



# NEWS

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## ***Hollywood Hill Association – Who We Are***

The Hollywood Hill Association was formally chartered with the State of Washington in 1976. We are an all-volunteer, non-profit, community organization, dedicated to the preservation of the rural atmosphere and lifestyle that we believe are unique to our neighborhood.

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 our many concerned members who have turned out in full force whenever our community has been threatened. We encourage you to become more active with the Association by supporting one of our standing committees.

Board meetings occur several times per year, usually at 7:00 pm on a weeknight, at various homes around our neighborhood. You are encouraged to contact a board member with specific concerns or if you are interested in attending a board meeting. Contact info can be found on our website. And our primary mode of communication is through email, so we encourage you to sign up for our list (see back page).

## ***Keesling Property Development***

For many on the Hill, it recently came as big news that the heirs of the Maxine Keesling estate have a pending contract to sell 24+ acres of land to Murray Franklin, a homebuilder. Today, that land is mostly pasture and forest and includes trails used by walkers, cyclists and equestrians to connect to the Tolt Pipeline trail. The sale is expected to close if Murray Franklin obtains King County approval of pending applications that would allow the construction of 23 homes on the property.

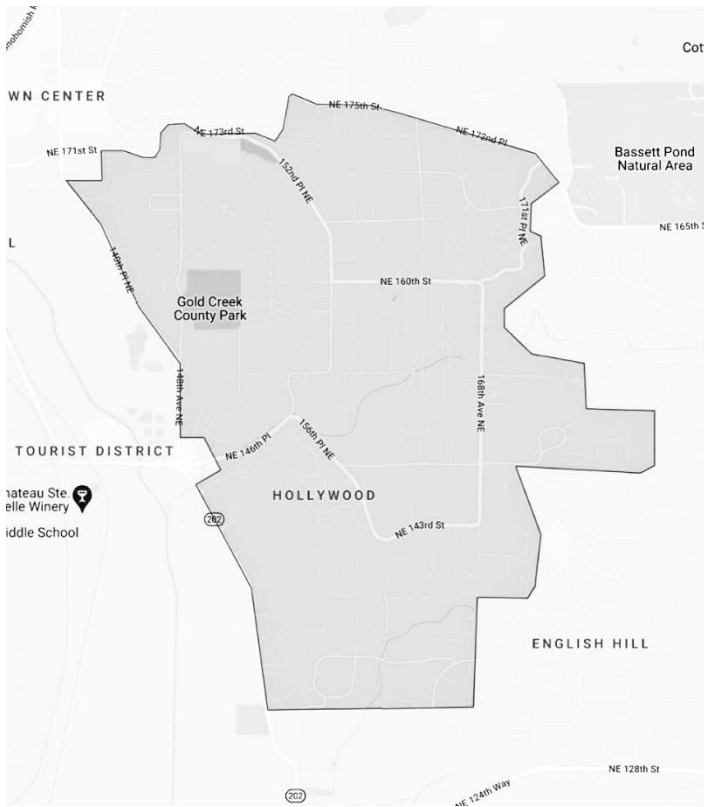
King County maps show 25 lots on the 23.9-acre parcel. There are significant questions about the legality of the method used to create the lots, which wasn't a formal subdivision.

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## *Hollywood Hill Boundary*



The boundaries which this organization is intended to serve are as follows:

The area bounded on the north by N.E. 175th Street, on the west by 140th Place N.E., on the south by N.E. 132nd Street, and on the east by 176th Ave. NE, and those properties along the north side of N.E.175th Street.

A more detailed map can be found on our website under Resources.

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## *10 Acre Woods*

This quiet corner of the Hill has received lots of love this past year. Awareness was increasing as people searched for pleasant places to walk, run or ride during the lockdown times. Then the well-publicized “Great Cottonwood Felling” brought even more visitors.

We were able to channel much of this interest into people becoming involved with various projects to improve the Woods. These included spreading gravel to fill some of the muddy spots, several parties to remove invasive plants - primarily English Ivy, and planting 45 native trees in the openings created by the cottonwood felling. We would like to add more trees, but the person who hired the cottonwoods’ loggers has chosen to discontinue the clean-up efforts to which he had agreed. Thus, only about 3/4 of the impacted area has been replanted.

