

Newport Hills Community Club

Winter 2012 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;
- supporting and participating in community improvements
- acting as a forum for issues of importance to the neighborhood
- promoting regular social events throughout the year

Since the Club's inception in 1959, 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 Avenue 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

Bruce Young

This is my last President's message, so I will keep it short and to the point. My apologies for not being able to coordinate efforts for a Fall Newsletter. It must have been a busy season for a lot of us on the Board. But here we are announcing the winter events. This newsletter is announcing:

- Bill Pace's Produce to open shop in mid-November.
- November 20 is the Club's annual election for Board of Director officers and trustees.
- The Santa Tour on December 15. Volunteers needed.

I would also like to introduce Heidi Dean as our Vice President for the second half of 2012. She has been doing a fabulous job taking over for me at a couple of board meetings that I could not attend. Many of you know Heidi already as she has been active in the community for many years with the NHCC and our neighborhood car show. Accepting the vice-presidency means committing to the next year as President, per our succession plan in the By-Laws. Heidi is willing and able to perform this service. Welcome Heidi and it is good to have you lead us next year.



Bill Pace's Produce – HERE in Newport Hills!

Bill Pace's Produce will be setting up shop in Newport Hills with an anticipated open date of mid-November 2012. Bill has taken over the old drugstore/Hallmark location and is busy building out his new store that will host fresh produce, yummy pies, and other wonderful local staples! In addition, Bill will have a coffee shop! Please make sure to stop by Bill's when he is open to welcome him to the neighborhood and PLEASE – SUPPORT OUR MERCHANTS!

Volunteers Needed for and Santa Tour

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with the Santa Tour. Help is needed before and the day of each event. You can even sign up to volunteer for as little as two hours. To volunteer or for more information, please email Michelle Hilhorst at Santa@NewportHillsCommunityClub.org.



Canned Food Drive

Santa will be collecting canned food along his route through Newport Hills on Saturday December 15. Food collected will benefit neighbors who need some additional help all year long, not just during the Holiday season.

Rock the NHCC Vote!

November 20 is the NHCC's annual election. Each household in attendance who has paid 2012 dues can cast a vote. Please plan to attend and help determine the NHCC's future in 2013. We are seeking fun, energized individuals who are committed to making Newport Hills a great place to live starting at the block level.

The 2012 Nominating Committee is excited to announce these NHCC members as nominees for the **2013 Board of Directors** positions: **Robin Bentley**, Vice President; **Sandi Tampa**, Secretary; **Debra Haraldson**, Assistant Secretary; and **Xu Li**, Treasurer. If you are interested in serving in one of those positions or know someone who would be a great addition to our Board of Directors team including Area Trustees, please contact Heidi Dean, Nominating Committee Chair, at vicepresident@newporthillscommunityclub.org. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the election with the nominee's consent.



Newcastle Library

After long anticipation, the new Newcastle Library will have its opening day December 8 at 9:30am. Come join the festivities to celebrate our community's newest resource! There will be food, beverage, entertainment and books, DVD's and other periodicals to check out! The location of the library is: 12901 Newcastle Way – located right next to Chase Bank. See you there!

Community Connections Web Page

Are you planning a garage or estate sale? Do you have a condo for rent? Would you join a neighborhood Book Club? If you answered yes, this page is for you! Visit our new Community Connections page at http://www.newporthillscommunityclub.org/blog/?page_id=2397. Or, visit the web site and to the right, look for Community Connections under the Community Club heading.

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Mark Your Calendar!

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 your monthly meetings. The next few months of NHCC activities:

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| Nov 20 | Board Elections at the monthly Membership Meeting |
| Dec 15 | Santa's Tour of Newport Hills |
| Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 19 | Membership Meeting |



SANTA IS COMING!



We have received word that Santa is coming to Newport Hills on Saturday, December 15th!

Led by a Bellevue Fire Engine, he will tour through Newport Hills and hand out treats to all the boys and girls!

Tour begins at 9:00am and will end at the Newport Hills Shopping Center at 1:00pm. We will not be hosting our sit down session at Cornerstone this year. Santa will visit early Saturday November 17th at the Holiday Bazaar 10-12.

Locate the tour street nearest you & listen for the siren!

Canned Food Drive!!

Santa will be collecting canned food along the way. Thank you for your support!

For everyone's safety – we ask that no one climb on to Santa's sleigh. You may take photos next to the sleigh, or join us at the Holiday Bazaar November 17th for photos with Santa. Thank you for understanding our desire for a fun and safe tour!

Sponsored by Newport Hills Community Club and Merchants. Support Both!



