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Annexation Threat to Rural lifestyle

A proposal to move the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) in the Sammamish Valley threatens not only our ability to protect our neighborhood but also to protect farms, forests and Rural neighborhoods across Rural King County from urban sprawl.

Last spring, our County Councilmember Kathy Lambert ushered in a motion to County Council that directed the Executive (administration) to study the feasibility of moving the UGB in the Sammamish Valley adjacent to Hollywood Hill. The properties directly affected include about ten parcels centered around the Woodinville Alliance Church and three more parcels starting with Jack's Tractors near the Wine District roundabouts up to the pipeline crossing at SR202.

Similar proposals have been appropriately turned down by the County in the past, and, once again, this most recent study has concluded that this latest proposal is not supported for a number of good reasons. Regardless, Councilmember Lambert, supported by the City of Woodinville (which would like to annex the parcels), appears intent on having the proposal considered as part of the upcoming KC Comprehensive Plan update. The update process will begin in earnest in March 2012.

The sort of piecemeal "rezoning" proposed here by Lambert is a prime ingredient in the recipe for having strip mall sprawl creep along our roadways. When sprawl prevails, infrastructure costs go up and traffic problems multiply. In the process, we lose our open spaces, farms and sense of place.

Holding the UGBs where they are is crucial to avoiding this fate in King County. If such a change were allowed to occur here, it would set a precedent that the County would be obliged to repeat. While the provisions to accomplish this spring from the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), the application occurs locally.

The GMA, enacted in 1989, gives local jurisdictions not only the tools needed to accommodate growth in ways that preserve or enhance the qualities of life we'd prefer to enjoy, but also the teeth to enforce those plans.

A primary strategy of the GMA is that once the UGBs are set up to define where our cities and where our Rural areas will be, these boundaries are difficult to move. In order to move a UGB, a list of conditions and standards must be met. These are designed to assure that the changes are justified and that mitigation is included for the loss of Rural land. These requirements are then backed up by state law.

Lambert's proposal to move the UGB in the Sammamish Valley does not meet those standards.

History has shown time and again that zoning plans, with the best of intentions but which lack such provisions for long term enforcement, get gradually chipped away by piecemeal rezoning until one would not be able to tell that there ever was any plan. The result is the sprawl development that we want to avoid here.

Our community will experience growth. The issue at hand is: What will the Quality of growth be?

To make the most of our communities, we need to nurture a healthy economic environment while being sure to protect our neighborhoods and rural areas as places to live, play and grow for generations to come.

The HHA will be keeping a close eye on this crucial issue. To keep abreast of this and other evolving topics, we will be updating information through our email list.

President's Letter

I would like to introduce to you the Hollywood Hill Association.

Okay, most of you know about the HHA and need no introduction, but it is still an appropriate lead for this column.

A new database has been put into place for mailing our newsletters, the result of which is that many of you who previously had been addressed as "Current Occupant" should now have your name on the label - much more neighborly. Additionally, we have added several dozen addresses that we didn't have before, largely due to new construction over the past 20 years. When the HHA was founded in 1976, there were less than 300 residences on the Hill. We now have over 1200 households.

It is an understatement to say that this represents considerable change, but in spite of all that has transpired over the intervening 35 years, our neighborhood has retained a special charm often referred to as its "rural character". It has not been serendipity that brought our neighborhood and surrounding community to this point but rather the steadfast involvement of citizens like yourselves who envisioned something better than typical urban sprawl. The HHA has played an ongoing role in this evolution.

There are a number of important policy decisions coming up over the next year that will have profound effects on how our corner of this region will deal with change during the coming years and will affect all of King County as well. The HHA will continue in its mandate to do its level best to be your voice for supporting policies that will allow our neighborhood to continue to be a special place for decades to come.

Considering these important upcoming events, this might be a good time to visit our website to take a look at our goals and challenges. We welcome your feedback and direction. Our newsletters, going back to 2000, are archived as are trail maps of the area and other useful topics.

YOUR ASSOCIATION

The Hollywood Hill Association is a private, state nonprofit corporation, formally chartered in 1976. We are an all volunteer, community based organization, dedicated to the preservation of our community character.

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The HHA is managed by a 9-member Board of Directors. Elections are held by mail each autumn at the time of the HHA annual membership meeting. The existing Board selects candidates from those volunteers who have demonstrated a willingness to actively contribute to the HHA and who support its goals. Board meetings are scheduled on an as needed basis at the homes of Board members. The Board welcomes HHA members who wish to attend these meetings as long as prior arrangement has been made. Because these are business meetings, space availability and legal issues may require closed meetings from time to time. Contact any Board member if you are interested in attending.

