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Roundabout(s) in our future?

For years we have heard the rumors but finally some solid plans are public. In a proposed partnership with the MJR/Woodinville Village project and the City of Woodinville, not one but three roundabouts are being planned for 2006. They will lie at the intersection of SR 202 and NE 145th Street next to the old Hollywood Hill Schoolhouse. The secondary, single lane roundabouts will be just south and west to slow and mitigate the additional traffic that Woodinville Village will bring to the area. (We will publish a drawing when/if it becomes available) Project costs will be shared between The City, MJR/Woodinville Village, development impact fees and State dollars.

In an interview with HHA president Michael Tanksley, Mick Monken, Woodinville Public Works Director assured the Association that he was confident that the roundabouts will improve current congestion, increase safety, and access for pedestrian and bike travel.

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Community Greenbelt and Crossroads

Straddling the crest of our hill between the Hollywood Hill and English Hill neighborhoods, the 10 Acre Woods and its trails provide a serene oasis for a variety of non-motorized uses.

The Hollywood Hill Association came into ownership of the 10 Acre Woods in the late 70's through an agreement with the developers of English Hill to provide a green belt buffer between our neighborhoods. Added to another 10 acre parcel owned by the English Hill Homeowner's Association, these 20 acres of forest and trails link our communities in a unique way.

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Thanks to the 10 Acre Woods trail maintenance crew: Andy Bound and Chris Taylor, who both donated their tractor time, Mary Kay Grossblatt, Mary Hoshizaki, Mitchell and Bryce VandenBerg, Alex, Jennifer and Bob Lazere, Loren, Brian, Carolyn and Mike Tanksley. Also, thanks to the anonymous neighbor(s) who chipped the trails this past winter. --Photo by Lincoln Potter

Letter from the President

We are fortunate to live in a neighborhood that offers a unique quality of life. This has much to do with the fact that, in the face of the tremendous pressures of growth and rapid change, this community has stood together to defend its' rural character.

People coming together to further common goals is what community is all about. For 28 years, the Hollywood Hill Association has provided a steady community voice for preserving the rural character of our neighborhood. It is an effort that has paid off.

As astute readers, you must have a thought jostling for your attention: "That sounds nice, but what about all those disagreements?"

Well, the disagreements have been real, and we are better for them. Open, critical debate is an important element in a functional community. Sometimes it is hard, but if we approach dissent in a positive way, as part of a healthy process, we find that it results in stronger, fairer society.

Unfortunately, not all dissent is constructive, and we need to recognize the difference. I recently attended a public meeting where that difference was graphically demonstrated.

You may have heard about the brou-ha at a recent Upper Bear Creek Unincorporated Areas Council meeting. These meetings are generally very civil, and most of us were there to participate in the process and move forward respectfully as a community.

Upon arrival, I found that the meeting had been usurped by some members of a group opposed to the new King County critical areas ordinance (CAO). Unfortunately, these people had no intention of contributing to cooperative discussion. Raucous and intimidating by design, they loudly disrupted the meeting's agenda and interrupted community members who had respectfully waited for their turns to speak.

The actions of this small but vocal group of people had nothing to do with building community. Rather, they were working to break it up. A functional community strives to open up avenues of communication. While entitled to express their concerns, these folks did their best to hinder discussion. Building community requires responsibility, respect and a spirit of cooperation. They were trying to burn down the barn.

There are plenty of folks who have legitimate concerns about the CAO and its administration, including myself. Many people are working, as members of a responsible community, to address its' shortcomings in a productive manner. However, progress can only be made if we avoid throwing the baby out with the bathwater.

Ultimately, the hecklers' efforts failed. They failed not only because most folks were offended and alienated, but also because such belligerent attitudes are indicative of an underlying weakness. As unpleasant as the experience was, the majority of us who recognize the need for constructive engagement have moved on and are really stronger for it.

By standing together with appreciation for our neighbors' views and recognition of the value of respectful civil dissent, we can continue to address the pressures of change around us and defend the qualities of life that attracted us to live in this special place.

Mike Tanksley

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 for the 2nd Thursday of each month 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 Verification

Please check your mailing label to make sure that it correctly reflects the status of your dues payment for the year. If there is any discrepancy with that or if the residents' name has changed, please contact the association president.

