

### **Tennis Courts**

Progress is being made on our tennis court project. While I had hoped to have the project completed with time to enjoy it this summer, that hasn't been the case. We had planned to use our own labor for a considerable amount of work and this has caused things to move more slowly. By using club labor, we saved \$3000 alone by digging a trench for the electrical wiring and we have saved several thousand by building the retaining wall ourselves. We simply wouldn't be able to do what is being done with such a limited budget.

It has been great to have so many of our neighbors helping. I especially want to thank Evan Sorby, Eric Wolford, Matt Small, Roy Bartlett, Harry Roth, John Colvard, Reid Keeney, Dave and John Babbitt, Rick and Paul Devitte, Chuck Czubin and Michael Fuller. Thanks to the Edmiston family for donating 10 football players they "won" at an auction and John Parisi, who provided us with a Bobcat on two separate occasions. There are probably others who I failed to mention. If you haven't yet helped there will be more chances in the coming weeks.

In addition to our requests for volunteers, we also asked for donations. I have been overwhelmed by the number of households who have donated. Twenty-five members have made donations totaling over \$10,000. I want to especially thank Eddie and Liz DeVito, Steve and Teresa Hansen and Tom Schacht who have each made \$3000 donations. Their gifts will provide us with a kid's play structure, landscaping, benches and tables. Other donations will help pay for pavers for the picnic area, among other things.

I often hear members ask why our dues aren't higher. It is true that many of us feel that membership is a real bargain, but I am also occasionally reminded that we have residents in the club who are not able to pay the dues. It is my hope to have dues at a level that allows as many residents as possible to be members. Those of you who have made extra donations have made it easier for us to keep our dues low and still accomplish great things. Thank you!

### **Tennis Court Opening Celebration**

The project may not be totally completed, but our playing surfaces should be ready for use in September. This is cause for a celebration. The board is tentatively planning a celebration event for September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Food and drink will be provided. If you'd like to volunteer to help or bring food for it, contact Evan Sorby at 253-941-0811.

### **Plaza Improvements**

Thanks to the recent special assessment, we are getting a new railing at the plaza. Part of it has been installed, but the company decided to re-do several sections because they didn't meet their quality standards. We hope to have it completed soon.

We have purchased 6 new picnic tables for the plaza. Our oldest tables were thrown or given away, but we had 6 wooden tables still in good shape. The plan is to have the wooden tables out at all times with the folding tables available at the shed as needed for

larger events. Thanks to Matt Small for staining the wooden tables and to Eva Small and Eddie Staiger for pulling weeds and sprucing up the area. Of course thanks also to the McMillans and Duane Nienaber for cutting the grass and other regular maintenance that you do.

### **Directory**

Robin Bartlett volunteered to compile and produce our latest directory. This is a major undertaking! It should be out in the next week or two. If you find any errors, you can contact Gary Spies with corrections. Gary maintains our club database—also a major job!

### **You Can Still Join**

If you would like to join the club, you can download the membership information on our website. Dues can be pro-rated for the remaining months of the year. Our fiscal year runs from June 1 – May 31.

### **Corky's Kid's Parade**

Thanks Janet Sorby for coordinating and all those who helped put on this year's Corky's Kid's Parade. This parade was started by former member Corky Corcoran and he provided funding for it to continue after his death. He would be pleased to see how successful it continues to be today.

### **Fall Clean-up**

Please mark Saturday, October 7 on your calendars. This will be the date of our fall clean-up. Meet at the plaza. The work party will run from 9:00 – 12:00.

### **Eagle Scout Project**

Tim Clemans is wrapping up his paperwork and about ready to begin his project for the club. He plans to build a look-out platform along the bootlegger trail.

### **New Board Members**

Thanks to Bill Kennedy and Larry Allen who have “retired” from our board. The new members of our board are Kelli Devitte and Matt Small. Kelli is coordinating communication and Matt is responsible for maintenance.

### **Welcome new members**

Eric and Toshiko Dover  
Joseph and Susan Hilt  
Mark and Terry Porter  
Bruce and Barbara Wolff

### **Plaza Reservations**

If you are interested in reserving the plaza, contact Toni Lund: 253-839-4686 or [btaklund@msn.com](mailto:btaklund@msn.com). You must be a member to reserve the plaza. The website has more information about plaza use and items available for use.