



Newsletter Spring 2009

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MANAGER'S CORNER

Assessment Collections

The Automatic Clearing House (ACH) has been implemented for assessment collection in THE PARKS. Members of the Association who are on the ACH system will not receive monthly statements and their accounts will be debited on the 10th day of the month.

Please be certain that your checks are made out to THE PARKS and not Northwest Association Management. It makes it difficult to deposit funds when the checks are improperly made out.

Also, if your bank is sending the checks for you, *please* be certain that they are sending the checks to NWAM and not the prior management company for the updated amount of \$108.00.

Speeding

Spring is here (well, Central Oregon Spring anyway) and the kids and pedestrians are out and about. *Please, please, please* slow down and keep an eye out. With daylight savings time, folks are out much later as well.

Dogs

We continue to have problems with people failing to clean up after their pets, especially on vacant lots and common areas. It is totally unacceptable to allow dog waste in these areas and we plan a neighborhood wide campaign to identify the "poopetrators".

Violators will be fined for not picking up after their pets.

Also, someone has been taking all of the waste clean up bags from the numerous dispensers around the neighborhood. These bags are costly and constitute a nice service to the owners, so please let our office know if you notice anyone removing the bags in bulk.

CC&R Enforcement

Northwest Association Management is engaged in the enforcement of the CC&Rs for THE PARKS. This is a very important aspect of our job because it helps to maintain the livability and property values of your neighborhood.

We strive to enforce these documents in a positive manner and to proactively work with owners for compliance. We use handy yellow tags for most violations simply to communicate violations and to facilitate prompt remedies. We sincerely would like to thank you for helping us on this mission and for helping to maintain one of the great Bend neighborhoods to a high standard.

Landscaping

April is the beginning of landscaping season so you will see the water coming on and spring clean up commencing. We have made some changes to the contract with Botanical Development and you will now see them totally completing a section of work in one day instead of taking numerous days per week.

Please feel free to call our office with any comments regarding landscaping at 617-3863.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities Committee

Botanical is also responsible for the landscaping of the alleyway common areas. If you have a special project in your alley "garden" that you want left to handle yourself, please let NWAM know and they will pass the word on to the landscape crew.

Committee: Chair Eric Eidler, Verne Magness, Athena.

Communications Committee

The new HOA Website is up and running. Check it out at www.theparkshoa.org Look for Board minutes, newsletters, seasonal information, community news and more. Let us know if there is anything else you would like to see on the website. The website also contains important documents for all homeowners. Check there to review CC&R's, By-Laws, Design Guidelines, and relevant forms.

Wondering which bins to put out for the weekly garbage collection? Check our website for a detailed schedule. Find out lots of other important information in the FAQ's. Also, send us any photos of Parks happenings that you'd like to have on the website.

Committee: Chair Sue McWilliams, Sylvia Morrison, Jane Raleigh

Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

Spring is just around the corner and many homeowners are starting to think about outdoor projects. Please remember that any changes and/or additions, including exterior painting, require prior approval from ARC. This also includes repainting your home the same color. Bear in mind that **no outdoor fire pits, fireplaces or open fires are allowed.** (If you're not sure if what you'd like to do is acceptable, check the Design Review

Guidelines on the website for clarification.) The application process takes up to 45 days, so plan well ahead before scheduling such projects.

For Sale/For Rent signs need to be the small brown wooden ones (Broken Top-style). Check with Management for obtaining them.

Committee: Chair Julian Wright, Sylvia Morrison, Gayle Lewis, Pat Clark, John Kohlmoos (alternate Sandy Kohlmoos)

COMMUNITY NEWS

The May 20 Board meeting will be the annual elections of officers. Two positions are open. If you're interested in running, e-mail nwam@bendbroadband.com with a bio and brief explanation of why you would like to serve. Everyone will receive a packet including ballots and a list of candidates with the May billing statement.

Be A Good Neighbor - help keep our community clean and special. Please do your bit to pick up stray trash and pull a few weeds. We all need to do our share to be considerate of others. If you are going to be away on garbage day, ask a neighbor to help - and make sure the bins are put out of sight at the end of the day. If you know your neighbors are absent, remove any advertising on their door.

Contact information for Parks Board Members:

Stephanie Uetrecht	280-3627
Jane Raleigh	389-5904
Eric Eidler	382-7709
Julian Wright	389-4555
Sue McWilliams	385-8474

Northwest Association Management:

617-3863 nwamllc.org

Next Board Meeting (Annual Elections):

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 6:00 P.M.
Cascade Middle School Library
Refreshments will be served.