Dues are \$25 per calendar year.

Hollywood Hill Association Income and Expenses in percentages

Income Summary:

Membership Dues	% 79.10
Other Income	5.02
Donations	<u>5.88</u>
	% 100.00

Expense Summary:

Newsletter costs	% 39.54
Insurance	24.10
Postage and Delivery	23.42
Property Taxes	4.99
Roadside cleanup expenses	4.86
Meeting expenses	2.35
Office Supplies	0.38
Bank Service Charges	0.21
Licenses and Permits	<u>0.15</u>
	% 100.00

New Woodinville Farmer's Market project takes shape

HHA recently interviewed Gretchen Garth, Friends of the Woodinville Farmer's Market, regarding the new community gardens on the Woodinville bypass just south of town. Here's what she had to say:

"People are calling it "21 Acres". Three are right here by the road and are permitted to allow the market activities. Next to that are the gardens. The "Back 18" as we call it will be an ecosystem where we work with full cycles of nature, where we grow food. We're working with a lot of different people on that because it's going to be complicated. Farmers, cooks, soil experts; we'll even have chickens that do their share and the 4H will have sheep to keep the grass down. We'll have composting, an aquiculture pond and we'll use that soil for berming and paths. We will have natural cold storage as well as refrigeration.

The roof that Vince Carlson our lead architect has done is exciting. It will be built at 45 degrees and will house the filtration plant in the top third, solar in the middle and the bottom will be the water catchments. The building itself will draw people to the market. Everything in the design concept will be a working space to keep the cost down and to support the market. We will have space for education, a test kitchen, for canning and making preserves and for teaching children and adults about cooking and nutrition. We want to have organizations like PCC to have discussions about diet and organics and EagleSong, head gardner from The Herbfarm, to talk about herbs. It will be a learning facility that will encourage people to come in and gain knowledge of new food, fresh tastes and incorporate them into their lives.



21 Acres Community Gardens: Patty Evans of Woodinville encourages as Ian Gauntt helps prepare her plot for spring planting. --Photo by Lincoln Potter

It's really coming together beautifully. Mainly because of what people bring to it, that's the most interesting part of the project. Everyone has a place or part that interests them. That was our hope, it is such a public project, it's about people's connection with agriculture because it is such a necessity in life. We really want to give the community the opportunity to understand and participate. To take away something that's important to them — whether it is rain barrels, farming your own Pea-Patch or buying an organic head of lettuce from the market — all the different components that are going to be brought to this project."

Farmland for our Grandchildren

In a deal made last fall, King County sold the Kaplan farm property to the Friends of Woodinville Farmer's Market. This sale resulted in a piece of prime farmland moving out of county ownership and back into productive private hands. After many years of hard work by the HHA and others to preserve agriculture in the Sammamish Valley, we are happy to see the Friends of Woodinville Farmer's Market come to own the Kaplan farmland with the intent to continue agricultural activities.

In addition to the renewal of agricultural activity on the property, another benefit was realized that helps preserve farmland. As part of the deal, King County retained the development rights by the use of deed restrictions, as in the Farmland Preservation Program. Prior to its purchase by the Farmer's Market, the Kaplan farm was one of the few farms left in the valley that was not included in the Farmland Preservation Program.

To appreciate this benefit, it is important to know that the voter approved Farmland Preservation Program provides a layer of protection that is in addition to what is provided by a farm being zoned Agriculture. What this means is that, if politics ever changes the protections offered under basic agricultural zoning, the Farmland Preservation Program would continue to protect the properties that are in the program.

For more information on how these programs and policies interact, visit our website at www.hollywoodhillassoc.org and look under Current Events. There you will find an article that describes the history and differences between the Farmland Preservation Program and Agriculture zoning.

Hollywood Hill Saddle Club Spring Report

Our 2005 season is well underway with the Easter Egg Hunt, one English Western Show, Western Games and Hunter Division already completed. We have had many work parties to trim, mow, repair facilities and prepare for the upcoming activities of 2005.

As for the park, we are still working on transferring the Saddle Club property from the King County Roads Department to the Parks Department. Progress is slow, but it continues to move forward.

