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The South 47 Farm: Growing for the body and the soul

Three years ago, the land at the corner of NE 124th St. and the Woodinville-Redmond Road was an empty pasture. Today, under the care of FARM LLC, The South 47 Farm is bursting with flowers, vegetables, berries—and people. It's a testament to what the soil—some of the richest in the country—can produce. And to people's need for places that feed the body and the soul.

The recent explosion of share farms, farmer's markets, and urban-fringe farming gives even city dwellers a chance to reap the benefits of local agriculture. Families can buy fresh, locally grown produce, meet the people who grow their food, and find a peaceful refuge from the bustle of the city.

Six farmers lease land at The South 47 Farm, and all farming is done according to organic practices.

What brings people to The South 47 Farm? Mouth-watering strawberries and raspberries. Gorgeous U-pick flowers. Farm-fresh eggs and honey. Green beans and sweet corn. P-patch gardens. Educational school field trips. Pony rides and storytelling at the farm's community celebrations.

If you've never stopped at The South 47 Farm, this fall is a great time to do so. The Farm Animals Corn Maze offers 6.1-acres of twisting, turning fun. Test your knowledge of farming as you seek out the right path. While you're there, greet the farm animals, take a hay ride (weekends only), and snack on Kettle Corn. And be sure to take home some farm-fresh eggs, flowers, vegetables, and honey—you'll find them at the farm stand.

In October, visit the pumpkin patch and pick a pumpkin from the field. The Corn



Maze is open Thursdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to dusk, through October. Cost is \$4/person weekdays, \$5/person weekends. School tours and private parties are available by appointment. The Pumpkin Patch opens Oct. 3. For more information, call: 425-869-9777 or see www.south47farm.com.

...from the ex-President

Changing Perspectives

The act of being alive is an adventure unto itself.

We need not commit ourselves to anything beyond the basics of sustaining our lives to be able to claim, at the end of the day, that we have participated in an adventure. But, among those who have the choice, and most of us do, few are satisfied with going through life experiencing such a bare minimum.

This life offers a cornucopia of activities into which to delve. Sports, music, community service, cuisine and travel are just a few of the broad categories we can explore, each constituting an adventure, great or small, which adds spice and depth to our basic existence.

Any adventure carries a degree of risk, and some measure of bravery is behind every just reward. As I came to know in observing the births of my children, the purest bravery is unaware of itself.

It is with a spirit of adventure that my family has decided to live outside the country for a year. There are certain trials involved with such an uprooting, but we anticipate that there will be some rewards as well. Not the least of these should be the new perspectives to which we will be exposed. It is through such contrasts that one more fully appreciates the bird in hand that we may have otherwise taken for granted.

Even while my family is fully engaged in our new adventure, there is a part of us that looks forward to returning to our home and community on Hollywood Hill. As with most residents, we chose to live on the Hill in large part due to the pleasant rural character found on the Hill as well as an accompanying sense of community identity that is increasingly rare. Our perspective evolved over the years as we came to understand that these unique qualities were not accidental, but rather the result of efforts by many forward-looking residents over several decades.

The Hollywood Hill Association has been an integral part of this equation over the 26 years of its existence. A primary purpose of the HHA has been proactive involvement with land-use issues and it is well-respected at local government levels in this regard. But it has been a forum for many other activities as well. Right now, there are some exciting projects unfolding which could result in wonderful additions to our community.

This happens only with the support of the community and, most importantly, the direct involvement of a succession of individuals. This theme is repeated around the globe, with the most desirable communities having an active and involved local citizenry.

As I have, by necessity, stepped down from being president of the HHA, we are fortunate to have Torrey Russell agree to pick up the reins. He has a lot of good ideas and energy, along with some great support on the board and committees. But, there's plenty of room for more folks to become involved.

You live in a wonderful community and have a rare and influential tool at your disposal in the HHA. This next year will be a good time to support your neighborhood by donating a few hours to one of the community projects that are underway. Feel free to contact any board member concerning attending one of our monthly board meetings. We'll look forward to seeing the progress upon our return next year.

