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## HAVE A GLEEFUL 4TH OF JULY

Oak Hills' biggest event of the year is upon us! Activities begin with registration for the Fun Run and Walk starting at 7:30 am. The run and walk get started at 8 am while a free pancake breakfast starts serving at the same time. Breakfast is donated by the local LDS Church and all residents are invited - not just walkers and runners. The next big event of the day is the Oak Hills parade with decorated bikes and trikes, costumed walkers and custom 'floats' created from local cars, trucks and trailers. Creativity is the thing for these hand-made parade floats. The theme for this year's parade is "American Music - Have a Gleeeful 4th of July".

After the parade, follow your neighbors to the Rec Center for the traditional barbequed brisket and hot dogs by the loyal group of volunteer 'pit' tenders. Don't be late, when it's gone, it's gone! Desserts and goodies for lunch time or to carry home for later are available at the Swim Team Bake Sale. A local trio, "Heavenly Creatures" will entertain at the Rec Center from 2 - 4 pm. The group's music includes a wide variety of styles from party/dance and contemporary with a liberal sprinkling of Celtic inspired songs. The group includes Tara Stull, of Oak Hills.

Afternoon activities include a performance by BJ the Clown for the younger set and pool games and adult splash contest.

The grand finale, of course, is the huge Fireworks Show at 10 pm.

A complete schedule of 4th of July events is found on page 7.

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## JULY EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

Two other special events at the Rec Center in July will provide fun for all ages. July's Music at the Rec event on July 24 will bring back the popular 'Second Wind Jazz Ensemble to entertain with their big band sounds. A new addition to the music event this year will be a complimentary wine tasting. The tasting is hosted by Dick and Mary Ferraro, long time Oak Hills residents. Please see article on page 6 about Ferraro Wines.

Hawaiian Day at the Pool is a fun and popular event for pool users and will culminate in the Hawaiian Luau dinner that evening. Daytime pool activities include decorations and special games and activities during open swim. Make your reservations for the Luau dinner right away - there are a limited number of seats. In addition to the catered dinner there will be live music and entertainment.

For full details on these and more events, including Swim Team home meets, please see page 7.

## **REPORT: OHHA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, May 16, 2011**

Present: Linda Kitchin, Dave Busby, Dan Smith, Michelle Schnoor, Eliz Chapin, Joe Welsh, Sarah Bourne, Brad Buccholz. Absent: Jim Erzen.

President Linda Kitchin reported she had received a letter from an attorney concerning a homeowner and real estate agent and relating to statements made by Kitchin to the homeowner. She indicated she would consult with OHHA's attorney before replying.

Michelle Schnoor reported she had met with Mike Mills of the Neighborhood Streets program to discuss placement of the speed monitoring devices that have been offered by Washington County. Three possible locations were identified and will be marked to locate utilities. Mills indicated the monitors could be installed in as little as 30 days, but could take longer. Schnoor agreed she will send out a press release on behalf of OHHA to acknowledge the county contribution. The goal of the devices is to slow traffic speeds in the neighborhood, but won't necessarily decrease the number of cars cutting through on neighborhood streets.

There was a lengthy discussion of board positions, titles and their duties. Members discussed adding a communications position since adding a board newsletter, website, and development of an email list. Brad Buccholz indicated he wants to continue as Internal Affairs Director and Dave Busby will continue with Recreation. Sara Bourne indicated she had the background and skills to assume the duties of Secretary; Michelle Schnoor agreed that she would prefer to take the Communications position. Elizabeth Chapin expressed an interest in working with outside agencies or groups that could impact Oak Hills. Kitchin also asked her to act as liaison with the Historic District efforts as well as becoming director of the RV Lot. Dan Smith agreed to be responsible for RV lot invoicing and fees. Joe Welsh indicated he has had some past experience in a professional renovation project and would be comfortable accepting the Architectural Review position.

Dan Smith announced that the audit had been completed and the auditor will attend the next board meeting.

There was discussion of the replacement of deck chairs and patio tables. Several board members reported the insufficient seating for pool users. Some of the furniture will be replaced from the Reserve Fund. It was agreed to spend about \$500 to purchase additional pool furniture.

Meeting adjourned.

The OHHA Board of Directors meet the first Wednesday and the third Thursday of each month at 7 pm. Meetings are open and all Oak Hills residents are welcome to attend.

## **REPORT: OHHA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, June 1, 2011**

Present: Linda Kitchin, Michelle Schnoor, Jim Erzen, Sarah Bourne, Elizabeth Chapin, Dan Smith, Brad Buccholz. Absent: Dave Busby, Joe Welsh

Nancy Hedrick was invited to explain and answer questions about the audit. She reported auditors had found no irregularities and commended the board for having a healthy reserve fund.