For a larger color map of Santa's tour route, please visit our site at <http://www.newporthillscommunityclub.org/events.shtml#Santa>

The Vice President's Message

Heidi Dean

My focus in 2013 is community building starting at the individual block level. I'm looking for residents who share that vision and want to encourage it in others. Participation in monthly general membership meetings is one way to build community. I have many other community-wide and block-level ideas to share with residents in January. If you are able to make it to at least one membership meeting per quarter and would like to be part of an energized, engaged group of community leaders, I would love to add your name to the ballot as the 2013 trustee for your respective area. Candidates must be current on their dues (\$10) to be elected. If you are unable to serve as a trustee this year but know someone who would make a great representative for your area, please forward me their name and contact information so I can approach them about serving. Of course, all residents are encouraged to attend general membership meetings as often as possible. A thriving community is comprised of active, engaged residents, not just elected officers.



The role of Area Trustee has evolved over the past decade since they no longer deliver newsletters and collect membership dues. One thing that hasn't changed is the trustee's role as a conduit of information between the residents they represent and the NHCC. A board approved template is available to trustees for gathering resident contact information. The NHCC will use the contact information to create an email "communication web" which would make disseminating important information efficient. One of my goals as your 2013 NHCC president is to build and utilize the communication web to respond to residents' requests for better communication with the NHCC. I realize it is a big task to gather information in an area of 100-120 homes, so I encourage trustees to solicit help in the form of Block Captains responsible for 20-25 homes each. Putting together a team of Block Captains is a great way to get to know your neighbors and makes it easier to represent your area.

Link to Membership page for dues: http://www.newporthillscommunityclub.org/blog/?page_id=37
Nominations accepted at vicepresident@newporthillscommunityclub.org

I hope you will join me at the November meeting/election. Together we can make Newport Hills a wonderful community for all residents! Heidi Dean, Nominating Committee Chair, 2012 NHCC Vice President



Community Building: A Year-Round Opportunity

Community building opportunities should not be limited to the warm days of summer. Get to know your neighbors and build a strong community by coordinating or hosting a cold weather event:

- Fall yard cleanup for an elderly or disabled neighbor
- Baked potato party
- Festival of Soups party
- Chili cook-off
- Urban campfire
- Ugly sweater party
- Apple Cup viewing party
- Poker Night or Board game Night
- Cookie/dessert gathering with hot cocoa or hot cider
- Area snowball fight
- "Taste of Area __" food gathering (different themes, including cultural)

For suggestions on how to put together the above-mentioned gatherings please contact Heidi Dean at vicepresident@newporthillscommunityclub.org.

Newport Hills public art update- Making progress slowly



A panel of residents from Newport Hills and Lake Heights worked with the Bellevue Arts Commission to select Artist Bruce Myers to create public art work for 119th Avenue Southeast. In a lengthy design development process, the community saw and commented on the proposed design. Based on strongly positive feedback the panel recommended adopting the design to the Bellevue Arts Commission. Images of the design and location will be available on the City of Bellevue Arts Program website by November 13. http://www.bellevuewa.gov/nh-lh_publicart.htm . Currently Bruce is working with engineers to develop the construction documents needed to build the art work and a new contract for Bruce to actually make the art is in process. Based on that work, a schedule for building and installing the work will be developed. (for the photo: Artist Bruce Myers is creating working images of the art as part of the

information he is providing for engineering the project. Here is one of the working images for the Rain Chain. The coloring is not the final color intended.) Panel members were: Residents Lisa Viereck, Debra Haraldson, Barbara Moffat, Michelle Hilhorst, Cheryl Nygaard, Genevieve Tremblay, Artist, Bellevue Arts Commission and Panel Chair Staff: Mary Pat Byrne, Arts Specialist.

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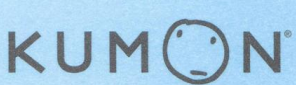


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Happy Holidays in Newport Hills!

If you are in need of a Thanksgiving meal or know of a neighbor who may be in need of a Thanksgiving meal ~ please call Pastor Paul at the **Newport Hills Community Church** office at: **(425) 746-8034**

We will be delivering these meals to everyone who signs up for one on November 20 so they can get everything thawed out and ready to cook for a Thanksgiving meal.

We also accept donations towards purchasing a meal for someone and pass on your gift to those who need it. We have partnered with Newport Heights Elementary and the Newporter this holiday season.

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Treasurer's Report

Xu Li

Thanks for your support for NHCC! Below is our financial data as of September 30.