— *Michael Tanksley*

Annual Meeting

Come One, Come All (even if you are not a member) to the Annual Meeting at Willows Lodge Monday October 21st at 6:30pm through 9:30 pm.

The Hollywood Hill Association will be holding our annual meeting at the Willows Lodge. Willows Lodge has been kind enough to offer us use of their world class facility. Recently they were voted one of the world's top 50 romantic getaways by Travel and Leisure Magazine. Imagine that, right here in our little valley. If you haven't had a chance to come and see the wonderful place make a point of coming to the Hollywood Hill Association Annual Meeting. This is a neighborhood event and everyone is welcome (you do not need to be a member to come to this meeting). As has become a tradition with the hill, we will be inviting the political candidates running for office to speak about their positions and take questions. So come and meet your future legislators and have some fun with your neighbors. No host bar available. Child care available on donation basis.

*Visit your community
web site for more on these
and other issues
effecting our community.*

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YOUR ASSOCIATION

The Hollywood Hill Association is a private, state nonprofit corporation, formally chartered in 1976. We are an all volunteer, community based organization, dedicated to the preservation of our community character.

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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.

Park Proposed for Hollywood Hill

Most Hollywood Hill residents are at least aware of the large chunk of vacant land immediately south of Hollywood Hill Elementary School. This land is owned by King County Roads (Transportation Department) and is being used as a transfer site for road and clearing debris for King County and the City of Woodinville. This parcel has long been eyed by the Hollywood Hill Association for acquisition and development into parkland, but efforts to transform debris into grass have never come to fruition. Now, thanks to recent efforts by our immediate past president Michael Tanksley, negotiations have been started between King County Roads and King County Parks regarding a possible land swap between the two agencies has been proposed.

The catch is that while King County has funds for acquisition and development of parkland, they do not currently have sufficient money for maintenance and operations and are therefore looking into public/private partnerships to operate parks. The Hollywood Hill Association with other local groups such as the Hollywood Hill Saddle Club would be this partner and therefore responsible for maintenance of the park once it is developed.

This site is ideal for development into a park for several reasons. It is large (26 acres), centrally located in the community, well-buffered from neighbors yet adjacent to the elementary school, and it is absolutely beautiful! Preliminary plans for a passive use park call for a large central grassy field, slightly crowned and suitable for sports team practices and pick-up games, walking and equestrian trails winding through the surrounding woods, benches for rest and relaxation, and a moderate-sized gravel parking lot.

The Hollywood Hill Association is delighted at these recent developments but will need the support of the community to see the park become a reality. There will be site and design plans at the Annual Meeting for a better understanding of the scope and details of this project. If you would like to be involved in helping create this neighborhood asset, please contact committee member Susan Cyr at 487-2908.

Come watch us grow!

The Woodinville Farmers Market wants to thank the HHA for your continuing support of our efforts!

We hope you've dropped by this season and seen our terrific range of produce and plants from our farmers, as well as an assortment of hand-made crafts. This has been our strongest season yet and we've been delighted to count as regulars an organic baker and a wonderful pie-maker selling fresh fruit delights to the public this season. We've been averaging 18-20 farmers and plant growers each week! Our cooking demonstrations have been a big hit with the public. In addition, our services to low income families have expanded beyond just being a WIC program site to becoming the pilot location for a Senior Nutrition Program, providing low income seniors in our area with \$50 worth of farm fresh produce! This program has been so successful it is expected to be replicated in other markets in King County next season.

We're also pleased to announce that Friends of the Woodinville Farmers Market is well-launched and actively working on behalf of the community to support the creation of a permanent home for the market and to offer a range of educational services on nutrition and sustainable agriculture. By becoming a member of Friends, you are actively participating in supporting the success of the small farmers and specialty crop growers in our community.

The Friends of the Woodinville Farmers Market continue to work with King County to try to secure the property that was originally designated for a fire station, then for Northshore Youth Soccer Association. This site is on the South Bypass, adjacent to Zante Farm. We remain hopeful that we'll be able to move to this new site in time for our season opening in Spring, 2003. However there are still some hurdles to overcome, including the reality that the NYSA holds a pre-existing agreement with King County for that same property.

There is still time to sample this season's market bounty. Our season will end on October 19 with a Holiday Craft Show.

