



Summer Issue

# Newport Hills



July 2007

### Mission and Objectives

The Newport Hills Community Club is a volunteer neighborhood organization that stands for QUALITY OF LIFE by acting as a forum for controversial issues, by supporting and taking positive action towards community improvements and promoting social events throughout the year for all residents of Newport Hills.

Since the Club was formed in 1969 we rely on volunteers to accomplish our Mission and Objectives. We are 100% volunteer. Come and join us at the General Membership Meetings in March and October or Board Meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Newport Hills Community Church, 5833 119th Ave SE, Newport Hills, WA 98006. Membership dues are voluntary and cost \$8.00 per year. **(Dues are not tax deductible because the Club is not a tax-exempt organization)**

Mailing Address: NHCC 5806A 119<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, PMB #222, Bellevue WA 98006

Visit our website at: <http://www.newporthillscommunityclub.org>

Newport Hills Community Club Newsletter is published and funded by your voluntary yearly membership dues.



### Newport Hills Community Club 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic-BBQ

Dear Newport Hills Neighbors,

We are happy to invite you to the 6th Annual, 4th of July Picnic- BBQ & Kids Parade. Please join us for this annual free fun-fill family event at the Newport Hills Community Park on July 4th, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Kid's Parade will kick off the festivities beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the track at Eastside Catholic High School. **Kids of all ages** are encouraged to decorate your bike, wagon, stroller and yourself. Come and have fun and show your patriotic spirit. After the parade the free BBQ will be served & activities begin in the main park.

As members of the Newport Hills Community Club, we have been invited to take a swim for FREE at the Newport Hills Swim & Tennis Club between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. after the picnic.

Please remember that this event is generously supported by our local merchants who donate the food and drinks. Your patronage of Newport Hills businesses is appreciated.

The success of this event is through the help of volunteers. We have several opportunities if you can help, please call Steve Kunkel at 643-9095.



### Newport Hills Membership Census...

*By Beverly Heyden*

The Newport Hills Community Club services over 3200 homes in Newport Hills. We have a 2007 goal of 1000 members. As of 5/31/07, we have **381** members. Last year, we had 761 members. Please remember to pay your dues. So little to get so much!

## Have You Joined?



*Only \$8.00 per year  
to become a member of  
your neighborhood*

### Newport Hills Community Club

Your voluntary membership dues goes a long way to pay for the many events sponsored by the club including: Spring Egg Hunt, 4th of July Picnic, Santa Claus Tour, quarterly newsletters, Hot Car Show & so much more. Please join today by mailing your annual dues:

mail to: **Newport Hills Community Club**  
**5806A 119<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, MB #222**  
**Bellevue, WA 98006**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed are my 2007 dues **\$8.00**

Donations \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Extra contributions help fund programs like the Santa Tour, 4th of July & Spring Egg Hunt. Donations & dues are not tax deductible.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Yes, I would like to volunteer.*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

All members who provide email addresses will be added to our Announcements email list. Your email will **not** be sold or given up for use outside of NHCC business.

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## President's Message

### Who Cares About Our Community?

**Gary Thramer** NHCC President



Springtime is a wonderful time in Newport Hills. Longer days and warmer temperatures bring out the flowers, the kids, the walkers and the neighbors. I love it! As many of you know, my theme for the community club this year is random acts of community service. My goal is to get more folks thinking about the "little things" that can be done to make our neighborhood a better place. So, what can be done and who will take action? I've done some research, and found many neighbors among us are already doing things that make Newport Hills a better place. Who are these "do-gooders" committing random acts of community service? The list is impressive and the acts are many. Here are a few examples:

#### Neighborhood "Do-Gooders" What they do for our community.

- ◆ Pastor Paul & Leona Burnham .... Way too many to name, but appreciated for everything.
- ◆ Pat Taylor..... Paints over graffiti vandals spray on the back of Stod's building.
- ◆ Jim Arnone ....Faithfully cleans neighborhood storm drains and mows median strip next to school.
- ◆ Litter Patrol Agent #1....Picks up garbage on SE 60th weekly.
- ◆ Andrew Stinson....Newport HS sophomore uses volunteer hours to assist neighbors with yard projects they can't do themselves
- ◆ Mary (from Canada)... Cleans up trash on pipeline trail while out for walks
- ◆ Larry Carroll... Neighbor extraordinaire offers help and a watchful eye to new neighbors
- ◆ Children on 125th Av. SE....Who sell lemonade and homemade crafts to raise money for charity.
- ◆ Anonymous Many....Who will reach down and pick up trash and put it in the garbage can.

