



Annual Meeting at new Willows Lodge

The HHA annual meeting is scheduled for October 26 at the new Willows Lodge which is located just across the river on the east edge of Redhook Brewery. The owners of the lodge, residents of Hollywood Hill, were gracious enough to offer the facility for our annual meeting, and we were only too happy to accept.

As is traditional in an election year, we will be inviting candidates for the state legislature to speak at our meeting. At press time, no presidential debates had been scheduled for the 26th, and we hope our luck will hold. This is your chance to see our local candidates face-to-face and to ask the questions you want answered. The meeting will begin at 7pm and end about 9pm.

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"Vertical Litter"

"Vertical litter" is the moniker that County road crews use to describe the small signs-on-a-stick that proliferate along our roadsides. Regardless of our opinions as to the benefits of these signs, most of us would agree that they detract from the beauty of our communities and can be distracting from the business of driving.

This vertical litter is also illegal. According to King County ordinances, all such signs are illegal when posted within a public right of way, on utility poles, or on private property without the express consent of the owner. This applies whether the sign advertises diets, politicians or real estate. The few exceptions to this rule involve specific temporary signs, such as "Open House" signs while the realtor/seller is conducting the open house, permitted special event signs, and signs associated with certain construction activities. Yard sale signs are tolerated but should be removed as soon as the sale is past. The only legal permanent signs within public rights-of-way are traffic signs, street signs and certain historical markers.

That is the law in unincorporated King County, in which Hollywood Hill is located. Due to our proximity to the City of Woodinville, it should be pointed out that the City sign code is generally the same or more restrictive than that of the County. There is one glaring exception, which specifically allows political campaign signs within the City's rights-of-way. But in our neighborhood, which is in unincorporated King County, these campaign signs are legal only on private property and only with the consent of that landowner.

In spite of its illegality, vertical litter seems to have a mushroom-like ability to appear by our roadsides overnight. The County road maintenance crews do clean up many of these signs as part of their road maintenance, but this takes up time and resources. They make sign

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...from the President

There are fascinating stories to be told about the history of our neighborhood. The marvelous recounting of many decades of life in our neighborhood, shared with us in this newsletter by the McMahons, broadens all of us through a more complete understanding of where we live.

We all have perspectives to share. Some of us can speak from a whole life spent living in this area. Others, such as myself, are more recent arrivals, perhaps offering fresh perspectives, but always profiting from understanding how things have come to be as they are.

Through all of these various backgrounds, there is one thing that we have in common: we have all been witness to great changes in our world and communities. And there is every reason to believe that change will continue. Change is the one material constant in this life, relentlessly swirling around us. Our choice in the matter is how we choose to participate in its dance; either by taking an active part in directing it or by sitting back and watching.

Random or undirected change results in an increase in disorder and decay. The opposite of that is directed or evolutionary change. This is the mechanism behind all of the great achievements in our world, both good and bad. The quality of any such mindful change depends largely on the goals of the forces that drive it.

There is no question that our community will continue to evolve. However, there is the question as to what the primary interests that direct it will be. If we, the citizens, stay active in the process, we can have considerable influence in how things turn out. If we don't, there are plenty of forces out there that will fill the void. And it is unlikely that they will care as much about the quality of life in our neighborhood as we do (if they care at all.)

While quality of life means different things to different people, we all choose to live here because there are certain qualities that attract us. After a long search of the region, my wife and I decided to move to Hollywood Hill. I knew nothing about its history: city boundaries, rural development densities, Agricultural Production Districts, nor of the HHA and the role it has played in the area's development. I just knew that it had a pleasant feel, complemented by the fine schools for my children.

Since then, I have increased my appreciation for the vision and efforts of the many people who, over the years, have brought our community to where it is. It is a legacy of which they can be proud. But time, and with it change, continue to march on. It is a basic axiom of history that no battle is won forever. So it continues to be up to us, the citizens, to demonstrate our commitment to protecting what has transpired in bringing us to where we are as a community--and, just as importantly, to carry forward the vision that a community can mature while mindfully avoiding the faceless sprawl that has victimized so many others.

--- Mike Tanksley

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Check the top line of your address label to see if your dues are current. If you have not sent in your dues for the current year, an envelope and application form are included in your newsletter. Dues are \$25 per calendar year.

