

WHISPERS

WHISPERING HEIGHTS & COLLINGWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

VOL 11 ISSUE 2

SPRING CLEAN-UP ON APRIL 20!

April 20th is the day!!! Get ready for the WH&CCA Spring Clean-up day that will begin at 9:00 a.m. All residents big enough to pull a weed are called upon to help "spiff-up" the neighborhood. It is always a good way to kick-off the spring, a great way to meet your neighbors and have some fun!

Volunteers are eagerly sought to join the effort. The Clean-Up coordinators and Bellevue Parks Department have assessed the five common areas and found them in fairly good shape but in need of some "tender loving care." Most of the areas are in need of some raking, weeding and pickup. The Collingwood Park will be receiving bark and 20-yards of play chips.

As some of you may recall, the main entrances were among the project sites last year. Thanks to our homeowner's dues, we have hired a landscaping company that has been maintaining the entrances. Therefore, these sites won't be on the project list.

Not only will you be making your community look better, you may be able to get to know and work with neighbors you might not ordinarily meet.

As an added treat, there will be a traveling 'Goody Wagon' to provide hot and cold beverages and Krispy Krème doughnuts to all the dedicated workers at each of the sites.

The Clean-Up will be held rain or shine. Weather is not an excuse! Wear your best work clothes, bring your yard tools and pray for sunshine.

Please contact Rob or Michelle Cash at (425) 401-8517 to volunteer at one of the following 5 locations:

1. Whispering Heights Ravine (SE 46th Way)
2. The Heights, Two Trailheads (155th Pl. SE & SE 47th Pl.)
3. The Heights Trailhead, Lower (SE 46th Way & 158th Ave. SE)
4. Collingwood Park and Greenbelt (SE 46th Way)
5. Trailhead at 161st.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SPRING CLEAN-UP, April 20, Rob and Michelle Cash, co-chairs, 425-401-8517

BIKE PARADE, July 4, Julie Mezs, chair, 425-747-4681

GARAGE SALE, July 20, Karen Lund, chair, 425-643-8538

ANNUAL PICNIC, August 24, Ona Beierlozer, 425-641-8798

CRIME WATCH

Did you know that the City of Bellevue maintains a website that covers all City departments?

You can access it at <http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us>. If you click on Police, then Crime Statistics, you will find that statistics are available for each of the seven Bellevue Neighborhoods and that WHCCA is located in District 6 Subdivision 3. The data in the website currently covers through 1999 in detail. However, the following is an update for District 6-3 as of this writing:

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Murder	0	0
Rape	0	1
Robbery	0	0

Arson	0	6
Burglary	26	17
Theft	74	72
Auto Theft	17	11

Here's a few additional facts:

- Bellevue has not had homicide since 1997
- Motor vehicle prowls are our most common crime (these fall under the theft category)
- Auto theft is the fastest rising crime category (Real estate professional Ona Beierlozer reports that a Collingwood client of hers had a truck stolen from their driveway, and several families had thefts from their cars on SE 47th Street recently)
- There are no known Level II or Level III sex offenders in our immediate neighborhood.

District 6-3 actually covers quite a bit more area than just WHCCA (see the Bellevue website map). However, the Police Department is hopeful of upgrading their program in such a way as to provide breakdowns at our neighborhood level. Stay tuned to this station!

AT-A-GLANCE NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDE (UPDATED)

WH&CCA BOARD

Feng Chou, President, 425-649-9730

Diane Thompson, Vice President, 425-562-8955

Ona Beierlozer, Secretary, 425-641-8798

Judy Brewer, Treasurer, 425-746-0768

Wally Larson, Past President, 425-746-1757

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Ed Beierlozer, 425-641-8798

Rob & Michelle Cash, 425-401-8517

Dick Lee, 425-643-5254

Karen Lund, 425-643-8538

Adam Stein, 425-603-0404

Kim Cooney (Newsletter), 425-643-2330

OPEN POSITION

Is it your turn to serve?

EMERGENCY

Fire/Police: 9 — 1 — 1

Crisis Clinic: 206-461-3222

Wash. Poison Center: 800-732-6985

GOVERNMENT

U.S. SENATORS

Maria Cantwell (D), 206-220-6400

Patty Murray (D), 206-553-5545

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (8th DISTRICT)

Jennifer Dunn (R), 206-275-3438

STATE REPRESENTATIVE (41st DIST.)