Homeowner Ginny Hanson had a question about the actual costs of rec programs versus the user fees. She also requested the use of the Rec Center to hold a neighborhood flea market or garage sale in the fall. Board members advised her to contact Doug Castagno to discuss a date.

Homeowner Micki Sparr addressed the board requesting that the minutes of February 17 be withdrawn because they contained language that slandered her and her business. She stated that OHHA could be held liable for the language used in official minutes. She asked that the Feb. 17 minutes be replaced with minutes that are businesslike, professional and written in a civil manner. Linda Kitchin indicated the request would be addressed during New Business if there was sufficient time.

Brad Buccholz reported there was an issue with a trailer parked in a driveway and he will follow up with owner. He reported that Darla Castagno had contacted some owners about cleaning up their yards before the OH Home Tour and she had recruited some volunteers to help some of those owners.

Elizabeth Chapin reported she had met with Peter Rauch and toured the RV lot. She also mentioned Washington County long range planning documents that she will obtain to gauge possible impacts to Oak Hills.

Jim Erzen reported that Mark had repainted the locker room floors, tennis courts have been power washed and new nets installed, and new bark chip had been spread. New drain covers installed in the pool. Diane Wood, CMI, stated that some drain covers have been recalled; she will forward recall information. Erzen also met with an electrician to assess lighting in gym. The contractor recommends a type of lighting used in schools and the work would include any other changes that might be necessary to bring the electrical system to code. Erzen will bring an estimate to the board. Kitchin asked for second estimate.

There was extensive discussion of replacing the pool fence on the north side. The cost of replacement with wood fence estimated at \$9000, with metal fence \$11,000. The design for the metal fence would include brackets for a cloth awning and hooks for flower baskets. Installation would have to wait until pool is closed in fall.

Sara Bourne asked for a rendering of what the metal fence would look like before deciding.

Michelle Schnoor indicated the website is up to date. She is working on language for soliciting emails from community.

Schnoor reported that she had learned that the solar-powered speed monitoring devices cannot be installed in the locations identified due to the location of utilities. Other locations are being considered but it looks unlikely to be successful at this time.

Linda Kitchin reported she had been very busy with Architectural Review requests the past few weeks, mainly requests for paint and fences. She indicated there is a need for another one or two paint binders to loan to homeowners to meet demand.

Myra Lee, chair of the RDR Committee reported the group had received 60 pages of comments from homeowners in addition to the survey questions. Lee shared some of the responses. 43% said they had children living in their home, 57% did not; 69% agreed or strongly agreed that there should be a standing architectural review committee to work with the board director. 77% want to highly restrict abandoned, not used, vehicles parked on streets or driveways. 40% say they will be willing to serve on a standing committee and another 18% said they might. In response to what they liked best about Oak Hills, 20% like their neighbors, 20% like the greenspace.

Lee indicated the committee was getting bogged down with legal questions they couldn't answer. She reported she had received an offer from attorney Kevin Harker of Vial Fotheringham to provide 4 hours of advice for \$300. Harker has provided legal advice to OHHA in the past. The fee would include 2 hours of document review and 2 hours of meeting with RDR committee members. Board members agreed to proceed with Harker's offer.

Michelle Schnoor asked if the board was prepared to address Sparr's earlier request regarding the February 17 minutes. Board members agreed to refer her request to the next board meeting.

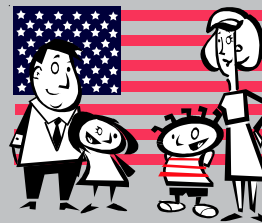
Meeting adjourned.

### OAK HILLS' HOME OF THE MONTH FOR JULY!



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## **REPORT: MONTHLY OHHA BOARD MEETING, JUNE 15, 2011**

Present: Linda Kitchin, Jim Erzen, Dan Smith, Michelle Schnoor, Sarah Bourne, David Johnston, Joe Welsh, Elizabeth Chapin, Brad Buccholz. Dave Busby arrived late.

Board members discussed the replacement of the fence along the north side of the pool. Computer renderings of the project were distributed. The current choice is to continue with black color to match other metal fences, but can be replainted a different color in future. The bid includes the bench supports (but not wood) and supports for awning and hooks for flower baskets. Eliz Chapin stated that feedback from homeowners is that the current benches are uncomfortable and perhaps eliminating the bench to leave more room for chairs would be a better idea. It was acknowledged that it appeared the benches were used more for holding towels than for seating. Adding hooks to the fence would provide towel storage in less space. Sara Bourne suggested that she hoped to continue the same appearance with a wide horizontal piece at the top of the fence. Jim Erzen replied that two pieces of painted wood could be added after installation if the fence appeared unfinished.