For information about the market call Grant Davidson at 425-485-1042. For information about Friends of the Woodinville Farmers Market call Gretchen Garth at 425-487-3037.

It's your hill. . . when do you chip in?

As a five year volunteer and now the new President of HHA, I am so thankful for all those people who came before me. I live in a safe place with plenty of room for my family and I to enjoy the feeling of being in the country, and yet we are only a few minutes from major metropolitan areas. I am not sure how long we can keep the hill this way, but I am hoping that it will remain like this for my daughter when she is older. One of the many reasons this hill remains as rural and beautiful as it is because of all the volunteers that have helped over the years. The HHA survives only because people care. We have many wonderful people who put in a

few hours each month to keep this organization moving along. As always, there are more projects than we have people to help. Won't take a minute and volunteer some of your time. Just an hour or two each month is all we ask. It will mean a lot to your neighbors and to the people who inherit this beautiful hill from us. Write me with your ideas of what you want to do to help the hill, or just drop me a line to say hi. You can reach me at torrey@russells.net or phone at 483-6531.

—Torrey Russell, President
Hollywood Hill Association

WE ARE NOT IN MERRIE OLDE ENGLAND!!

And three plants native to Great Britain should have stayed there instead of being introduced on Hollywood Hill!! These plants are invading our woods and open areas, displacing the desirable plant species, destroying beneficial native habitat and even killing trees. If you hike or ride in Gold Creek Park, 10 Acres park, on the paths or along the roads, notice how holly, ivy and Scotch Broom are showing up in ever-larger patches. If you would like to help with a "weeding frenzy" work party in Gold Creek Park in October (day to be decided) please call Jan Hunt at 806-0118 or sign in on our website (What is your website?). King County will provide the disposal and a noxious weed expert to help.

Our area is even named for one of these plants! The wife of the original owner of the Farm, planted English holly all along their drive and officially requested our name. If only she had asked a native plant biologist or could see our wooded areas today, she might have picked something else, like Indian Plum. Holly is the female plant that produces those pretty red berries. The birds eat them, which distributes the seeds. Holly establishes easily and when not controlled, forms ever-larger impenetrable thickets that merge with other thickets. Holly leaves are so sharp they resemble thorns, and some paths are getting difficult for walking or riding. Very small holly bushes can be easily up rooted, but larger ones are difficult to remove because of the extensive root system and hard woody growth. The leaves poke through even a thick shirt, and their waxy surface repels herbicides. PLEASE, people who have holly, cut down the berry producing bushes and remove the stumps, or at least cover them with netting designed to foil birds. If you must have holly, plant a sterile male plant. Take out stray hollies that appear on your property. Then walk in the woods and do your part to remove those "gone wild." Be sure to wear heavy clothing and use heavy-duty gloves. Do not compost the cuttings or send to commercial mulchers. Large pieces can be chipped, otherwise put in yard waste bins or the trash.

Many people on the Hill have planted both English and Irish ivy and many experts now consider (4 cultivars of) two species of this groundcover a growing and even serious threat (there are hundreds of cultivars - 4 are recognized as invasive). Like holly, ivy is also spread by birds eating the plant's berries (which can be irritating or even poisonous to pets and children) or by stems riding along on shoes into the woods. Once in a suitable area, usually the woods, it spreads rapidly, creating "ivy deserts" that provide very little food for wildlife compared to our native plants. Many people have planted ivy to control erosion, but ivy's shallow root system does little to prevent erosion and can even make it worse. Ivy does provide great rat habitat. Do you really want a colony of disease-carrying animals living next to your house? A few years ago at a park in Bellevue all the ivy near the playground had to be

removed because rats were going after people's food. Native ground covers provide much better soil control and discourage rats.

