

# Highlands Highlights



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## HOA Board Message

Submitted by Mike Dahlstrom, President

Have you ever attended a meeting in the round? Is it valuable to minimize the spread of colds or other diseases in our common area? Are open discussions among Community members important? How about providing your thoughts on topics the Board should consider when making decisions?

If you haven't attended a Town Hall before our HOA Board meetings, there have been changes based on your neighbors' suggestions. One suggestion was holding the Town Hall meeting in the round—this isn't classroom style with one person talking to the group—it's the group talking with each other and your Board members. Another Community suggestion is to have hand sanitizer stations available in the Clubhouse. That suggestion was followed by a group discussion, and is moving forward toward implementation. A third suggestion was to provide forms for questions and having those questions

presented (and answered) during the Town Hall, since not everyone is comfortable raising a hand to ask a hard question.

Your Board is here to do the work for our Community to ensure that governances are understood and adhered to as best as possible. But our Community's health is about more than just governance. It's about improving our experiences living here and sharing ideas that make it safer. That comes from participating and contributing to discussions. It comes from attending (or better yet joining) the committees that keep our Community the beautiful and desirable place that it is.

If you've been coming to Town Halls (and staying for the Board meetings), thank you. Keep coming and contributing your thoughts. If you haven't attended in a while, then maybe give it a try. Your idea may be the next one that adds another benefit to our wonderful place to live.

## March Info

### Regular Office Hours:

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

### Office E-mail:

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### Community E-mail:

[hinet@kchighlandshoa.com](mailto:hinet@kchighlandshoa.com)

### Website:

[www.highlands55.org](http://www.highlands55.org)

## HOA March Special Event

Submitted by Gary Melott



### Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner



Saturday, March 14th

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

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the March Special Event will be a catered Corned Beef Dinner. The Menu will consist of:

*Corned Beef and Cabbage, Colcannon (potatoes with leeks & cabbage)  
 Roasted Onions, Asparagus, Brussels Sprouts & Carrots with Bacon,  
 Irish Soda Bread with Butter, two Snickerdoodle Cookies per person,  
 and Ice Cream with Highlands Hot Fudge Sauce*

Tickets: Remaining tickets will be sold on Fridays, February 28th and March 6th at Happy Hour from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on Saturdays, February 29th and March 7th at the Clubhouse from 11:00 a.m. to Noon.

The Dinner cost is \$19.00 per person. Please make checks out to HOA Special Events. If you have any questions, please call Gary at (503) 598-4636 or e-mail to [g.gmelott@frontier.com](mailto:g.gmelott@frontier.com).

# Condo News



## Condo Board Message

Submitted by Sherry Kilpatrick, Chair, Highland Park Board of Directors

The Annual Meeting of the Condo Owners Association (COA) was held Thursday, February 13th. Before the meeting started, everyone enjoyed delicious pizza from Pizza Caboose!

Owners representing 32 Condo Units were present, and with the addition of the proxy's submitted, the required quorum was reached to hold a valid Annual Meeting.

Outgoing Chair, Ed Salzman, reported on the Board's accomplishments in 2019, including resolution of the smoking ban in Condo Units, and acknowledgement of Shel Siegel's light Condo maintenance work done throughout the year, as well as noting upcoming projects for the new Board to address in 2020. Those projects identified for 2020 are:

- ◆ Garage door repairs, 35 are left.
- ◆ Nine more decks to repair by Structural Waterproofing
- ◆ Possibly changing entry door locks to a handle type.
- ◆ Determine who to assess and repair the water shut-off valves that are rusted. An overall evaluation is needed of the entire complex to identify the extent of the problem.



Ed gave thank you gifts to those Condo Residents who have assisted beyond the call of duty throughout 2019. Those being honored were Shel Siegel, Valerie Spirit, Zoe Allen, and Sandy Bergeron, *Thank you all!*

The election of two new Board Members, Pat Barcroft and Zoe Allen, was approved unanimously by those in attendance. After adjournment of the Annual Meeting, there was a short meeting of the new Board, who selected its officers: Sherry Kilpatrick, Chairperson; Pat Barcroft, Secretary; Wayne Staley, Treasurer; Ron Laande, Director; and Zoe Allen, Director.

Acknowledgement to HOA Board Members who were present at both COA meetings: Mike Dahlstrom, HOA President and Dave Platt, HOA Director. Mike promised more cooperation and collaboration between the HOA and COA Boards and organizations. The new COA Board appreciated this effort to reach out.

We are all sad to lose Ed Salzman, Chair and Penny Pershey, Director from the COA Board as they have been indispensable this past year.

*Thank you both so much!*



## Permanent Name Tags— Submitted by Quila Bowles



### —Are for Condo Residents too!

Remember, the Condos are part of the King City Highlands Community! If you attended the Condos Annual Meeting, these name tags were available for those who already have them and the form to request a name tag was available at the meeting.

