



# NEWS

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## *Music in the Hills*

Close to home opportunities to participate in some great music - whether listening or playing - are part of what makes our community such a fine place to live.

Comparing price to value, a night with the local Eastside Symphony Orchestra is hard to beat. OK, so the Christmas concert is FREE, but even at \$10-12 for the regular season concerts, the price understates the quality of the performances.

While the Eastside Symphony includes numerous residents of our hill, it also draws talent from all around our region and regularly features some very gifted soloists including some of our very own "very gifted Hollywood Hill neighbors".

The next concert will be the Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 5 at 7:30pm at the Redmond Performing Arts Center at Redmond High School.

Combine the short drive with the ticket price and it's easy to rationalize upgrading to a dinner out beforehand.

For more information, visit: [www.eastsidesymphony.org](http://www.eastsidesymphony.org).

## *Rural Boundary Move Sought by Woodinville*

A fundamental tool that helps us to avoid having urban sprawl sweep across our "rural" communities and farms is the establishment of Urban Growth Boundaries.

King County has stated in a letter to the City of Woodinville that it does not support the City's recent request to move part of the urban/rural boundary adjacent to Hollywood Hill in the Sammamish Valley. The purpose of Woodinville's request was to allow the City to annex the identified rural properties into the City. In addition to being "rural", most of the identified properties are also protected as farmland within the Sammamish Valley Agricultural Production District.

The County listed numerous reasons for leaving the line where it stands. These reasons fell under two concerns: that allowing such a change would encourage general urban sprawl and that it would be detrimental to the goal of preserving the agricultural resource and associated activities in the Sammamish Valley.

The Hollywood Hill Association agrees with the County in this regard. It should be added that, if the County were to allow such a piecemeal change, it would set a precedent that would make it more difficult to preserve farms and other rural areas throughout King County.

Looking forward, the City or individual property owners might press the County to give the request further consideration. While we feel that it is unlikely that the County will agree to this request from any quarter, it is an issue that we will continue to closely monitor.

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**A society grows great when old men plant trees  
in whose shade they know they shall never sit.**

*-Greek Proverb*

This morning we awoke to a snowy wonderland and a thermometer indicating 15F. With the stove freshly stoked, the dog and I ventured down our lane in the grey of pre-dawn to fetch the paper, crunchy snow reminiscent of far off mountains and sweet powder runs. That's when I noticed that the sky was clear - a bluebird day and sunshine were on the way.

After days of cloud, rain and snow, the sun crested the horizon and we soaked up its warming rays that flooded into our living room - until that upstart cedar tree got in the way.

We love our trees, but we also crave the sunshine, especially this time of year. We chose to live on our property in part because it was open to the sky. The cedar was small, as were our boys, when we planted it almost 2 decades ago. We have enjoyed watching them grow.

As often happens in life, I found myself confronting conflicting goals. Was I wrong appreciating the magnificence of a big tree yet also want sunlight in my yard?

We live with compromises, the best of which lead to those cherished win-win resolutions. Our community will continue to grapple with choices great and small. Fifty years from now, how will the decisions we make today look to the inheritors of our collective wisdom?

The day has progressed and our tree no longer blocks the sun. The light once again pours in through our windows. Growth and change are not the only things we can count on. The sun will continue to rise in the east, traverse our southern skies and set in the west. As that cedar pushes joyfully upward, it will continue to block our sun, but only for an hour each day - a small compromise for the beauty of a tree.

*Mike Tanksley*

## *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 on an as needed basis 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.

### *Dues*

***Check the top line of your address label to see if your dues are current. If you have not sent in your dues for the current year, an envelope and application form are included in your newsletter. Dues are \$25 per calendar year.***

### ***Now You Can Pay Your Dues Online***

By popular request, we have added online dues payment to the ways in which you can support the Hollywood Hill Association. You can pay using a credit card or your *Paypal* account, making payment fast and simple.

To pay online, go to the HHA home page at [www.hollywoodhillassoc.org](http://www.hollywoodhillassoc.org) and select the "**Donate**" link found below our logo. Then click on the link "**Pay online**" near the center of the page. This will take you to our online payment page. There you can pay your dues, and, if you would like to donate a bit more to help with special projects, there is an option to do that too. Selecting any of the "**Add to Cart**" buttons will take you to our *Paypal* shopping cart to finalize your payment.

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## *Transition Woodinville*

As a part of The HHA's ongoing interest in local groups that share many of the aims and aspirations of our community, we bring to your attention "Transition Woodinville".

Stressing sustainability, resilience and self-reliance, the group is a part of a grassroots movement of "Transition Towns" - <http://www.transitionus.org/> - that have sprung up internationally. Exploring adaptations of energy production, health, education, economy and agriculture as a road map to a sustainable future for towns, the group has been meeting in the Sammamish Valley Grange Hall and members' homes for a six-week initial orientation and discussion. A second group will convene in early in 2011.

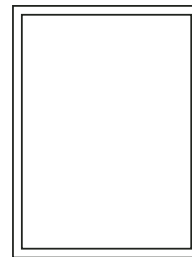
If you are interested in learning more about Transition Woodinville please contact Trish Knox, [sammamishvalley.trish@gmail.com](mailto:sammamishvalley.trish@gmail.com).



### *Get Hollywood Hill E-Mail News and Alerts*

The HHA maintains an email list for disseminating news and alerts to the community in a timely and cost efficient manner. The list is used only for this purpose and we do not share lists. If you would like to be on the list, contact our webmaster John Snow at: [johnsnow@hollywoodhillassoc.org](mailto:johnsnow@hollywoodhillassoc.org)

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**CHECK YOUR LABEL -- ARE YOUR DUES CURRENT?**



## ***New Maps of Neighborhood Trails***

There is an extensive system of trails that wind in and around our neighborhood that are open for public non-motorized uses. The only trick can be finding them. This task just got easier with the new trail maps that we have posted on our website.

Go to our homepage and select "Hollywood Hill Maps". Then select "Hollywood Hill Area Trails (Google maps)". A map will pop up, and you can see the trails superimposed on the map. While you can zoom in on these, a much better map can be had by selecting "View Larger Map" at the bottom of the map. With the new map, you can easily zoom in on any portion of our hill to check the trail locations. Selecting "Satellite" will give you a picture of the hill overlaid on the map which may help you orient yourself. If you find any errors or know of trails that have been left off, please contact Mike at: [wmtanksley@hollywoodhillassoc.org](mailto:wmtanksley@hollywoodhillassoc.org)