<u>Income</u>		<u>Assets</u>	
Dues:	\$2,920	B of A CD:	\$3,651
Donations and Other:	\$3,030	B of A Savings:	\$2,511
Newsletter Ads:	\$0,500	B of A Checking:	\$1,127
<u>Expenses</u>			
Picnic:	\$3,592		
Egg Hunt:	\$0,422		
Newsletter:	\$1,033		
Liability Insurance:	\$1,849		

By the end of September, 292 members have paid their membership dues. We appreciate their support. However, we have a long way to go to reach our target of 625 memberships. For these members who did not pay since April 1st 2012 and intend to do so, NHCC is happy to accept cash or payments through either check payable to NHCC or PayPal with account "Newport Hills Community Club 86xu.li@gmail.com".

A Very Successful Fourth of July Picnic and Parade!

We, Bruce Young and Lisa Viereck, NHCC July 4th Co-Chairs would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all of the neighbors, family, friends, local businesses, City of Bellevue and Bellevue School district members who supported, participated in and volunteered their time to make the 11th Annual July celebration the largest neighborhood sponsored event in the area (haven't heard of any larger). Special thanks to: Ken of the Mustard Seed Grill and Sports Pub, Barry of Newport Hills Chevron, Dr. Jeff Johnson, DDS., Services and supplies from the NH Community Church, NH Swim and Tennis Club, Cheryl Nygaard and Lisa Viereck of Windermere Real Estate. It's good to hear from so many neighbors that this traditional community event has become so much fun as well as a memorable summer experience. We hope that we see everyone back again in July 2013. If you would like to see additional photos of past July 4th events, visit the NHCC website. Thank you for making Newport Hills such a great neighborhood in which to live!





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Newport Hills Community Church

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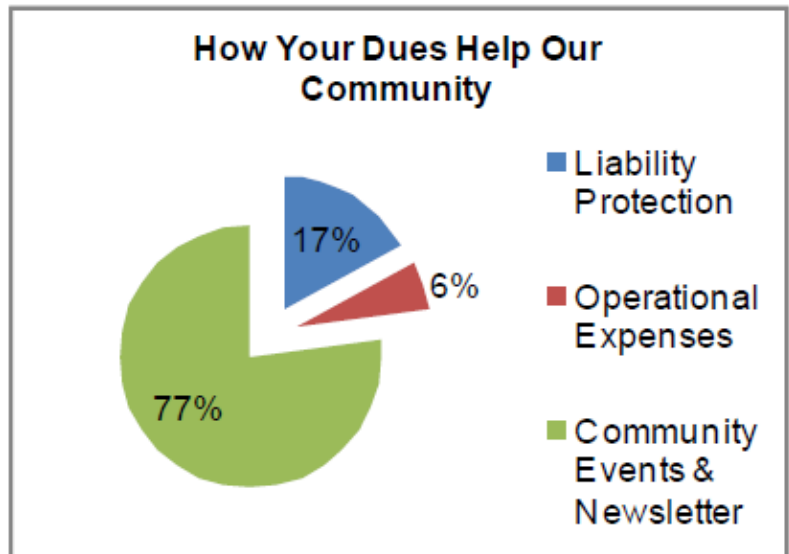
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- Drink a cup of coffee or hot chocolate with us
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2012 NHCC Membership Drive

We need your help keeping Newport Hills a vital community! Your dues & donations: fund NHCC operations; fund the newsletter; sponsor the Spring Egg Hunt, the Santa Tour and the 4th of July Picnic; and, promote (by partnering and supporting) local events and activities that encourage a sense of community in Newport Hills.

For your convenience we have three simple ways to join:

- **Be traditional**—mail in your dues with the completed form below.
- **Save a stamp**—drop off your dues with the completed form in an envelope at the Newport Hills Mailboxes and Shipping Center.
- **Use PayPal** - Visit our website: www.newporthillscommunityclub.org



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When does the membership year begin and end? The club's fiscal & membership year runs from April 1st to March 31st the following year.

Q: Are my dues and donations tax deductible? No. Our dues are voluntary & while we do accept donations, we are not a charitable organization (we are registered with the state and the IRS as a Neighborhood Association).

Q: Will my information be sold? No! Rest assured, your information will never be sold, auctioned, given or traded.



Newport Hills Community Club Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

You will receive a confirmation email that needs a reply to add your email to our announcement list. Your email address will not be given to other individuals or organizations.

Included is my Voluntary Membership Dues amount of **\$10.00** as well as an additional donation of \$_____ to provide additional support of our club operations, community events and youth activities.

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Yes, I would like to volunteer for/as: _____

Newport Hills Community Club Membership

Robin Bentley, Membership Chair

People frequently ask, “How do I know I’ve paid my dues with NHCC?” It’s easy:

- Go to Newport Hills Community Club.org
- Find Community Club/Leadership on the left hand side under “Pages”. Click.
- Click on Xu Li, Treasurer’s link.
- Send your question in an email to Xu Li!