Name tags are made for any Highlands Resident who wants one. It started with those who attended events, meetings, or gatherings. A Request Form is on a clipboard on the shelf of the cabinet in the Clubhouse Information Hallway. You may PRINT your information on it at any time, and a name tag will be made for you.

The name tag project resulted from the desire to reduce costs of continued purchases of stick-on tags. The permanent name tags remain at the Clubhouse and are kept in containers on the cabinet shelf, next to the clipboard. They help fellow Residents get to know each other, especially as a lot of new people have moved in to our Community this past year,

## Reminder: Smoking Ban



Everyone received notification of our new smoking policy late last year. In case you somehow didn't hear about it, Highland Park Condos is now a 100% non-smoking property with just one exception.

When this rule was ratified, Owners of record who also smoke can continue to smoke, *but only inside their unit*. Those owners may not use fans to expel smoke into the building's front entrance stairwell or use fans to blow the smoke out onto the back deck or patio. Blowing smoke out windows into the common areas is also not allowed.

Second-hand smoke can be very dangerous to people with certain health issues and is just plain annoying to others.

# Condo News

*"Let the world know you as you are,  
not as you think you should be."*

~Fanny Brice

## Reminder to Condo Lower Unit Residents



### It's Spring Cleaning time!

Submitted by Sheldon Siegel  
Maintenance Volunteer

Condominium Residents who live on the lower level are responsible to clean their dryer vents every two years.

There are several vendors who provide this service; some vendors also service upper level dryer vents. If you were a Resident the last time this was required, and you wish to go ahead and schedule your dryer vent cleaning on your own, check with whoever provided your service the last time. If you are new to KC Highlands, Mabel Weber in the Clubhouse Office has a list of vendors who have been used in the past for this work.

Alternatively, our COA Board is researching to get a group discount by doing multiple cleanings over one or two days—saving a vendor time and hopefully reducing Homeowner costs of those who choose to participate. If you want to go with a group discount that the COA Board will coordinate, contact Sherry Kilpatrick at [sherryk8888@gmail.com](mailto:sherryk8888@gmail.com) or (503) 452-4688. The Board can then let those individuals know the vendor selected and possible dates to schedule the cleaning, which will likely be done in April.

All owners need to provide documentation that this cleaning has occurred by providing a copy of your receipt to Mabel. This servicing provides a safer environment for us all.

*Thank you for your attention to this matter!*

## Condo Board Meetings



Meetings are always held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m., unless special circumstances warrant a change.

If you don't know your Board members, come meet them and especially welcome Secretary, Pat Barcroft, who is also a new Condo Resident!

The next Condo Board Meeting will be

**Thursday, March 12th** at 5:30 p.m.

You're always invited—find out what's going on in our Community and get involved.

## Condo Landscape Committee



Submitted by Zoe Allen

The Committee met February 11th. with our Brightview rep, Jean Jung. She gave a full report regarding what has been completed, e.g., leaf removal, perennial and grass cut back, winter shrub pruning, and drainage repairs—garage #10 and behind buildings 16 & 17. Jean was advised that drainage for this year is done unless something unexpected, or an emergency, arises. Mulching proposals have been received from *Bark Dusters* and *Rexius*. Application will probably happen in late April after spring weed removal is complete.

Irrigation inspection was done February 11th and 12th and minor repairs can be done as preauthorized. Anything major to be done in spring will be quoted.

Discussions were held regarding continued and upcoming tree pruning, and some plants after blooms are finished. Lime inspections were done, and the soil pH was such that it does not need to be done this year, at a savings of \$2,000 to the budget.

Pre- and post-emergent weed control has been cancelled from the Brightview contract. Further discussion is needed regarding taking care of that issue moving forward.

Future items to be considered: updating irrigation controller options; shrub enhancements; refurbishment of mature/aging shrubs, and requests for more, and smaller trees to be planted.

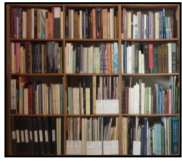
**The next Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10th at 10:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse Card Room.** We always welcome additional Committee Members and everyone is invited to attend the meetings. **Come join us!**



# HOA Committee Reports



## Library Whisperings



Submitted by Bobbi Siegel, Librarian

A special thank you to all the Highlands Residents who donate books, magazines, and puzzles to our Library.

We accept fiction and non-fiction books. We also have a section for large print books. Donated books should not have publishing dates older than 2005 since we have a 15-year limit.

The Library has a section of books that are for people to take and keep—these books are either outdated or duplicates. When they are taken, please do not return them to the Library.

Residents are asked to consider becoming a Library Committee member. It is an enjoyable way to volunteer for our Community. If you are interested in volunteering in the Library, just come to our monthly meetings held on the 2nd Friday of each month at 2:30 p.m. or contact Bobbi Siegel at (503) 430-1506.

