

## ***Parents - It's Springtime - Do you know what your kids are doing?***

Last summer, while out for a walk to the 10 Acre Woods, a neighbor found a mailbox, post and all, thrown by the side of the road. Because there was an address on the box, the home it belonged to was located, about a block away. The home was that of a seasoned citizen; a widow who has lived on the Hill a long time. When it was returned to her, she expressed her gratitude, but also her frustration, as this had happened before. She had also experienced other “pranks” on her property in the last couple of years, prompting her to install a fence and gate across her drive. We can empathize with her, as many of us have been the victims of pranks. Not long ago, some “pranksters” opened a fire hydrant on the hill, wasting thousands of gallons of water and eroding soil into a creek. Pranksters have also damaged neighborhood signs, vegetation and vehicles with actions that touch all of us in our otherwise “safe” neighborhood.

According to the King County Sheriff's department, vandalism – the real term for pranks like these – occur most often in the spring and summer. They are perpetrated usually by teenagers or young adults, generally in their own neighborhoods. Parents: these pranksters are your children, whether you want to believe it or not. Often even “good” kids get caught up in the moment and join in when they really know better.

Now with summer approaching, all parents should have a talk with their children about the real harm vandalism causes. These kids should understand the sadness and even fear their actions cause the victims. Vandalism is a sign of disrespect, whether on public or on private property, and is not much different from theft. The elderly widow above felt violated and frightened at this intrusion on her personal property, just as if she had been robbed. We are privileged to live in a great neighborhood, but to keep it that way, we must all get involved to prevent the destruction and deterioration that comes with vandalism.

What can you do? Besides talking with your children and knowing where they are going and with whom, report EVERY incident. The Sheriff's department will track and analyze these incidents for patterns and will modify their surveillance areas based on these patterns. They have been able to curb vandalism in several neighborhoods by doing this; and in several cases, the department has worked with the culprits and their parents to set them straight before they graduate to more serious crimes. Don't just stand by – the next house to get paint balled might be yours.

## ***The Hollywood Hill Saddle Club***

Now in its 26th year, the Hollywood Hill Saddle Club continues to maintain one of our communities most precious jewels: the HHSC Arena and surrounding 26 acres of rural trails and wilderness. To have such an asset within a community is both rare and special.

Funds to maintain this facility are raised each year through equine events sponsored by the membership of the Hollywood Hill Saddle Club as well as through basic membership fees. The arena is often used for 4H Clubs, Pony Clubs and other

community activities as well. There is a special membership for \$15 for those interested in supporting this wonderful facility but not planning on participating in events.



*At the first Hunter Show of the Season is “Show Manager” Lynn Burch. With her is 12 year-old Jenna Osborn and Miss Marbles, (left). Jenna has been a member of the Hollywood Hill Saddle Club for 5 years. Her trainer is Lynn Burch's daughter Lindsay Rathert, from Wildfire Farms. Jenna also enjoys the trail rides that Hollywood Hill Saddle Club put on from June through September each year. Lynn and her husband John usually lead those rides, Moonlight rides, rides to the brewery for lunch etc.*

We encourage the community to come as spectators to any of our numerous spring and summer events. We had a great turnout of Hollywood Hill families who participated in our Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The first Hunter show of the year was held on Saturday, April 27 at the Saddle Club arena. Riders of all ages competed with their friends and families cheering them on — a wonderful time was had by all. Many riders brought home ribbons and prizes for equitation, jumping and under saddle classes. If you missed this show, mark June 8th on your calendar for the next one!



On Sunday, April 28, the first Western Games Show of the year was held, where horses, ponies and gutsy riders competed in several exciting events including the Figure 8 Stake Race, International Flags and Poles. If you'd like to know what these events are, drop in at one of the next gaming shows on June 2th or 30th for some fast-paced free entertainment.

The following events are scheduled this year. Please come and have a wonderful time. Admission is always free.

June 2 Western Games  
June 8 Hunter/Jumper Horse Show  
July 10 Fun Night on Horseback  
July 13 Performance Horse Show  
July 28 Western Games  
Aug 17 Hunter/Jumper Horse Show  
Aug 18 Western Games  
Sept 15 Western Games  
Sept 21 Performance Horse Show

Please contact Ed and Karen Solomon at 425-483-2086 or Lynn Burch at 425-481-8376 for further information.

