

High Woodlands Herald

High Woodlands is 50 Years Old!

This year marks High Woodlands' 50th birthday! One of our neighbors, Dulcy, had the opportunity to hear memories and stories from an original homeowner. Please enjoy.

50th!

On Gloria Campbell's 50 Years in High Woodlands

In April, I spent an afternoon with Gloria Campbell, who moved to High Woodlands when she was in her mid-30's. She shared delightful stories and magical memories from her 50 years in this very neighborhood. Gloria and her husband were the 6th family to move into High Woodlands 50 years ago in 1966.

High Woodlands was just being formed and there wasn't much around but more trees, a few houses, a stream down the hill, and some roads. Our cherished neighborhood park and pool were not established when Gloria and her family arrived either.

However, Gloria noted other treasures were common in the neighborhood, even if there wasn't a school, Safeway, or swimming pool. Gloria shared there was simply "more community" in High Woodlands at its inception. Neighbors had more regular contact with each other.....

Please go to www.highwoodlands.org for the full story of this original homeowner! Thank you, Gloria, for sharing!

Christmas Caroling Event

Friday, December 16th 6-8pm

Come join fellow High Woodlanders young and old for a short walk to sing carols and bring holiday cheer to our neighbors. We will meet at the 3-way stop sign at 117th and 144th. After caroling, we'll walk to a home for treats and conversation. Please bring a treat to share if you can and a flashlight or headlamp. Come for the whole time or just a part of the singing to brighten the season together! Please contact Suzannah, svcalvery@gmail.com, with any questions and to arrange treat drop-off.



High Woodlands Sign

You've probably noticed the great fall and Halloween decorations on the sign at the south entrance to High Woodlands. This is the result of the hard work of Wendy Cullum and Sally Batson who faithfully maintain this signage for our community. Thanks so much for the time and energy of these two fantastic homeowners who make our neighborhood such a great place to live.



Wanted: Newsletter Volunteer

High Woodlands is in search of a person to seek ideas from the board and neighborhood who is able to eloquently write up a newsletter quarterly at minimum. There are two jobs: 1) writing the articles, and 2) formatting and sending the newsletter to the printer. You can volunteer for either one or both jobs. Please contact the board (board@highwoodlands.org) if you are interested in being a part of connecting and communicating with our community of neighbors in High Woodlands as a newsletter volunteer.

Traffic Safety

With school back in session, there are again young children walking to and from Robert Frost and Woodmoor Elementary Schools. Yet some drivers on 117th NE and 119th NE appear to have little regard for them. A recent Speed Watch on 119th when lots of school children were present revealed 27 vehicles going 30 or more mph, 9 of which were moving at 35 or more mph. One was even clocked at 38 mph.

Also with the rainy season and darker days approaching, please be more cautious, particularly on our neighborhood arterials (117th NE, 119th NE, and NE 144th). The new electronic radar boards installed by Kirkland on these streets are hopefully slowing us down a bit, but the best "speed calming" device is every one of us - doing 25 mph as we come and go from our homes.

Again, you need to notify the police of any particular dangerous driving you observe. Call 911 or the non-emergency number, [425-577-5656](tel:425-577-5656). You may also communicate your concerns via email to Cpl. Lapaki Zablan (lzablan@kirklandwa.gov) or Sgt Nathan Rich (nrich@kirklandwa.gov). These officers in the Traffic Unit have been responsive to our concerns.

Home Security

There were at least two home burglaries in High Woodlands this summer while the owners were not at home. These occurred in the northern part of our neighborhood around NE 148th Place. This points out the need for all of us to keep a watch for anything unusual and to not be so hesitant to call the police if you see anything. If you are going to be away, do the basics like alerting your neighbors to bring in newspapers, mail, etc., and using timers to keep lights on.

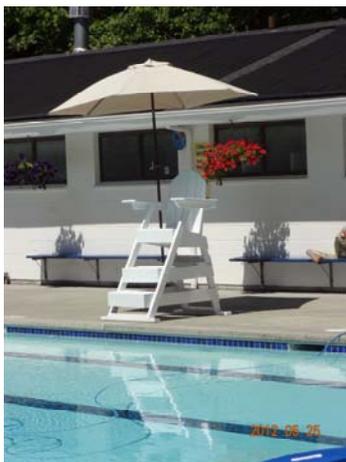
Pool News

Thank you to the wonderful community we live in for another fun year at the pool this past summer. I met several new neighbors and a few who have lived here for years. I reconnected with friends I see occasionally throughout the year but regularly in the summer. I had the honor of working with a staff of amazing young people who never disappointed me in the way they guarded or conducted themselves. They were a delight to be around. The water aerobics class was also a big hit and we hope to offer it again next year.

We did many updates to the pump room this past season in order to run it more efficiently and cost effectively. The new heaters allowed us to use the solar panels to heat the pool when the sun was shining and keep it warm when it wasn't. Before the season began the motor went out but because it was still under warranty we received a new one to match the new pump. We also have added a Variable Speed Drive which uses considerably less electricity and during the off season we can turn the motor down and save more. PSE has given us a \$7,700.00 grant for the savings on power.

I enjoy working at the pool and I appreciate the opportunity to keep it running so we all have a 'vacation' place to enjoy in our own neighborhood.

- by Crystal Lee



Hospitality Team

The warmer summer months and the kick off of autumn are a common season for many of our neighbors to put their houses on the market and move out, and for us to welcome new neighbors to High Woodlands. This means the Hospitality Team is keeping busy delivering welcome gifts to new neighbors and welcoming them to our community. If you are interested in being a part of the Hospitality Team, please contact Dulcy, dulcylinne@gmail.com, to get plugged into this low-time commitment, yet high-impact volunteering opportunity!

Securing Your Mail

One of our neighbors has noticed an apparent opening of mail from people's mailboxes. They have found miscellaneous pieces of mail, near the mailboxes or tucked behind bushes. If your part of the neighborhood does not have locking mailboxes, consider checking your mailbox soon after delivery, or installing a locked mailbox.

Board Meetings for the Coming Year

Our monthly meetings are held at the Robert Frost School library at 7:30 pm on the following Mondays:

- Nov 7
- Dec 5 -- Annual meeting
- (no Jan meeting)
- Feb 6
- Mar 6
- April 10
- May 1
- Jun 5

We then move to the pool for the summer months.

- July 10
- Aug 7

Please join us to your bring ideas and to communicate concerns.

The next board meeting is
Monday, November 7th at 7:30
p.m. at Robert Frost Elementary
School Library.

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