## Newcomers' Orientation Event

Submitted by Pat Combs  
Are you new to KC Highlands? The surrounding neighborhood? Our local area? A special committee is planning a *Newcomers' Orientation in April* for anyone who is interested in finding out more!

The main purpose will be to provide information to new Residents regarding living in our KC Highlands Community. General information will be covered, as well as activities and events. Individual Committee reports from HOA Architecture and Landscape, HOA Finance, Condo Reserve and Maintenance, and Condo Landscape will be given.

It has been two years since the last orientation, so all Highlanders are welcome (both Condo and House Residents), regardless of when you moved in. Join the HOA and Committees to get your questions answered about our Community, neighborhood and the local area, and have the opportunity to meet new neighbors and friends as well.

**Watch for more information in the April Highlights!**

## Who Thinks of These Things!

**Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?**

~Author Unknown

## Architecture/Landscape Committee

Submitted by Rob Mustard



February—March is definitely a quieter time of the year. When considering projects around the neighborhood (both with individual Homeowners and from the Associations), not too much activity is going on. You may think the same thing when looking at the landscaped spaces around our Community—but look closer! There are lots of buds on the shrubs and trees, the leaves are starting to pop, and as of this writing in mid-February, there are already tons of crocuses, daffodils, and even fruit trees in full bloom!

From the human-project side of the ALC's ledger, we've finally gotten the long-delayed concrete repairs wrapped up, and we'll soon have some new "growth" on the brick wall at the corner of Dickson and 131<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

What am I talking about? *The new sign at our southern entrance!* The sign company currently has plans to install the new Highlands sign in early March—keep your eyes open for that. Speaking of signs, we are starting to look

at replacing and/or supplementing some other signage on our pathways and entrances. The members of the ALC are also finalizing the list of street and common-area trees that will get pruned in the next couple of months (something we haven't done for a couple of years). Plans are also progressing on the landscape revisions.

I mentioned plants in bloom. I need to ask: What did Oregonians ever do to deserve weeds that shoot seeds directly into your eyes? That darn bittercress is nasty stuff, something I never saw at our earlier homes in Michigan, Illinois, and California. Fortunately, we've had some nice weather lately—perfectly suited for either digging up or spraying bittercress, and all the other broadleaf weeds that make their appearances in early spring.

Please feel free to contact me at [alc-chair@kchighlandshoa.com](mailto:alc-chair@kchighlandshoa.com) with any questions about an upcoming project. In fact, you may drop in on an ALC meeting (9:30 a.m. Wednesdays). There are always interesting things happening in our Highlands Community!

# HOA Event Reports & Activities



## The Soup and Salad Dinner

Submitted by Gary Melott



Our Soup and Salad Dinner on February 8th at the Clubhouse went VERY, VERY well! We served 61 Highlanders, family, and friends.

The soups were made by Highlands volunteers. We also served salad, garlic bread sticks, and chocolate and carrot cake with ice cream. Our thanks to the following wonderful soup makers: Mike Albright, Sandy Bergeron, Nancy Crandell, Carolyn Duncan, Patricia Grayson, Rob Mustard, Lucianne Phillips, and Linda Ray-Keeney. So many different, yummy choices!

Thanks to Ed for coming up with some new, great jokes, and to all the people who helped make the evening a success!



Shel showing off his new 'helper' apron!



Men's social...?



Soup's on! — Yum...



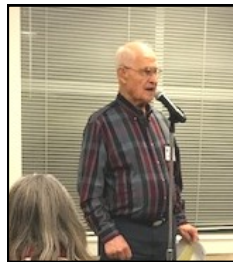
Mary & Bonny— happy to help you...



All ready to serve ice cream & cake!



Getting the breadsticks ready...



Ed entertains us again!



This must be the happiest table!

Thanks for the great pictures  
Bonny Chown,  
Ed Benberg, &  
Cheryl Viale

## Dominoes (Mexican Train)

Submitted by Lorene Guell



The form of this entertaining, easy, and fun Dominoes game that is played here is called "Mexican Train." Each player has a little train playing piece and your string of tiles that starts at the center 'hub' becomes your "track." The goal of each game is to get rid of all your tiles that were picked at the beginning.

Games are played **Mondays and Wednesdays at 2 p.m.** in the Clubhouse. If you are available on Mondays, we would like to have more players—whether you've played or are just learning—no matter!

In addition, If you would like to learn the game, you may call Lorene at (503) 502-2574 for a lesson. Or you can just show up on Monday or Wednesday, OR both days! We have many helpers willing to teach you.

**We have lots of fun—come Join us !**

## Ladies Golf Returns!



We will be starting our second season soon.

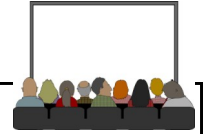
If you enjoy the game of golf, but are looking to play at a more casual level outside of a regular golf league, then this may be the group for you. We play a "no pressure game" weekly at a local golf course. Simple requirements are: have clubs, basic golf skills, and knowledge of the game.