The biggest problem is what ivy does to trees. Around people's homes and in the park, we have seen Doug Firs and other trees so shrouded with the leafy vines sticking out 4-5' around the tree (some vines climbing up to the tree top) that their trunks are barely visible. According to the Native Plant Society and the Noxious Weed Board, ivy debilitates a tree making it susceptible to disease the following ways: reducing air-flow around the trunk; strangling the tree around it's base; reducing the flow of nutrients up and down the tree (which take place just under the bark); robbing the roots of water and adding up to 2100 lb to a tree! This extra weight and sail-like growth out from the trunk will make a weakened tree, especially the shallow rooted firs, prone to falling in a high wind. Consider how much damage a large Doug Fir with an extra 1-2 thousand pounds will cause crashing on yours or your neighbor's house, or on a car on the road. The longer the ivy is allowed to grow under and up a tree the more likely that damage will take place. In England, ivy is not a problem because it has natural predators, but here we are the only controlling factor. Luckily ivy is a little easier to eliminate than holly because of the shallow roots, except around a main taproot. Here again, only manual labor works because the waxy leaves resist herbicides. The Ivy Out website: <http://www.ivyout.org/> shows excellent pictures and instructions for clearing an area of ivy or call 206-527-3210 for information. King County has an excellent new brochure on its Noxious Weed Website: <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/weeds/weedid.htm> #Class or call 206-296-0290. They advise cutting all the ivy vines at the base of a tree. Pull up as much ivy from the area as possible using the Ivy Out "ivy roll" technique and do follow-up pull-ups over the next several years. Late summer and fall are the best time; spring and early summer are the worst because young native plants under the ivy can also be harmed. We found an especially "afflicted" fir in Gold Creek park during the winter and had to come back with saws as well as loppers to even cut the vines. One stem was 4" thick, and a 2 ft section weighed 5 lbs! Now the leaves have dropped and the vines have shrunk dramatically, but there is more to do about the remaining large stems and large area of ivy at the base.

Scotch Broom was also planted to control erosion and has ruined many open sunny patches. Think of it as the sun-loving version of the other two nasty weeds.

So why keep a plant that is doing more harm than good to our beautiful woods and fields? Help save the threatened areas too! There are other weeds here that are quite bad like Herb Robert. Check out the King County website <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/weeds> or call 206-296-0290.

PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR TRAIL ACCESS

The King County Executive Horse Council has been working with King County over the past several years to save historically used equestrian/pedestrian trails. It has also worked to secure alternative public access to regional trails and facilities if the former access had been shut down by development or property owners.

We finally have a win/win situation for trail users and property owners through the Public Benefit Rating System's (PBRS) "current use taxation" program. A property owner who grants a public easement for equestrian/pedestrian access can receive a tax break not only on land used for a public trail, but also on land with barns, pastures, woods, or other scenic features which do not require public access.

Liability, controls set by the property owner, permitting, etc. were thoroughly worked out by a committee of trail users, land owners, attorneys and County staff and Council members. The Revised Code of Washington (RCW 4.24.200-210) already protects "any public or private landowners...who allow members of the public to use (their land) for the purposes of outdoor recreation...which includes the riding of horses. Public or private landowners "shall not be liable for intentional injuries to such users." Property owners are only liable for "injuries sustained to users by reason of a known, dangerous, artificial, latent condition for which warning signs have not been conspicuously posted."

The success of the County's current use taxation program is based on a long-term commitment.

1. A non-refundable application fee of \$200 is required. Once County accepts an application for current use taxation, it will take two years from the acceptance date to go into affect.

2. If you stay in the program for 10 years or longer and give County two years notice that you want to withdraw from it, you will be required to pay interest on the saved taxes. If you do not give notice, you will be required to pay interest on the saved taxes and a 20% penalty on any saved taxes in the interim (maximum 7 year roll back tax penalty).

3. If you sell your property, the new owners can continue the program and former owners, therefore, have no penalty to pay.

Call Ted Sullivan at 206-205-5170 for more information and application packet.

Keep Your Septic System Working

The maintenance of your septic system is an important factor in continuing the lifestyle that you enjoy in our area. The recommended time frame for having your septic tank pumped is every 3 to 5 years. Heavy use of the system requires that the tank be pumped more often than does use by a one or two person household. If you do not know the location of your septic system, most particularly the opening of the tank, you should be able to obtain the information from the King County Office of Environmental Health at (206) 296-4932. Association members have access year round to a reduced rate of \$30 off the regular price offered by Pete Couty who owns Alberta Septic Systems. Additional charges will be made for locating a tank, unearthing the cover, repairs, etc. Mr. Couty is licensed and is qualified not only to pump your tank and make repairs but also to install a new system. Call Karen Mackie, board member, at 483-0889 if you have questions or would like assistance in contacting Pete.

