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It's a Big Deal

Actually, we don't know what the nature of the next big issue that will effect our neighborhood might be. But, we do know that it is a big deal if we want to continue to defend the rural character of our hill, to maintain the HHA's structure and to refresh the ranks of folks actively working with it. It's a sure thing that issues big and small will continue to present themselves, and our community will be better off if we address them in the structured and dependable manner that the HHA has proven to be so effective.

In the coming months, the HHA will be making a concerted effort to involve more neighbors in our meetings and activities. The Board has openings that need to be filled, and the community has opportunities for numerous small projects that would improve the quality of life on the Hill. All board positions and activities are volunteer.

You are invited, urged in fact, to contact a board member and come sit in on an occasional board meeting. There are interesting people to meet and topics to discuss. This is your community, and the HHA provides a great opportunity to not only protect its wonderful character but to significantly influence the directions of future changes. It doesn't need to take much of your time, and the rewards can be great. Send an email to torrey@russells.net to be invited to our next meeting.

Taste of Woodinville

Monday, May 27, 2002 • 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Come celebrate the diversity of the Woodinville Tourist District with a special event for the whole family featuring some of the area's finest food, wine and produce from local growers. Spend the afternoon. Enjoy the Northwest's finest wines from Chateau Ste. Michelle, Columbia Winery, Matthews Cellars, Di Stefano Winery, Facelli Winery, Novelty Hill Winery, Austin Robaire, Silver Lake Winery, and JM Cellars.



Take a tour through luxurious Willows Lodge, and experience a mini-massage from The Spa at Willows. Take a stroll around the scenic grounds, and meet Hamlet the pot-bellied pig. Walk through the renowned Herbfarm, and sample some delicious food bites. Try superb Black Swan coffees and magnificent teas from World Spice.

Learn all about the Woodinville Farmers Market, sample some fresh apple cider from Minea Farms, and learn about the outstanding work at the Little Bit Therapeutic Riding School. Attend a Molbak's Garden Center plant workshop.

\$10 per person includes a map, souvenir wine glass and 10 tickets to purchase food & beverages.

Parking will be available at Willows Lodge, Redhook Brewery, Columbia Winery and adjacent Northshore ball fields.

For further information, visit the "Taste Woodinville" website at www.tastewoodinville.com. Tickets are available at the door.

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...from the President

"You may not be able to predict the future, but that doesn't mean that you can't help shape it."

Jay Walljasper - Utne Reader

History is a wonderful subject for study. Be it a familiar story or a new insight, there is a certain coziness and voyeuristic fascination to be savored by delving into a factual recounting of events from the safe perch of an armchair, insulated by time.

History offers us a sense of place, provides adventure stories lived by real people and has much to teach us through the trials of those who have gone before us. But it is advisable to avoid getting too comfortable there. Surrendering to the seduction of living in the past can be just as disastrous as living in ignorance of it.

Once we put the book down, we find that the times of our lives rolling on. As our stories evolve, we are not passive observers, awaiting some predetermined fate. We are partners in creating our story and are intimately involved in the writing.

One of the traits that set humans apart from other animals is our ability to exercise free will. The gift of free will is not free, but carries the price of self awareness and responsibility. One of the determining factors of a society's well-being is how successful it reinforces this concept of responsibility with its citizens. We all participate in defining our society via the consequences of our actions, or in some cases, our inactions. The better we carry out our roles, the better society we have to live in now and the better will be the world that we bequeath to the generations that will follow.

It is easy to see how we influence our own lives and the lives of our immediate family and friends. But, like ripples from a stone tossed into a pool, the effects of our actions spread even further. Examples can be found in our day to day choices around our local community. We choose how to drive our cars, the timing and quantity of noise we make doing yard maintenance or how much smoke our 'ceremonial fires' waft into our neighbor's yards. Keep in mind the old wisdom: "That which I visit upon my neighbor, I visit upon myself." Being mindful of the consequences of our actions is the first step to realizing the potential that comes with the gift of choice.

Most of us choose to live on Hollywood Hill because we like the atmosphere, and most of us do a pretty good job of being considerate to our neighbors. But, there are many communities where the residents are considerate, yet those communities have not maintained their unique character, as has Hollywood Hill.

This is where the Hollywood Hill Association's 26 years of activism has made such a visible difference to our community. Many of the biggest influences on our neighborhood involve complex legal and political issues. The HHA provides neighbors with a heads up on local issues, does the research that maintains its long term integrity and provides a collective voice with which to address our policy makers. It has been an effective tool in influencing courses of action in ways that would be difficult, at best, for individual citizens to pursue on their own.