(Bellevue, Mercer Island,

West Issaquah, Northeast Renton)

Fred Jarrett (R), 360-786-7894, 206-232-8304

Email: jarrett_fr@leg.wa.gov

Ida Ballasiotes (R), 800-562-6000

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

City of Bellevue Info, 425-452-6800

King County Info, 206-296-0100

State of Wash. Info, 360-753-5000

NEIGHBORHOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent of Schools (DIST. #405)
Dr. Michael Riley, 425-456-4172
Bellevue Comm. College, 564-1000
Cougar Ridge, 837-7300
Eastgate Elementary, 456-5100
Newport Heights Elementary, 456-5500
Newport High School, 456-7400
Sunset Elementary, 456-6100
Tillicum Middle School, 456-6700
Tye Middle School, 456-6800
Bellevue Public Library, 425-450-1765

BLOCK WATCH TEAMS

Coordinator of Blocks A — F, position currently open and in need of a volunteer

Block	Captain	Telephone	Address
A	Suzanne Peery	641-7456	15133 SE 47th Place
B	Rod Deans	957-1537	4651 152nd Place SE
C	Stan Lance	649-0950	4645 150th Place SE
D	Frank Mainella	746-5029	15010 SE 46th Way
E	Doug Ahrens	747-4979	4653 153rd Ave SE
F	Diane Woltz	644-2571	4703 155th Place SE

Wally Larson, Coordinator of Blocks G — L, 643-1457, 4632 154th Place SE

Block	Captain	Telephone	Address
G	Wally Larson	746-1757	4632 154th Place SE
H	Russ Haland	644-1927	15853 SE 47th Street
I	Rod Hollenbeck	746-0430	15829 SE 47th Place
J	Gayle Bryan	746-0504	15910 SE 46th Place
	Roy Forsander	641-1312	4614 159th Ave SE
K	Wendy Czarney	644-2055	15908 SE 46th Way
	Marian Monwai	746-6816	15936 SE 46th Way
L	James Molenda/Carrie Rehri	747-4405	15715 SE 45th Street

Julie Mezs, Coordinator of Blocks M — R, 747-4681, 4628 161st Ave SE

Block	Captain	Telephone	Address
M	Annie Peterson	644-7140	15711 SE 45th Place
N	Scott MacDonald	562-9373	4565 157th Ave SE
O	Larry & Donna Brickman	643-5301	16303 SE 48th Street
P	Joan Muth	644-4043	16115 SE 48th Street
P	Lise Place	649-0964	4730 162nd Court SE
Q	Celia Sekijama	865-9176	4622 161st Avenue SE
R	Claude Nesis	746-2082	16200 SE 46th Way
	Barbara Unger	746-8745	16118 SE 46th Way

COMMUNITY DUES FOR 2002

America's strength starts in its families and neighborhoods— neighborhoods like ours.

Each year the residents living within the boundaries of the Whispering Heights & Collingwood Community Association are asked to voluntarily contribute dues to support important neighborhood projects and events such as:

- The Whispers newsletter — six issues hand-delivered to 530 homes.
- Spring Clean-up
- Egg Hunt

- Bike Parade
- Garage Sale
- Annual Picnic
- Emergency Preparedness Plan
- Repair and Replacement of Mailbox shelters
- Professional landscape maintenance for all three entrances.

This year the suggested dues level has been raised to \$20 in order to cover an increase in current yearly expenses. Your contribution today will help us continue our plans for this year. The earlier you pay your dues in the year, the more confidently the Board and your neighbor volunteers can serve. And don't forget, a clean, safe, well-maintained neighborhood preserves the equity we all have in our homes. So thank you for your support! If you have any questions, please give me a call. — Judy Brewer, Treasurer, 425-746-0768

[FORM FOLLOWS]

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO:

JUDY BREWER, WH&CCA TREASURER, 4704 161st AVE SE, BELLEVUE, WA 98006
 YOU CAN MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO "WH&CCA"

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

ARE YOU A NEW RESIDENT OF WHISPERING HEIGHTS COLLINGWOOD (LAST SIX MONTHS) ? YES NO

ATTACHED IS MY DUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20

I AM ALSO ENCLOSING AN ADDITIONAL DONATION OF \$ _____ AS AN OFFSET FOR THOSE WHO MAY BE OUT OF WORK OR ILL, OR FOR ELDERS ON A FIXED INCOME.