Saddle Club Schedule

Summer is now coming to an end along with most of the Hollywood Hill Saddle Clubs events for 2002. We will end our events year, as always, with our annual Prize Ride on Sunday October 6th. This event is open to the public and is especially fun for Hollywood Hill residents since we use the Gold Creek County Park Trails and the Tolt Pipeline. Cash awards will be given out along with many donated equestrian items. Registration is from 9:00 am - 11:00 am with last rider out at 11:00 am. Chili will be served for lunch so plan on attending. You can ride the trails, walk the trails or stroll the trails and still be a Prize winner!!

On September 28th the Hollywood Hill Saddle Club and the Hollywood Hill Association will be joining hands to begin a joint maintenance group for the Gold Creek County Park Trails and the adjoining trails throughout our community. Bring your weedwackers, pruners, and rakes at 9:00am Saturday Sept. 28th to the trailhead at NE160th and 154th Avenue N.E., and let's see how much progress we can make toward clearing the trails.

HHSC also encourages our members to take part in the roadside clean-up scheduled for September 28th.

*Respectively Submitted,
Lynn Burch , President Saddle Club*

TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Have you ever ridden or walked a trail that had recently been cleared of overgrown blackberries and brush? Nice isn't it? Well those people who do the clearing deserve to be recognized. One person is Marcie Brunk who bought and uses a very effective brush cutter on trails owned by the Hollywood Hill Association as well as trails used by the Hollywood Hill Saddle Club. Sue Anderson, and Ann and Teresa Mathiesen also do trail maintenance for the Hollywood Hill Saddle Club. In Goldcreek Park, Lynn and John Burch and Maxine and Gary Glass have been extremely involved in maintaining trails for over a decade. All these wonderful people and others, who quietly go about making a trail better than they found it, deserve a big "thank you" from the community.

In light of severe maintenance budget cuts for county and city park departments, the keywords for the new Hollywood Hill Association/Saddle Club trail committee is now "user maintains." If you ride or walk any part of the trail system here on Hollywood Hill, we need YOU to help maintain trails. Come join us. The next opportunity to help out is a work party in Goldcreek Park on Saturday, September 28th starting at 9 AM. Bring your own clippers, gloves and muscle to reclaim the park trails from overgrown brush. Call or email Jan Reinking for more details. (425) 485-3452 or trihaven@earthlink.net.

NEW TRAIL COMMITTEE

The new Trail Chairperson for the Hollywood Hill Association is Jan Reinking. She will be working with Lynn and John Burch who head the Hollywood Hill Saddle Club Trail Committee. Please call Jan if you want to be involved in maintaining trails, securing new trail connections and finding solutions to trail problems. (425) 485-3452 or trihaven@earthlink.net.

Don't Enlist in the Turf Wars; We Need Farm Fields and Play Fields

(Sent to local papers)

Those who want to convert protected farmland to other uses continue their efforts to undermine this cornerstone of our efforts to manage growth. The resulting sediment plume of misinformation threatens to obscure a basic fact: If our farmlands are lost to other uses, the resource and the green open space that farms provide us will be gone forever. And, if our resource lands are lost to development, our efforts to manage growth in our region will be left in shambles.

Millions of us have recognized that the Puget Sound is a great place to live. Nestled between the mountains and sea, our region offers mild weather, beautiful natural resources, and a vibrant economy.

Accompanying this popularity has been rapid population growth, with more coming. As we focus on the problems associated with accommodating growth, it is important to keep in mind that we have it better than many other places, which are often caught in a relentless spiral of uncontrolled sprawl.

We are fortunate to have inherited a legacy of land-use planning that was put into place a generation ago by forward thinking men and women who learned from others' mistakes. They saw what happened in places where growth was dictated by short-sighted motivations and knew that we could do better.

