



JACKSON SCHOOL NEWS

Jackson School Homeowners Association

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October 2009

Help Beautify our Woods Annual Fall Clean-up Day Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our neighborhood annual Fall Woods Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Coordinated by our Forest Preservation Committee chair, Steve Vrtiska, the four-hour clean-up is designed to keep our woods clean, safe, healthy and vibrant. All able residents are encouraged to participate and assist with the clean-up.

Maintaining the woods and routinely removing the invasive plants will protect our investment in our cherished, valuable resource.

To accomplish the work in one day, we need at least 100 volunteers to participate and bring shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, pruning shears and garden gloves.

Please make it a priority to join your neighbors on October 17 to take care of our cherished investment many residents enjoy.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 17 - Fall Woods Clean-up
Oct. 22 - ARC meeting, 6:30 p.m.;
Board meeting at 7 p.m. (Note
the Thursday date.)
Oct. 23 - Halloween Party
Nov. 17 - Annual Meeting
Dec. 9 - Holiday Hayrides

Spooky Nights Halloween Party

Friday, Oct. 23, from 6-8 p.m.

The days are getting shorter, the air is feeling chilly, and the leaves are turning brilliant colors... Halloween is a favorite Autumn holiday, a fun time for seasonal celebrations. **Our annual Halloween party will be held on Friday, Oct. 23, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

Join us for treats and games for residents ages 12 and younger. Volunteers are needed to assist with decorations during the day Friday and to assist with the games for children during the party on the 23rd. Please contact the association office by October 15 to sign-up to volunteer.

Forest Preservation Committee

by Steve Vrtiska

On Saturday, August 21, the members of the Forest Preservation Committee worked for a few hours picking up an abundance of windfall branches and tree limbs to reduce the risk of fire. Additional efforts were made to remove the non-native plant reed canary grass along with many weeds. Plans call for the planting of native plant species. Additional volunteers are needed to meet our forest beautification goals. Please call Carolyn at the JSHOA office, at 503-648-7606.

Board Briefs

The board began a discussion on dues at the September meeting. The discussion centered on the ability to fund additional needed projects due to the depletion of capital funds a few years ago. In addition, the JSHOA dues were last increased in 2000, ten years ago.

The board will resume this discussion at the next board meeting on Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. - Please note this is a Thursday. All residents are invited to attend the dues discussion.

Board Elections

The association has three board members who have indicated a willingness to run for another term for the board. This is the last month for any additional residents who may be interested in running for the board to submit their name and a brief statement to the association manager by October 20.

Submissions may be emailed to jshoa@verizon.net or dropped off at the hoa office. Candidate statements along with a ballot will appear in the November newsletter.

Pathway Renovations to begin in mid-October

A number of pathways are being worked on in mid-October. Pathways that will be impacted include a section of Tract K, a section in front of the schoolhouse, and two sections on the main pathway from Harewood Pool toward Lindsey Pool. The area of the main pathway immediately past Harewood Pool will be completely removed temporarily so be cautious of sections that may not be usable for a few days.

JSHOA NEWS BRIEFS

Weekly Schoolhouse Classes

To sign up for ongoing weekly classes, please contact the instructors directly:

Yoga: Julie, 503-259-9780

Karate: Guido, 503-961-4292

Children's Ballet: SalliJune, 503-336-3339

Children's Music: Jamey, 503-803-9961

Welcome New Residents

Michael and Alia Zagyua, 680 NE Valarie Ct

Deborah Jantho, 657 NE Kristie Ct

Eric Estoista, 1947 NE Estate Drive

Margie Grinnell, 2780 NE Lindsey Dr

Seasonal Items

It is once again time to take down seasonal items that include outdoor canopies and portable air conditioners. Please take these items down right away – as October 1 was the deadline.

Architectural Requests Approved

Lot 454 for a backyard landscape renovation

Lot 465 for a home addition revised from a prior approval

Lot 340 for a side yard patio

Lot 118 for a patio addition

Lot 85 notified the association of a TV Dish installation

Holiday Hayrides

The annual holiday hayrides have been scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2009. Mark your calendars and look for additional information in the next newsletter. We will once again be using a sign up for the hayrides to make sure that all residents have an opportunity to participate and visit with Santa, and enjoy some sweet snacks.

Toy Drive

With the holidays just around the corner, this is a reminder that we need to begin to collect new toys for the Hillsboro Toy and Joy Drive. The toys must be new and unwrapped. The association will have a barrel available at the schoolhouse. Toys need to be turned in by Friday, December 11. This year we have been challenged again by other associations and neighborhood groups to see who can collect the most toys. It was really a delight to see a full SUV with all the toys collected last year.

Jackson School Marketplace

Certified, Personal Trainer: Body Composition and Fitness Analysis; Fitness and Strength Training; Weight Management. Specializing in keeping women healthy. Martha at 503-681-2185 or e-mail to marthaeo@gmail.com

Two Trees – Free to a Good Home:

One deodar cedar tree in very large pot and one slender silhouette sweet gum planted last fall (you dig). Call Heather at 5803-615-0180

Neighborhood Watch

Garage Thefts

Several residents have reported having items stolen from their garages when the doors are left open. The reported thefts have occurred at times when residents are working in their yards, and at times when children are coming and going. Please use caution when keeping your garage door open; and keep a watchful eye in the neighborhood.

RV Street Parking

RVs parked in the street have posed some safety concerns in the association. RV street parking makes it difficult for cars and pedestrians to see around them. Residents are reminded that RVs are permitted to be out for five days out of 20. As a courtesy to other residents, and to ensure safety, please put your RVs away as soon as possible.

Dogs on Leashes

For the courtesy of all residents who use the forest areas, please keep dogs on leashes at all times when in the woods and pick-up after them, please. There have been many reported concerns about off-leash dogs in the woods from other residents.

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