Our activities are open to all. Many members and non-members use the Saddle Club facilities on a daily basis to ride, hike and access our great trail system. Below is a list of the remaining 2005 activities. Come and join us!

English/Western

Chair: Bonnie Soule

(425)788-1475

July 23

Sept 17

July 24

Western Division

Chair: Carol Lindbloom

(425)481-1678

May 22

June 26

August 21

Sept 18

Hunter Division

Chair: Lynn Gemmell

(425)483-5154

June 4

July 30

Community Work Parties: The Saddle Club has adopted the community trail system, including gold Creek Park, and we have ongoing work parties on weekends and during the week. If you would like to pitch in, please contact: Tom Short (425)483-8406. We have a good time doing good work making our community a more enjoyable place to live.

Breaking Bread and Building Bridges In the Sammamish Valley

Pot Luck Get Together

Meet neighbors and workers interested in agriculture and tourism, heritage and art, farming, marketing and gardening, in the valley between Woodinville and Redmond.

July 12, 2005 5:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Sammamish Valley Grange Hall

14654 148th Ave NE

Woodinville, Wa. 98072

Evening Agenda

The focus of the dinner discussion would be to explore the need for a Sammamish Valley Farm Council.

5:30 doors open and social 1/2 hour

6:00 potluck opens with introductions, panel presenters, roundtable discussions, sharing of group thoughts, open discussion and Q & A

For the latest updates please check:

<http://www.hollywoodhillassoc.org>

RSVP or call 425-806-8044 for more information.

GOOD SLUG -- BAD SLUG

Think the only good slug is a dead slug? Reconsider! Our 3 native species of banana slug, typically living in the forest, are actually helpful because they only eat dead plant material. The name refers to their usual light green-yellow coloring, but the color can range from dead white to black depending on what they have been eating.

They are the giants of the slug world, with a fat body, growing 8-10 inches long. The skin behind the mantle (at the head) has slight furrows, often with black splotches or spots. They also have an indentation at the tail end while the nasty, live-plant-eating slugs have a smooth "tail". Noxious slugs are the European black slug (the skin behind the mantle is "pebbled" looking), the great gray garden slug (smooth skinned, many spots, faster and a cannibal), the milky slug (concentric circles on the mantle) and the greenhouse slug (only lives indoors in the dirt of potted plants).

So if you see a banana slug, leave it to its helpful work for the environment. For more information, read Field Guide to the Slug by David George Gordon.



The following is a guest article submitted by the King County Conservation District. Conservation districts are non-regulatory, non-enforcement entities that provide educational and technical assistance to farmers and livestock owners.

What is a Farm Plan?

A farm plan is a document developed by your Conservation District and you, the farmer or landowner. It is a series of actions developed to meet a farmer's goals while protecting water quality and the natural resources. You don't have to be a commercial operation to have a farm plan developed for you - the Conservation District works with farms of all sizes, from backyard horse owners to dairy and beef operations!

Some of the things considered in a farm plan are farm size, type of livestock or crops, soils type, slope of the land, proximity to streams or water bodies, the farmer's goals, resources such as machinery or buildings and finances available. First, the Conservation District will address potential water quality concerns by suggesting changes that may be made. Possible examples include streamside fencing, gutters and downspouts and manure management techniques. Then the Conservation District will look at other changes that can be made to improve farm productivity and reduce the impact on the natural resources. Some examples here include pasture renovation, weed management techniques, creating sacrifice areas, cross fencing, and pasture restoration for livestock.

The Conservation District offers technical assistance on questions such as what grasses to plant, how to build a fence and when to mow. The suggestions made by the Conservation District are reviewed by the farmer. Together they develop a plan and schedule for accomplishing the changes they decide on. The farmer may decide to act

on some of the changes in the first year and others in coming years - farm plans often include work over a number of years. Once the farmer and the Conservation District have made their decisions, a tentative implementation schedule is set and their plans are recorded. One copy is kept with the farmer and one is kept on record with the Conservation District. Revisions of the plan can be made as the goals and needs of the farmer change.