Jim will ask for a bid to also replace cyclone fence between kiddie and full pool. He urged that a decision to proceed with the fence be made so that fabrication can start; additional discussion about additions such as brackets for awnings and flower baskets can be concluded in the future. Motion approved to accept the bid for replacement of the fence with a metal fence in the amount of \$11,000.

Jim Erzen met with a lighting contractor to discuss improving lighting inside the gym. The contractor suggested adding four mercury lights at the ceiling in addition to existing ceiling light-

ing and beam lights on sides of room. The fixture is the same as what Portland public schools use, and are covered with metal grid. Total cost would be \$2700 for lighting, any additional wiring and installation. Funds will come from capital improvement fund. Sarah Bourne indicated she wouldn't vote for the improvement at this time because she would prefer to see a long-term plan for the recreation buildings established first. The motion to approve the lighting upgrade was adopted.

Michelle Schnoor reported that due to locations of utilities, the solar-powered speed monitoring devices can't be installed. Battery operated signs are lighter in weight and could be installed, but either volunteers or the maintenance staff would have to switch and recharge batteries. She will continue to work with the county's Neighborhood Streets coordinator to iron out details.

Linda Kitchin reported she had received Fireworks donations of \$940 so far from homeowners. More volunteers are still needed for 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

The minutes of Feb 17, 2011 were discussed. David Johnston, parliamentarian, stated that according to Roberts Rules approved minutes could be retracted if there is an error discovered in the minutes. Withdrawal requires a vote of 2/3 of the board. Elizabeth Chapin said that according to the Roberts' Rules website, minutes should include only actions taken and not report individual statements. Johnston replied that this is misleading; minutes are allowed to include personal comments, but it is discouraged since it can often lead to problems. Micki Sparr asked to address the board concerning the discussion of the minutes. She repeated that she believes the Feb 17 minutes contain several errors and several distortions of fact. Moreover, the minutes contain several statements that have slandered her and again requested that the offensive language be removed. No motion was made to withdraw the February 17, 2011 minutes.

Meeting adjourned.

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## **YARD DEBRIS DROP BOX SERVICE**

The Oak Hills Yard Debris Drop Box is open weekends only from now through late fall. The cost of providing yard debris drop box service to residents is approximately \$8000 per year. The cost is offset by the sale of stickers, just \$10 and good for the entire season, to homeowners who use the drop box for their extra tree and shrub prunings, lawn clippings and leaves. Owners are reminded that only yard debris is allowed in the drop box; materials such as concrete, treated lumber, plastic bags or garbage will contaminate the entire load resulting in much higher dump fees.

Yard Debris Drop Box stickers should be visible in your car or truck window when you bring in your load. They can be purchased at the Rec Office during regular office hours - generally anytime the pool is open for Open Swim. Board members also have some on hand for sale. For details about Drop Box use or to confirm office hours, email Doug Castagno at OakHillsRec@aol.com or call 503-645-4303.

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## LOCAL MUSICIANS RELEASE CD

What started out as some bored pre-teens killing time in neighborhood garages has resulted in a professionally recorded and produced mini CD that the group premiered in a party at the Oak Hills Rec Center on June 10. The group, calling themselves Times New Roman, is composed of **Graham Rosen, Sam Pitcavage, Tyler Quinn** (all of Oak Hills), Jake Boss and Mike Romadka. The group has had local success, playing at a show at Portland's Hawthorne Theater, strong showings at Westview High School's Battle of the Bands, and this year a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish at the Aloha High School Battle of the Bands.

Rosen, Pitcavage and Quinn are all seniors this year and will be heading in different directions. Rosen will attend the Cleveland Institute of Music; Pitcavage will attend Claremont-McKenna College; Quinn will attend the University of Washington. Proud parents of the young men are Don and Laurie Rosen, Joe Pitcavage and Carol Skowron, and Mike and Jan Quinn.

The CD, "Just Napoleon" can be purchased through iTunes.

## FERRARO WINES



Long-time Oak Hills residents, Dick and Mary Ferraro, will be hosting a wine tasting of their own wine label at the Music at the Rec event on July 24 between 6 – 8 pm.

What started as a hobby confined to their garage, has evolved into a well-reviewed line of red wines. Dick Ferraro said he and his wife have been making wine for 39 years. For the first 30 years of wine making, it was strictly 'amateur' and they shared their garage-bottled wines with family and friends. But they learned more every year and after Dick retired from the Forest Service in 2002, they started wine making more seriously.