Dues

Check the top line of your address label to see if your dues are current. If you have not sent in your dues for the current year, an envelope and application form are included in your newsletter. Dues are \$25 per calendar year.

Visit your community web site for more on these and other issues affecting our community.

www.hollywoodhillassoc.org

A quick primer on sewer service

Support for current King County policies that keep sewer service out of Rural communities, like Hollywood Hill, is key to retaining our "country living" character. There are a number of reasons for the ban, but they start with cost.

Sewers are very expensive to install and maintain. This is not a problem in Urban areas, where the density of users allows the cost to be spread between many customers. But in Rural areas, where users are more spread out, the cost of installation per customer would be prohibitively expensive. The high cost of sewers leads to the deeper reason why we need to keep them out of our Rural areas: sewer service leads directly to dense urban development in order to justify the cost.

Therefore, it is a matter of public policy that one of the defining distinctions between Urban and Rural communities is the existence or absence, respectively, of sewer service. Most new Urban residential development and all of the commercial zones are plugging into sewer service while there is essentially no sewer service in Rural communities such as Hollywood Hill.

There are some Urban residential areas that were developed before sewers were available and remain on their septic systems. This is the case in many of the neighborhoods in the east part of the City of Woodinville where many Urban parcels are relatively large at one acre or larger.

Understanding why current King County policies keep sewer service out of our Rural communities and defending those policies, is crucial to our mission of protecting Hollywood Hill and the valley farms from dense urban development.

School sewer construction loophole

There is one exception to the ban on sewer service in Rural King County: new school construction.

In spite of policies urging school districts to locate new schools within the communities that they serve, the letter of the law has not forbidden districts from locating new facilities in more remote locations. The result is that school districts have purchased numerous sites in Rural areas to build new schools, the demand for which will be coming almost entirely from growth within the cities.

Current codes also allow sewers to be extended into the Rural areas to service these new school facilities.

King County is attempting to end this loophole in recognition that the existing policy is not healthy for either our Rural nor for our Urban communities.

Building schools close to their population bases makes sense. It reduces student and parent drive time, puts a community amenity within its city limits, reduces infrastructure costs such as sewer service and keeps Urban uses out of our Rural areas.

Most of our population growth has been occurring within the Urban Growth Boundary (in the cities) over the past 15 years. In fact, the student population base in Rural King County has been shrinking over the past decade.

One example of the undesirable effects of locating new schools remotely from their student base can be found here in our own neighborhood.

Until just a few years ago, Hollywood Hill students attended Leota Junior High, about a 10 minute drive from the Hill. However, in 1997, Timbercrest Junior High was built at the east edge of the district, far from the City of Woodinville where the student base has been growing. In order to accommodate this growth, students from within City limits are being sent to the nearest school which is Leota. Meanwhile, students from our community have been squeezed out of Leota and are now being bussed out to Timbercrest, a 20 to 30 minute drive depending on traffic. If Timbercrest had been built where the growth in student base was occurring, everyone would have shorter drives to their schools.

In preparation for updating its Comprehensive Plan, King County is updating its Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs). The "final draft" of the updated CPPs requires new schools being built to serve Urban populations to be built within their respective Urban Growth Boundary. This would keep new schools and their attendant sewers out of Rural King County.

Unfortunately, an amendment was presented by the Suburban Cities Association (SCA) to exempt up to 19 sites around Rural King County from this provision. While many citizens and groups, including the HHA, spoke against this exemption, a decision was reached to further study the issue. It will be taken up again sometime this winter.

The HHA will continue to speak in support of the existing CPP Update, which would require new schools to be built inside the Urban Growth Boundary, and against the amendment that would exempt these 19 Rural school sites and their sewers from the policy.

Community Service Areas

King County has discontinued the Unincorporated Area Community Council system and intends to replace it with the Community Service Area system with the goals of providing access to King County government to more residents of unincorporated King County while reducing costs. This process is in its initial stages, and you have the possibility to shape its future.

To further the process of setting up the CSA system, King County is hosting four boundary workshops, on November 29 in Federal Way, November 30 in Maple Valley, December 6 in Carnation, and December 7 in Enumclaw. If you can attend one of these workshops, you could possibly have a significant effect on your representation in King County government

For more information, visit: <http://your.king.county.gov/dnrp/newsletters/ua-news.htm> - or contact Marissa Alegria at: Marissa.Alegria@kingcounty.gov.