For those interested, please contact Linda at (503) 816-6058.



Fun at the High Diners February event at PF Chang's.

# Activities



## March Movie Nights

Submitted by Nancy Crandell

**MARCH MOVIE NIGHTS WILL BE THE 2ND AND 4th FRIDAYS AT 7 P.M.**



**March 13<sup>th</sup>** — We will tip our hats to Ireland as St. Patrick's Day approaches with an older movie classic "**THE QUIET MAN**" starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. Amid spectacular Irish scenery, one of Hollywood's most romantic and enduring stories takes place. We get a view of Irish culture, humor, and understanding. If you have seen this before, it is well worth revisiting. If not, you are in for a treat.



**March 27<sup>th</sup>** — Enjoy another all-star cast as we trace the evolution of a classic "yellow Rolls-Royce" as it passes from one owner to another, each with their own story. Passion, intrigue, adventure, love... everything happens in "**THE YELLOW ROLLS-ROYCE.**" The superb cast includes Ingrid Bergman, Rex Harrison, George C. Scott, Omar Shariff, and Shirley MacLaine.



## High Diners

Submitted by Bobbie Somerville



Everyone is invited to join the High Diners for Happy Hour at

### Si Señor Restaurant

8220 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton

(503)358-4125 <https://sisenorbeaverton.com>

**Wednesday, March 11th, 4 – 6 p.m.**

Meet new neighbors and friends, enjoy yummy tacos and margaritas, and have some fun!

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

Pat Combs, (971) 371-2188  
combsfamily11@gmail.com

Bobbie Somerville, (503) 899-7170  
bobbie.somerville@comcast.net



This year, March 13th falls on the 2nd Friday of the month

(thus called Friday the 13th) — Why not make it your "Lucky Day!"

## Walking Aerobics

Walking Submitted by Lorene Guell  
Aerobics class is as popular as ever, and we have doubled in size (the class, that is!!) since its inception!

Please join us on Tuesday's and Friday's at 9 a.m. in the Clubhouse. Two different exercise routines are instructed through an easy-to-follow TV screen video tape. Moves are low impact and tone your arms, legs, core, and belly.

**Come have fun, burn calories, and make new friends!**

## Highlands Bridge Group

Submitted by Bobbi Siegel



### Bridge players wanted!

The Highlands Bridge Group meets every Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Our group plays Party Bridge and is casual and fun (not serious!). If you would like to learn how to play, lessons can be arranged. Or if you played Bridge in the past, join us to refresh your playing skills.

We would like to have more Bridge players, so please consider joining our group. For questions or information, contact Bobbi at (503) 430-1506 or [slsbjs@yahoo.com](mailto:slsbjs@yahoo.com).

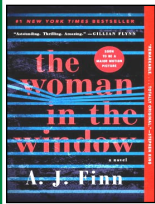


"Sometimes it's good to change your walking routine. Try walking around the block instead of wandering around the kitchen."

## Activities

### Book Club

Submitted by Judy Sutton



Our next Book Club meeting will be held at the Clubhouse on Wednesday, March 18th at 1:30 p.m. We are reading **The Woman in the Window** by Dan Mallory, who writes under the pen name "A. J. Finn". Mystery lovers should enjoy this book. I couldn't put the book down—and I tend not to read mysteries.

At our March meeting, we will be selecting three (3) non-fiction books. May's non-fiction selection will be listed in our April *Highlights*. You may also check our bulletin board in the Library after March 20th for a full listing of upcoming books.

Hope to see you March 18th! Questions? Contact Judy at (503) 639-1752.

### Highlands Travelers

Submitted by Wendy Gardner



**Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Travel... but were afraid to ask!**

Please join me in welcoming Marcia Lynn Miller of You Go Girls on **Wednesday, March 18th at 7 p.m.** at our Highlands Clubhouse.

Marcia has a passion for travel originating from childhood road trips in her grandfather's car with no seat belts or air conditioning. Time spent studying Spanish in Mexico at the age of 15, and a semester in Austria during college, only served to encourage her wanderlust.

Collecting some 70 countries' stamps in her passport keeps her in a state of perpetual motion and a frequent state of jetlag. Ironically, she married a man who does not share her love of travel. Along the way, however, she has become an expert at all things travel related. Her professional yet casual and easy-going manner has been a gift to the many who have discovered her travel tips and secrets!

When not traveling, she, her husband, dog, and cat make their homes in Portland, Oregon and in a central Washington vineyard.

PLEASE RSVP to [wendyardner2014@att.net](mailto:wendyardner2014@att.net), or at (818) 807-7063 by **Tuesday, March 17th**.

