

Red Hawk HOA – Spring 2017 Newsletter

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Note from the President

Spring has come once more to Red Hawk! Lawns are growing (fast), flowers are blooming, grills are getting fired up, and the neighborhood is coming out of hibernation. This newsletter includes information about the annual Garage Sale and Block Party, our Facebook page, a discussion of lawn/garden upkeep, HOA dues, traffic concerns on 204th St SE, and reminders from the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) as we enter the summer renovation season.

Red Hawk remains a very attractive and desirable neighborhood with a brisk real estate market; prices have risen significantly in our area over the past year and most sales are going for \$5000-15000 over list price according to the local Redfin agent. I'm happy to call Red Hawk home and the board is committed to listening to feedback from the homeowners to keep it that way.

Please don't hesitate to contact me directly with any concerns (president@redhawkhoa.net), email the entire board (board@redhawkhoa.net), or reach out to the relevant board member or committee (http://www.redhawkhoa.net/html/board_of_directors.html).

Sincerely, Tom Sanderson (President) 253-347-6317

Facebook Page:

Last year we launched the "Unofficial Red Hawk Community" on Facebook. Our private Facebook group is a great place to share upcoming local events, discuss recent happenings, or even ask for a hand or to borrow a tool. Only Red Hawk residents can see anything posted to the group. For official HOA business please continue to contact the board directly using the addresses posted on our website:

<http://www.redhawkhoa.net/>

Join at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/redhawkbothell/> or search on Facebook for: "(Unofficial) Red Hawk Community". If you have questions or suggestions please contact Grant Goodall at webmaster@redhawkhoa.net

Annual Red Hawk, Ravenswood, & Chestnut Trails Garage Sale

Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3: 9 am - 4 pm (do one day or both days!)

A good time to clean out closets, garages, etc. and make a few bucks in the process. Advertising will be posted on Craigslist and signage will be put up at our main entrances and in the area. Although it is not necessary, you are welcome to post signs inside the neighborhood directing buyers to your individual sale. This will be the easiest garage sale you will have all year!

RedHawk all community picnic will be the following day, Sunday, June 4th. See details in this newsletter.

Any questions, contact Bonnie Larsen at carlbonnielarsen@comcast.net

Red Hawk Block Party, the Sequel!

Based on outstanding turnout last year, we'll do the Red Hawk neighborhood block party/picnic again this year! The event will be held Sunday, June 4th at 4:00pm in the Tot Lot (between Red Hawk and Ravenswood). Hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages will be provided but feel free to BYOB. If you have a salad or dessert you would like to share please bring that along as well. This will be a great opportunity to get out and meet some of your fellow Red Hawk neighbors!

Any questions, please contact Andrew and Sara Ehli at social-events@redhawkhoa.net

HOA/Lawn/Garden Maintenance

Since last spring, we have performed restoration on the front entry monument and continue to replace trees that are overgrown or damaging the sidewalk on a steady basis. You may have noticed that our entrance is looking shabby with some Arborvitae trees dead (victims of last summer's heat wave). These should be replaced this spring. The tot lot swings have also been overhauled.

Major thanks to Carri Paterson and her son for redoing the front entrance planting as part of her son's community service hours for Skyview Junior High Honor Society.

The county continues to replace the street light poles and lights with upgraded LED units.

With the spring and heat comes grass...lots of it! At this point, you can almost watch it grow in real time. Please remember that, although the HOA maintains the common areas, each resident is responsible to maintain their own property, including mowing and edging the grass and maintaining things in a generally tidy state.

Any questions, call Russ Oberg (HOA Maintenance) 425-241-2118.

HOA Dues

As of this writing, all but one lot are current on their 2017 dues. Thank you for your prompt payment. These funds go primarily to maintaining our shared infrastructure; a copy of the HOA budget was included on the back of the annual meeting announcement for your reference. A copy of the treasurer's report is available on a quarterly basis by contacting the President if you want more information on how your dues are spent.

Traffic Update

Several residents have expressed concerns about the speed of vehicles coming through the intersection of 204th St SE and 29th Ave SE and on down the hill into Ravenswood. We have been working with the county for months to attempt to address this situation to everyone's satisfaction, spearheaded by Grant Goodall. So far:

- We have had a county traffic inspector check the intersection and confirm it does not meet the requirements to be a 4-way stop or have a lowered (20 mph) speed limit.
- We have explored options to survey and install speed limiting devices (speed bumps, etc.) in cooperation with the county, but the cost is currently prohibitive.
- The county put a temporary radar trailer on the road. This seemed effective while it was in place but speeding resumed once the trailer was removed.
- We have engaged with the Ravenswood HOA to identify repeat and egregious speeders
- We have asked the county to install a traffic counter. This should be installed within 6 weeks or so, and will look like two black rubber tubes across the road. These will count vehicles and their speeds. We hope this data will allow us to take further action with the county.

Please remember that the speed limit is 25mph. A car at idle from a dead stop at the top of the hill will break the speed limit by the bottom. This means that, if you descent the hill without using your brakes, you are speeding by the time you reach the bottom.

If you do spot a car speeding, please attempt to get the make/model/license plate if possible and advise the HOA board. Although HOAs have no legal power over traffic on the neighborhood roads, we can attempt to directly notify homeowners that their habits are being noticed.

ACC Information

As the spring/summer renovation season arrives, if you are going to make any major improvements to the outside of your home such as fences, landscaping, etc., you will need an approved Architectural Control Committee (ACC) form. The latest form can always be found on the website here:

http://www.redhawkhoa.net/html/acc_forms.html

We always try our best to approve the ACC request ASAP. However, as it states on the form, please allow up to 2 weeks for approval and work is not to start until your request has been approved. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Larsen, ACC Chairperson at acc@redhawkhoa.net.

You can email the form or mail it to 2020 Maltby Rd Ste 7, PMB 224, Bothell WA 98012. Note: this is an updated address from the PO Box that has been in use for many years.

Thank you, Bonnie Larsen (ACC Chair)