

President's Message

The Cedar Hills community has been around for 65 years now and constantly reinventing itself. At the last Annual Meeting of the membership, 43% of you were represented, that's a huge number by any standard for a local general election. It is the community involvement that will help us thrive for the years coming .

A way that the Association works to keep our neighborhoods quite and residential is to keep the business sector at the boundaries, convenient for all but not in the back yards of most of us. Another way is to keep the vehicular traffic that stays in the neighborhood that of a residential type. Large trucks are not welcome to stay and neither are light trucks or cars that are noticeably marked as to represent a place of employment. Horns, lights and flashy signs are noticeably absent from our streets. Members who are landlords are urged to let their tenants know that a vehicle has to be kept free of all employment endorsements. Small amounts of lettering can be covered by a magnetic sheet, that is the same color as the vehicle. Better yet if you can get your employer to put their message on a magnetic sign, it can be removed when you return home each night

The Fourth of July Parade was well attended, thanks to all of you who made it happen so well. This parade is open to all and many have made a point to make sure it is on their calendar each year.

We took our first stab at a community wide Garage Sale and did quite well. I had one person comment that he had spent all day in the neighborhoods without ever turning around, there were always more sales ahead of him.

Solar energy systems have been making their way into the neighborhoods as members settle into their houses long term. 80% of our homes are owner occupied and the pride and commitment come through time and again in the care that is taken of their properties and the thought they put into the upkeep.

The Fall clean up day is coming, be sure to drop by and say hello, I will be the one in the yellow safety vest .

Mark Swan

Curb Appeal

In a down market, the curb appeal of your home will help it sell faster and for more money. And if you maintain the curb appeal of your home while you live there, you get to enjoy it until you do need to sell. We're not encouraging anyone to sell their home and move but maintaining the curb appeal of your home adds value to your home, your neighbor's home indirectly and, if situations require you to sell, you'll have a jump-start on the process by elevating the sales potential of your home... See www.cedarhillshoa.org for MORE

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November 12, 2011 Fall Cleanup

Fall clean up day is November 12, 2011. You will find your notice enclosed. Please bring it with you for identification purposes.

There are a lot of changes that began spring 2010, besides hazardous wastes, propane bottles, paints, batteries, solvents, pesticides, thinners, and tires, we are no longer accepting any electronics, TVs, monitors, computers, small engines, or appliances. Oregon Ecycle is free, easy and helps you recycle electronics responsibly. Visit <http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/ecycle> for more information.

To help with their camp funds, Scout Troup 125 will be again helping by offering curbside pickup, their information is located on the back of our cleanup notice.

Also Troop 592 will be helping to unload all day! Thank you to all of the Boy Scouts for their help!

NEW this cleanup a Salvation Army Donation truck is coming to pickup any reusable items you may want to donate, so instead of throwing out usable items lets donate them between 9 - 1:30!

Even though yard debris recycling is available every other week through our garbage service, the clean up is an excellent way to get rid of excessive yard debris and other unwanted items.

We expect to have a busy day and hope to see many of you there. Before November 12, be sure and check your garage , back yard or any other area where you may have accumulated things you no longer want. Remember, cleanup is not limited only to "yard debris". After reviewing the clean up notice, if you have questions, please feel free to contact the office at 503-292-1259 or email us at: office@cedarhillshoa.org

Christmas Tree Recycling

Boy Scouts of America thanks Cedar Hills residents for your continued support! Please mark your calendar for the following Scouting activities for Troop 618:

December 3rd. - Scouting for Food pickup on Saturday December 3rd. by putting non-perishable food in a bag by your front door.

January 7 & 14 9:00-4:00 Drop off your tree - Bring your tree to St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 12405 SW Butner or contact Dan Falck, the coordinator for the tree recycling to schedule a pickup by phone: 503-847-9923 or email: t618treerecycle@gmail.com.

Curbside Pickup call Dan Falck, 503-847-9923 or email: t618treerecycle@gmail.com.

As always your generous donations are gratefully accepted along with deposit bottles and cans to help our scouts with their camp funds.

If you have any questions please call Dan Flack, Troop 618 Tree Recycling Coordinator at 503-847-9923, email: t618treerecycle@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!

Eleventh Annual Festival of Lights

The Festival of Lights is a great success every year with a lot of great entries. Congratulations to all the participants. Carolyn Moore and the Homes Association of Cedar Hills are sponsoring the Eleventh Annual Holiday Festival of Lights. Brighten the neighborhood for the holidays by participating in this year's program. Awards and prizes will be given for the top entries as well as a Grand Prize. Some suggestions for decorating are: displays of white lights; displays of multi-color lights; tree and shrub displays and yard displays.

BE CREATIVE, USE YOUR IMAGINATION!! Judging will occur by December 20th. To enter your home in the Festival of Lights, please call Carolyn Moore, 503-805-5927. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Solar Survey

In the last couple of years, several neighborhood associations in the Portland Metro area have run “solarize” projects. If enough homeowners are interested in being part of it, the installer can offer substantial discounts to the group. Everyone wins.

Solarize projects connect a group of homeowners with a chosen solar panel installer (or installers) who can provide:

- Education/information about solar panel installation, through a series of workshops.
- Assessment of homes of interested homeowners for the appropriateness of solar energy to their site.
- Required permits and communications with involved utility and State agencies.
- Installation of solar panels on the homes

Interest in installing solar panels has increased in the Association and your Board of Directors wants to know if the level of interest is enough for a project of this type to be successful here.

Please let us know if you:

- would be interested in attending an informational workshop
- already know you want solar panels and would like to participate in a project
- have other comments or questions

Send responses to: solar@cedarhillshoa.org (or drop by/mail the office if you don't have email). You can remain anonymous if you like, but we'd appreciate being able to consult with you if we decide to go ahead with facilitating a solarize project.

A Call for Volunteers!

Do you have some great ideas for making our community a better place to live? Get involved with the Homes Association of Cedar Hills to share these ideas and coordinate with friends and neighbors to move those ideas forward. HACH can help you by spreading the word through our website, by being a central coordinating location and by supporting you in any other way that we can. Some ideas that have been brewing and need participation are:

Neighborhood Watch Groups , One of the oldest and most effective ways to prevent crime in our neighborhood. Coordinating with your neighbors to deter crime, making your neighborhood safer and fostering an increased sense of community.

Community Activities Committee: Members of the committee would make recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning planning, scheduling, and implementing social events in our neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Historical Committee : Work together with neighbors and friends to discover and tell the stories of our past.

Garden Committee and/or Group: Members of this committee would organize a garden group and possibly a tour to see what good ideas your neighbors have come up with for gardening in our area.

For additional information, please visit www.cedarhillshoa.org

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Just a Reminder.....

Assessments Due

November 15, 2011

The annual assessment which was billed July 1, 2011, is not delinquent until after November 15. If the assessments are not paid by November 15, an additional \$15.00 is added as a late fee. If the assessment is still not paid by December 31 a lien will be processed at an additional cost. The account is then subject to monthly interest.

As a rule, most of the assessments are paid in a timely manner. If you are having a problem paying your assessments, and you have not contacted our office, please take a moment and do so.

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email: info@cedarhillshoa.org

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Board of Directors 2010/2011

- Mark Swan, President
- Steve Lyon, Vice President
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Board Meetings

The Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Association's office.

Members are always welcome. Some members simply come and observe while others contribute to the topics discussed.

If you have a specific problem and want to address the Board, it is helpful to contact our office prior to our meeting in order to be placed on our agenda.

Since there is only one meeting a month our agenda is usually full. Prior contact helps us maintain a better schedule for our meetings.