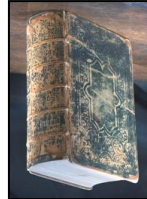


*Angels do not change your mind; they wait patiently until you do it yourself.*

~Author Unknown

### Bible Study

Submitted by Ron & Anna Willis



We're thankful that the weather has cooperated this winter with some gorgeous sunny days. It's about this time of year that we all begin to think SPRING and planting flowers to get some color in the landscape. We are talking about the seasons that affect each one of us in different ways. In the seasons of life, we find a variety of needs, which we can learn about through the study of God's Word. This month, we have invited two familiar speakers to encourage us.

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>** — Dennis Beatty has his doctorate from Fuller Theological Seminary. He has been in full-time ministry over 40 years. He has been the lead Pastor in four Churches and has been the lead Interim Pastor in three. He is trans-denominational, meaning that he has served in several denominations. He is also a Resident of our KC Highlands Community. Welcome back Dennis.

**March 17<sup>th</sup>** — Pastor Steve McCracken has faithfully taught here at the Highlands Bible Study for 25 years. He is Senior Pastor for his Tigard church, and loves teaching God's Word, bringing fresh application and encouragement to each person. Thank you, Pastor Steve.

The Highlands Bible Study is scheduled on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. 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 Bible Study in the Highlands Clubhouse.**

**To hope is to fly.  
To fly is to dream.  
To dream is to believe.  
To believe is to do.  
To do is to give hope.**

~Author Unknown



# Community Information

## Update: Backflow Testing for Houses

Submitted by Mabel Weber  
As many of you may know, 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.

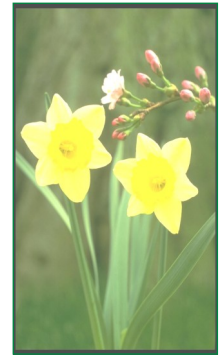
Thank you to our House Residents for your patience in waiting for information about this spring's backflow valve testing. Highlands House Residents will receive a discount on your testing if you use *PM Backflow Company*. After the test is completed, they will submit the necessary paperwork to the Tigard Water Department.

This year, *PM Backflow* is sending e-mail notifications to all Residents who used their service last year, informing you that they are ready to begin the testing. You will receive a code that will give the 2020 Highlands discount. They only accept computer "online" sign-ups with payment by credit card. Residents who are not computer savvy may come to the Clubhouse Office and Mabel can help you. Please bring your credit card.

Because we have a lot of new Residents who did not use *PM Backflow's* service last year and will not receive the e-mail, you will need to watch for a Hi-net notice that the code has been received in the Clubhouse Office. I can either send you the code or you may call the Office (503) 684-8294, or come in to apply.

When the backflow testing is in process, you'll see a man in an orange vest working in your neighborhood.

At this writing, I have not heard back from *PM Backflow* with the discount code. I do expect to receive an e-mail sometime in early March. Please continue to be patient. When you do receive the notice, be sure to sign up immediately so you don't lose your discount.



**Remember:** It's that time of year again! Change your clocks FORWARD 1 Hour on Sunday, March 8th!

## Needle Arts



Submitted by Nancy Perkins

We are sorry to report that the Friday afternoon get-togethers of the Needle Arts Group has been suspended for now.

If you would like to find out more information about this great group of neighbors and friends who work on various craft projects and/or have an interest in restarting it, please contact Nancy at (503) 901-6263 or [nperkins1@gmail.com](mailto:nperkins1@gmail.com).



**Q:** Why shouldn't you iron a four-leaf clover?

**A:** You might press your luck!

~ Author Unknown

## IN MEMORIAM

Steve Trykar, who lived at 12742 SW Peachvale Street, passed away on January 25th. He was 98.

A Memorial Service was held on Friday, February 14th at St Anthony's church, Tigard, with Burial at St. Anthony's Cemetery following.

Former resident and our newsletter editor for many years, Elsa Mann, passed away on February 14th.

She had been living in McMinnville, near her daughter.

A memorial service will be in late May at the Highlands Clubhouse.

*Our sincere sympathies go out to the families.*

**"March** comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." In the 19th century, this was used as a prediction, contingent on a year's early March weather: If March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb.





# Community Information

## Highlands 2020 Directories

Some Residents Submitted by Mabel Weber have been inquiring about the 2020 Highlands Directory. The good news--all the documents are at the printer at this moment. I should receive the proof any day now. It will need to be proofread which means I will need a couple people to help me with that. When proofreading is complete, it will be sent back to the printer for printing.

If there are no corrections to the proof, we can expect the Directories to be delivered around the second week of March. When they arrive, I will send out a Hi-Net notice to those who have e-mail asking Residents who are able, to come into the Office during Office hours to pick up their copy. Those Residents who do not have e-mail are welcome to call the Office beginning the second week of March to see if the Directories are here to pick up.

We will ask able-bodied Residents to hand deliver the Directory to those who are not able to come in to pick up their copy.

*Life is short. Live it to the fullest  
'cause it has an expiration date!*  
~Author Unknown

## Condos Neighborhood Watch



Submitted by Sandy Bergeron

The next Condos Neighborhood Watch Meeting for all our Captains this year will be on Tuesday, April 21st, followed by July 21st, and the last one this year will be on October 20th.