But the HHA does not happen out of thin air. It relies on the participation of residents who share its goals and recognize the need to be involved, lest others determine local issues for us. (For info on goals and current land-use issues, visit: www.hollywoodhillassoc.org)

Participation begins with becoming a member by payment of the annual dues. The association has numerous expenses, including newsletters, taxes and insurance on the 10 Acre Woods, legal expenses, etc. As a community service, the HHA attempts to send newsletters (receipt of which is not evidence of membership) to every house on the hill.

Just as important is direct involvement by community members in the activities of the Association. This can involve anything from occasional participation in a project to serving as a board member.

This is our neighborhood. Nobody is going to look out for it the way that we can by working together as a community. We have a unique tool for doing that with the HHA. But a tool is only of use if it is maintained and utilized.

The writing of the story of Hollywood Hill is still in progress. It is a good story so far and has great potential to continue to be so. While we owe a debt of gratitude to those who have contributed to reaching this point, the future is yet to be written. It is your responsibility as to whose hands will guide the pen. Responsibility, because you have the gift of choice.

— Mike Tanksley

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.

Woodinville Saturday Farmers Market News:

"We don't use chemicals and sprays here, and the weeds and bugs; they're a lot of work" Jorge Crisostomo speaks into the afternoon breeze as his farmer's eyes scan the rows of spring starts on the family Sammamish Valley farm. "I was a commercial artist in Las Vegas, but my wife's aunt, you know Mrs. Zante, she called us." Fred Zante who had worked the family land just south of the Woodinville bypass since the 30s had died, and the lady needed help. "The family and I have been here ever since — 17 years now I've been a farmer."



In late June, Jorge's fresh, homegrown produce will be available both at Mrs. Zane's shop on the bypass and at the Saturday Farmers Market from 9 am to 4 pm. Look for his table and others piled high with fresh produce and flowers. As always, if you also need plant starts, a soap or honey, indeed all manner of crafts and products, drop on down to their temporary site next to the old Woodinville City Hall on 175th. Later in the year the Market will move to its permanent home just near the Zante farm on the bypass

Are you on the Early Warning Email list?

There are times when issues that affect our neighborhood come up and need our attention right away. In an effort to be more timely and save some of the money that goes into the newsletters, the HHA is making a list of people who would like to receive occasional bulletins and action alerts.

Examples might include public meetings that are being scheduled to discuss the possibility of siting a water reclamation plant in the valley or political issues about which our representatives need to hear from us as a vote nears.

Send an email to cmtanksley@earthlink.net and ask to be added to the Early Warning Email list. If you sent your email address on your dues form, it would still be helpful to back it up by sending an email directly (the writing can be very hard to read).

Code Violations along the Woodinville/Redmond Road

The Woodinville/Redmond Road between the Hollywood Schoolhouse and the Woodinville Pediatrics building has become increasingly cluttered with signs and businesses that do not conform to King County land use codes.

One of the most egregious of these violations is the statutory business that has sprung up in the yard of 15366 140th PL NE, across from Gold Creek Sports Club. The property is zoned RA-2.5 (residential agriculture, like most of Hollywood Hill), and the current commercial activities are not allowed by code. A complaint was filed with King County last June.

Progress has been very slow though the wheels are turning, and there is hope that we may see some resolution in the near future. The county code enforcement contact is Earl Garnet at (206) 296-7102, case # E0100972. Any encouragement that you can offer him to progress on this case would be helpful.

Other outstanding infractions have been brought to the attention of the county staff though the most timely response has been from the City of Seattle. A truck had been illegally parked for many months on the Tolt Pipeline Trail at its intersection with the Woodinville/Redmond Road and was being used as a billboard. Once the City was informed of the situation, the appropriate department acted quickly to have truck removed from public property.

Sammamish Valley's Root Connection

"If they're not interested in better taste, chemical and pesticide free food for the family, saving money, supporting local farming and the environment, they aren't going to be interested in The Root Connection anyway," snaps Claire, the redoubtable 'farm boss' side of the Root Connection equation. "Who wouldn't be?" pipes sister Rita, smiling, positive. Rita manages the retail shop and gets the shares out every week to the farm members.

Claire added, "The University of Washington did a test of local children. They found pesticide traces in all but one child, and he had been brought up in an organic household." The sisters did a cost analysis of an average winter share and were shocked at the value they had only guessed at. On the local market, a total of items in a weekly share: Organic Retail: \$57.24; Organic section of a super market: \$52.48; Straight non-organic Supermarket chain: \$43.00; Root Connection: \$29.00 and that isn't counting the u-pick herbs and greens that are part of a share.

