

Newport Hills Community Club



Autumn 2010 Newsletter

Mission and Objectives

The Newport Hills Community Club (NHCC) is a volunteer neighborhood organization that serves its membership by:

- disseminating news and information via the web and newsletter;
- acting as a forum for issues of importance to the neighborhood;
- supporting and participating in community improvements;
- promoting regular social events throughout the year.

Since the Club's inception in 1969, it relies on volunteers to accomplish its Mission and Objectives. Join the Board of Directors and your neighbors at the General Membership Meetings in March and October and at Board meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. All meetings are held at 7:00pm at the Newport Hills Community Church, 5833 119th Ave SE.

Membership dues are voluntary and are \$10.00 per year. (*Note: Dues are not tax deductible because the Club is a neighborhood association.*) The Club's mailing address is 5806A 119th Ave SE, PMB #222, Bellevue WA 98006.

The President's Message

Michelle Hilhorst



Dear Neighbors:

As I write this, there is finally a taste of summer, but I don't think summer truly visited the Puget Sound area as we all had hoped. Nevertheless, I hope you had opportunities to enjoy the summer patches here and there and have some family fun before the start of school!

The 4th of July picnic this year was truly a summer festival, the biggest one on record yet, with some local City Council members, State Representative & election candidates in attendance. Newport Hills was recognized by them as a wonderful community for people of all ages and I couldn't agree more. While working with the City on the retail center revitalization, the Newport Hills/Lake Heights Fair, community garage sale, plans for upgrades to the NH Swim & Tennis Club and the planting on SE 60th, I have met talented and dedicated individuals committed to making our community a great place to live.

As I see the changes at Newport Hills Park, the repaving projects, our newly-awarded park, and watch the workmen finish up the 'new' Tyee Middle School, I think "WOW!" There is so much activity in our wonderful neighborhood and there is more to come! The fall will bring a whole new set of teachers, administration, students, and parents to our neighborhood and in the spring, new soccer players. I hope you will take a few moments to reflect on the joys of living in Newport Hills, the resources, neighbors and friends that have shaped your life. As I wind up this letter on vacation in Eastern Washington, I have enjoyed this time with the beautiful surroundings, family, friends and relaxation but I will be happy when it comes time to go Home. Home Sweet Newport Hills. Wishing you a wonderful Fall and Holiday Season here at Home.

Community Faire

Robin Bentley

So you think you have talent? Let us know if you play music, practice a craft you could sell, like to take photographs, want to swap favorite collectibles or sell your famous snicker doodles!

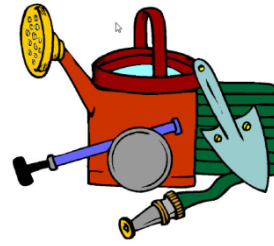
If you're crafty, artistic, musical or think you're the next Julia Child, we want to hear from you!!

September 25 is the date for the first annual Newport Community/Lake Heights Faire! All ages and any talents welcome!!

Please contact Robin Bentley at 425-747-7631 or birdnest425@comcast.net if you're interested.

Stewardship Saturday Planting

On Saturday October 16th, the Newport Hills community will meet at the mini-park and trailhead on the corner of SE 60th and 129th to plant new greenery.



Our labor is in exchange for the City of Bellevue providing us plants, professional design services, and a new bench for the park. We will meet at 9AM. A short celebration will follow our labor. Bring your gardening tools or borrow one of ours!

To find out more or to volunteer, please email president@newporthillscommunityclub.org

Community Events

All Newport Hills residents are encouraged to become an active member by supporting the Club through annual dues of \$10, participating in community events, and attending meetings.

Board/Membership Meetings	September 21 October 19 November 16
NH Shopping Center Meeting	September 28
Community Fair	September 25
Community Garage Sale	October 1, 2
Community Landscaping Project	October 16



Keep up-to-date on community events, park and public art projects, and issues that need your attention by using Facebook or the NHCC blog – see the address at the bottom of the page. Use the blog to voice your opinions or to begin a discussion on issues that concern you.

Treasurer's Report

Matt Camrud

Since the beginning of our fiscal year on April 1, 2010, here how the numbers look through the end of July:



Income
Dues: \$5,859
Donations: \$3,685

Dues are still slightly below budget and donations have exceeded our budget for the year. Thanks to those of you who donate above and beyond the \$10 base dues. We appreciate your generosity!

Expenses
Events: \$3,087
Newsletter: \$1,348
Liability Insurance: \$1,665
Operational: N/A

The 4th of July picnic expenses are reflected in the Events category. Additional newsletter costs will be incurred throughout the year. We appreciate your continued support!

Shopping Center Update

On Tuesday September 28th at 7:00pm at the Newport Hills Community Church, you will have an opportunity to meet the consultants working on the shopping center. Please join the board for this critical meeting towards the revitalization of our neighborhood center!