YOUR ASSOCIATION

The Hollywood Hill Association is a private, state non-profit corporation, formally chartered in 1976. We are an all volunteer, community based organization, dedicated to the preservation of our community character. Our primary goals are the preservation of Hollywood Hill's rural designation and the preservation of the agricultural lands of the rural Sammamish Valley. We are widely recognized by both government officials and development interests as an influential and determined organization. Our many successes have been due, in large part, to dedicated volunteers, and to the support of our many members. We encourage you to become actively involved in the Association by joining one of our standing committees. Please contact any Board member for more information.

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The HHA is managed by a 9-member Board of Directors. Elections are held by mail each autumn at the time of the HHA annual membership meeting. The existing Board selects candidates from those volunteers who have demonstrated a willingness to actively contribute to the HHA and who support its goals. Board meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month at the homes of Board members. The Board welcomes HHA members who wish to attend these meetings as long as prior arrangement has been made. Because these are business meetings, space availability and legal issues may require closed meetings from time to time. Contact any Board member if you are interested in attending.

Hollywood Hill History: The McMahons

Mr. and Mrs. Andersen with their three small children Helen, Edith and Edwin, came to Seattle in 1923. After buying 5 acres from the Stimson Land Company, they rented a house on the Hollywood Poultry Farm while Mr. Andersen, a carpenter, built their house. It was the first house built on the south side of the Hill.

To build their house, Mr. Andersen borrowed a team of horses and a wagon from George Petersen to bring building materials, which cost just \$900, from Keeney Lumber in Bothell. Mr. Petersen owned the land from the Chevron station to the Sammamish river and north to the where the Gold Creek Athletic Club is now.

Helen's youngest brother, Harold, was born in 1925. He was named after Harold Stimson, one of the sons of Fred Stimson who owned the Farms (both poultry and dairy). Harold managed the dairy farm after his father's death. Later Harold moved to Seattle, and the farm was subleased.

That same year there was a terrible forest fire which stopped just short of the poultry farm. Everyone helped fight the fire, which lasted 3 days before it was extinguished by a rain storm. It started in the abandoned homestead at the top of the Hill owned by the Denneys and Minors, probably by a careless smoker picking berries or apples in the orchards (near Sunrise Elementary today).

No running water, electricity or telephones were available until 3 years later. All the roads were unpaved single lanes with grass growing in them. Then there were neighbors as the properties below were settled by the Scotts from Kansas, the Kramlichs from Colfax, and the Toskeys from Royal Slope in Eastern Washington. The new neighbors had fled the drought which started before the Great Depression. The new settlers worked at the poultry farm and planted gardens and orchards of their own as soon as their houses were built. Mr. Andersen helped the new neighbors build their homes, and in 1924, bought one of the first cars and helped his neighbors bring in supplies.

Above the Andersen's was the Hollywood Fox Farm which was owned by the Chambers family, originally from England. Their house had a lookout tower to watch for cougar, coyotes, and other wild animals which might attack the fox and mink. John McCue from Scotland lived across the road from the Fox Farm and worked there. Mr. Chambers committed suicide after losing all his investments during the Depression. During that time, many

of the men in the area worked at the WPA, helping dig ditches and clear land for new roads on the upper side of the Hill. Neighbors traded milk, butter, eggs, vegetables, fruit, even newspapers, and *The Saturday Evening Post*. Everyone knew everyone else and sort of looked out for each other.

Hollywood was called Derby when the Fred Stimsons purchased the large piece of land running down to 124th and had the mansion built which served as their country home. They still maintained their large home on West Highland Drive in Seattle. After most of the landscaping was done, Mrs. Stimson took an interest in raising roses and carnations in the greenhouses, and had the long upper driveway by the railroad tracks planted with young holly trees. As these trees were predominant in the area, she requested the community's name be changed to Hollywood, and her request was granted.

Mrs. Stimson owned Hollywood Florists in Seattle on 3rd Ave until the time of her death. The Stimsons owned the Hollywood Poultry Farm, and Mort Adkinson lived in the big house overlooking the valley, serving as the manager of the large leghorn poultry farm. In later years, the farm housed Rhode Island laying hens.

After this, part of the Hill was logged off partially by the White River Co., and Bob Peterson (son of George and Reignild Peterson, owner/builders of the grocery store at the foot of the hill by the Hollywood Schoolhouse). Helen was told the Stimsons furnished the brick to build the original schoolhouse in 1911. Land on the Hill was sold off in 5-acre tracts, up to 168th St.

