

The Poverty Bay Breeze

A Newsletter of the Woodmont Country Club

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From the President...

It didn't take me long to realize what a great neighborhood my family and I had moved into back in August of 1998. No doubt one of the big attractions was the view and absolute beauty of this area. The trees and flowers were wonderful, the sunsets stunning, and the sound of the water hitting the shore at night put me to sleep. But I knew that none of this would sustain my desire to live here without a neighborhood culture that was made up of people who looked out for one another, who took up slack when it was needed, who were not afraid of one another, who greeted one another often by name, who were neighborly but still retained their independence, and who took pride in where they lived. How did I know this? Because I had lived in a neighborhood where it was quite the opposite and because of this, I pulled up stakes and left. I don't have to remind you of the treasure we have in Woodmont. You only have to drive home from a tough day through frustrating traffic when suddenly you enter the canyon and experience the safe and peaceful umbrella of all the trees and the coolness of the air. You know that you have landed at your soft spot and within a few minutes, will come upon the most incredible view. It is as if you have entered the gates of Narnia. So where am I going with all of this? I have now lived here ten years. There hasn't been a day that I regretted my move. Well, there is one regret. As a part of the human condition I find myself taking what I have for granted. This is true of the material goods I own, the environment I live in and unfortunately, true of the people I love. It is the latter that I find most bothersome. People make up the fabric of my life and people make up the fabric of our neighborhood. People create the culture within which they live. A healthy culture doesn't happen by accident. It is done with intention. Woodmont is the community it is because its people intend for it to be a caring place where children can thrive, where families feel safe and people look out for one another. To our new neighbors, welcome and to everyone, make sure you take time to enjoy the beauty that surrounds us all, especially the people.

-Michael Fuller



FOR YOUR CALENDAR...

Tour du'Woodmont

Sunday, December 7
1:00—4:00 pm

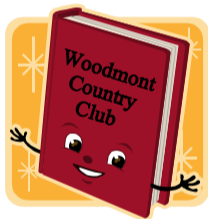
March Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Woodmont Elementary

May Membership Meeting

Wednesday, May 27, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Woodmont Elementary

NEW DIRECTORY DELIVERED



Every two years, the Woodmont Directory is published. This year, a tremendous amount of time and effort went into not only updating the names, addresses, and phone numbers of our community members but also all of the rules that govern our community. These rules govern such areas as use of the plaza, use of the tennis courts, trimming of trees, etc. A new addition is a detailed map displaying the entire area of upper and lower Woodmont. Adrienne Worah is to be commended for her efforts in carrying through with our map project. In addition, Robin Bartlett is to be congratulated for her work in formatting our directory. Kelli and Richard Devitte, Nancy Kennedy, Edie Staiger, Steve Swank, and Carlotta Smith were also instrumental in the directory project. Thanks to everyone who made this happen!

Tour du'Woodmont

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7



Lower "Tour" Hosts 1:00—3:00 pm
Evelyn & Richard Meyers—27006 10th Avenue S.
Kelli & Rick Devitte—904 S. 270th Street

Upper/North Beach "Tour" Hosts 2:00—4:00 pm
Carol & Bob Belland—26415 7th Avenue S.
Carlotta & Dirk Smith—26525 8th Avenue S.

Everyone had so much fun last year, we decided to do it again. We reduced the number of houses, so you can visit a little longer, and we staggered the times, so the "Tour" hosts can enjoy part of the "Tour" as well. Signs will be posted in the front yards of the above addresses as you make your way around Woodmont to say Happy Holidays to your neighbors. Stop in the Lower Woodmont homes between 1:00 and 3:00 pm, and the Upper Woodmont/North Beach homes between 2:00 and 4:00 pm. Once again bring canned food for the local Food Bank and be prepared to remove your shoes at the door. If you have any questions, feel free to call Nancy Kennedy at 839-2898 or Edie Staiger at 839-3439. Special thanks to the above hosts who have so graciously agreed to open their homes!