Signs on Power Poles

It against state law to post signs on power poles (RCW 70.54.090). The nails used to post signs can injure linemen, whose spikes could slip on the nails, causing a fall. Please be a good neighbor and good citizen by not posting signs on power poles.

Community Service Credit

Attention all students! All the time that you donate to the club to help support activities and events equals community service hours that you can earn for school. Please contact us to get plugged in!

Support Local Merchants

The Barber Shop has closed leaving a new unfilled space, and Sahara Pizza is losing money to the point where they may be forced to close their doors next month. All of us would like new businesses to join our community, but in order for this to happen, it is CRITICAL that we support the merchants still here. Without our support, it will be difficult to attract other businesses to thi area. PLEASE support our local merchants as much as you can.

Santa Tour & Holiday Bazaar



Santa Tour 2010 falls on Saturday December 18th! Back by popular demand, we are planning our second Holiday Bazaar. We need volunteers and sponsors for both events: volunteers to decorate, help with set up and break down, and donations for oranges that are distributed by Santa's elves.

We also need neighbors who would like to sell their wares hopefully in the old drugstore space. (Permission is pending.) Vendors from last year included a photographer, knitter, bakers and a seller of bath and beauty products. We want these vendors to return and we need you to expand our holiday bazaar. This was a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping. For questions, or to get more detail, please email santa@newporthillscommunityclub.org.

NHCC Blog Update

Grace Whiteaker

Happy Fall, Neighbors! The NHCC Blog continues to gain traction as a communication tool for the community. With Facebook as an added pathway for interaction, the community now has multiple avenues for getting information and feedback to and from our neighbors.

Check out the NHCC Blog: <http://www.newporthillscommunityclub.org>
and our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Newport-Hills-Community-Club/272270134580>

Add your comments in either location, or - if you wish to send private email, send to the Chair or Board Member who is best to take in your information or answer your question:

http://www.newporthillscommunityclub.org/blog/?page_id=54

Membership Matters In Search of a Membership Chair

Sandi Tampa



First, a huge thank you to all 600 households who have joined! We met our 2010 membership goal. Your generous donations, above and beyond the dues, have given our budget a much needed cushion. It's your support that makes Newport Hills a great community! We hope you will become active and engaged members and take advantage of the events and membership meetings.

I have served as your Membership Chair for the past five years and it is time to pass the reins to someone new. Membership Chair is a fun and fairly easy job but crucial to the success of the Club. Responsibilities include organizing the annual Membership Drive and staffing the Membership Booth at our three annual events—very simple. The Treasurer manages the numbers and the dues while the Membership Chair recruits and maintains the membership to achieve our membership goal. I will provide excellent training and support, so if you are interested, contact me at sanditampa@winderemere.com.

From the City of Bellevue Newport Hills Park – Stay Updated

The City of Bellevue is posting pictures and comments as the park is renovated. The url is: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/bellevuewashington/sets/72157624154285773/detail/>

Newport Hills Shopping Center Update

Please note: Every month at the board/membership meeting, an update on the shopping center is provided by the City. Your comments and questions are crucial in this process and you all, whether members of the Club or not, are warmly welcome to participate in these discussions.

During the July 20 board meeting, an update on the shopping center was presented: Tom Boydell, Manager, Office of Economic Development. Money has been secured to proceed on revitalizing the NH Shopping Center.

- Step 1: A retail/broker consultant has been hired to analyze the space. This consultant may be available to attend the September or October meeting. Her work should conclude by mid-September.
- Step 2: A different consultant will be hired to perform an in-depth analysis of market economics and feasibility. What is expected to emerge is a report on cost benefits and some conceptual designs by late November.
- Step 3: This design step is currently unfunded.

Community Feedback: Tom requested that all surveys from the community be sent to him as soon as possible so he can share them with the consultant. The owners of the shopping center and Stods properties are working with the city on moving this project forward with the community's support and input.

Also present was Wes Williams, owner of the Stods and Sahara Pizza property and David Hsiao, part owner of the NH Shopping Center property.

Jim Granger, President of the NH Swim & Tennis Club was also present with this report. The Club has developed a three phase vision:

- Covering the five tennis courts for year-round use;
- Demolish and rebuild the locker rooms and the entrances;
- Remodeling the competition and recreational pools.

The Club has applied for a grant from the City but other organizations have also applied. The project should cost between \$1.5 and \$2M.



Senior Programs at Coal Creek

The Active Older Adult Program offers activities at the YMCA Coal Creek Facility (located at 13750 Newcastle Golf Club Road, Newcastle) along with some games at Lake Heights.