With the help of King Conservation District, the HHA has finalized a new “forest plan”, which satisfies the parcel’s enrollment in King County’s Public Benefit Rating System (PBRs).

This summer, we hope to continue this work to help the forest continue recovering from the clear-cuts of last century and to improve the experience of those who pass through it.

The 10 Acre Woods is part of a 20-acre greenbelt that separates the English Hill neighborhood from Hollywood Hill. The HHA owns 10 acre and the English Hill HOA owns the other 10. Both parcels are designated as permanent open space and open to non-motorized uses.

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## *President's Letter*

As I reflect back on 2020, the pandemic has changed so much of what I took for granted. I'm thankful for my family, friends, and community for staying safe and healthy and sorrowful for those who lost their lives and livelihood during this pandemic.

We live and enjoy in a beautiful country-like neighborhood. The most important thing is not taking it for granted. The character and flavor of the Hollywood Hill and the surrounding Sammamish Valley has been maintained through vigilance, activism and a willingness to engage in and partner with our friends and neighbors.

What we have here could be gone in an instant, if the wrong deal or agreement goes through and we aren't paying attention. So I ask you as a fellow residents and neighbor, if you are at all able, join us. You can contribute in any way you can: be aware, be involved, come to our meetings, spread the word, anything that can be done to help keep our neighborhood and the Sammamish Valley that surrounds the Hill the special place that we have come to live and love.

Looking forward to hearing from and meeting you all!

Sincerely,

Catherine Yoo



### ***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.

President	Catherine Yoo
Vice President	Mike Tanksley
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Website [www.hollywoodhillassoc.com](http://www.hollywoodhillassoc.com) 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 meeting 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.

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## ***Friends of Sammamish Valley and the HHA***

For the past 3 years, Friends of Sammamish Valley (FoSV) has been the lead organization in our efforts to address not only the misguided Adult Beverage Ordinance (ABO), but also to press King County to begin enacting meaningful enforcement of our zoning codes. The lack of code enforcement has been at the root of numerous problems by allowing violations to persist which threaten our neighborhood character and the Valley farmlands.

The HHA has worked closely with FoSV. Our interests overlap when it comes to the preservation of key characteristics of the rural character of the Sammamish Valley. The HHA's main focus is on issues that affect the Hollywood Hill neighborhood, both on the "Redmond" side and the "Woodinville" side, especially when it comes to development, land use and quality of life. In this case, what happens to the Sammamish Valley rural area has a direct impact on the culture and nature of our neighborhood. Please consider supporting both organizations if you are able!

For more information about FoSV, visit: [FriendsofSammamishValley.org](http://FriendsofSammamishValley.org)

### ***Keesling Property Development, continued from page 1***

The lots do not meet current King County lot size or density regulations, which would limit development to 4 homes with a minimum lot size of 1.875 acres.

Murray Franklin is seeking King County approval to reconfigure the majority of the lots by using the boundary line adjustment (BLA) process to create new lots on which Murray Franklin proposes to build 23 homes. The Keesling heirs would retain the other 2 lots. However, State law and the King County code prohibit using the BLA process to create new lots that do not meet current codes and these new lots would be too small to meet current codes.

Concerned with the legality and impacts of all this, a group of neighbors has been researching the issues involved with the help of the HHA. Legal counsel has been retained and is initially being funded by the small neighbor group that is calling itself "Hollywood Hill Neighbors - Team Rural."

After consideration of the issues and potential impacts, the HHA has joined in supporting this inquiry and any subsequent legal challenge if the County approves the pending BLAs. Given the overall impacts to the community at large, the Hollywood Hill Neighbors - Team Rural will be working to expand the awareness of Hollywood Hill families of the urgent need to demand that King County adhere to existing zoning requirements for residential development in rural designated communities. If you wish to be involved, please contact us at <http://hollywoodhillassoc.com/contact.html>.

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## *Connector Trail Upgrade*

Many walkers, runners and riders have appreciated the new gravel that has greatly improved the trail connecting the Pipeline trail to Country Commons at 176th Ave NE. Our heartfelt thanks go to the Notenboom family, who generously supplied the gravel, and to Bear Creek Landscaping, who spread the material. This public right-of-way provides a valuable connection from Brook Trails to the north through to the English Hill neighborhood to the south, where the ROW connects to a trail by the Woodinville Water District's green water tank trail.