They purchase grapes from the Columbia Valley, an area that includes parts of eastern Washington and Oregon and share wine making facilities and a tasting room at the Medici Winery along with another wine label, Sineann. The Ferraro's confine their output to just 300-400 cases a year and bottle Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Zinfandel and a red blend. Dick characterizes his wines as 'big' reds. They have been favorably reviewed in local wine publications as well as the national Wine & Spirits magazine.

It's a long way from the days when Ferraro said they would sometimes have as many as 70 – 80 friends, family and neighbors show up to help them stem and stomp wine grapes in their garage.

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## OAK HILLS 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Fun Run and Walk - begins on Oak Hills Dr. at 153 <sup>rd</sup>	8 am
Free Breakfast at Rec Center	8 am
Flyover by 173 <sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing	tba
Parade Staging - Oak Hills Elementary School	11:30 am
Kids' Bike Parade	12 noon
Flag Ceremony and National Anthem	12:20 pm
Oak Hills Parade - "150 Years of Oregon"	12:30 pm
BBQ Brisket and Hot Dogs - until it's gone!	1:30 pm
Swim Team Bake Sale	1:30 pm
BJ the Clown	2:00 pm
Pool Games	3:00 pm
Big Kahuna Splash-Off (adult splash contest)	4:00 pm
Awards Ceremony	4:30 pm
OAK HILLS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION	10 pm
FIREWORKS DISPLAY	



### JULY EVENTS AT THE REC CENTER

The Oak Hills 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration is just the start of special events planned in the month of July.

The Oak Hills Swim Team will host two home swim meets, on July 16 and 23. The meets are fun for participants and spectators alike. Stop by and cheer the kids on against competing swimmers. The start of Open Swim could be delayed on those dates if the meets run long.

Music at the Rec on July 24 will feature past favorites, the Second Wind Jazz Ensemble, from 6 – 8 pm. The band, which includes Oak Hills residents, has entertained with their 'big band' sounds

for several years. A new feature for Music at the Rec will be wine tasting – strictly for the adults only – of Ferraro Wines. Dick and Mary Ferraro are long-time residents of Oak Hills.

The final July event will be Saturday, July 30 with Hawaiian Day at the pool followed that evening by the Hawaiian Luau. Hawaiian Day at the pool will feature decorations and special pool games during open swim. Your favorite Hawaiian garb is encouraged for this one-day event.

The Hawaiian Luau Dinner, from 6 – 9:30 pm, includes a beautifully decorated Rec Center for the occasion, with catered Hawaiian dinner, live music with hula dancers and a fire knife dancer. The cost is \$12 for adults; \$10 for kids. A limited number of seats are available so be sure to get your tickets and seating reservation in advance.



### BIKE SAFETY FAIR

The public is invited to participate in a Bike Safety Fair on Sunday, July 31 from 1-4 pm hosted by Sunset Presbyterian Church on Cornell Road. At the encouragement of the Beaverton Police, a neighborhood family ride is included as part of the Safety Fair this year. It will be a leisurely 2½-mile loop through the adjoining Oak Hills neighborhood, beginning and ending at the church campus. The family bike ride will be led by volunteer guides in small groups beginning at 1 pm.

The Bicycle Safety Fair offers various bike safety classes throughout the afternoon including correctly fitting bike helmets for the whole family. Bring your child's bike for complimentary safety inspection and adjustment and see your child demonstrate safe bicycling in the safety obstacle course.

### DR. JAY BARBER, JR. TO BE INTERIM TEACHING PASTOR

Sunset Presbyterian Church has announced that Dr. Jay Barber, Jr. has joined the staff as Interim Pastor. With extensive experience in organization management, Dr. Barber, President Emeritus of Warner Pacific College in Portland, OR, brings a history of working with churches and large not-for-profits.

Prior to beginning his tenure at Warner Pacific College, Barber served as Senior Pastor of the Red Bluff, California First Church of God for 16 years. He also served two terms as the mayor of Red Bluff.

Active in the community, Barber served as a director and two years as chair of the Board of Directors of Mercy Corps, a relief and disaster organization based in Portland. Recently Jay was elected to a four-year term on the Seaside, OR City Council where Jay and his wife Jan currently reside.

Sunset Presbyterian Church averages 1700 worshippers at Sunday Worship Services. Sunset is a member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. For more information on Sunset Presbyterian Church, please call 503.292.9293 or visit [www.sunsetpres.org](http://www.sunsetpres.org).



