



Homes Association of Cedar Hills



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P r e s i d e n t ' s M e s s a g e

As the lands around us have developed and our property values have risen, the value of having a group that oversees the neighborhoods as a whole has paid off. I have overseen the input from many active Association members to gradually adjust the CC&R's to reflect the changing way we use our property. The CC&R's may have been created 71 years ago, but each year we're been able to modify them a bit to reflect current concerns. The values of a clean and orderly neighborhood are a constant work in progress. Twice a year I meet with new members to welcome them and explain what the Association is all about. Learning about how things work opens the door to even more conversations.

The Association has chosen not to wade in to social media to combat false tales and misinterpreted occurrences being passed around as fact. In this era of Alt-Facts, if something you hear about the Association or the way it works seems out of place, just call into the Associations office and ask.

While one of the biggest assets of our neighborhood is the mature plantings, the big blow we just went through is a reminder that many of our trees have passed the point of maturity. Thinning your large trees and evaluating your legacy fruit trees is a good summer project.

Mark

P o l i c i e s

The Board of Directors regularly reviews and discusses policy ideas to help define our community standards within the framework of our CC&Rs. The following policies were recently reviewed by the Board:

Landscaping (general policy)– the Board has created a general landscaping policy, with the intent of unifying the various aspects of landscaping into one document (see the Landscaping article in this newsletter).

Fencing – the Board has updated this policy with some new permitted fencing in the front yard: garbage/recycling can storage in front of the house (in limited situations) and “courtyard” screening (behind the front setback).

Spring Cleanup May 6, 2017



Spring Cleanup Day is May 6, 2017. You will find your notice enclosed. Please bring it with you for identification purposes. **There have been a lot of changes with cleanup in the last couple of years, besides not accepting hazardous wastes, propane bottles paints, batteries, solvents, pesticides, thinners, and tires, we do not accept any electronics, TVs, monitors, computers, small engines, or appliances.**

As usual, the Scouts will be helping. Their information is located on the back of our notice. Even though yard debris recycling is available every other week through our garbage service, this is an excellent way to get rid of excessive yard debris and other unwanted items. Remember, cleanup is not limited only to "yard debris" so be sure and check your garage and back yard for unwanted items. This is an excellent opportunity to remove the old fencing from your fence project or deck replacement.

We are requiring that **ALL yard** debris be bundled in short efficient units (3ft or less) so it can be easily and quickly unloaded into a drop box. All unbundled yard /tree debris will be turned away and asked to come back when they have an unloadable load. We will have a shredder truck 10-2 for your sensitive documents. After reviewing the clean up notice, if you have questions, please feel free to contact the office at 503-292-1259 or email us: office@cedarhillshoa.org



Emergency Preparedness

The Annual meeting is a good place to raise awareness about E-preparedness.

There will be materials available at the meeting to increase awareness about E-Prep and

How to help neighbors connect with each other.

There will be a representative that will to be available for questions.



Permit Process for maintenance

If I'm putting it back the way it was, why do I need a permit?

You don't, always, but checking with the office is a good idea. If your doing a minor repair just let your neighbors (and the office) know you'll be working on things. Calling the office to let them know you're just doing maintenance means you won't get a letter asking for paint colors or other details.

L a n d s c a p i n g



Through the years, the Board of Directors has tried to define (and publish) policies on different aspects of landscaping. Most policies are about managing change to the appearance of your property (some require Association permits for that reason) but generally, folks should be able to landscape their property as they wish.

Balancing the desire for personalized landscaping diversity with the aesthetic of fitting in with a community can take a little thought. As you drive down your street, does your house stand out or blend in?

The front:

The County right-of-way has some special considerations (e.g. maintenance of sidewalks; management and replacement of street trees).

Yard maintenance – mowed, trimmed, weeded (brown lawns in summer are fine, if they're trimmed and weeded).

Are you taking out a front yard tree? Don't leave a visible stump (grind it or at least cut it below grade).

A front yard garden box (or two) for growing vegetables needs an Association permit.

The side:

Don't build obstructions (e.g. sheds, HVAC units) in the 5 ft. easement.

The back:

This is our "private" living space (with consideration to the effect on your neighbors).

Structures and concrete work need Association permits and are subject to easements and setbacks.

Happy gardening!

' D o e s Y o u r C a r B l o c k t h e S i d e w a l k ?

Washington County code prohibits parking your car so it blocks the sidewalk.

Please don't do this. Your neighbors will appreciate it.



' T i s t h e S e a s o n

Dandelion season is upon us!

The dandelion you dig out today will make room for tomorrow's grass.

And bittercress (those weeds with the "popping" seeds that go everywhere) pulls out fairly easily this time of year (and the seeds aren't popping yet!).



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25th Anniversary of the Fourth of July Parade

The Twenty Fifth Annual Fourth of July Parade will be held at 10:00 a.m. starting at the Cedar Hills Recreation Center located on Park Way. Registration forms can be filled out when you arrive. Volunteers are needed! Contact Carolyn Moore for further information. 503-805-5927. See you there!

6th Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale July 8, 2017

Got too much stuff? Is it too good to throw away at the Neighborhood Cleanup? Sell it at the Fifth Annual Cedar Hills Homes Association Garage Sale. We will do all the advertising, all you have to do is participate by gathering your treasures to your driveway and put a price tag on them! Contact the office 503-292-1259 or office@cedarhillshoa.org if you want to participate. Let's join in for a Neighborhood Garage Sale July 8, 2016.

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