## ***What Can You Do With All That Wood Waste?***

The Washington State Department of Ecology revised the code (#173-425WAC) in the fall of 2001. The revision increased the suburban area subject to the burn ban. The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency was charged with notifying residents and is also responsible for enforcing the ban.

While some residents welcomed the ban, others objected to it or felt they hadn't been given enough notice to prepare. When the King County Council learned of this dilemma, they asked the County's Solid Waste Division to see if there was a way to help residents. Here are some of the ideas they came up with to help folks on the Hill cope with excess wood debris:

### ***Keep it on the property***

**Yard waste composting:** Except for weeds, wood, and matter treated with underireable chemicals, try composting at home. The compost will enrich your soil. King County Solid Waste, local gardening organizations, and nurseries have good information on composting. See contact information for the County below.

**Smaller wood debris:** Some branch piles and limbs can be left in wooded areas as they provide shelter for small birds and bunnies and will decompose naturally.

### ***Curbside yard waste collection***

Our garbage hauler, Waste Management, will pick up yard waste at the curb. This service is for grass clippings, plants, weeds, and small, short branches. The hauler provides a large can on rollers that is picked up every week spring into the fall, followed bi-weekly then monthly through winter.

### ***Hauling it to a wood recycler or "clean green" drop-off center***

You can haul your wood and yard waste or have it hauled to one of the King County garbage facilities or to a private wood recycler. Some also accept pallets and untreated building materials. These facilities have certain conditions about content and fees, so be sure to call first. Here is a list of some of the locations you might use:

#### ***County facilities: 206-296-4466***

Cedar Falls Drop Box -  
16925 Cedar Falls Road S.E., North Bend  
Factoria Transfer Station -  
13800 S. E. 32nd Street, Bellevue

#### ***Private Facilities:***

Pacific Topsoil - 425-486-3201 -  
Drop sites in Kenmore and Redmond  
Rainer Wood Recyclers - 253-630-3565 - Kent  
Cedar Grove Composting, Inc. 1-877-764-5748 -  
Maple Valley

### ***Recycling events***

Most cities hold recycling events once or twice a year where we can take bulky wood waste. Even though we live outside city limits we are allowed to use any city event free of charge. For a schedule of events coming up in nearby cities, call the Solid Waste Division (contact information below).

### ***Chipping the wood***

There are four chipping options: 1) using one of the wood recyclers listed above; 2) renting a chipper and chipping it yourself; 3) hiring a mobile chipping service to come out and chip it for you on your property; or 4) taking your wood to a community chipping event like the one put on by the City of Woodinville and King County in April. The city expects to hold these events again in future years. For more information contact Amy Ensminger at the Woodinville Public Works Department, 425-489-2700, extension 2240.

Rental units are only large enough to do small limbs, and they present a safety concern to people using them. Here are a few private chipping companies:

Dick's Chipping Service 425-743-9640  
Squak Mountain Quarry 425-392-1433  
Preferred Brush Chipping 425-271-6908  
Sunset Materials 425-226-4140

So folks, our days of free disposal have gone up in smoke, but that's life in the big Eastside. We at least have options; you just need to make use of them. Contact information for King County facilities and programs: 206-296-4466; toll free 1-800-325-6165, extension 6542; TTY 1-800-833-6388; or go to the County website.

# OUR HILL

*Last November, my friend Patricia Linn, a longtime Hollywood Hill resident, lost her battle with breast cancer. One beautiful autumn evening before she became too ill, she sat on her porch and wrote down her thoughts about living in this neighborhood. I am sharing it with you as an open letter to those who share these feelings, and perhaps those who don't realize how special Hollywood Hill is.*

Thank you Pat, Bethann Martin

"It is an unusually quiet summer's evening. So quiet I can hear the cows across the street munching on grass and the swishing of tails on the horses in my pasture. Earlier today while walking my dog through the Ten Acre Woods, I saw a bald eagle soaring above the tall firs and cedars, and a family of bunnies scurrying to safety upon our approach. Last week I rode my little Arabian gelding along the Tolt Pipeline, stopping at the top where you can see the majestic Olympic mountains and the skyline of Seattle in the distance, just to take in the view. Tomorrow I think I'll drive down to the Sammamish valley just below us and buy some just picked vegetables for my Sunday dinner. On the way home, I'll get some fresh eggs from the farm at the end of my road.