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## SURVEY RESULTS REVEALED

The RDR Committee, which is reviewing our CC&R's, has been tabulating the responses to the surveys distributed to residents. 221 households completed a survey. Some of the results give a clear picture while other results will need deeper evaluation. Following is an overview of some of the responses. A full report will be released at a later date. Until then, some highlights:

- 18% of respondents indicated they had lived in Oak Hills for at least 35 years and 31% of respondents indicated they had lived in Oak Hills for 10 years or less.
- 43% of respondents indicated they had children living in their home; 57% of respondents did not.
- In answer to the question, "what do you like the most about Oak Hills?", over 20% of respondents listed the people and their neighbors among the things they like best about Oak Hills and another more than 20% of respondents listed the greenspace.
- 77% of Homeowners would like management of abandoned and unrepaired vehicles in driveways and on property to be highly restricted.
- 63% of Homeowners would like breeding of household pets for commercial purposes to be highly restricted.
- 64% of homeowners indicated that clotheslines in yards were not a problem.
- 80% of homeowners believe that commercial activities should be allowed as long as the activity is not audible or visible to neighbors.
- 76% of homeowners would prefer to submit an absentee ballot in place of the proxy system.
- 18% of respondents say they are willing to serve on a standing or temporary board committee. Another 37% said they might be willing to serve on a committee.

The RDR Committee will use survey results to make appropriate changes to our CC&R's and other association documents. Once a proposed document is ready, it will be distributed to the community and a round of open houses will be held to gather additional input before it is submitted to an attorney for a final review to make sure the document is in compliance with local, State and Federal laws before the document is presented for a vote by homeowners for adoption.



## VILLAGE GALLERY OF ARTS

The theme of the July show at the Village Gallery of Arts in Cedar Mill will be "Berries". The show opens July 2.

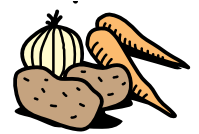
In addition to the displayed art, VGA offers a wide variety of classes for children and adults in both crafts and fine arts. Stop by the gallery for a complete list of classes or visit their website at [www.VillageGalleryArts.org](http://www.VillageGalleryArts.org).

The gallery is located at 12505 NW Cornell Road, next to the Cedar Mill Library. Hours are 10 am – 4 pm Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 4 pm Sunday.

## DRAWING WINNERS ANNOUNCED

To encourage a larger number of residents to take the time to fill out a survey, RDR Committee received permission to offer an array of prizes to be awarded in a random drawing from all completed surveys.

Committee member, Dawn Hehman, said she was thrilled to be allowed to call contest winners and give them the good news in June. The winners and prizes are: Michael and Jennifer Appling, winners of the opportunity for their child to host one of the movie nights at the Rec Center; Doug and Dorrie Towne, winners of a front row seat at the fireworks for them and 6 guests; Dave and Hallie Caswell, will get to press the start button for the fireworks show; Hillary and Spencer Barrett will be the "King and Queen" of the Hawaiian Luau; Virginia and Murlan Kaufman won a free yard debris drop box pass for the season.



## SHOP LOCAL AT FARMERS' MARKETS

July brings a lot more options to shoppers at Farmers' Markets. The Cedar Mill market is open 9 am - 1 pm every Saturday in the parking lot near the Safeway store on Cornell Road. Fresh fruits and vegetables are plentiful and you can also find locally roasted coffee's, local honey, bunches of fresh flowers, home made breads and who can resist the smell of freshly popped kettle corn. There are always a wide collection of craft booths in addition to the fresh foods. Shopping is enlivened by live music - a different group each week. Face painting and other kid-friendly activities are also offered.

Oregon's largest all-agricultural market is in Beaverton from 8:30 am - 1 pm at SW Hall Street between 3rd and 5th Streets. According to their website, "If it's fresh in the Northwest, you will find it at the Beaverton Farmers' Market." This crowded and popular market also features live entertainment and the nearby city park with fountain, playground and picnic tables provide additional attractions.

## NEIGHBORS

by Shirley and Fran Bates

There is a lot going on in the Chapin house. Noor was getting ready to fly to Paris, Sarah was off to a graduation party, Yasmina was in the middle of a book assignment, Sawyer was doing the guard dog thing, and the cats were busy hiding. In the midst of all the chaos sat **Elizabeth Chapin** and fiancé **Bill Williamson**, calm amidst the storm.

