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Recent history-making events have shocked us in many ways. One thing that has certainly been made clear is that America is part of a larger world, with all of the good and bad that goes along with that reality. While the media tend to focus on the disasters, be assured that, all over the world and every day, there are innumerable wonderful events that go unreported.

As one who travels for a living, I have seen a good share of the world. On the surface, there is tremendous diversity. But, one thing stays constant: the living world is made up of communities, a pattern that is repeated over and over. Small communities work together to form larger communities, cities and eventually, nations. But, it all starts with community and the community starts with its individual citizens. In all our apparent diversity, we have far more in common, across the globe, than we are led to believe.

Many of us entertain the question as to what we can do to effect these defining moments in history. Some of us have gone to New York to help with the clean-up efforts, some have joined with aid organizations to help those in need, and others have enlisted their services with the military. There are many stories to be told. But, most of us have returned to our daily routines, strange as that felt at first.

As the winds of change swirl around our world, it is important for us to remember that each of us has a role to play and that our roles start with how we lead our day-to-day lives. And while we should all give special thanks to those who have gotten directly involved with the headlines-grabbing events, such heroic efforts would mean little if not for the vision required to build and maintain a better world. The foundation of that better world is constructed in our homes and our local communities.

This is an off-year election, yet we will be voting for our representative to the King County Council. Few elected officials have a greater effect on our local community than the King County Council. And our votes count for far more in these elections than in the national ones. Accordingly, we will be hosting some of our local candidates at our annual meeting and we hope that many of you can attend.

The HHA also has a particularly important matter for the membership to vote on, that being changes to our by-laws. And we are polling to gain a feeling for the membership's opinion about the burn ban. It is important for the HHA that our membership take a few moments to participate in this vote and polling effort. And, while we give thanks to our heroes in the headlines, let's also take the time to appreciate our neighbors and friends here at home for all that gets done in building and maintaining the foundation of our better world.

— Mike Tanksley,
President Hollywood Hill Association

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held at the Hollywood Schoolhouse (red brick building) on the corner of SR 202 and NE 145th. A number of our local representatives running for public office will be there for you to meet and discuss your views. We will also be discussing a number of important topics such as the Burn Ban and other issues that effect our neighborhood. Please join us on October 24; 7:00 to 9:00pm at the Hollywood Schoolhouse across from Woody's for this once a year event.

ISSUES ON THE BALLOT - Updating of our By-Laws

The Hollywood Hill Association trustees find that we need to update our by-laws and we would like to urge the participation of the membership. Please take the time to read the enclosed changes and give us your response. The primary aim of this update is to position HHA for recognition as a Federally tax-exempt, non-profit entity to match our current non-profit status with Washington State. The HHA Bylaws were originally written in 1976 to facilitate the initial establishing of the organization. During the review we have also discovered some inaccuracies and language that while substantially correct, was difficult to understand or even obsolete. Below are our attempts to rectify these issues. To see the bylaws as they are currently written please refer to: www.hollywoodhillassoc.org Please feel free to contact members of the HHA board for clarification and comment. Ballots were mailed to dues paying members. Proposed changes:

1. Article. I : Change 176th N.E. Street to read 176th Ave N.E. Corrects a misprint.
2. Art. II sec.1b. : Change to read: Each paid membership shall entitle a maximum of two heads of each household to vote.
3. Art. II Sec.2 a. and b.: Change to read: "All persons who are not residents or owners of property in the above-described district and who are otherwise affiliated with this corporation shall be eligible for membership under this section, but shall not be entitled to any voting rights." This removes language referring to ARTICLE IX. ARTICLE IX is not relevant to the topic.
4. Art. III sec.1: Change to read: "Membership dues shall be set at a reasonable level by the Board of Trustees each calendar year (January 1 through December 31)."
5. Art. III sec. 6: Eliminate entirely. This has to do with special assessments of the membership, which the Board agrees that we will not do. If there is a special monetary need, such contributions would be voluntary, as is basic membership.
6. Art. IV sec. 3: Amend to read: "The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be nominated from among those currently serving as or running for Trustee and shall be elected as provided in Section 2. " The change is to add "...currently serving as or..." This line was originally written with the initial establishment of the organization in mind, not ongoing operation.
7. Art. IV sec. 4: Remove "...and during the year next following such term, shall automatically become a trustee." This line was written with the initial establishment of the organization in mind, not ongoing operation.
8. Art. IV sec. 5 : Remove the first sentence and "Thereafter, at each annual meeting, ..." This line was written with the initial establishment of the organization in mind, not ongoing operation.
9. Art. V : Change title to read: "Duties of Officers and Trustees" Word Trustees" to replace "Director". This is to be consistent with the wording in the Articles of Incorporation.
10. Art. V sec. 4: Insert "Section 4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be:" between sec. 3 and sec. 3a. This is to correct an omission in the original.
11. Art V sec. 4 : Replace all references to "Directors" with "Trustees." This is to be consistent with the wording in the Articles of Incorporation.
12. Art V sec. 4d. : Remove "and" and change "co-sign" to "sign".
13. Art V sec. 4 : Change "Section 4" to read Section 5."
14. Art. VI Sec. 2. : Change to read: "Special membership meetings may be called by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees, by the President and two other members of the Board of Trustees, or by petition of 25% of the membership made to the Board of Trustees." This defines an avenue open to the membership for calling special meetings.
15. Art VII sec. 1.: Change to read: "All committee chairmen shall be appointed by the president and approved by the board of trustees, at which time the committee shall be designated as a standing or special committee."