The Farmland Preservation Program, enacted in 1979, laid much of the foundation for long-term land-use planning in King County. Voter approved and taxpayer financed, this innovative program has allowed farmland to remain in the productive hands of private enterprise while protecting the long-term benefits of agriculture to the greater community.

Farmlands and their associated green belts need special protections if they are to survive in our urbanizing region. Across our country there are countless examples of how other uses drive away agriculture by outbidding it for land and creating a conflicting environment. This is why our Farmland Preservation Program and the Washington State Growth Management Act disallow any non-agricultural uses of designated Agricultural Resource lands. (Less than 4% of King County is designated Agricultural. Within these areas, a few preexisting non-conforming uses are grand fathered in place.)

The Sammamish Valley Agricultural Production District, located between the cities of Woodinville and Redmond, is on the front lines in our regional battle to contain sprawl. With some of the finest soils in our state and close proximity to major markets, agricultural businesses are thriving. Thousands of citizens enjoy the Sammamish River Trail that traverses the farmland. The Valley hosts one of the largest concentrations of sports facilities in the county and businesses such as the wineries have sprung up in the adjacent urban areas, capitalizing on the pleasant rural character to which the farms contribute.

But the lure of inexpensive farmland has attracted a variety of interests who have other ideas. Examples include some private soccer

clubs, whose repeated attempts to convert designated agricultural land into massive sports complexes have received much publicity. If they succeed in gaining exceptions to the long-standing farmland protections, not only will we lose the farms on the land converted to these complexes, but nearby farms will be hurt as well.

Non-agricultural uses near farms can interfere with normal farming practices. And making any exceptions to farmland protections will fuel land speculation, driving prices above what agriculture can support. This combination of competition for land and interference with farming will drive farmers from our valleys, as can be seen wherever farmland has not been protected in our county.

The effect of granting such exceptions was reiterated in the March 6th Seattle Times, which featured a prominent anti-farm activist's efforts to discredit agriculture with the goal of developing soccer fields on protected farmland. The article correctly observed that... "His efforts would require dismantling 23 years of ... land preservation policies and practices."

Resource land protection is a cornerstone of our region's growth management efforts. If our policy makers bow to pressure by weakening farmland protections, it will gut our growth management efforts and be a step backwards towards the abyss of unimpeded region-wide urban sprawl.

Our growing communities need more parks, for passive as well as active uses. There have been some successes. For example, County Executive Ron Simms' 101 Ball fields Initiative seeks to construct or rehabilitate 101 ball fields by 2004. But more should be done.

Going forward, we need to strengthen existing requirements for municipalities to concurrently plan for parks when other types of development are accommodated. Cities, which contain most of King County's population and tax base, need to pick up more of the tab for the parks and sport fields needed to serve their growing populations. And we can make smarter use of the facilities we have.

This is not a matter of choosing between parks and farmland. We can have more parks without sacrificing protected farmland. There is still undeveloped land available for parks that would not threaten the small amount of King County that we have protected as Agricultural Resource land. Many of these opportunities would create parks close to our neighborhoods.

But, with every day that goes by, we have less undeveloped land and higher prices for new parks. It is time to stop holding our children's future hostage with corrosive battles over farmland protections and work cooperatively for park development that is consistent with current zoning and growth management policies.

Michael Tanksley, Soccer Dad and
President of the Hollywood Hill Association

Tim Trohimovich, Planning Director
1000 Friends of Washington

Chipping in to help the hill!

Dick's Chipping service has agreed to offer all residents of Hollywood Hill a 10% discount on any work they do for you. All you need to do is mention the fact that you saw them in the newsletter, and they will honor the discount. This is a busy time of year for them so if you plan to have your brush chipped call them early. You can reach Dick directly at Dick's Chipping Service telephone 425-743-9640. The chipper can handle wood up to 9 in. diameter. The company will haul or leave chipped material as desired.



WHAT DO I DO WITH MY WOOD WASTE... NOW THAT I CAN'T BURN IT?

Learn how to turn that waste into a resource.

In the fall of 2001, the Washington State Department of Ecology, in cooperation with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, expanded the area covered by the burn ban. Residents in these areas are no longer allowed to burn their prunings and fallen limbs and trees. In an effort to help residents adjust to this change, the King County Solid Waste Division has gathered information on local resources residents can use to recycle their wood debris.