This is a really interesting family, and fortunately for us, Elizabeth is one of our newest Board members. Elected in May she is responsible for the RV Lot, is the new urban liaison, assigned to keep apprised of the public agencies that impact Oak Hills, like Metro, Washington County, and CPO 7, to name a few, and is also the link between the Board and the Historic Preservation project in Oak Hills. Elizabeth is well suited to the task. She moved to a home on Wooded Way in 1999, then moving to Egypt for three years to live in the craziness of Cairo and experience life in an Islamic culture where Arabic is the primary language. For the children, Sarah, Yasmina, and Noor, it was an eye opening experience. Foreign travel is a game changer for many people; it opens doors and exposes people to ideas and cultures that are different. For the girls it gave them a deeper appreciation of what they have and how much of the world is so different from what they had experienced before. Their only request before moving to Cairo was to return to Oak Hills at some point, a request that Elizabeth was only too happy to comply with.

Sarah, 16, is going to be a junior at Sunset High, starting the full IB Diploma program there, and speaks French and Spanish. She spends 12 hours a week running, hoping to qualify again for the State Cross Country meet. Yasmina, 14, is finishing the Meadow Park Summa program and will start at Westview in the fall and likes to play the drums. Noor, 10, who attended the French American School, is off to Paris for a 12-day exchange program.

She will attend the Health and Science School in the fall and plans to be a paleontologist.

Elizabeth sets the example for this educated and adventurous family. She recently received her Masters degree in Urban Planning from PSU and used Oak Hills and surrounding areas whenever possible when working on assignments. Bill describes himself as an 'Old Country Boy', devoted to salmon fishing and the Oregon life style. He is the perfect compliment to this clan of high-energy women. Sawyer, by the way, is a dog—a pound rescue mutt—devoted to Bill's lap, and ever attentive to any action at the front door.

Elizabeth is excited about her chance to serve on the Board. She hopes to have a voice in the external decisions that will affect this community. She wants to work with METRO and Washington County to minimize the impact that the North Bethany development will have on Oak Hills. She believes that Oak Hills is a great neighborhood for kids, a great place to raise a family and that we will need to stay vigilant to the outside pressures that see the community through different filters.

When there is down time they escape to a house in Rockaway Beach to chill out. Bill can play his bass guitar, Sawyer will bark at the waves and all of them will relax, maybe.

*Folks, this is our last column as Shirley and I are moving out of Oak Hills and on to a new adventure. We really want to thank all of you for your interest in our interviews, and for the kind words you have passed along to us about the stories we have written. It has been a lot of fun, and we have met some terrific people in the 51 stories we have shared with you. Special thanks to those families who have opened up their doors and shared their lives with us. We tried to get it right most of the time, but I do have to admit we made a few things up. If you are interested in meeting some interesting new people in Oak Hills, we will be happy to help you get started.*

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## COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE PLANNED

A group of neighbors would like to start a community-wide garage sale in Oak Hills, similar to one held in the Eastmorland neighborhood each year on Portland's East side. They have proposed setting aside Friday and Saturday, September 9 and 10 for families all over Oak Hills to set up garage sales. The advantage of having a community-wide event with many families participating is that many more buyers would be expected.

Organizers include Julie Bray, Carrol Cox and Ginny Hanson. They plan to assemble a map showing the locations of all the

participating homes that they would distribute to shoppers. A donation from each home wanting to be included on the map would be asked to defray printing costs but households could participate by having a garage sale without being listed on the map. Bray, Cox and Hanson hope that this will be a huge event, with many families participating. Mark off September 9 – 10 on your calendars to open your garage or plan to spend time searching for garage sale treasures. If you are interested in participating and/or helping to organize this event, please contact Julie, 503-533-9692, Carrol, 503-466-1313, or Ginny, 503-348-0421.

## SIDEWALK UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON 143rd

Construction has begun on installation of a sidewalk along the eastern side of NW 143rd Avenue, opposite Oak Hills. The sidewalk will provide a continuous improved walkway from West Union Road to Hunters' Drive near the entrance to Terra Linda Elementary School. The work will require some lane closures and day time delays.

The project is part of Washington County's Minor Betterment Program.



*Prep work for sidewalk being constructed on 143rd Avenue's east side. Photo looks north at intersection with West Union Road.*

## THINGS TO DO IN JULY

**Lunch with the Birds.** Spend your lunch hour learning how to identify waterfowl and other birds at Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve. Bald eagles and great blue herons are just two of the wonderful creatures that can be seen on the preserve. Every Wednesday. Jackson Bottom Wetlands Education Center - 2600 SW Hillsboro Highway, Hillsboro, Phone: 503-681-2728 [www.jacksonbottom.org](http://www.jacksonbottom.org)

**Tuesday Marketplace**, every Tuesday through August. A weekly outdoor summer festival and farmers market featuring local bands and musicians, international foods, art, crafts. A wonderful selection of local foods, baked goods, beer and wines. Family friendly. E. Main St. and 2nd Ave. in Historic Downtown Hillsboro from 5:00 - 8:30 pm

**Beaverton Last Tuesday**, every Tuesday through August. The Beaverton Arts Commission's concert series is a celebration of great music, art and food. July 26 will feature Patrick Lamb, with music steeped in Southern blues and jazz. At the Round Plaza, 12600 SW Crescent St, Beaverton from 5 pm to 8 pm. Bring your own picnic or purchase food from Round restaurants Typhoon and Mingo. The event is free and includes an arts and crafts fair. [www.beavertonarts.org/Happenings/](http://www.beavertonarts.org/Happenings/) for details.