Pod meeting of buildings 1, 2, 5, and 6 was ambitious and rewarding. The pod meeting of buildings 9, 10, 16 and 17 was their first meeting, with more to come. Thank you one and all.

Building #17 Captain Craig Callaway has a news flash for you. Do a visual check before reaching in to replace that light bulb in your unit's patio or deck light. Some very nasty wasps may be there to greet you. Yes, in the middle of our winter! They were still active. Be careful.



Keep up the good work.  
Be a good neighbor,  
and have fun in the process.



**Hello**

Sandy Bergeron  
971.255.3790 [sandber31638@gmail.com](mailto:sandber31638@gmail.com)



## Hummingbirds...

Don't forget to feed our year-round Hummingbirds through the winter months. They really do depend on us until spring flowers.

## A Guide to Hiring Contractors

A home/condo owner is Submitted by Ron Nixon free to hire anyone they choose to do contractor/handyman/landscaping services. The State of Oregon Construction Contractor's Board (CCB) does have regulations in place for certain work, but most important, they have processes in place that protect the home/condo owner by licensed contractors if the work is not done to your satisfaction. There are many unlicensed contractor/handyman working all over the State. While they may quote a very low rate at times, they may not be such a bargain when the work is unsatisfactory, or they can't be contacted after work completion.

Oregon law requires individuals or businesses conducting construction/repair activities over \$1,000 per project to be licensed by the CCB. This financially and legally protects BOTH the home/condo owner and the contractor/handyman. Should problems or disagreements arise with the quality of the work or damage to property, the CCB has a process in place that ensures that the home/condo owner and the contractor can achieve an agreeable solution.

It is important to note that not all contractor/handyman need to be licensed by the State. Work such as gutter cleaning, power and pressure washing for the purpose of cleaning (siding, sidewalks, etc.), debris clean-up (yard or construction site), and qualified real estate property managers managing a building under a property management agreement don't need a license. Neither do those doing landscaping such as mowing, edging, shrubs and tree pruning, weeding, refreshing bark mulch, adjusting sprinkler heads, programming irrigation controllers, and planting of outdoor pots.

In conclusion, please be aware of who you hire to do work. Ask if they are licensed. Most common landscaping work doesn't require licenses. Beyond that kind of routine work, however, look for CCB licensed contractors to protect you and ensure the work is done that meets applicable codes and you have a resource to turn to if the work is not done satisfactorily. Further reference: [ccb.info@state.or.us](mailto:ccb.info@state.or.us) For licensing and general questions: (503) 378.4621.

## The Wider Community

### Photo Traffic Enforcement Update...



As of February 19th, there was a media release from the Tigard Police Dept. that there has been a temporary delay issuing Photo Enforcement citations for red-light violations in Tigard.

Equipment has been installed at all three planned intersections of 99W at Hall Blvd., 72nd Ave., and Durham Rd. However, all cameras have been turned off until construction permit standards required by ODOT are met. The systems will remain off and no citations will be issued until the contractor has completed the work necessary at each intersection. Once a final ODOT inspection is completed and an intersection is authorized to go back online, the City will communicate further.

The City of Tigard has installed camera equipment to make intersections safer for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Running red lights has been identified as the leading cause of urban crashes according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Similar to neighboring jurisdictions that use this technology, Tigard expects to see significant reductions in red-light violations that have been historically problematic at these intersections.

www.tigard-or.gov  
Tigard Advantage, Feb-Mar 2020



*Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.*  
~Albert Einstein

### Any Excuse Will Do!

When asked by a young patrol officer, "Do you know you were speeding?"

The 83-year-old woman gave the young officer an ear-to-ear smile and stated, "Yes, but .... I had to get there before I forgot where I was going."

The officer put his ticket book away and bid her good day.

Makes perfectly good sense, right?!

~Author Unknown



### Do You Know About "BottleDrop"?

Submitted by Quila Bowles  
For nearly a decade, *BottleDrop* has transformed Oregon's bottle deposit and return program. *BottleDrop* redemption centers and locations are where cans, and plastic and glass bottles, that you've had to pay a deposit on when purchased, can be returned and you receive a refund for them.



*BottleDrop* thanked Oregonians for helping make 2019 a successful year of turning a small deposit into a big return across the state:

- 100% of the containers returned to *BottleDrop* were recycled in the U.S.
- 100,000 new *BottleDrop* account holders
- 5 Million Green Bags dropped
- 10 new bag-drop locations
- 2,000 Oregon nonprofits supported

In 2020, *BottleDrop* will expand programs to include partnerships with retailers and grocers, and providing new bag-drop locations to bring convenience to more Oregonians.

Feel free to contact Quila with general questions at [pufftale93@gmail.com](mailto:pufftale93@gmail.com). More detailed information: go to [www.bottledropcenters.com](http://www.bottledropcenters.com).