Options for handling wood waste:

- ***Allow wood to decompose on your property***

Yard waste, food waste, manure, and woody debris: these organic materials decompose in nature to make healthy soil. We can mimic nature and improve our soils by allowing the wood to break down on the property. For more information, call 206-296-4466 or <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/swd/resrecy/composting/composting.shtml>.

- ***Set it out for curbside yard waste collection***

Leaves, grass, brush, clippings, prunings and branches under 4 inches in diameter and 8 feet in length are accepted curbside as yard waste. No stumps, lumber, rocks, dirt, sod or demolition debris will be accepted as yard waste. For more information, call 206-296-4466 or <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/swd/resrecy/recycling/curbside.shtml>.

- ***Haul your wood to a transfer station that accepts wood waste or to a wood processing and recycling facility***

Three of the County-operated transfer stations accept wood waste under 4 inches in diameter and 8 feet in length: Cedar Falls, Enumclaw, and Factoria. Privately-run wood processing facilities will also accept clean wood and wood waste such as clearing debris, logs and stumps.

- ***Haul your wood to a community special recycling collection event that accepts wood waste***

This is a FREE opportunity. Some community collection events accept wood waste. Be sure to check first. For the phone number of your local recycling coordinator, call 206-296-4466. King County's website lists when and where the next special recycling event will occur in your area: <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/swd/>.

- ***Hire a landscaper or mobile chipping company to chip your wood***

Some tree and landscaping companies will come to your property and chip your wood waste on-site. You can request that they leave the chips with you (which you can then use as mulch for your yard) or that they take the chips with them.

Wood chips provide an excellent mulch. Mulch retains water, inhibits weed growth, and keeps soil temperatures from becoming too hot or too cold. Mulch also protects sloping ground from soil erosion and stops soil compaction caused by rain or foot traffic on any soil surface. In addition, mulch provides ideal conditions for earthworms and other soil organisms which are necessary for healthy soil and plants. For more information about mulching, contact the County at 206-296-4466.

Local resources for managing your wood debris.

The names of the private companies listed below are being provided by King County for your information only. This list is not intended to be exhaustive and may not contain the names of additional companies that provide similar services. Please consult your local directory for further inquiries.

In providing this informational list, King County is not providing any endorsements, guarantees, or express or implied warranties concerning the nature or quality of service that may be provided by

any of the listed businesses. For more information about an individual company and its business practices, please contact the Washington Secretary of State, the Better Business Bureau or another applicable regulatory agency.

Below is a list of transfer stations and wood recycling facilities that accept wood waste. For County-run transfer stations, the cost is \$75.00 per ton with a minimum fee of \$12.75 per entry. Passenger cars pay only the minimum.

- Cedar Falls Drop Box. 16925 Cedar Falls Road SE, North Bend. 9 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. DST 8 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. PST.
- Factoria Transfer Station. 13800 SE 32nd Street, Bellevue. 6:15 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri. 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sat-Sun
- Pacific Topsoil. 425-486-3201 or 1-800-884-SOIL - Drop sites in Kenmore and Redmond. Accepts yard waste (grass, leaves, prunings and brush) to a maximum of 4 inches in diameter and 3 feet in length; also accepts sod, clean dirt and concrete, and clean wood waste including untreated and unpainted lumber.
- Squak Mountain Quarry, Inc. 425-392-1433 - 10430 Renton-Issaquah Road SE, Issaquah. Accepts brush and stumps. Mobile chipping service also available.
- Sunset Materials. 425-226-4140 - 18011 Renton-Issaquah Road SE, Renton. Accepts landclearing debris and brush. Mobile chipping service also available.
- Bobby Wolford Trucking & Demo. 425-481-1800 - 22014 W. Bostian Rd, Woodinville. Accepts clean wood waste and land-clearing debris for grinding. Also accepts construction debris such as metal, concrete, asphalt, brick, drywall & rock.

Mobile chipping companies & landscapers that will chip wood waste. Before you contract with a chipping company, be sure to ask if they are licensed, bonded and insured. Below is a list of a few companies in your area.