**Hairspray**, presented by Broadway Rose Theatre. Evening and matinee performances through July 24 at Deb Fennell Auditorium, 9000 SW Durham Rd., Tigard. Great show for all ages. Box Office: 503-620-5262 or <http://www.broadwayrose.com/season.asp>

**Toast to the Tunes**, Every other Thursday, 6 to 9pm through August 25<sup>th</sup> at Oak Knoll Winery - 29700 SW Burkhalter Rd., Hillsboro. Come out and enjoy great tunes and great times. Relax

on the lawn while listening to live music and enjoying your own picnic or the dinner feature for the evening. Wine, beer and soda available for purchase (no outside beverages allowed). \$5 admission for 21 years and up; under 21 free. July 14: Everyday People (dinner feature - smoked brisket); July 28: Old Elbows (dinner feature - pulled pork sandwiches). [www.oakknollwinery.com](http://www.oakknollwinery.com) or 503-648-8198

**Concert/ Theater in the Park.** Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) kicks off its summer entertainment series on Thursday, July 7. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and join your neighbors for free fun in the parks. All shows begin at 6pm. THPRD's Rec Mobile and Nature Mobile will provide face painting, games and other fun for children at most events. July 7: *Quarterflash* - Garden Home Park; July 10: *GruVbox* - Center Street Park; July 14: *Trashcan Joe & Midnight Serenaders* - Arnold Park, Aloha; July 16: *"Is He Dead?"* (Theater) - Schiffler Park, Beaverton; July 21: *Tremoloco* - Greenway Park, Beaverton; July 24: *"Twelfth Night"* - Theater - Carolwood Park, Beaverton.

**Ten Tiny Dances**, July 9, 10 am – 1 pm. Farmers Market across from City Library at 12375 SW 5th St, Beaverton 97005. Walk-about Beaverton between the Farmer's Market at City Park and First Street, where five stages will guide you on a path of discovery, winding through urban streets, leading the way to skilled dancers representing diverse cultures and dance genres. Free.

**Rumpelstiltskin is my Name**, July 13- July 16, 11 am. Broadway Rose Theatre Company presents a classic fairy tale about the poor miller's daughter, who spins gold from straw in order to save her own life and marry Prince Tom. A hilarious musical with lots of fun characters and audience participation. Deb Fennell Auditorium - 9000 SW Durham Rd., Tigard. \$8 - all ages, all seats [www.broadwayrose.org/shows/childrens-theater](http://www.broadwayrose.org/shows/childrens-theater) or 503-620-5262



## BARKING DOG? IT CAN COST YOU

*Submitted by an Oak Hills resident*

With doors and window open at this time of year, it can be irritating to your neighbors if your dog is constantly barking.

It's not just irritating, it's against the law, and it may cost you as well.

According to Washington County Code 6.04.080 sect. I, it is a violation for any person to be the owner or keeper of a barking dog that disturbs the peace, comfort, health or repose of any person of reasonable sensitivity by making loud, long, unnecessary and continuous noises.

The Code defines unlawful barking as a period of five minutes of barking during a 15-minute interval at any time of day. Barking violations may be subject to a maximum fine of \$500.

A few other things to keep in mind:

1) All dogs in Washington County are required by law to be

licensed. A license is required even if the dog is always on the owner's property, or is always indoors. Dogs are required by law to wear their metal license tags whenever they're off their owner's property.

2) It's against the law to allow your dog to run at large. People are often confused by exactly what the law does – and doesn't – allow owners to do. A "dog at large" is defined as a dog that is off or outside of the premises of its owner; not restrained by a rope, leash, chain, or other similar means; or not under the immediate control, restraint, or command of its owner or keeper. If a dog is not restrained by a leash or tether of some kind, is not at heel, or not a working dog in the field, the dog is considered to be "at large." (this regulation does not pertain to approved off-leash parks).

Washington County's Animal Control website states that they "enforce this law seriously." Last year, they responded to about 1,200 dogs-at-large complaints.

