Fall 2020



mes Association of Cedar

Presidents Message

This year's election process has been lengthy but now it's finally over. We were delayed by the challenges of Covid when we unable to hold our annual meeting at the middle school. We regrouped and figured out the logistical and legal procedures for a vote by mail election and an online meeting. Our first round of voting only elected two out of the five open positions and since the board had agreed to hold a second round of voting in such an occurrence, we were further delayed by the second round.

Although it took a while, we now have results. See the next page for a summary and see our website for the detailed numbers.

I want to thank all the candidates who ran – it was great to see so much interest in being on the board. I also want to thank our homeowners for great voting participation – we had record voter turnout in the first round and near record turnout in the second. I also want to thank the office staff and our volunteer ballot counters for a smooth election process and timely results.

Thanks to the 970 homeowners who returned their surveys, which are currently being tallied. The Board appreciates the input and anticipates much related discussion over the next few months.

I was pleasantly surprised to hear that the office was able to book the middle school for our Fall Cleanup on November 21. Part of the deal with the school and Pride Disposal is that we agreed to follow proper social distancing procedures. This means that everyone must wear a mask when they are outside their vehicles and we need to keep separated when we are unloading – this unfortunately means that the unloading process will not be as fast as in recent years. We ask everyone to be patient. Thanks to Mark Swan for volunteering to run this event again!

The web committee is working on redesigning our website and making it more accessible. Thanks to volunteers Kirk Jones and Tarra Castillo for their hard work. We hope to have the new site up and running in the next few months.

As many of our homeowners know, Clean Water Services has discontinued their street side leaf pickup that used to be performed in some of our neighborhoods. While this is unfortunate, I want to pass along that they do hold several nearby leaf pickup events in the fall, one being at Cedar Park Middle School the week before our Fall Cleanup. Check out the CWS website: http://cleanwaterservices.org/leaf for details. As the rains approach please help to keep storm drains clear.

I wish a Happy Fall to everyone! Please keep healthy and safe.

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Fall Cleanup November 21, 2020

Fall Cleanup Day is November 21, 2020. You will find your notice enclosed. Please bring it with you for identification purposes. There have been a lot of changes in the last few years, besides NOT accepting hazardous wastes, propane bottles, paints, batteries, solvents, pesticides, thinners, RR ties and tires, we DO NOT accept any TVs, monitors, computers, small engines, florescent bulbs, microwaves or appliances. As usual, the Scouts will be helping. Their information is located on the back of our notice. Even though yard debris recycling is available every other week through our garbage service, this is an excellent way to get rid of excessive yard debris and other unwanted items.

Remember, cleanup is not limited only to "yard debris" so be sure and check your garage and back yard for unwanted items you no longer want. This is an excellent opportunity to remove the old fencing from your fence project or deck replacement. There will not be shredding at this cleanup, it will be offered in the spring.

We are requiring that <u>ALL</u> yard debris be bundled in short efficient units so it can be easily and quickly unloaded into a drop box. Loads that are not well bundled will be turned away. Thank you for your continued understanding while we work into our new routine. After reviewing the clean up notice, if you have questions, please feel free to contact the office at 503-292-1259 or email: office@cedarhillshoa.org.

Election Results

The election process for 2020 required two mail-in ballots, due to the number of candidates. The final results follow (full details on the website):

Resolutions require 75% approval to pass:

Resolution 1 – small trailers, boats in the back yard - Failed with 64.3% Resolution 2 – chickens permitted - Failed with 46% Resolution 3 – remove CC&R reference to defunct nursery - Passed with 92.5%

Candidates require a majority (50% + 1):

Ballot 1 – 1186 ballots cast – 13 candidates:

Pamela Fielder elected Rex Wheeler elected **<u>Ballot 2</u>** - 981 ballots cast - 7 candidates:

Steve Robinson elected Incumbents retaining positions: Bill Long and Chris Musolf

Contacting HACH

Please contact the Office (office@cedarhillshoa.org) (503-292-1259) for any administrative need (e.g. questions about violations, permit questions, etc.). If you email the Board (boardofdirectors@cedarhillshoa.org) for items that really need to be processed by office staff, this can cause a delay in resolving the issue, as the Board is not charged with day-to-day operations.

Cedar Hills Ready!