These are just a few of the many people that live here who are willing to put a little effort into making Newport Hills a better place to live. The gratifying part of my research was that everyone I talked to knew someone who was giving back to our community. I would like to hear more stories like these to report later. If you know someone who quietly goes about improving our neighborhood or giving their time to support others, please let me know. I can be reached at [president@newporthillscommunityclub.org](mailto:president@newporthillscommunityclub.org) or 425-747-9351. Many thanks to all who participate in random acts of community service.

*Have a wonderful summer.*



### Helping Hands Available for Neighbors in Need

In an effort to help our neighbors in need and to harness the many volunteer hours required by local high schools for their students, we are testing a program this summer with a goal to coordinate students willing to participate, and Newport Hills residents who have a need for help. Since this is a pilot program, we will do our best to provide timely service. The types of jobs will most likely be limited to yard work, although other needs will be considered. All students will have adult supervision and will work strictly as volunteers. Please call in your requests to 425-746-8034 and we will come out and assess the job. Please let us know if you or a neighbor needs a little help.

**Bruce Young**

*President, NHC Church Board, Newport Hills Community Church Missions Committee*

**Vice President's Message**



**Angels in Disguise**

A house in Newport Hills recently went up in flames & completely destroyed the top floor, the owner escaped with only the clothes on their back. This person had no place to go & lost everything. Pastor Paul of the

Newport Hills Community Church took this person under his wing & placed them in a motel until they could get ID again in order to be placed in a shelter and get their life back together. Without Pastor Paul, I do not know what would have happened to this person. **Many Thanks** Pastor Paul, for all of your help and all of the other kind deeds that you do for Newport Hills.

If you attend Newport Hills Community Club 4th of July Picnic please be sure to drop by and say hi to Pastor Paul, He will be grilling hamburgers & hotdogs for the picnic.

**Beverly J. Heyden**



The Newport Hills Community Club supports the club mission statement of QUALITY OF LIFE by sponsoring social events and a forum for community improvement

**UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

- 4th of July .....July 4th
- Kid's Parade & BBQ Picnic
- Cool Car Show .....August 11th
- General Membership Mtg.....September 18th

**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:**

*NHCC membership meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Newport Hills Community Church, located: 5833 119th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA, phone: 425-746-8034.*

**June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007                      July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**Aug 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007                      Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 .**

All Newport Hills Community residents are encouraged to attend all memberships meetings & events.



**Coming to Newport Hills?**

Now that I have your attention, please read on. While it's not likely that Walmart will ever come to Newport Hills there are other issues that may present a challenge for us here in Newport Hills.

For the past 20 years or so the Newport Community Club has represented itself as a volunteer organization standing for Quality of Life. I have lived here all this time under the assumption that everyone here agrees that we enjoy a great "quality of life". Lately it is becoming clear to me that when change occurs not everyone will agree that the change improves their individual quality of life. Recently, proposals to install Clear Wire transmitters and the new grade school have caused issues to arise about the quality of life for our community.

Controversial issues that challenge some or all residents of the Newport Hills Community Club now and in the future are inevitable. These issues may arise from land use or zoning changes, traffic revisions, changes in public transportation, new schools, adult family homes, rental properties, construction of cell phone towers. The mission of the Newport Hills Community Club is, in part, to provide a forum for controversial issues when they arise, especially proposed changes that clearly benefit some residents at the expense of other residents. How has the Club performed at this task of late? Not very well I'm afraid. We do not have an official "reporter", but efforts are being made by some of our dedicated volunteers to keep improving the website and publish the newsletter to provide news and information to our membership. We need your help to let the Club know what the issues are and how they might impact our area so we can publish this information in a timely manner. Hopefully with your help and support, we can publish both sides of issues that are controversial or divisive.