Another important point is that all services provided by the KCD are free and without obligation. The King Conservation District is a non-regulatory, non-enforcement Municipal Corporation of the State of Washington supported by grants and a conservation assessment. It is charged with the duties of protecting the soil and water of King County through technical assistance and education, with particular emphasis on farming and animal keeping practices.

A farm plan may assist you in meeting the requirements of King County's Livestock Management Ordinance and the Critical Areas Ordinance. These ordinances require livestock owners in King County to meet certain management standards, which will result in an improved environment within the county. Additional information about the Ordinances may be found on the Livestock Programs page of the King County website. If you would like to help your farm become a better place for you, your animals, and the environment contact the Conservation District at 425-277-5581 ext 105 and talk to a farm planner.

Your Septic Tank: Does it need cleaning?

The Hollywood Hill Association is fortunate in having an established relationship with Pete Couty who owns Alberta Septic. Those of you who are paid members of HHA will find that Mr. Couty's rates as well as his personal service are excellent.

The current fee for most tanks is \$270.00. Pumping may be done at any time of the year. Location of tank lids, replacement of baffles, etc. may be done at an additional charge. There is a 10% discount on most other work (e.g. risers - extensions on tank lids). Mr. Couty is licensed and qualified not only to pump your tank and make repairs but also to install a new system if necessary.

If you do not know the location of your septic system, most particularly the opening of the tank, you should be able to obtain the information from the King County Office of Environmental Health at (206) 296-4932.

If you are new to the area or missed previous articles about septic systems, you may not be familiar with the care and handling of your system.

- You do not need to add any chemicals to your tank to "help" your system work correctly.
- Avoid flushing products other than toilet tissue (e.g. Kleenex, tampons, kitty litter, ...).
- Avoid using a garbage disposal. Vegetable matter will only fill your tank that much sooner.
- Avoid flushing or pouring cleaners, paints, and chemicals down your drains.

A little preventive care will help you to minimize costly repairs.

Roundabout(s)

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(The association understands that these assurances on the feasibility of a roundabout in this area are far from universally accepted by the community but here we deal only with the announcement.)

HHA: Will the project be complete before the MJR project begins?

MM: Probably not, it will likely be simultaneous.

HHA: What is your time frame?

MM: If everything goes well with the state funds we have applied for we are going to try to start construction and finish in 2006. A year and a half from now we should be complete. If we don't get our funds or MJR doesn't follow through with their development that may totally change.

HHA: During the construction of the roundabout and Woodinville Village have you made plans on how to manage traffic?

MM: Not at this stage. We have to work with State to explore our options. The State is telling us that they have learned methods of keeping traffic flowing during

the construction of roundabouts. Currently we are at the design and development stage which is slated for completion this year. A concept drawing is available for viewing and we will hold an open house later this year to present the final proposed layout.

Mick Monken is available for enquires at Woodinville City Hall, 425-489 2700, ext 2291 or by email: mickm@ci.woodinville.wa.us

Currently, the project is in the design development stage that should see completion this year. Construction is planned for early 2006 (if full funding can be secured). The current plan shares the project costs between the City, Woodinville Village, development impact fees, and State dollars.

A concept layout has been prepared and is available to viewing. The City will hold an open house later this year to present the final proposed layout. If you have inquiries about this project, please contact Mick Monken at 425-489-2700 ext 2291 or e-mail him at: mickm@ci.woodinville.wa.us.