Election Endorsements

This election season, the HHA was pressed into doing something it has never done before. We endorsed candidates for elected offices, in this case Ken Goodman and Karen Steeb, for the board of the Woodinville Water District. We were moved to do this not only due to the amount of misinformation that the two challengers were spreading but also because of the nature of their distortions.

Fortunately, the majority of voters saw through the misguided campaigns of the challengers and voted to keep the incumbents Goodwin and Steeb on the board. If we are to continue to protect our community, we must be clear about the good public policy that is worthy of our support while speaking against misguided policies and proposals. Toward this goal, it is vital that we understand the real issues and not have our energy diverted by hyperbole or outright falsehoods.

The sewers issue is an example of where the County is trying to do the right thing by keeping them out of Rural KC. If the County gets criticized just because it is “government”, then we weaken the ability of our policy makers and administrators to do the good work that, in many if not most cases, they are doing.

In this newsletter, there is a recurring theme of discussing a cluster of issues where decisions are soon to be made which will profoundly affect the way our neighborhood, along with much of King County, evolves over the coming years.

The HHA will continue to communicate the real issues affecting our stated goal of “protecting and enhancing the rural character of Hollywood Hill.”



*Peace Day Dove and supporters, September 18th
-Photo by Lincoln Potter*

YO, Peace

By Kenzie Kovacs-Szabo

Have you heard of the International Day of Peace on September 21st? Well, did you know that we celebrated it right here in Woodinville? (Except we held our festival on the 18th of September instead...)

Yep, using the Roots & Shoots's idea of giant white peace dove puppets, handmade and fluttering in the wind in a two-dove parade while a song written especially for the holiday was performed live in the background by singer/activist Dana Lyons, we had a Peace Day Festival at the Olympic Nursery. Other performers such as the Celtic Fire Band & Tangletown Band played their own songs, and speakers talked while other activities like a scavenger hunt, big bubbles, veggie animals, bee tubes, and others kept kids...and also some adults...occupied.

In honor of the day, while working my own recycled collage activity, I found time to ask some of the passersby, "What do you think of when you think of world peace?"

Nine-year-old Ben told me it meant "nobody shooting each other."

Carolin said that world peace means "treating every human and non-human with respect, kindness, and compassion."

Among other reflections were Eric's: "Peace starts with the people you're seeing every day," and Trish's: "[I think of] being surrounded by green!"

Dana Lyons thinks world peace will happen when "...Everyone has enough food, safe housing, access to education, and health care."

Andrew's idea of world peace was "everyone coming together, eating food and building community."

"There is no way to peace, peace is the way," from Unity Church is another nice one.

Of course, I just have to agree with this last quote: "World peace means ice cream!"

Thank you, everyone, for lending me your time and your words of wisdom. What do YOU imagine when you hear the phrase 'World Peace'? No matter what it is, world peace starts with you. So let's all celebrate, even when the Day of Peace is over, because peace is just so totally awesome!

Kenzie Kovacs-Szabo is a 14 year-old homeschooled resident of Hollywood Hill whose greatest passions are writing, reading, and acting. She recently self-published one of her novels on Kindle at Amazon.com, called *Dragon Claws*.



Peace Day Dove and supporters, September 18th -Photo by Lincoln Potter



What's the buzz with bees!

By: Dave Hunter

My message is simple. I want to continue to have diverse food on my table in 10 years.

Bees play a vital role with our groceries. I have learned that about every third bite of food we eat is due to managed pollination with bees. Most all fruit, much of our vegetables, and quite a bit of our grain are due to these wonderful insects.

I'm sure that you've heard we are in the beginning part of an impending tragedy with our honey and bumble bees. The science community that I talk to are doing all they can to "save the bee". I also hear these same scientists say that they may not succeed. I am choosing to minimize the impact. The interesting part is that you, the gardener, can participate with me quite easily.

What's happening with our bees? Unfortunately, it's not just one issue.

- Our honey bees now carry diseased mites introduced from Chinese honey bees
- We have disappearing honey bee colonies across the world due to "colony collapse disorder"
- There's an alarming drop in numbers of bumble bees across the continent
- Pesticides in both the commercial fields and residential yards have huge impacts
- Global change with weather isn't helpful either. (cool summers on the west, droughts in the south, and torrential rains in the east all have negative impacts)
- The last four years have seen our national commercial honey bees lose about 35% per year. They can "split hives" each year, but their numbers continue to drop.