DUMPING ON CLUB PROPERTY: Recently, we have noticed that yard clippings have been dumped over the bank along the Bootlegger Trail. Please be aware that dumping of grass clippings or any other debris is not allowed on club property. In addition to being unsightly, this debris can lead to erosion and ultimately undermine our bank and threaten those below. The hillside below the Bootlegger Trail is designated as a sensitive area in Des Moines, which can lead to other restrictions as well. Recently we received a notification from the city that if this dumping continues, we will incur significant fees. Please spread the word so we can maintain the health and beauty of our club and stay out of trouble with the city!

Periodically, we also find garbage that has been dumped in the canyon. Please keep an eye out. If you see any suspicious activity, you are encouraged to call 911.


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Look inside for
Tour du Woodmont
 details!


***Please be a Responsible
 Pet Owner!***



Here in the beautiful City of Des Moines, we have a well-working set of animal control laws that protect the public and their pets. Our city laws apply to all domestic animals regarding leash/control laws, scoop laws, excess noise laws, and vicious/dangerous animal laws. In a “nutshell”:

- Animals are not allowed to roam at large, and must be under proper leash control (which includes “scooping” the animals’ feces) when off the owner’s premises.
- Animals may not make unreasonable noise.
- Animals may not be vicious/dangerous; an animal that bites a human and breaks the skin (bleeds) must be immediately quarantined, and additionally may be declared a Dangerous Dog.
- Dogs and cats over the age of 6 months must be currently vaccinated for rabies, licensed with the city and wear the Des Moines license tag on their collar.

As a pet owner myself, I try very hard to educate the public to prevent problems, and to work together to solve problems that present themselves. However, there are times when it is appropriate to take enforcement action, which may include citations (tickets), fines/fees, court hearings, impoundment of the animal(s), and potential jail time for the offender.

Under state law RCW 16.52, we also have excellent laws against animal cruelty, which include intentional abuse and neglect. Thankfully, I don’t often have to respond to these cases, but when I do, I take them very seriously. Punishment for these crimes may include arrest and jail time, in addition to impoundment/forfeiture of the animal, plus all costs incurred.

Our goal in Des Moines is to make the city a safe, enjoyable place to live, work and play, and to make sure that our pets are properly cared for as well. Please feel free to contact me at jmagnuson@desmoineswa.gov or 206-870-6549 with questions or any additional information needed. Thank You.

Jan Magnuson, Master Animal Control Officer



Recognizing One of Our Own

In every community there are those individuals who quietly go about their business, never seeking praise yet they put in countless hours, looking out for the good of others. Simply put, they see what needs to be done and do it. Certainly this is true of WCC's most recent President, Brian Jacobson. Brian is to be congratulated for his leadership and vision over the last several years not only as President, but as a Board member. His dedication to our community and his commitment to maintaining a healthy culture is evidenced in many ways. One of the most apparent is the role he played in the rebuilding of our tennis courts. What a wonderful amenity! Not only was Brian the catalyst for change for this project but today he can still be found adding to its beauty. Recently Brian took charge of planting a hedge on the east side of the tennis courts and spreading beauty bark. His positive outlook and willingness to give of himself, serves as an inspiration to us all. On behalf of our community and the Board, thank you Brian for all that you do.

-Michael Fuller, WCC President



Woodmont Country Club gained three new members this year:

- **Nathan Syfrig and Mercy Yule**
26905 9th Ave. S.
- **David and Dara Phillips**
27037 7th Pl. S. and
- **Redmond and Kristy McDonough**
27015 10th Ave. S.

With these three new couples, we now have 101 members!

WELCOME TO WOODMONT!

Odds & Ends...

- Be a neighborhood crime buster. Don't forget to call 9-1-1 if you see any **suspicious activity** in the neighborhood or on Woodmont Club property. Also, if you see **trespassers** using Club property, call 9-1-1. The plaza, beach, trails and tennis court are for use only by Club members and their guests. Do not give out the gate code! We all need to be diligent and watch out for one another!
- Just a reminder...over the past few months, there have been several instances of **cars speeding** through our neighborhood. Please be reminded that the **Speed Limit is 25**. It is common to see both adults, children and pets taking walks. With little shoulder space, it makes it even more important to slow down. In order to avoid a tragedy, please be vigilant when driving and **obey the speed limit**.