Some people like to renew their memberships once a year at a Club event, like the Easter Egg Hunt, Holiday Bazaar or the Fourth of July. During these fun events there is always a donation box and plenty of membership forms. Others do it at the beginning of our fiscal year, in April, when we have a kick-off event and lots of signs up reminding people to renew.

Of course, you can always join during our meetings held on the third Tuesday of every month at the Newport Hills Community Church on 119th Avenue SE at 7pm.

Whichever way you choose, your donations and membership dues are one of the most meaningful ways we have to further Newport Hills’ voice at the City of Bellevue and to foster community within our neighborhood. We have an exciting year planned and want you to be a part of it!

Whatever your interest—the future of the shopping center, neighborhood parks, sidewalks, streets, trails, transit, community garage sale, Community Faire, gardening clubs, block parties, safety—there’s probably a committee or one waiting to be formed here at Newport Hills Community Club. Show you care by joining us today!!

Executive Board and Volunteers

The Club is composed of volunteers and it needs you! Below is a list of staffed and Open positions. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact vicepresident@newporthillscommunityclub.org

Past President, Lisa Viereck	President, Bruce Young
Vice President, Heidi Dean	Treasurer, Xu Li
Secretary, <i>Position Open</i>	

2012 Trustees

Area 1	Matt Camrud	Area 16	<i>Position Open</i>
Area 2	Shelly Zhou	Area 17	<i>Position Open</i>
Area 3	Steve Walker / Regina Glenn	Area 18	Xu Li (5)
Area 4	Debbie Margolis	Area 19	Robert Parish (7)
Area 5	Cheryl Nygaard	Area 20	<i>Position Open</i>
Area 6	Jason and Erin Leach (5)	Area 21	Jerry Olson (25)
Area 7	Dorothy Bracken	Area 22	<i>Position Open</i>
Area 8	Bruce Young	Area 23	<i>Position Open (Del Mar Woods)</i>
Area 9	Heidi Dean (5)	Area 24	Jan and Lloyd Arneson
Area 10	Nancy Reilly	Area 25	Debra Haraldson / Jerry Olson
Area 11	Shawn Garner	Area 26	<i>Position Open (Lake Lanes/Lakehurst)</i>
Area 12	Lisa Viereck (Breckenridge)	Area 27	MaryAnn Yanni / Lisa Viereck
Area 13	Michelle Hilhorst (Grossnickle)	Area 28	Tom Snellings
Area 14	Debbie Worthy	Area 29	<i>Position Open (Pembroke Meadows)</i>
Area 15	<i>Position Open</i>		

2012 Committee Chairs

Standing Committees:	
Newsletter Editor	Needed
Land Use and Community Appearance	Lisa Viereck
Membership	Robin Bentley
Merchants' Liaison	Michelle Hilhorst
Public Safety	Jason Leach and Dorothy Bracken
Youth Activities:	Santa Tour, Michelle Hilhorst Spring Egg Hunt, Cheryl Nygaard
Community Outreach: Fourth of July Picnic	Lisa Viereck and Bruce Young
Volunteer Appreciation	Needed
Website	Debra Haraldson
Government Liaison	Open
Audit	As Needed
Nominating	As Needed
Fourth of July Picnic	Lisa Viereck and Bruce Young
Special Committees:	
New Park located on SE 60 th Street	Robert Parish and Michelle Hilhorst
Holiday Bazaar	Michelle Hilhorst
Shopping Center	Michelle Hilhorst
Liaisons:	Community Church, Pastor Paul Burnham; Bellevue Liaison, Ying Carlson



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Dr. Jeff Johnson, along with staff members and family, were glad to have been able to participate in the 4th of July Picnic at the Park! The excitement surrounding the patriotic celebration and the making of thumb statues was, once again, extraordinary. From the smell of burgers and hot dogs cooking on the grill, to the bike parade, "American Pride" and the sense of community was shared by all who attended. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment provided by the Newport Hills talented dance team and the harmonious renditions of the gifted church musicians.

We enjoyed meeting everyone who came by our booth to make a thumb statue. Dr. Johnson and the entire staff appreciated the patience of the children as they waited in line to have their thumbs cast in stone. Over the years, we have made hundreds of statues of thumbs, dog paw prints and babies feet. This year, we show-cased new ways to decorate the statues and gave kids new ideas for customizing their thumbs.



We are already looking forward to next year's celebration and hope you can take time to come by our booth and make a "one of a kind" thumb statue of your very own.

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