

High Woodlands Herald

July 2005 Special Edition

<http://www.highwoodlands.org>

Web Site

Our website is up and under construction. Many thanks to High Woodlands residents, Pat Stirrat (our webmaster) and Linda Moreno, as well as board member, Rich Kobylka. Please visit the site to get an idea of the many possibilities. Send your ideas to Rich at markobylka@comcast.net or call him at 488-3097.

Swim Team

Swim team for the 2005 season is underway and lots of fun. We have had 2 meets and have a few more left. Thank you again to all of the homeowners who put up with the pool closures and the cars parked all around the pool. All of this is for the kids and so many are from our community.

We have decided to do a fun swim meet this year on **Monday, July 11** at our pool. It will be a "Battle of the Sexes". Girls vs Boys, meet time starts at 6pm but warm ups are from 5 until 5:45pm. We want this to be a fun event for swim team but also for the High Woodlands community. We are inviting anyone who lives in the area, or anyone who has swam with our team in the past to register for the meet. You can decide what event you want to swim.

Please contact Coach Chris by July 7th at tophyr@hotmail.com. He will be doing the line ups and we would love for you to join us. Maybe some of you parents can call your grown kids and invite them to come to the meet. Swim team is a lot of fun and we want this to be a fun meet for our current swimmers and our past swimmers. If you have thought about joining the team

and were not sure this would be a perfect time to come check us out.

We have our McDolphin cafe that will be open so you can have dinner at the pool and watch some swimming.

So, Chris, Kelly, Heather, Leslie P., Annie M., Travis P., The Banker family, Viki H., Hillary, Melanie, Cory, Forrest, Corrine, Sam, Zack, Charles, Jordan, Jaron, Josh F, Tim B, Kaila, Travis, Justin, Kiki, Luke R, and all of the others who have swam with us before contact the coach and come swim.

We look forward to seeing you on July 11 @ 6pm

Any questions contact:
Cindy Kiefer kckbkiefer@comcast.net
Or
Chris Sarbora tophyr@hotmail.com

Swimming Pool Update

This was one of the shakier starts to the summer that we have had in a long time as a result of a chain of key component failures, including electrical circuits, the pump motor, and the pump itself. This resulted in the pool being closed several days in early June. Many thanks to board member Phil Goodwin and pool manager Viki Holsclaw for the long hours and frustrations they endured in getting these complex problems solved. Although the weather was poor and there was little impact on homeowners, it was a major disruption to the swim team. Our sincere apologies to the swim team members and their families for all the uncertainties and schedule changes that they had to

endure. Things seem to have been working fine in time for the good weather. We will keep the pool open an extra week in September to make up for time lost. The weather is usually decent the week after Labor Day.

Pool Hours: 1:00 – 8:00 PM daily. Call ahead if the weather is bad to make sure we are open: 806-9119.

Pool Rentals: Birthday? Team Party? Group Celebration? Rent the pool! You get the entire pool and pool house to yourself, and two to three lifeguards, depending on the size of your party. One hour \$45, two hours \$70. Call the pool for availability.

Swimming Lessons: Lessons for ages 3 to adult. Younger than 3 requires approval by Viki. We follow Red Cross Swimming Lesson Levels. For kids under 6, Preschool Levels 1 to 5. For kids 6 and over, Youth Levels 1 to 7. Adult classes will be formed per demand.

Casino Update

Sandy Lawrence, who has spearheaded community opposition to the casino has several things to report:

1. On May 27, Casino Caribbean did appeal the denial of their liquor license application. There will be a hearing sometime in July. We will notify you as soon as we know the date and location of the appeal hearing.
2. The annexation process to Kirkland is moving forward, but slowly. The Kirkland City Council is conducting a Annexation Fiscal Study Review. The Council may be supportive of annexing the Kingsgate area, but the financial obstacles are great. There is limited financial support money available for annexations from the County. The services Kirkland residents enjoy are superior to our present services,

particularly police, zoning enforcement, and park and recreational resources.

Please send an email send an email to Kirkland Mayor Mary Ann Burleigh, State Representative Toby Nixon, and King County Executive Ron Sims urging them to continue working toward the annexation of Kingsgate to the City of Kirkland.

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exec.sims@metrokc.gov
toby@tobynixon.com

Also, remember to check the website www.stopneighborhoodcasinos.com for periodic updates.

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 7:30 PM at the pool.

Annual Dues and Special Assessment Reminder

Many thanks for those who have already paid the special one-time capital improvement assessment of \$200. This is due August 31 so that we can start construction on the pool deck as soon as practical.

For those paying their regular annual dues on a quarterly basis (\$81.25), the 2nd quarter is already due. The first and second quarters (total \$162.50) must be paid for continued use of the pool. The 3rd quarter is due Sept. 15th (total of \$243.75 for the year). Your next statement will be mailed August 15.at \$81.25.

Board Member Vacancy

Many, many thanks to Betty Brown for her several years of service to the High Woodlands community. She has made valuable contributions to the Association. We know that there is someone out there willing and able to fill in. It does not require a lot of time, so please let us know if you are interested.