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High Woodlands Herald

Neighborhood Safety and Security: Be Observant

Submitted by Jim Eagan, President HWWA

We again ask: "If you see something, say something." Specifically, call 911 or the non-emergency number (425-577-5656) if you observe suspicious activity in our neighborhood. There have been incidents of packages stolen from porches, mail box thefts, and car prowls, as well as an attempted break-in while the owners were at home. Our park and the wooded area in the ravine are secluded enough to shelter illegal activity, especially at night.

Over the past few months, we have been constantly monitoring the park and woods. We have identified a few regular problems and the police have been involved and arrested people. We have on two occasions removed tents and belongings of transients who had set up camp behind the tennis courts. We have worked closely with the Kirkland Police who have been quick to respond to incidents and have been responsive to our on-going concerns. Additional no trespassing signs have been installed around the park and ravine. And the Association has signed an authorization for the police to arrest anyone trespassing in our common areas.

During the week of September 30, one of the board members found a large encampment on the north end of our property off of NE 149th St. behind the sound wall. It had most likely been there for months. The police were immediately involved and the occupants were formally instructed to vacate. Because of possible health hazards left behind, we hired an environmental clean-up firm to go into the site, as instructed by the police.

The HOA board has been all over this in attempting to keep our neighborhood from becoming a haven for those homeless looking to put up a tent in the woods. We need your help though, especially from those homeowners who border the park and wooded areas, in being extra observant and reporting anything suspicious to the police.

Adopt a Storm Drain

Submitted by Crystal Lee

If you have a storm drain close to your house consider adopting it this winter by keeping it clear of debris. A great job for kids and young people to help keep the neighborhood looking good and draining well.



Great Pool Season!

Submitted by Crystal Lee

This past summer provided lots of warm weather so our pool was a popular place to be. We started the season with the High Woodlands Swim Team, 10 weeks of practice of 70-90 kids plus 2 home meets hosting a few hundred people...biggest events and oh so fun. Once school was out we were at full speed. We held 4 sessions of swim lessons with an average of 63 kids per session, there were 49 parties, adult swim, adult aerobics, private lessons and of course the Members Swim. We checked in 4044 swimmers and 526 of them were guests. In addition we hosted two Members Only Events. The School's Out Party with 85 people and the Float in to Fall event the last day with an attendance of 140 for the day and we made several hundred ice cream floats.

There were many days the pool was in use from 7:00 am until 8:00-10:00 pm. This is a confirmation that we love and use our pool.

Thank you to the wonderful staff who guarded well and were taking good care of the facilities and the pool porters who kept the locker rooms sparkling clean and sanitized. Thank you to the homeowners that make this pool such a fun place to enjoy. Looking forward to seeing you all next season.

Upcoming Board Meetings

Here are the dates for the remaining Board Meetings for 2018. All homeowners are welcome and encouraged to attend. These Board Meetings will be held at the Robert Frost Elementary School Library and start at 7:30pm.

- November 5
- December 3

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Hi neighbors,

As members of the High Woodlands community, we're very lucky to have access to a beautiful park space. However, there are some pieces of equipment in the park that are at or nearing the end of their lifespan. Several of us have formed a team to look into updating our neighborhood playground. As we investigate improvements that can be made to the equipment, we'd appreciate your opinion so that we can ensure the park space remains a safe and indispensable part of our community. **Please complete the survey using the link, or return a completed hard copy to one of the neighbors below by November 30, 2018.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6YXJZ8Q>

Your friends,

Allison Griesel, Annie Kyriakides, Beth Burns, and Osha Lowatchie

1. How many children in your household? This can include grandchildren or other kids that come visit.
Please enter a number in each box.

0-4 years	<input type="text"/>
5-8 years	<input type="text"/>
9-12 years	<input type="text"/>
13+ years	<input type="text"/>

2. How frequently does someone from your household typically make use of the park equipment during the summer (June-August)?

	More than once a week	Weekly	Monthly	Almost never
Slide	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Play Structure	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Swings	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Picnic Shelter	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Baseball Diamond	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Field	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Basketball Court	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Tennis Court	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

3. How much do you use the park overall during non-summer months?

More than once a week	<input type="text"/>
Weekly	<input type="text"/>
Monthly	<input type="text"/>
Almost never	<input type="text"/>

4. How happy are you with the existing park equipment?

5. Would you be more likely to use the playground if it were updated?

- Yes
- No

6. If the playground equipment were to be updated, which items are most important to your household?
Select as many as applicable.

- More swings
- Toddler specific play area
- ADA inclusive equipment
- Monkey bars
- Merry-go-round
- Climbing structure
- New surfacing material to replace bark
- More slides
- See saw
- Sand box / digging area
- Updated play structure for older kids
- Other

7. Would you be willing to contribute to an improvement fund through a one-time special assessment?

- I am in favor of a one-time special assessment, up to \$50
- I am in favor of a one-time special assessment, up to \$100
- I am in favor of a one-time special assessment, up to \$200
- I am in favor of a one-time special assessment, up to \$300
- I am not in favor of a one-time special assessment

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know?

Thank you for completing our survey!