That's the challenge in front of us. There are alternatives that can be pursued to provide pollination. You can share in the solution!

Initially, please understand the importance of bees in your yard. They pollinate your fruit and nut trees, they ensure that your perennials have seeds for the following year, and they are vital for a pollinated garden. A healthy yard has a variety of bees in it.

Bees live in hives, in underground nests, and in holes in reeds and trees. Bees are social (honey bees) or solitary (the mason bee). Social bees defend nests, where as solitary do not (and as a result rarely sting). The bee kingdom has simple needs; food (pollen and nectar from your flowers), shelter (ground nests, hives, mason bee tubes), and a healthy environment (no pesticides, clean holes to nest in.)

An alternate solution where you and I can team together is to raise as many mason bees as possible across the US. In 5-7 years, I'll be asking for your excess mason bees. These bees will be given to regional pollinators for use in regional orchards. (Chicago bees are sent to Wisconsin apple orchards, northwest bees to Wenatchee/Yakima.)

Your role is quite simple:

- Have as much pollen growing in your yard as long as possible. (Early spring through fall). This shouldn't be difficult for seasoned gardeners like you! Grow native plants over imports and old style over double blossoms. (Double blossoms don't have much pollen/nectar and bees can't get into them well.)

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- Leave the borders of your yard natural and messy! (sticks and leaves left, dirt exposed) Beauty bark is an impenetrable barrier to nest underneath and hides mud that can be used by bees/wasps. Natural, messy borders attracts ground nesting bees (like the bumble bee), plus it provides mud for your mason bees!
- Please limit your use of pesticides. Teach your neighbors as well. Their spraying kills your bees. Follow organic concepts as much as possible.

Learn the basics about the easy-to-raise mason bees. My website, www.crownbees.com <http://www.crownbees.com/> has good information for the starting bee-fan.

12 Month Financial Summary

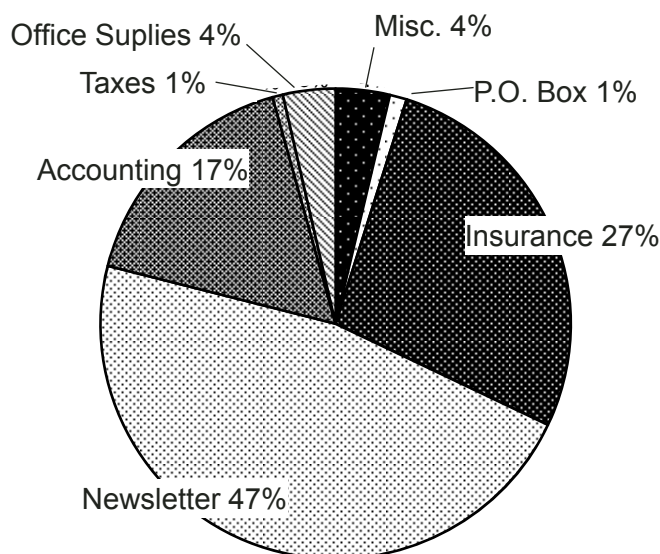
For the period from Nov. 1, 2010 to Oct. 31, 2011, the HHA's income from Dues was \$6452 and additional Contributions were \$1,163 for a total income of \$7,615. Total expenses were \$5,564.

Income:

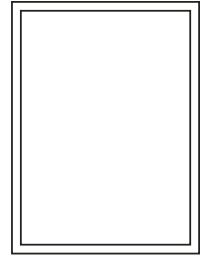
Membership Dues	6,451.68	85%
Contributions	1,163.10	15%
Total Income Nov 1, 2010 through Oct 31, 2011	<u>7,614.78</u>	<u>100%</u>

Expenses:

Misc Expenses: Bank Charges/Contributions:	207.00	4%
Federal/King County Taxes	65.05	1%
Insurance: Directors/Liability	1,513.00	27%
Newsletter: Printing/Postage/Labels/Envelopes	2,608.03	47%
Professional fees: Accounting	930.00	17%
Rent: Post Office Box	40.00	1%
Office Supplies: Tax Forms/Quickbooks/Flash drives	200.94	4%
Total Expenses Nov 1, 2010 through Oct 31, 2011	<u>5,564.02</u>	<u>100%</u>



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