How grateful I am to live here on Hollywood Hill where a little bit of the rural life that used to be the norm in this area has been preserved. Although many new homes have been built all over the Hill and there are fewer farms, orchards and pastures than there were 20 years ago, I'm grateful we have escaped the fate of other rural neighborhoods which have given way to tightly packed housing developments and commercial development. I remember buying hay and grain from a farm in Renton — where now people shop for Danish furniture and home building supplies. Even closer to home — I remember when Kingsgate hill was just a few housing developments scattered in between family farms. Now, on my way to Evergreen Hospital I watch every available acre being developed into 6, 8 and even 12 tightly packed homes. My favorite nursery, where I once wandered through 6 acres of hydrangeas, rhododendrons and hostas will soon be more than 40 single family homes. I can now count on one hand the properties near the Tolt Pipeline on that side of the Sammamish Valley that still have a little acreage and support horses or other livestock.

I shudder to think of what could happen if a developer was allowed to mow down the trees across the street and build 20 or more new homes or condos. I've heard the great farmland debate between those who would preserve farms and our rural zoning and those who would rather see the Sammamish valley developed — they say so there might be more soccer fields and affordable housing — even if that also means opening the door to more commercial development as well. I resent those who would waste my tax dollars in courts and lobbying efforts trying to overturn the zoning and protection laws so that their organizations and interests get what they want, while forgetting our tax dollars were already spent once putting those preservation programs in place and creating managed growth plans. There are those here on the hill who would welcome losing our rural designation for

incorporation into the City of Woodinville and the amenities that may bring; sewer, nicer roads, etc. Nicer roads would be wider roads, even more traffic, traveling even faster. Sewer service would mean denser housing, to use and pay for those newer, wider roads. Growth and progress is inevitable, and I recognize that people do need homes and jobs — but if there are no guidelines or management of that growth, every piece of open pasture or forest in neighborhoods like this will be carved up into postage stamp houses or tightly packed condos. People will someday look back and say — remember how nice Hollywood Hill was back when it was still a rural neighborhood?

I truly appreciate those who have worked to preserve this little piece of tranquility and beauty amongst the hustle and bustle of other busy neighborhoods and sprawling cities. I only hope the lure of developer dollars and the pressure of interest groups will not eventually knock down the protections, so that my grandchildren may also enjoy the same lifestyle I'm enjoying now."

Patricia Linn 12/1/2001

## ***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.

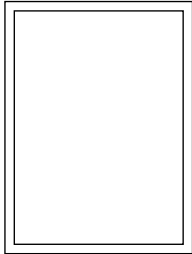
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effecting our community.*

*[www.hollywoodhillassoc.org](http://www.hollywoodhillassoc.org)*

CHECK YOUR LABEL -- ARE YOUR DUES PAID UP?

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Hollywood Hill Association  
P.O. Box 404  
Woodinville, WA 98072



## *Sewer Water Reclamation for use in the Sammamish Valley*

King County is in the process of siting and designing a reclaimed water production facility (20-40,000 sq ft) as a demonstration project to provide irrigation water for the Sammamish Valley. Reclaimed water is waste water that is treated to such a high level it can be used safely for landscape and agricultural irrigation. Once reclaimed water is available, several major water users in the valley will use it instead of drawing water from the river or wells. This change will leave more water in the river for salmon and will assure a reliable water supply for agriculture and recreational uses.

The needs of this project are fairly small. It will require a site of three to five acres and will need to be close to the waste water mainline and potential water users. Potential users for the initial stage include Molbaks, King County's 60 Acre Soccer Park, and Farm LLC (though Farm LLC is still researching what effect if any such reclaimed water would have on organic crops).

If the demonstration project is successful, it could be expanded to accommodate many more users. At the first

community open house on April 25th to discuss plans for the facility, neighbors of the plant were enthusiastic and gave input on potential sites. Based on this input, the list of locations has been narrowed to three.

The project construction will be financed by the users of the sewer system essentially comprised of the Urban areas of King County. Rates for end-users have not been set but will likely be close to the operating costs of the facility.

In addition, the neighbors made suggestions on how the facility should look. The general recommendation was that a barn would fit in with the character of the valley. The next public meeting will take place June 20th. The emphasis of the meeting will be on the technology to be used at the facility and potential features of the building.

King County staff would be happy to brief you on plans and listen to your ideas for this facility. Please contact Jo Sullivan at 206-296-8361 (jo.sullivan@metrokc.gov) or Tom Fox at 206-296-5279 (tom.fox@metrokc.gov) for more information or check the Web at <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/WTD/reuse/>