Please refer to Page 2 for phone numbers and e-mail addresses of people you may contact to bring forward information or issues that you feel are important for our membership to know about. Thank you in advance for alerting our Club leaders about upcoming current events and issues.

Steve Kunkel Past President 2006



## Spring Egg Hunt



On March 31, 2007 Newport Hills Community Club held the annual Spring Egg Hunt at Newport Heights Elementary School. Preparations for the Spring Egg Hunt had started well before, with helpful volunteers stuffing eggs.

Early in the morning, volunteers came eager to help with the set up. The Easter Bunny was there to delight the children.



Also there was other fun activities such as face painting, and guessing how many jelly beans in the gallon

container. The winner of the jelly bean contest got to choose between a filled Easter basket or the jelly beans. There was the prize table were children turned in marked eggs they had found during the hunt for a special prize. Even though we had heavy rain at the beginning of the day, which probably kept many away, we had a fortunate break from the rain during the egg hunt. An additional age group of age 13 to 99 was added at the end of



the hunt to finish collecting the abundance of candy.

## Thank You!

Special *thank you* to Seattle Chocolate Company for donating special candies for the adults.

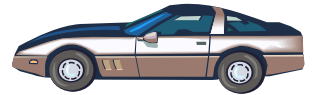
Thank you for everyone who volunteered for making this a great time for everyone.

HUGE THANK YOU to Dianna Campbell for coordinating all the volunteers and donations. Many Many Thanks!



## Hot Rod

## & Cool Car



## Show 2007

There is no better way to spend Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> than to come down to the Newport Hills shopping center and check out the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hot Rod & Cool Car Show.

Sponsored by the Red Apple Market, Newport Hills Chevron and the Newport Hills Community Club. Last year's event featured over 80 cars. The day will start with a pancake feed from 7:00 am to noon supporting our Newport Heights Elementary School. The good eats will continue from 1:00 to 4:00 with a scrumptious barbeque. The hot rods and cool cars will be on show from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. But the fun doesn't stop there. A pet parade will take place at noon, open to all who wish to participate and dress up their favorite animal. Be creative! Prizes are available for best in show. The Cornerstone Dance Studio will also provide entertainment in the afternoon as well as a huge raffle with terrific prizes provided by the Newport Hills Merchants.

This is truly an exciting event for the whole family and a great way to get together for a lot of fun.

Many thanks to Sean Morrissey of Red Apple and Barry Heimbigner of Newport Hills Chevron and the many other supporters who help make this a very special event. Please contact Sean Morriseey if you would like to volunteer or more information .



### NHCC Newsletter Advertising

The Newport Hills Community Club encourages local businesses and residents to purchase advertising in the community newsletter.

Advertising rates per issues:

1/8 page \$ 100.00 or 1/4 page \$ 200.00

*Pricing for June 2007 rates may change without notice.*

Advertising pays the cost of printing, folding & mailing the newsletter 4 times per year. This newsletter is distributed to over 3,000 homes in the NHCC area.

Advertising in the NHCC Newsletter is a great way to introduce your business to your neighbors. For info please contact: Cheryl Nygaard 206-465-3105.



## We WANT your

Red Apple Receipts!  
*every penny counts!*

The Newport Hills Red Apple donates one percent back of the 2007 grocery store receipts to the Newport Hills Community Club. Your club relies on your participation to help pay for the 4th of July Picnic, Spring Egg Hunt and much more.

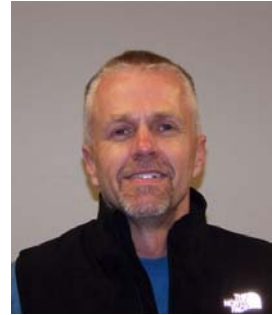
Receipt collection points are NH Chevron, NH Union 76, and Mojo Expresso. *(And of course your NHCC Officers and Trustees).*

Please help support the NHCC by turning in your 2007 receipts today. Also, please do not cut the date off the receipts. Every receipt counts.

Thank you. Elinor Smith,  
NHCC Treasurer



## Meeting your City of Bellevue Neighborhood Liaison



Hi, let me introduce myself.