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YOUR ASSOCIATION

The Hollywood Hill Association is a private, state non-profit corporation, formally chartered in 1976. We are an all volunteer, community based organization, dedicated to the preservation of our community character. Our primary goals are the preservation of Hollywood Hill's rural designation and the preservation of the agricultural lands of the rural Sammamish Valley. We are widely recognized by both government officials and development interests as an influential and determined organization. Our many successes have been due, in large part, to dedicated volunteers, and to the support of our many members. We encourage you to become actively involved in the Association by joining one of our standing committees. Please contact any Board member for more information.

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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.

FALL CLEANUP- set for October 27-28

Thanks to all who have taken the time to pick up litter between our official clean-up days. Many hands make light the work. A special thanks to Jane Fitzpatrick's Cub Scout Den for their recent work.

It is time for another roadside clean up and the weekend is October 27-28. In order to participate, you may stop by the Hollywood Hill Saddle Club, just east of the elementary school, on Saturday morning between 9am and 11am. You will be supplied with bags and safety equipment. If this time does not work, contact Mary Vandenburg at 402-1216 to make other arrangements.

Suggestion: Bring work gloves, rubber is best. These keep your hands dry as well as protect from sharp objects.

Burn Ban

The HHA has not taken a position either for or against the burn ban. There are good arguments and strong feelings on both sides from within our community.

To gain a better feel for how our membership feels, we are including a survey on the ballot about how the membership feels regarding this issue.

Additionally, we can spend some time at our annual meeting discussing the issue and whether the community should pursue any additional action.

SOME TRICKS LEARNED OVER THE SUMMER WHILE TRYING TO SAVE WATER

By Jan Hunt

First, if you are going to get a new washer, consider a suggestion of a former HHA board member, Susan Cyr, to go with a front loader. These washers can save approximately 20 gallons/load compared to a top-loading machine, which also helps prevent overloading your septic tank with multiple loads of wash. They are much better for washing bulky items too.

Second, there are the various yard tricks. Here are a few tricks I learned at a recent seminar sponsored by a local nursery, which featured Mr. Ciscoe, the head agriculturalist at Seattle U.

1. **Maintain Mulch.** Keep areas around plants well turned with compost and use 3-461; of mulch on top. This cools the roots dramatically so plants are less stressed and require less water. Water is also trapped more effectively and evaporation is reduced. We have been gradually applying this idea all summer and really seeing a difference, especially during the hot, dry spells. The plants in the to-do areas (hard-packed, needing more mulch) were drooping even with watering, while the plants in the treated areas were quite happy with much less watering. Considering the expense of plants and water are these days, this extra work is very much worth the effort. The plants will go into the cold months in much healthier shape too.
2. **Aerate Lawns.** Get your lawn aerated (inexpensive) and do not mow it short. Shaded roots need less water and the aeration will insure any water dropping will soak in instead of just running off.
3. **Soaker Hoses.** Only use sprinklers on the lawn and switch to soaker hoses for the rest. These hoses are made from recycled tires that leak water through pores along their length. Arrange a hose around the bases of your plants, and then connect to a regular hose. I found using quick-connect devices available at the hardware store really speeds this up. Ciscoe recommended using 25-50 ft. ones and if the area to be watered is not level, try to keep the hose running parallel to the slope, connecting to the regular hose at the highest spot. The hoses will be degraded by sunlight eventually but covering them with mulch helps to prevent this. The plants will be healthier too because the water doesn't get in the plants leaves and stems which can encourage fungal diseases.
4. **Timers.** Use timers at the facets when watering. You can regulate your usage more closely. Just by doing this we were amazed at the water bill savings this year. Last summer we had some landscaping

done and altered with sprinklers. Our bill was over \$300/ month! This year with even more plants (I have a hard time stopping!), we have reduced this to about \$70/month.

5. **Drip Irrigation.** When we finally have everything planted, we will go to the ultimate water system, drip irrigation. This delivers water specifically to the plant and can save 70% over typical watering. Local nurseries can recommend professional installers or you can buy kits to do it yourself. There are some excellent books and tapes for instruction.

6. **Rain Barrels.** Finally, installing rain barrels is a tremendous way to utilize rain water. These are available at Cubby and Tubby in Seattle or from hardware stores. Home Depot has the best price but only limited quantities (sold out for this year). Water from your roof is safe for plants. As you can see from the picture, flexible downspouts replace regular ones and run down to the open top of the barrel. The barrel mouth is covered with screening to keep misquotes out and there is a spigot at the bottom. You can link several barrels together by placing the second (more if desired) barrel lower than the first. Then an overflow spout is placed near the top of the first barrel and the spout is directed to the screened top of the next one and so on. These do not come on the barrels but are easy to install. Just ask the store. Then fill your watering can with free water!



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Arts in the Community

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Setting the Stage

The first dinner and auction to be presented by the Northshore Arts Center will be held December 2, 2001 at the Columbia Winery. We hope Association members will join us for an evening of fun and support of the arts in our area.

Please contact Edith Berg at 14523 165th Pl. N.E., Woodinville or at 425-489-3472 for information and invitations