The farm and shop are located adjacent to the Living Legacy Ranch on the West side of the Woodinville - Redmond Road, (Route 202) between 146th Street (Hollywood Hill Schoolhouse) and 124th Street. Stop in for a visit and pick up their mission statement brochure that explains how simple it is to book and pick up winter or summer shares. Half and full shares are available in the summer as are fruit share from local growers.

Store hours are Tuesday to Friday 10 am to 3 pm and Saturday 10 am to 6 pm. Closed on Sunday and Monday.



Wow!

How did the Hill get so clean?



A big effort was made by a terrific group of people. There were several individuals including Peter Storaasli, Paul Snyder, Arianne Burnham, Gregg Frey, Tony Kuster and Karen Mackie. We had the Webelos, den 3, Pack 422 who put in a good two hours of work on the winding road from

the Woodinville Medical Center up to Hollywood Hill School. These Webelos included Claudio Rosales, Christopher Finney, Brennan Conroy and Marcus Nelson. Thank you to their parents who also picked up and helped with the hauling of the trash all the way up the road.

Also pitching in were Al and Peter Miller and Torrey and Lauren Russell, who were getting credit for community service. What a great idea to help out and get credit at the same time. Steve Lind and Bill Brown did a little furniture pick up. They borrowed a trailer from a generous neighbor and picked up the pieces of furniture strewn along 164th Ave NE. Thanks guys! I was wondering how to get those big broken up pieces down to the pick up site. In addition, thank you to Lincoln Potter (our photographer) and Mayumi Terao who show up time after time and always lend a hand. Finally, a big thanks to 3 year old, Rielly Milne, his mom, Stephanie Mulvey and Uncle Derek Mulvey who did a large stretch of road near the Saddle Club.

Our next scheduled clean up will be Saturday, July 13th from 9-11.

To select a section of road, pick up your bags and safety equipment meet near the Hollywood Hill Saddle Club, just east of the elementary school. All trash should be returned to the Saddle Club area by the end of the weekend to be removed by the County. If it rains or you can't participate that morning, drop by to pick up trash bags. Clean up can continue through the weekend. For alternative arrangements, call me, Mary VandenBerg, at 402-1216, and I will have bags available for pickup.



Its Tansy Time!!

Now is the right time to be on the look out for the noxious weed tansy ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*). This is a persistent pasture and roadside weed which has been introduced from Europe and Western Asia and is now well established on Hollywood Hill. You probably have seen the bright yellow daisy-like flower heads in fields and along roadsides in late summer. At this time of year, the plants are dark rosettes of deeply divided and wrinkled leaves low to the ground. This is the ideal stage to remove the weeds from your property.

A big problem for many landowners with tansy ragwort is that it is toxic to livestock, particularly cattle, horses and pigs. It also out competes pasture and desirable native plants.

Tansy Ragwort can produce incredible amounts of seed which can remain viable in the soil for at least 8 years. This means that preventing the plants from going to seed is essential for control. Over a period of years, the infestation will decline as the seed bank in the soil is depleted.

When controlling tansy ragwort, it is best to concentrate first on lightly infested areas and work towards areas of higher infestation. Take great care that you do not introduce seeds into your clean areas.

Manual removal works well, especially for lighter infestations and in moist soils. The key is to remove the entire root, as the plant can regrow from root fragments. Use of a hoe, mattock or shovel can be effective, but simple hand pulling often leaves roots behind. Mowing is ineffective as it does not remove the roots. Tillage can work for large areas when combined with an improved pasture or cropping program, and chemical control may help. However, tansy ragwort is resistant to many herbicides so use one registered for this use and in accordance with the label.

Maintenance of a dense competitive vegetative cover, such as pasture or native vegetation, will greatly reduce tansy seedling re-establishment.

None of these methods will affect seeds already in the soil. Follow-up control will be needed for more than one season. Check for small plants at the rosette stage every spring and remove any found.

It's also a great idea to coordinate your control efforts with those of your neighbors. Please contact our office for more information or help with organizing a neighborhood group control project.

Many landowners have shown that with a little persistence and effort, tansy ragwort can be controlled.

For more information about tansy ragwort or other noxious weeds on Hollywood Hill, please contact Denise Liguori, Noxious Weed Expert, at the King County Noxious Weed Control Program at (206) 296-0290, noxious.weeds@metrokc.gov, or <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/weeds>.