### Distracted Driving Takes A Toll...

The Portland Bureau of Transportation recently reported that 2019 had been the deadliest year on Portland roads in more than 20 years.

Transportation officials indicate that the dramatic increase of tragedies on the road are the result of human behavior, including the rising incidence in texting while driving. The Oregon Dept of Transportation states that "distraction occurs when a driver diverts attention to something not related to driving that uses the drivers' eyes, ears, or hands."

The four types of distraction are:

- ◆ Visual—looking at something other than the road.
- ◆ Auditory—hearing something not related to driving.
- ◆ Manual—handling something other than the steering wheel; and
- ◆ Cognitive—thinking about something other than driving.

All four types of driver distraction are in play when texting. To make our roads safer, avoid cell phone use while driving, and at the very least, **obey the law!**

Lawrence Nelson, DC, DACNB  
Tigard Life, February 2020

# Items of Interest

## Talking About "Luck"...

On Friday the 13th, people talk about "bad luck" — but why not talk about "good luck?" Good luck, or lucky symbols are displayed by a wide array of objects, numbers, symbols, plant and animal life which vary in different cultures across the globe. The significance of each is rooted in folklore, mythology, esotericism, religion, tradition, necessity, or a combination of any of these.

We hear about people having a favorite 'lucky' symbol or object, e.g., the lucky penny, number 7 (especially as on dice), horseshoe, rabbit's foot, four-leaf clover, Chinese fortune cookie, the larger piece of a wishbone, etc. However, there are many others from different cultures that are not so well known. Here are a few:



**The Bamboo plant** – from the Chinese. Since bamboo is the perfect combination of strength and flexibility, it has come to represent harmony and balance in one's life. As such, it is actually considered lucky in many Asian cultures. In fact, many people give bamboo as a house-warming gift to bring good health, balance, and safety to the recipient.



**The Barnstar** – from the U.S. A barnstar is a painted object or image, often in the shape of a five-pointed star but occasionally in a circular "wagon wheel" style, used to decorate a barn in some parts of the United States, and many rural homes in Canada. They have no structural purpose but may be considered lucky, akin to a horseshoe mounted over a doorway—common in Pennsylvania and seen in German-American farming communities.



**The Ladybug** – from German, Italian, Russian, Turkish, Serbia. Ladybugs are associated with all manner of symbolism, spirituality, and Lore through the ages. Such things as love, luck, life, spirits and protection. They are considered to be *lucky charms* when they land on someone.



**The Acorn** – from Scandinavia. It is said to protect one's health. Carrying one is believed to protect from illnesses, aches, and other pains. The acorn is the seed of the mighty oak tree; therefore, it symbolizes potential and strength. This is also a Nordic and Celtic symbol of life, fertility, and immortality. The Norse believed that acorns displayed on a windowsill would protect a house from lightning.



**The Good Luck Cat (Maneki-neko)** – from Japanese. The literal meaning is "beckoning cat," and is a common Japanese lucky charm, or talisman, which is often believed to bring good luck to the owner. Modern forms are usually made of ceramic or plastic. In folklore, cats had protective powers and symbolized good fortune. A bobtail supposedly lured a feudal lord with a "come hither" gesture, which saved him from being struck by lightning.

<https://en.Wikipedia.org>



*Sometimes, you don't get to where you need to go until you take a different path.*

~Author Unknown

## Groundhog Day Prediction For Spring

Punxsutawney Phil was pulled from his burrow in Gobbler's Knob Sunday morning February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and did not see his shadow, which, according to legend, means an early spring and warmer temperatures. But even the organizers of the annual Groundhog Day event in western Pennsylvania acknowledge that turning to a large rodent for weather forecasting is mostly a way to break up winter monotony.

Thousands of people stayed out in the cold to watch Phil's handlers pull him from a big tree stump about 7:25 a.m. Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Then a top-hatted man—one of the Inner Circle—read Phil's scroll: "So do I hope you think it's neighborly, for there is no shadow of me. Spring will be early, it's a certainty."

The denizens of Punxsutawney have celebrated Groundhog Day since 1887. The tradition was brought over by German immigrants. Since that first gathering, Punxsutawney Phil (there has been a few since then) has predicted more winter 104 times, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Counting this year, he hasn't seen his shadow 20 times. Some records are missing but since 2009, according to the NOAA, Phil's predictions have been right only about 40% of the time.

<https://weather.com>



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### The Shamrock Plant

If you're looking for a charming indoor plant to celebrate the arrival of spring, how about a shamrock? This petite plant, which is said to bring good luck, is associated with St. Patrick's Day history.



Legend says that St. Patrick used a three-leafed plant, probably a shamrock, to illustrate the Holy Trinity to converts to Christianity in Ireland. But because true shamrock plants don't survive well indoors, the houseplants you see at stores this time of year are a hardy species called *Oxalis regnellii*, or shamrock plant.

