



HIGH WOODLANDS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

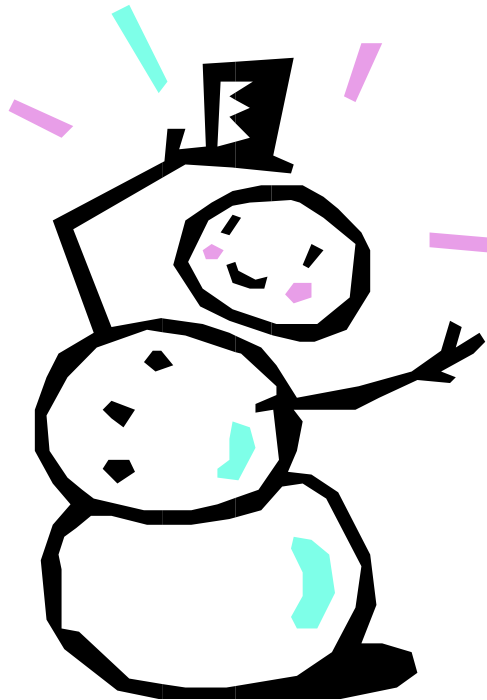
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Polar Bear Plunge

This year we are offering a Polar Bear Plunge for the brave at heart. It will be held at our pool on Monday January 21 (MLK Day—no school) at 10:30 am. There will be hot showers, hot chocolate and good company. We will NOT be heating the pool! Jump in, jump out. Certificates for those who go all the way under!

Pool rules still apply: you must wear a swim suit, no street clothes. Members will check in and guests are welcome (no limit) with the \$2.00 guest fee. Anyone under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.



We're on the Web!
www.highwoodlands.org

Speeding

We are again receiving complaints of excess speeding, particularly on 119th Avenue between NE 144th and NE 150th. Over the last year and a half the Association has written at least three (3) times to the Kirkland Police Department who usually respond by sending out an officer for a day or two. You may have seen them on 119th NE around NE 149th and 150th. But to get more frequent

enforcement it is necessary that individual citizens also contact the police. The Association letters only count as one complaint. You should feel free to phone or write Sergeant Bryan McNaghten, head of the Traffic Unit at 425-587-3493, or bmcnaghten@kirklandwa.gov to express your concerns.

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Board Meetings are generally held the first Monday of the month. All homeowners are welcome and encouraged to attend. The next board meeting is February 4, at 7:30 pm at the Robert Frost Library.

New Board Members

We would like to welcome Nick Wolejsza as our new Vice President and Brian Calvery as our new Architecture Chairperson. We appreciate Nick and Brian stepping forward and helping out to make High Woodlands such a great place to live.



Removing Trees From Your Property

Homeowners periodically inquire if the covenants of the Association prohibit the removal of trees. Even though the covenants do not specifically address this, the municipal code of the City of Kirkland does. Since High Woodlands is now within the city limits of Kirkland, homeowners should be aware that taking down a significant tree (trunk diameter greater than 6 inches, measured 4½ ft from the ground) requires in all circumstances either a Tree Removal Notification or a Tree Removal Permit. The City's Tree Removal Information Guide should be consulted before cutting down

any large trees. It is available at http://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/Planning/Trees_and_Landscaping.htm, where you can also find other useful information.

You can also call the Planning Department at 425.587.3235.

In general, removal of one or two trees on your property requires only a Tree Removal Notification be filed. However, if you are removing more than two trees, or when there are certain conditions such as:

- Removing one or both of the last two significant trees on

your property, or

- Your property is within 100 feet of a critical area (i.e. streams, slopes with a grade 15% or greater, and wetlands), a Tree Removal Permit must first be obtained. There are other conditions listed in the Guide which you should consult before removing trees. Reputable tree services are familiar with these requirements and are in a good position to assist you in getting the right paperwork completed. We urge you to comply with the municipal code to avoid hefty fines.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt



This year the Hunt will be on Saturday, March 30th at 10:00 a.m. at our park. We are in need of someone to head it up this year. We have lots of volunteers and a file full of

information. Please contact Crystal Lee (crystal.ice1@gmail.com) if you are ready to take on this fun event.

Electronic Notification of the Newsletter Available

For those of you who wish to access our neighborhood newsletter electronically as soon as it is posted, you can receive an email message that it is available with a direct link to the newsletter on our website. We will also continue to deliver a paper copy of the newsletter to your door step.

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