Greenbelt

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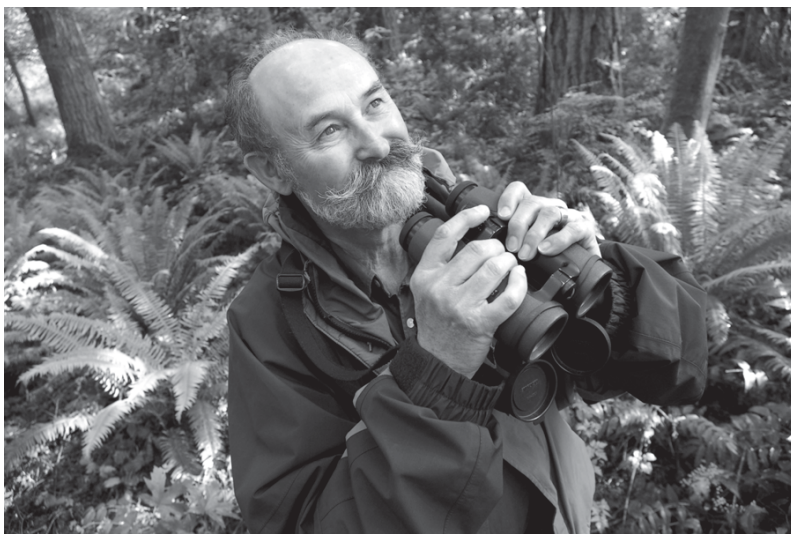
Bird watchers, dog walkers, horse riders, runners and families going to ball games at Sunrise are some of the folks who frequent this space. Still, it is common to enjoy a walk through the trails in solitude.

While the HHA performs periodic maintenance on the trails, it should be noted that there are some anonymous

neighbors who have helped out from time to time. This past winter, someone came through with a wood chipper and cleaned up the considerable deadfall, spreading the chips on the trails in the process. Nice job.

This Spring, the HHA is going a step farther by spreading gravel into numerous low spots, the larger of which would satisfy large African mammals for wallow holes during wet spells. Spring rains have slowed progress, but it should be finished soon after we get a week of dry weather.

To visit the 10 Acre woods, go to the intersection of 168th Ave NE and NE 145th Street. Go east on NE 145th St. for about 150 yards and you will find a yellow post on the south (right) side of the road marking one of the entrance trails. This is just before the large cedar trees that split the road. Enter and enjoy!



Brian Bell, *Birding and Natural History Guide*, on lookout at Hollywood Hill 10 Acre Wood --Photo by Lincoln Potter

What Do Gold Creek Park and the Boys & Girls Club Have in Common?

Hollywood Hill and King County Parks are extremely fortunate to have Tara Irvin, a representative of the Boys & Girls Club, working Gold Creek Park. She teaches the kids about nature and the importance of good stewardship through programs such as hiking the trails or having projects to learn about the importance of good habitat for wildlife. She also rents out the lodge for events, including stay-over retreats.



Tara Irvin, Gold Creek Director, Boys & Girls Clubs of King County: Tara and her charges in their 40 acre classroom.
--Photo by Lincoln Potter

Tara is a Steward with the Native Plant Society and is committed to improving the creek woods and trails. She has been collaborating with the state & county, plus the Hollywood Hill organizations (HHA, HH Saddle Club and HH Stewardship Alliance), along with submitting educational and restoration grants. She has extensive experience with horses and understands the importance of our trail system.

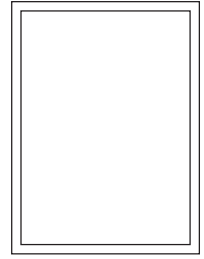
There was a native plant identification hike last month, and she plans to make it an annual event. Work parties to remove invasives and replace with native plants are routinely scheduled. Call 483-7310 for future events. It's a great way to meet people! If your company or children need community service time for a work or school project, consider helping in the park. This park is a little known jewel, and Tara is committed to making it shine.

Neighborhood Roots

We have just heard that The Root Connection still has memberships available. Here is an opportunity to support community-based agriculture, enjoy delightfully fresh organic produce, keep healthy and save money while doing the right thing! What's to lose? Check out their Farmstore for amazing garden plants while you're there.

Find the friendly folks at Root Connection at 13607 Woodinville Redmond Road. As you are traveling south from the Hollywood Schoolhouse they are about two miles down the road on the right. For more information, click: www.rootconnection.com.

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CHECK YOUR LABEL -- ARE YOUR DUES CURRENT?



E-News from the HHA

We are restarting our effort to generate an e-mail list of our membership and interested parties. Such a list would be invaluable in the event that we have late breaking news or other timely information that we need to get out fast. Also, we envision offering the newsletter electronically to those who would prefer it that way. Publishing and mailing the newsletter is the largest expense of the HHA.

Rest assured that the list would remain confidential and that we have no intention of sending out frequent notices. If you are interested, please send your e-mail address to our webmaster at: taylorfamilyfive@comcast.net