Shamrocks have three-lobed green or burgundy foliage and delicate white or pink flowers. They've become a seasonal favorite because they're showy, long-lived, and are a no-fuss plant.

[www.countryliving.com](http://www.countryliving.com)

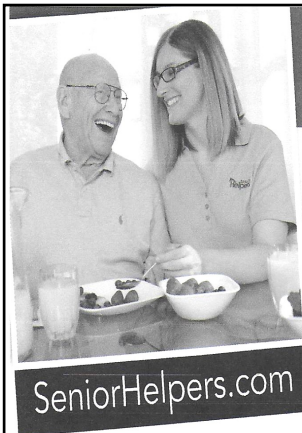
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### Didn't Know That...

#### A SHOT OF WHISKEY

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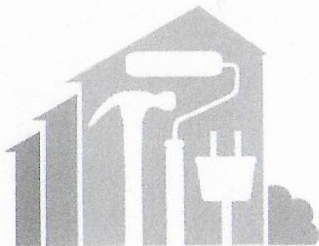
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### Since Peas Are Green...



Pea plants are annuals, meaning they grow for one season and then die. Their tiny flowers are shaped like butterflies.

Peas are members of the legume family of plants, along with beans, lentils, soybeans, and peanuts. Most are green or yellow, but can be purple.

Did you know about the pea that walked into a door? Now it's a black-eyed pea!

—Jeff Harris/Shortcuts

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## THE WAY RADIO WAS

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
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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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**Pat B.**

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# Market Update

March 2020

## Recent Home Sales in Highlands



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Type	Address	Bed	Bath	sq.ft.	Selling Price	\$/sq.ft.	Sales Date
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
HOUSE	16021 SW 130TH TER	2	2	1829	\$539,500	\$294	Feb-20

More local sales activity is available at [KenMillerAssociates.com](http://KenMillerAssociates.com)

According to the Regional Multiple Listing Service New listings, at 1,270, increased 1.2% from December 2018 (1,255) and fell 40.0% from November 2019 (2,118). Pending sales (1,772) increased 10.8% over the 1,599 offers accepted in December 2018, and fell 22.1% short of the 2,274 offers accepted last month in November 2019. Closed sales (2,213) rose 19.9% from the 1,846 closings recorded last year in December 2018 and increased 1.0% compared with the 2,191 closings recorded last month in November 2019.

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poker on  
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# KC Highlands Calendar

# MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	10 Zumba Exercise <b>11 Condo Maintenance</b> 2 Dominoes	9 Walking Aerobics 10 Coffee Hour 1 Bridge  7 Bible Study	<b>9:30 A/L Comm. Meeting</b> 2 Dominoes 2 Mahjong  7 Mixed Poker	10 Zumba Exercise   7 Hand & Foot	9 Walking Aerobics 10:30 Coloring  5 Happy Hour	
8	9	10	11	12	<i>Friday the 13th</i>	14
 Daylight Saving Time Begins	10 Zumba Exercise 2 Dominoes	9 Walking Aerobics 10 Coffee Hour <b>10:30 Condo Landscape</b> 1 Bridge	2 Dominoes 2 Mahjong  <b>4-6 High Diners</b>  7 Mixed Poker	9:30-4 Sewing Group 10 Zumba Exercise <b>5:30 Condo Board Mtg</b>  7 Hand & Foot	9 Walking Aerobics 10:30 Coloring <b>2:30 Library Committee Meeting</b> 5 Happy Hour <b>7 Movie Night</b>	<b>5:30 Corned Beef &amp; Cabbage Dinner</b>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	10 Zumba Exercise 2 Dominoes	9 Walking Aerobics 10 Coffee Hour 1 Bridge  7 Bible Study <b>St. Patrick's Day</b>	<b>1:30 Book Club</b> 2 Dominoes 2 Mahjong  <b>7 Highlands Travelers</b> 7 Mixed Poker	10 Zumba Exercise <b>3 Clubhouse Interiors</b>  7 Hand & Foot	9 Walking Aerobics 10:30 Coloring  5 Happy Hour  <i>Spring begins</i>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	10 Zumba Exercise 2 Dominoes  <b>7 CPO4K Meeting</b>	9 Walking Aerobics 10 Coffee Hour 1 Bridge  <b>6 Finance Committee</b>	Noon Dominoes 2 Mahjong  <b>3:00 Town Hall</b> <b>3:30 HOA Board Meeting</b> 7 Mixed Poker	10 Zumba Exercise   7 Hand & Foot	9 Walking Aerobics 10:30 Coloring  5 Happy Hour <b>7 Movie Night</b>	
29	30	31	<b>Clubhouse Office Hours:</b> <b>Mondays, Wednesdays 9 – 12 and Thursdays 1 – 4.</b> <b>For changes:</b> <b>Please check the calendar on the Clubhouse front door window or watch for updates on Hi-Net.</b>			
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