Some of the earliest settlers on the Hill were the Donegards, the Jaderholms, the Hansens and the Bob Petersons. Petersons also ran a large logging operation with bunkhouses, a cookhouse, and other buildings on 168th at the edge of the Tolt pipeline. This house still stands. With the exception of the loggers, most of the employees were Chinese. After the fir and cedar were gone, Bob Peterson had a large barn built for dairy cattle and went into the dairy business. The barn sat empty and abandoned for several years until a couple named Sabo bought it and started the dairy again. They had to contend with the Scotch broom which took hold after the trees were gone. At one time, this whole area was covered by Scotch broom, and little by little it has been destroyed. The big barn was torn down a few years ago; a new house replaced it recently.

John and Helen were married in September of 1941,

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Cell Tower proposed atop the Hill

VoiceStream Wireless proposes to erect a cell tower on a residential property alongside Hollywood Hill's main North-South thoroughfare. The proposed structure is a sixty-foot tall aluminum "monopole" surrounded by a chain link fence, topped by a large array of antennas. It would be located sixty feet from the intersection of 158th Ave NE and NE 160th St.

Neighbors within 200 feet of the proposed location were notified by mail and invited to attend a public information meeting regarding the proposal. The meeting was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2000 in the Hollywood Hill Elementary School gymnasium. About seventy area residents attended the meeting.

VoiceStream's spokesperson, Tom Slade, chaired the meeting. He described the project and then took questions and comments from the floor. Justin Abbot, the King County permit examiner who would oversee VoiceStream's permit application, also attended the meeting. VoiceStream had not applied for a permit at the time of the meeting.

Neighbors expressed strong objections and urged VoiceStream to reconsider the proposal. Many people ex-

pressed concerns about preserving the rural character of the Hill. Others asked VoiceStream to explain the health risks that might be associated with such a tower. Several people proposed alternative locations for the tower that would better preserve the character of the neighborhood.

VoiceStream's spokesperson, Tom Slade, promised to pass along residents' objections, concerns, and alternative proposals to the decision makers at VoiceStream. He also agreed to present VoiceStream's response at a public hearing to be scheduled later this month.

The Hollywood Hill Association wishes to preserve the rural character of Hollywood Hill. Cell towers located on the Hill should be designed to fit in with the landscape and be located in areas that are inconspicuous. HHA urges residents to examine the VoiceStream proposal and share their opinions with their neighbors, VoiceStream, and the King County Examiner.

For more information, contact neighborhood resident Steve Philips at 425-489-2889, the King County permit examiner Justin Abbot at 206-296-7056, or VoiceStream's representative Tom Slade at 425-398-7619.

Farm LLC News -- Stock up on Shortcake!

Noticed the activity on the former Schiessl property? FARM LLC is putting up 10 hoop houses and planting 11,000 strawberry plants this fall. Farming visionary Claire Thomas estimates that each plant will produce a pound of berries.

We're experimenting with different planting methods to see what will work best at that location. Most of the strawberries will be planted in hoop houses to protect them from the rain and cold. About a third will be planted outside with row cover. By planting now, we hope to get a jump on the strawberry shortcake season with fresh, local berries before they're usually available.

What will we do with 11,000 pounds of organic strawberries? Some will be sold at the FarmStore, others will be available for U-pick customers.

We are also clearing land and preparing it to plant bamboo and apple trees.

Chickens and chard. The Backyard Food Factory is almost ready to go! This innovative solar-/animal-heated greenhouse is designed to feed a family of four and demonstrate sustainable farming practices. One side of the greenhouse holds plants—currently lettuce, broccoli, chard,

carrots, squash, and strawberries—the other side houses chickens. Stop by and take a look—you've never seen anything like this!

Saturdays at the Farm. We welcomed about a thousand people to the LLC Ranch this summer for our popular Saturdays on the Farm program. Visitors, many of whom had never been here before, enjoyed riding the ponies, feeding the goats and other animals, and experiencing first hand the benefits of urban fringe farmland. The Management Committee is already discussing ways to expand the program next year.

Pumpkins and Preschoolers. Once again, we have a full schedule of preschool Pumpkin Farm Field Trips lined up. Students walk through the cornstalk maze, greet and feed the farm animals, learn about life on the farm, and choose their own pumpkin from the field.

Come see us! You're always welcome to drop by the ranch and learn more about what we're doing. We'd love to see you.