- Accutree. 425-889-0304 or <http://www.accutree.net>. Serves Eastside from Woodinville to Renton, & Westside from Everett to Burien. 6" chipper; no minimum price.
- Asplundh Tree. 425-483-9339 - Serves all King County. No standard charge.
- Best Tree Service. 425-379-8460 - Serves North King County to Federal Way. Up to 8 in. diameter. \$200 minimum charge.
- Dick's Chipping Service. 425-743-9640 - Bothell. Up to 9 in. diameter. Will haul or leave chipped material.
- Emerald Tree Service. 206-726-0668 - Serves all King County. 9 in. diameter. \$150 minimum, also varies on location.
- Ever-Green Tree Experts. 425-427-1995 or <http://www.evergreentree.com>. Issaquah.
- Kemp West. 425-334-5572 - Serves all King County. 6 in. diameter. \$300 minimum.
- Professional High Climbers Tree Service. 425-227-7737 - Serves all King County. 6 in. diameter.
- Seattle Tree Service. 425-398-9057 or <http://www.seattletreeservice.com>. Eastside. 16 in. diameter.
- Smith Brothers Tree Pruning. 425-483-5783 or <http://www.smithbrotherstree.com>. Lake Washington. \$80 minimum (includes 2 yards, 10 mile radius), \$15/yard after the 2 yard minimum. Additional fee, depending on location.
- Squak Mountain Quarry, Inc. 425-392-1433 - Issaquah
- Tom's Tree Service. 425-788-6532 - Woodinville. 18 in. diameter. \$295 minimum. Price based on pile size.
- Tree Masters. 425-337-0113 - North King County. Leave chips only with full loads. \$250/hr.

Please call King County Solid Waste Division with questions at (206) 296-4466 or check our website at <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/swd/resrecy/composting/woodwaste.shtml> for additional information.

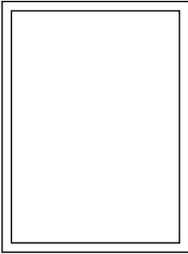
CHECK YOUR LABEL -- ARE YOUR DUES PAID UP?

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Hollywood Hill Association



Community Roadside Cleanup

Hollywood Hill clean-up efforts hit the big time! We reached a real milestone in the King County Adopt-a-Road program this summer, we hit 50,000 volunteer hours in August. And because the Hollywood Hill Association has been so active in the program, we were asked to be filmed and interviewed by King County Transportation.

If you tune to "Inside Transportation" on King County Civic Television (CTV) Tuesday nights at 5:00 or Wednesday mornings at 5:00 am, you will see Torrey Russell and his daughter Lauren Russell, Mary Hoshizaki VandenBerg and her son Mitchell, Lincoln Potter, Carolyn Tanksley, Lizz and Peter Miller, all either being interviewed or just lending a hand. The interviews and footage explain how the clean-up process works and the multitude of benefits derived from volunteering. We have found that helping with the clean up brings a sense of pride in a job well done and a feeling of community involvement. Having your children participate will instill the importance of community and is a great opportunity to spend quality time with them.

What do garbage bags and FREE movie tickets have in common?

They will all be at the next Hollywood Hill Community Trail & Roadside clean-up event! We will be awarding the person or family that picks up the most trash on Saturday, September 28th with 4 movie tickets. (Our trusty Lincoln Potter will judge who has the most trash!)

The Hollywood Hill Saddle Club and Hollywood Hill Elementary School will also be pitching in to help us make the clean up a success. We were very short of volunteers for this summer's clean up so won't you come out and spend just a short time helping us better our neighborhood roads and trails?

Date: Saturday, September 28th

Time: 9 to 12 (there is time between soccer games!)

Where: Meet to sign up at the Hollywood Hill Saddle Club (near the back exit of HH Elementary School)

What to do: Pick a portion of road or trail (doesn't have to be much), mark it on the map that Lincoln Potter will have, get your bags and safety gear, pick up trash, drop off the bags with Lincoln.

Lincoln will also sign-off on those kids that fulfill community service hours. You may also do your part any time during the weekend. Just sign up for a road/trail on Saturday, take bags and return the trash for pickup before Monday morning.