My name is Rich Dolleman and I'm your City of Bellevue Neighborhood Liaison for Newport Hills. In my volunteer role as liaison, I help facilitate any questions you may have regarding city services. I can then direct you to the appropriate city personnel who can best answer your concern. In addition, I try to regularly attend community meetings to gauge the pulse of the neighborhood and convey any issues that may be relevant to you. For example, one concern that commonly comes up is the possibility of code violations within a neighborhood and what can one do about it. The city does have code compliance officers to help in this regard. But, first let's tackle the question of what constitutes a code violation. There are too many to cover in this short space so let's just touch on a few: illegal sign(s) in City right-of-way / litter on private property / appliances, debris, and junk on private property / junk vehicles and single-family residences used as illegal duplex's or for independent room rentals. (for a complete listing of City of Bellevue possible code violations please check the official City of Bellevue website: [www.bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov))

Once, a concern has been identified you have a couple of options to choose from: First, you may go to the city web site and fill out a Code Compliance Complaint Form. Second, you may contact the Code Compliance office directly (phone number: 425-452-4570).

The above example is just one of many city services offered and of which I hope you find helpful information. I look forward to assisting the Newport Hills neighborhood with any future questions or concerns that may arise. You may contact me @ (phone: 425-452-2879) between the hours of 7 am - 3:30pm or via e-mail: [rdolleman@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:rdolleman@bellevuewa.gov).

Thank you.

**Rich Dolleman**

City of Bellevue Neighborhood Liaison

[www.newporthillscommunityclub.org](http://www.newporthillscommunityclub.org)



## WEB-UPDATE...

**New Feature:** Check out the Photo Gallery of images from club events over

the last year at:

<http://www.newporthillscommunityclub.org/photogallery>.

You can also find images of past years in the event archive:

<http://www.newporthillscommunityclub.org/eventImages/>

Have an idea, comment or suggestion related to the website? Send email to

[webmaster@newporthillscommunityclub.org](mailto:webmaster@newporthillscommunityclub.org)

or use the web form located at:

[www.newporthillscommunityclub.org/contacts.shtml#Web](http://www.newporthillscommunityclub.org/contacts.shtml#Web)

*Hope to see you at the*

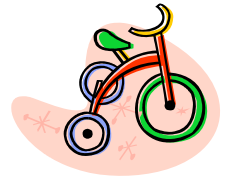
*4th of July Picnic!*

Grace Whiteaker, NHCC Web Master

Newport Hills Community Club, Newport Community Church & our local merchants presents 6th Annual, 4th of July Picnic & Kids Parade



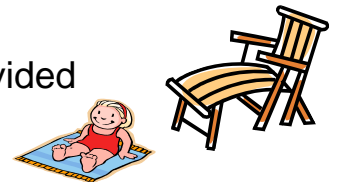
# Newport Hills Community 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic & Kid's Parade



When: Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> Starting 11: 00 am Where: Newport Hills Park

## Schedule of Events:

- ◆ 11:00 **Children's Parade** Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the parade at Eastside Catholic High School track. Kids of all ages are encouraged to decorate bikes, wagons & yourself to ride the track. Have fun & show your patriotic spirit.
- ◆ 11:30 **4th of July - Neighborhood Picnic—BBQ**  
(Hot dogs, burgers, garden burgers, sodas & chips provided to you FREE by your local merchants & NHCC)
- ◆ 11:30 **Patriotic Songs** by NH Community Church Choir
- ◆ 12:00 **Dizzy's Tumblebus** for kids Inflatables for kids Land games for kids
- ◆ 12:30 **Bellevue City Fire Truck** demonstration
- ◆ 12:30 Newport High School **Junior Cheer Leaders**
- ◆ 1:00 **Dance Program** by Eastside Dance Theatre
- ◆ 1:30 **Pie Eating Contest**
- ◆ 2:00 **Soccer demonstration**
- ◆ 3:00 – 7:00 **Swimming** at Newport Hills Swim and Tennis Club



Remember to bring your lawn chairs & blankets to enjoy the festivities on the park lawn.

Several opportunities to help and volunteers are available and to make this a successful event. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Steve Kunkel at 643-9095.

This fun-filled family event was made possible by the Newport Hills Community Club, Newport Hills Community Church and the local merchants who donate everything as well as their time, free of charge!

Thank You for all your support!

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