Cedar Hills Ready! Disaster Preparedness Team: Be Prepared, Not Scared With the pandemic and wildfires, 2020 has been a posterchild year for getting prepared with your neighbors. Cedar Hills Ready! is dedicated to building neighborhood resilience and connection while preparing our community for natural disasters. We can help you get prepared. For more information and to get on our email list, contact Karen or Lincoln at info.cedarhillsready@gmail.com or visit us at www.cedarhillsready.org. You can also download our free "Get Prepared Now!" booklet at https://tinyurl.com/neighborhoodready. Looking forward to hearing from you, and getting prepared together!

New Website Coming Soon

In the next couple months we will be launching a new website for the HACH. While our current website has worked well over the years it's time to update to a site that will allow us to move more online and become more efficient.

Our new site will have a new fresh look and feel, be mobile device friendly, and easy to navigate. Over time our goal is to move newsletters, announcements and events to the site which will greatly reduce our costs of mailings and increase the ease at which we communicate with homeowners.

Currently we do not maintain homeowner emails. We will be asking for homeowners to opt in for electronic communications. There will be a couple of ways to opt in - through the new site once it is launched or through a mail-in form that will be included in upcoming mail communications. You will still be able to receive communications in the mail if that is your preference.

We are very excited about this and look forward to launching the site very soon.

Policy Changes

The Board of Directors regularly reviews and discusses policy ideas to help define our community standards within the framework of our CC&Rs. The following policies were recently approved by the Board:

Mediation Preference – this policy was written to codify the Board's preference to resolve legal matters with offers of mediation (a long-standing policy, in accordance with legal strictures).

See the Association website, or call the office, for full details.

Empty Houses

If your home is empty for some reason (e.g. currently for sale, or between renters), please consider stopping by to check on it on a regular basis. There have been reports of trespassers "camping" at homes currently unoccupied and it's to all of our advantage to keep people from taking unauthorized advantage of the neighborhood we work to maintain.

Critters....

With winter coming (already?) it's a good time to make sure your home is secure from local wildlife. Raccoons, squirrels and rats can create a lot of damage if ignored, and none of them need us to feed them. Check your house, shed, composter, woodpile, etc. for nests or traces of regular visits. Make sure vent screens are intact and food sources (bird seed, pet food, etc.) are secured. Consider professional trapping/removal services if you find unwanted critters you can't personally deal with. Your neighbors will appreciate it.

Christmas Tree Recycling

2020 Christmas Tree Recycling - Scouting BSA Troop 5/618 will be accepting trees at the following time & dates.

<u>Drop Off:</u> from 12pm-4pm on Saturday Jan 2nd, Sunday Jan 3rd, Saturday January 9th and Sunday January 10th at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 12405 SW Butner Rd, Beaverton, Or 97005

<u>Curbside Pickup:</u> Same hours and days as above. Trees need to be curbside pickup by 12pm. Suggested donation: \$10 or more per tree; \$5 per wreath or swag. Want to support Troop 618 but don't have a tree to recycle? Deposit bottles and cans are gratefully accepted.

If you have any questions please contact: Troop 5/618 Tree Recycling Coordinator, Jay Locke, at 503-567-9194, email: <u>t618treerecycle@gmail.com</u>. Thank you for your continued support! Your donations allow us to keep our programs running for our members.

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Just a Reminder.....

Assessments Due 11/15/20

The annual assessment sent out in July becomes delinquent if not paid by November 15th. Reminder notices will be sent out by the end of October.

If assessments are not paid by 11/15, a late fee of \$15.00 is assessed. When additional reminders are sent, additional \$15 late fees are assessed. If the assessment remains unpaid and a lien is filed, an additional cost of \$172.00 is added; at this point accounts become subject to monthly interest.

If you are having a problem paying your assessments, please contact the office to make payment arrangements. With prior arrangements, some late fees may be avoided. Office: 503-292-1259 or email: office@cedarhillshoa.org.

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Board of Directors

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Rex Wheeler, President

Ken Brown, Vice President

Pamela Fielder, Treasurer

Chris Musolf, Secretary

Steve Robinson, Director

Jeff Larson, Director

Bill Long, Director

Board Meetings

The monthly board meetings are the second Tuesday of each month via a Zoom webinar. A pre-registration is required and can be found on our website www.cedarhillshoa.org. The general session begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Association's office.

Members are always welcome.

If you have a specific problem and want to address the Board, it is helpful to contact the office prior to our meetings in order to be placed on our agenda.

Prior contact helps us maintain a better schedule for our meetings.

Permit applications continue to be reviewed on Thursdays.