--- *Christine Dubois, FARM LLC*

More about the McMahons

and WWII was declared on Dec. 7, 1941. Her father predicted that John and his own two sons would be involved. When drafting started in 1942, John and Helen were living in Seattle, with 6-month old Johnny. Luckily the place next to her father's was for sale. John was drafted, they sold their house in Seattle and moved --to a house with no electricity or running water. A month later, John was in the Coast Guard, when Mr. Anderson had a heart attack. He sold the car, the home, (cow: free) and he and Mrs. Andersen moved into Seattle. Mrs. Andersen died three years later, in 1952.

During WWII, Helen's brother Edwin, who was in the Coast Guard, was killed in a tragic accident in Alaska just before he was to take command of the base at the government locks in Ballard. Her brother Harold was a ball turret gunner on a B17, making his 35 missions over Germany. He now lives in Sequim. Helen's husband was in the medical corps in the Coast Guard, spending his years at the Marine Hospital as a surgeon's assistant. Their second son, Jim, was born there.

In 1955, Helen and John bought back Helen's family home. After enlarging it, adding a furnace and fireplace and two baths, they moved in on March 9th of 1959 with their 3 sons, John, Jim & Jeffrey. Today Jeffrey lives with them, and does most of the chores, plus works on cars, and is restoring a 1930 Ford truck for friends of the family.

Their house, which sits at the bend of the road on 143rd St. & NE 160th Place, is sporting a cheerful new paint job, red with white trim. Cows are usually grazing in the lower pasture. A few years ago, two school-bus loads of children and some people in cars stopped to watch a calf being born. A neighbor and Seattle P-I reporter, John Hahn, wrote an article about it.

John and Helen are both active in the community. John is a Lion's Club member and handles the rental and maintenance of the club's Mt. View Community Center. They both play Mr. and Mrs. Claus for pre-schools, nursing homes, Hollywood Schoolhouse renters, the City of Woodinville, etc. Helen arranges the rentals for the Sammamish Valley Grange Hall, as well as being an active member of the Woodinville Historical Society, the Northshore Woodinville Satellite, the Bothell High School Alumni Assoc., and does voluntary work at elementary schools. She brings the experience of pioneer life to the kids by demonstrating making butter and bread, scrubbing clothes, ironing, and showing

what daily life was like for the pioneers. In addition to these activities, Helen helps in the reading incentive program at a local elementary school. She also is a member of the Cottage Lake Auxiliary. The Auxiliary meets every Monday and has special sewing and drawing groups. They put together a cloth "quiet book" for which Helen does most of the drawing for the Historical Society. She also did the drawings for the 202 Heritage Highway Brochure and is often asked to make signs for every organization to which she belongs. In March, the Woodinville Historical Society presented Helen with a lifetime membership for her work with all the schools in the area.

Coming issues of the newsletter will have more historical information from Helen and her husband.

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Vertical litter-- a bad "sign"

cleanup a relatively low priority. As for private citizens cleaning up their roadsides, it is within our rights, but the County discourages such activities, citing safety concerns. They direct any such enthusiasm toward the Adopt-A-Road program, which provides roadside safety equipment.

There are some things we can do to improve the situation. First, we can raise our individual awareness of the issue, including proper posting of our own signs. Next, calls to King County road maintenance, alerting them to illegal signs, have an important impact. The phone number is (800) 527-6237 or FAX (206)296-6604. They will want to know the location and nature of the sign(s). Then, any contact with the King County councilmembers, particularly Louise Miller, expressing concern for this issue and support for current efforts to streamline the code enforcement process will be helpful. And active participation in cleaning up illegal signs through an Adopt-A-Road program is of great help.

Our voices and actions on this issue can give the County the nudge it needs to enforce the existing laws and provide our communities a tangible improvement in the aesthetic quality of our public resources.

HOLLYWOOD HILL ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL 2000 BALLOT

The time has come again for the election of officers and for filling open positions on the Board of Directors. Two individuals are allowed to vote for each household with a paid membership to the Association. The newsletter for paid members contains a ballot. Ballots must be returned to the HHA by October 26.

The Officers and Board

Officers, who are also members of the Board of Directors, are elected for a one year term. The Board members are elected for two year terms. The Board terms are staggered so that about half the 9 member Board comes up for reelection each year.

You must vote for both Board positions AND officers. There are often individuals who are running for both the Board and an officer position, and these individuals must be elected separately to both positions.

Board of Trustee Positions (Vote for a total of 4):

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Board of Trustee Officer Positions (Vote for one person for each position):

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IMPORTANT:

This ballot must be received **via mail** at the Hollywood Hill Association by October 26, 2000.
Fold and mail to address on other side.

FOLD AND MAIL IN BALLOT

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