So, do the right thing. Be a good neighbor. Control your dog's barking so that everyone in Oak Hills can enjoy the peace and beauty of summertime.

## NATURAL GARDENING WORKSHOPS

Metro, an agency with jurisdiction over the three-county Portland Metropolitan area provides information to help residents achieve a "Sustainable Living" goal. Don't miss these workshops by renowned experts and inspiring educators. From compost and chemical-free lawns to organic edibles and robust blooms, Metro's instructors talk tips and share gardening tricks at locations throughout the region. Each program includes a visual presentation, discussion, hands-on learning and free publications.

Gardening workshops in July include: butterflies Fairview, Saturday, July 9, 11 a.m. to noon; Gardens of eatin': basic vegetable gardening, Beaverton, Saturday, July 16, 1 to 2:30 p.m.; Native plants for birds, bees and butterflies, Beaverton, Sunday, July 17, 1 to 2 p.m.; Gardens of eatin': edible landscaping, Tualatin, Saturday, July 30, 10 to 11 a.m.; Grow a greener green lawn, Southeast Portland, Saturday, July 30, 10 to 11:30 a.m.; Gardens of eatin': basic vegetable gardening, Gresham, Sunday, July 31, 1 to 2 p.m.

For details on these workshops and more tips and information for enjoying a 'greener' and more sustainable lifestyle, go to Metro's website, [www.oregonmetro.gov](http://www.oregonmetro.gov) and click on the Sustainable Living link.



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## GROWING ORGANICALLY

by Margie Lachman



Roses! I love their color, generous bloom all summer and most of all their heady perfume. They do need care; there is no getting around that. Water, 2 gallons per bush a week, fertilizer to support the heavy output of leaves and flowers, and sunshine for at least five hours a day are a must. Black spot, mildew and rust are the big three rose diseases. Diseases and insects can be minimized by carefully choosing where they are planted. Air circulation is paramount to preventing diseases. Having good air circulating around the plant plus lots of sun, generous water, and adequate fertilizer go a long way to prevent diseases. Rose gardens with a dozen plants or more planted together are beautiful but to avoid disease, place roses among other shrubs, perennials and annuals. A monoculture of any type of plant increases the likelihood of disease spreading from to all plants.

That said, my roses are planted together in one area, eighteen of them! These roses were planted a long time ago before I knew about the problems associated with monocultures. There is a tall hedge on the south side of our roses, which is also a factor with air circulation. Nevertheless, the roses get enough sun to keep them blooming from May until October.

Have you heard about systemic chemicals that kill insects and prevent diseases? Sounds good until you realize that hummingbirds and other feathered friends eat insects and drink nectar from roses. The birds would be harmed if you use systemics, which are absorbed into the plant and then transferred to nectar as well as

the bodies of any aphids, etc, which are on your roses.

There is a flock of Bushtits that comes every afternoon and sometimes in the morning to feast on the aphids that can plague the rose buds. It is easy to remove the insects with a stream of water from the hose. Do it in the morning so the foliage can dry. Alternately, you can purchase organic solutions based on soap that can be sprayed; or mix 1 cup cooking oil and 1 tablespoon of liquid dishwashing detergent in a jar and mix well. Put 5 to 8 Tablespoons of this mix into 1-gallon lukewarm water and spray on roses.

For diseases I use Neem oil. This product can kill bees, so I am careful to avoid spraying when this very valuable insect is present. Early morning or late evening is best. When the oil is sprayed on any insect, it will smother it. Our wet spring has caused black spot on the roses and mildew on my phlox. Neem oil works for these diseases. Once the weather finally dries out the phlox may no longer need spraying. The roses will need to be sprayed with Neem oil until July when the weather becomes dry and I will switch to soil soup made from my compost. This will not harm the bees, ladybugs, green lacewings or any other beneficial insects. Protecting beneficial insects keeps nature in balance, keeping our gardens, us and our families - including our pets - safe and healthy.

We will have more time to just enjoy our gardens if nature is in balance. Less work, more iced tea in the shade, what more can we ask for on a summer day? Stop and smell the roses!

Questions? Email me at [margieorse2@gmail.com](mailto:margieorse2@gmail.com) or call 503-645-2994 ☞

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*Chipper, left, and Tweed, right*

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### VIEWPOINT

The Oracle invites submissions from subscribers. *Viewpoint* is intended as a forum for Oak Hills residents to express views on a variety of topics. The Oracle is not responsible for views expressed here and reserves the right to edit submissions as necessary and to reject letters deemed unsuitable for publication.

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No letters were received this month. What are your views?



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- Be considerate of neighbors when celebrating
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