I'D LIKE TO HELP ON THESE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY LAND ISSUES | <input type="checkbox"/> MEMBERSHIP DRIVE | <input type="checkbox"/> ANNUAL GARAGE SALE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PARK & GREENBELTS | <input type="checkbox"/> NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION | <input type="checkbox"/> ANNUAL BIKE PARADE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SPRING CLEAN-UP | <input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE | <input type="checkbox"/> ANNUAL PICNIC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CONFLICT RESOLUTION | <input type="checkbox"/> BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM | <input type="checkbox"/> ANNUAL EGG HUNT |

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS _____

GIANT GARAGE SALE

One Man's White Elephant Is Another Man's Golden Goose

On Thursday, July 18 through Saturday, July 20, the WHCCA will be advertising our Annual Garage Sale in both the Eastside Journal and Seattle Times.

The Garage Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 20th.

The WHCCA has sign boards out at the Whispering Heights and Collingwood entrances, plus signs on mailboxes and posts.

Those who wish to take part in the popular event are asked to email (no phone calls, please) their street address, well before the event, to John Lefor at:

JohnLefor_ms@msn.com

John will then mark your house on a map to hand out to event attendees. This neighborhood sale generates a lot of interest in the community so it's a great time to clean out and make some money from your "junk" . . . er, treasures.

We have a 500 household neighborhood, so consider banding together with friends and neighbors if you don't feel you have enough ju..., ah, heirlooms, to justify a sale of your own.—
Thanks, Karen Lund

FOR A SAFE 4th OF JULY:

Remember, most fireworks are illegal due to the threat they present to our roofs and our homes. Firecrackers can, and do, blow off fingers and take the vision of hundreds of children each year. And they endanger the emotional and mental health of pets. Please don't leave pets unattended.

BIKE PARADE

Decorate your Bike! Dust off your best skateboard. Lace up your Rollerblades. Tighten up your Scooter. And join the Parade! Bellevue Fire Station #8 will even bring their beautiful Fire Truck!

Remember your childhood? How you tricked out your bike for the 4th of July? Don't you have a child or grandchild who deserves that same memory?

The parade begins at 10:30 a.m. at Collingwood Park, and will end back there, as well. Light refreshments will then be served!

COMING: UPDATED WEBSITE

Currently at <http://www.whcca.com>, our redesigned site will be found at:
<http://www.whcca.com/whcca/index.html>. We'll keep you "posted"!

NEP VOTING RESULTS

Out of 156 Customer Action Requests, 8 qualified to be voted on for City of Bellevue Neighborhood Enhancement funds. We recommend-ed voting for the Sidewalk on 150th Ave SE from SE 46th Way southward (did not pass), and, Interim asphalt walkway on 164th Ave SE north of Lakemont Boulevard (did pass). However, the trail along Vasa Creek south of SE 46th Way to SE 48th Drive, which extends the current bark trail and includes a staircase and foot bridge also passed and that too enhances our neighborhood!

THANK YOU

Please take the time to thank past president Wally Larson and just released board members Brian and Kim Saltzman for their years of service. We still have one board position open. Is it your turn at bat?

FREE "HANDS ON" FAMILY MUSIC EVENT

Music Works cordially invites its Whispering Heights and Collingwood neighbors you a Music Fair & Open House. The Fair offers music experiences for all ages. You and your family can listen to music, make music, and even build an instrument! Faculty and students will perform. There will be demonstrations of Kindermusik, Music Therapy and MIDI technology. And there will be information about and opportunities to register for SummerCamps, Workshops, Classes and

Private Instruction. In short, there will be activities for the whole family. Find your passion . . . and have a blast!

Music Fair & Open House

Saturday, April 20th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

14360 SE Eastgate Way, Ste 102, Bellevue WA 98007

(located just two blocks east of Eastgate Park 'n' Ride)

Tel. 425-644-0988, email: www.musicworksnw.org

CORRECTIONS

In the transition from Lin Stanford's great editing of the newsletter to mine, Vol. 10 Issue 5 went without a hitch. But there were several errors in Vol. 11 Issue 1: First, we live in the 41st district, not the 48th, so our representatives are Fred Jarrett and Ida Ballasiotes. Second, this years issues are Volume 11 not Volume 12. Finally, the bar headline should have read VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! rather than NEW PLAYGROUP! for the Block Captains Emergency Planning story.