Senior Coffee: Monday—Friday 9:30-10:30am

Time to socialize, laugh and have fun around the table in the Community Kitchen. Free with a YMCA membership.



Senior Crafts & Lunch: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am-1pm

Enjoy the company of others while eating a nutritious meal and making beautiful crafts for local children in need. Meets in the Community Kitchen. Reservation for lunch required.

Monthly Day Trips

Monthly outings to local hot spots from the Ballard Locks to Snoqualmie Falls. Call the number provided below or check the Membership Services Desk for current schedule.

Bridge & Pinochle Games

Bridge Thursday 10-Noon

Pinochle Tuesday 9:30-Noon

Senior Programs Lake Heights

Bridge & Pinochle Games

Bridge Tuesday 9am-Noon

Bridge Wednesday Noon-3pm

For more information about the YMCA programs, contact Dave Mayer at dmayer@seattleyymca.org or 425-644-8471.

Neighbor News

This new section of the newsletter is for interesting tidbits about you and your neighbors. Has your son achieved Eagle Scout status? Has your daughter won an academic award? Have you started a business or had a baby? We want to know! Send your submissions to newsletter@newporthillscommunityclub.org and you may see it in the next newsletter. These items will be selected on a first come, first served basis.



Each submission must contain your name and your phone number or email address. If you send news about your neighbor, include the neighbor's contact information as we need his/her permission to include the item. Limit your item to 20 words so we can put as many as we can into the newsletter. Thanks!

Sponsoring the Newsletter

To offset costs of publishing the quarterly newsletter, we invite local businesses to place ads in the newsletter. Send your business card to: Debra Haraldson, 4755 118th Ave. SE, Bellevue, 98006. The business card should be 3.5" x 2" and the text must be formatted in landscape mode:



We will scan your card to avoid duplication errors. Each ad costs \$40 and we will accept eight ads per newsletter. First come, first served.

King of the Hill Car Show a Great Success

Bruce Young

The King Of the Hill Car Show is back! It and the Newport Hills Community Church through its Neighbors In Need of Economic Support Benevolent fund (the NINES) hope to make the Car Show a means of outreach to the community. Even though the weather was oppressively hot, twenty seven cars were on display at this revitalized annual event. The King Of The Hill Car Show Committee wishes to present our sponsors with a very large Thank You for their cash and raffle prize donations. Our neighborhood merchants were instrumental in providing the necessary underwriting to help us bring the car show back and fund this outstanding community event. The sponsors for the 14 August, 2010, King of the Hill Car Show were:

Steve Kunkel Master Builders
Newport Chiropractic and Massage Therapy
Newport Hills Mailboxes
Newport Hills Swim & Tennis Club
Precision Collision Auto Body
Curvy Lines
Bob Tomberg, DDS
Cornerstone Studio
Downtown Joe & KZOK 102.5 FM
Newport Hills Nails
Dr Rod Nordberg

Newport Hills Chevron
Mustard Seed Grill & Pub
PaTan Wall
Lee's Martial Arts of Bellevue
Healing Touch/Brenda Padgett, LMP
Eugene Hsu, DDS
Jeffrey Johnson, DDS
Norstar Sleep Products
The Dean Family
Teriyaki Towne
Channeled Fabrication

Also, mark your calendars for the 2011 show, already scheduled for 13 August, 2011; the Second Saturday in August.

A very large thank you to the community of Newport Hills from each of the Car Show committee members: Shawn Garner, Paul Burnham, Heidi Dean, Jonnie Beatty, PaTan Wall, Mike Short, Jordan Hyde and Bruce Young.

Executive Board and Volunteer Chairs

The Club is composed of volunteers and it needs you! Below is a list of staffed and unstaffed positions. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact any Board member.

Position/Volunteer	Phone	Volunteers Needed
President, Michelle Hilhorst	430-1976	Assistant Secretary
Vice President, Lisa Viereck	852-2289	Assistant Treasurer
Past President, Cheryl Nygaard	401-5126	Assistant Web Designer
Treasurer, Matt Camrud		Public Safety Chair
Secretary, Debra Haraldson	644-4673	Trustees for areas 2, 7, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26, 28 & 29
NH Community Church, Rev. Paul Burnham	746-8034	
Newsletter, Debra Haraldson	644-4673	
Web Designer, Grace Whiteaker	562-3096	
Volunteer Appreciation, Denise Dice		
Santa Tour, Michelle Hilhorst	430-1976	
Spring Egg Hunt, Julie Tsai	350-4678	
Fourth of July Picnic, Lisa Viereck	852-2289	
Holiday Lights, Steve Walker	644-9601	
Membership, Sandi Tampa	445-8863	
Government Liaison, Ray Osburn	401-1505	
Bellevue Liaison, Rich Dolleman	452-2879	

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