prices:** Comparing 2019 to 2018 through November, the average sale price has increased 1.4% from \$453,100 to \$459,300. In the same comparison, the median sale price has increased 2.5% from \$400,000 to \$410,000. More local sales activity is available at KenMillerAssociates.com

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KC Highlands Calendar

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<p>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</p>  						1
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