For more info on neighborhood trails, see our website and look under *Resources – Hollywood Hill Trail Map*.



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## *HHA Environment Update: Gold Creek Park*

Our neighborhood King County Park has been blessed with an excellent upgrade for 2021.

The Park's 40 acres of second-growth forest with winding earthen trails have become a calming fresh-air respite from our hunkered-down Covid existence. Easily found, walked and ridden to from much of the Hill, King County Parks have wisely left the park as natural as possible both for our inner peace and the abundant wildlife that happily share the park with us.

The Park's natural state does however leave it at the mercy of our NW climate. Working hand in work glove with the Washington Trails Association, KC Parks have directed an upgrade and redirection of trails that were becoming unstable. A small bridge over a stream was added as well as two rustic benches overlooking the forest.

Pictured is Crew Leader Nate Schmidt on right. Nate's crew of Washington Trails Association volunteer trail workers are installing an MSE Flex retaining wall where a section of trail had washed out. These large bags are filled with a mixture of compost-like material and sand. Once strategically set in place, the crew makes small incisions into the bags and have planted over 100 baby sword ferns and salals in them. This type of "living" wall is an eco-friendly way to help retain the steep slope and mitigate erosion into the nearby stream.

You too can join the WTA as a volunteer at <https://www.wta.org/get-involved/volunteer/about-trail-work/trail-work-guide/> or just go hiking with the help of their comprehensive website covering all things hiking in the North West: <https://www.wta.org>

The newly renovated Gold Creek Country Park Lodge at the SW corner of the park is also being pressed into valuable service. REI is giving multi-day Wilderness First Aid training with NOLS (Wilderness Skills and Leadership Training) <https://www.rei.com/events> The rugged adjacent park forest gives ample opportunities for on-site training. <https://www.rei.com/events/p/us-wa-woodinville/a/outdoor-skills>

Leave that screen behind, hit the trails and enjoy the fresh clean air of our delightful pocket gem of a park.



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## *Hollywood Hill Saddle Club*

There is a rich history behind the “Saddle Club”. Before 1976, when the Hill had only 250 households, there was the Hollywood Hill Improvement Club. When the HHA was formed to address land use issues, the Improvement Club separated, and the Saddle Club was born. Originally located where the elementary school is now, the Club relocated to its present location when the school was built.

The property was owned by King County Roads. When Roads indicated they intended to sell in the 2000s, the HHA worked with the Saddle Club and the County to have the 7-acre property purchased by King County Parks. Since then, there have been many improvements and the Saddle Club thrives today.

While many people have pitched in, special recognition is deserved by Hill resident Tom Short and former resident Doug Carl. Doug passed away a short while back and an enclosed card has information about the second annual Doug Carl Memorial equestrian event on July 31.

Here is more information straight from the horse’s mouth:

“The Saddle Club is back at it and rearin' to go for a fun-filled year at the arena. During the down time of 2020, the Club was able to build a full equine trail challenge course, complete with tether totter and balance beam! If you get the chance, take a walk or ride and enjoy!

The Club has really come back alive this year in full force and is ready for an amazing summer of equine activities!!! See our calendar below for a list of events and dates.

We are also holding our second annual Doug Carl Memorial benefit show July 31. Proceeds go to pancreatic cancer research. We have 2 saddles to give away to the winners and many more amazing awards! Join us and support this great cause in honor of the man who made the arena what it is today.

Games: Aug 29, 2021, Sept 29, 2021

For English/Western, Dressage, Barrels check out our Facebook page for the latest information!

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## *Wastemobile*

If you live in King County, you can take your household hazardous waste to any of the county's four collection sites or to the traveling Wastemobile. You don't need to make an appointment, and there's no fee for this service. In 2019, these sites kept **3,346,500 pounds** of hazardous waste out of the environment!

Learn more about the program, including the Wastemobile schedule, what to bring (or not) to a hazardous waste collection site, or how to safely transport waste on the <https://kingcountyhazwastewa.gov/households#WMB>. Please check the website for updates.



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