



It's been quite the summer in Cedar Hills, from getting two new Board members to participating in parades and hosting a garage sale! The Board has been meeting on a weekly basis to ensure timely responses for most standard permit applications. The Board and I have been actively (in many cases) taking "field trips" out in the neighborhood to meet with members at their homes to quickly resolve questions or concerns rather than making a phone call or sending out correspondence by mail. I think the more we get involved with each other "face to face", the more we realize that we are all homeowners in this neighborhood together. It is up to "us", the homeowners to maintain the quality of our neighborhood which was created so long ago (1946).

On November 8, 7:00-9:00 pm, I will be hosting the 1st. New Membership Meeting of the Homes Association of Cedar Hills. This will be a conversation with new members talking about "what the Homes Association" is all about.. A little history, a summary of the restrictions and how the organization works, will be presented. Since this is the first ever New Membership Meeting, I figure eligible homeowners who could attend would include anybody that purchased a house after 1980!

Just as we are going to press, Washington County is announcing their plans to build a limited number of sidewalks within our neighborhood during the 2013 building season. We will be working with Washington County as they firm up their plans and we will be providing details on our website, as information develops.

There is a new and very local Social Media service starting up in our area called Next-Door. This is a neighborhood operation independent of the Homes Association. Currently the neighborhood from Cedar Hills Blvd to Commonwealth Lake is hosted. The Area from Cedar Hills Blvd to Hwy 217 is still in need of a host. If you would be interested in more information drop a line to Jennifer at jrafpx@gmail.com

Mark Swan

New Membership Meeting..... Association 101

A meeting to learn more about **YOUR** Homes Association.

Come to hear about the organization that you are a part of.

A summary of the history, the CC&R's that govern and the structure of the organization will all be presented.

November 8, 2012, 7:00 -9:00pm . At the Cedar Hills United Church of Christ, 11695 SW Park Way, in the fellowship room.

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Fall clean up day is November 17, 2012. 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 E-cycle 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 Troop 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!

We will be having a donation truck available for 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 17, 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! Troop 618 will accept Christmas Trees on the following weekends:

Saturday, December 29 & Sunday, December 30 and Saturday January 5 & Sunday January 6

Curbside Pickup will be provided from 9:00-4:00 each day. Call 503-567-9194 or email: t618treerecycle@gmail.com to schedule curbside pickup.

Bring your tree to St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 12405 SW Butner Rd. **Saturday, December 29, 9-4 & Sunday, December 30, 12-4 and Saturday January 5, 9-4 & Sunday January 6, 12-4.**

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 contact: Troop 618 Tree Recycling Coordinator, Niall McDonnell, at 503-567-9194, email: t618treerecycle@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

12th. 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!

Garden Boxes & Solar

Two new Board policies have been passed since May, Garden boxes and Solar. They are published on our Website www.cedarhillshoa.org. This Spring brought a surge of interest in growing eatable plants in the front yard of many members. After considering the many varieties of planting schemes the board has established a garden box policy maintaining a "neat and attractive" landscape in the front yard. Besides size and quantity restrictions, boxes are to be planted year-around, not to be left unplanted during the winter. The board wishes to encourage any member wanting to look into the installation of a solar energy device on their property. Members are required to insure that the project meets professional construction standards and is an positive addition to the neighborhood.

Sidewalks

For those of us fortunate enough to have sidewalks, you may have noticed that they are beginning to show their age. The last sidewalk was poured in 1970, a good 40 years ago. While the sidewalk is in the County Right of Way, it is the responsibility of each homeowner to maintain the sidewalk bordering their property. Many Homeowners have been proactive in making repairs to their sidewalks as problems occur. The Association will investigate all reports of unsafe sidewalks and require the homeowner to repair their sidewalk according to Washington County standards. The Association will also be auditing the neighborhood to identify any sidewalks that are out of compliance. Solutions vary, as a minor rise or fall maybe allowed to be ground down, but a larger discrepancy will require a replacement of the section of sidewalk. Filling in a height difference with concrete, “ramping” is not an acceptable solution and is not permitted. If you receive a notice, please contact Washington County 503-846-8611 for their permit requirements and also contact the Association office 503-292-1259 or office@cedarhillshoa.org for the Association permit requirements.

Street Lighting

About half of our community was built without streetlights and here we are 60 years later and still in the dark! Last year members were asked to comment on the idea of installing street lighting in their areas and out of 15 responses, 9 were interested, 5 were not interested and 1 wanted more information. Establishing new street lights, even one at a time will be an expensive proposition. Prices start at several thousand dollars for the light pole. PGE will no longer allow us to install overhead wiring so getting the power to the light pole would be underground. The upside to this is that the technologies for tunneling a power cable will leave the entire length of the yard it passes under untouched. We are considering a community meeting in the Spring but in the meantime we are seeking membership involvement for this community project, please send comments to streetlights@cedarhillshoa.org.

What Do You Think?

Maintaining a community requires some level of accessible communication . The Board’s ability to communicate with the Association members has typically been limited to the twice a year newsletters. The Board would like communication more frequently, but mailings are costly. As alternatives would you prefer:

- Email on some regular frequency (the association would need your email address)
- Website postings (you need to remember to visit the website)
- Smaller (postcard?), more frequent, newsletter mailings or notification of website updates

For communicating with the Board, would you prefer to use:

- Email
- Website postings
- Reply/comment card mailings
- Comment/Suggestion card delivered to the office
- Other (please suggest something).

Please send your answers/ideas to suggestions@cedarhillshoa.org with “contact” in the subject line.

A Few Fun Facts

When the 1948 movie “Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House” was released a replica of the home was built in Cedar Hills. Meier and Frank spent \$30,000 completely furnishing the house and it was open to the public for short of period of time. The \$.25 visitor entrance fee was donated to the Oregon Heart Association. The property was eventually sold to Miss Peggy Sparks who ran it as a fashion house. Miss Sparks said that when she moved in she was surprised at how dirty the walls were from all the visitors touching them. When advertising Cedar Hills in the early days, developers touted the availability of two acre lots that were perfect for keeping a horse! The developers also believed being close to an airport (which is now Cedar Hills Crossing) would be a valuable selling point. It was thought more and more people would be buying airplanes for personal use and would appreciate having the airport in such close proximity. Can you imagine if we were all commuting by airplane? Do you have any fun facts about Cedar Hills’ history to share? Contact Sara Daley at sarajdaley@gmail.com or 503-705-6214

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Just a Reminder.....

Assessments Due

November 15, 2012

The annual assessment which was billed July 1, 2012, 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.

Office: 503-292-1259 or email:
office@cedarhillshoa.org

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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.