

## Homeowners' Association Newsletter

## December 2011

#### Letter from the President

Greetings!

Every year at this time, the HOA board prepares for the annual meeting by wrapping up the previous year and gearing up for the next. As we start to put "2012" on document headings, I am struck once again at how quickly time goes by.

My term as an HOA director is already coming to an end and with that, we will be looking for homeowners who are willing to serve on the HOA board. Being involved in the HOA has given me the chance to get to know many MCH neighbors who I wouldn't have met otherwise, as well as gain a valuable understanding of issues involving our neighborhood and the City of Mill Creek. I look forward to staying involved with the HOA serving as a committee member where there is a need.

If you have an interest in finding out more about our HOA, I strongly encourage you to consider attending the annual meeting in February and getting involved. There are both small and large projects that need volunteer support. For example, we are always looking for people to help out with our annual Ice Cream Social or putting together the newsletter. Or if you are able to take on a larger role, consider serving as a director and making decisions on which projects the HOA should tackle next.

I hope to see you on February 13th!

Jen Hirman

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# HOA Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting of the Mill Creek Highlands HOA will take place **February 13, 2012, at 7pm at Merrill Gardens** along Bothell-Everett Highway. Annual meeting materials will be mailed out at the end of December and a reminder email will be sent out in February.

We hope to see many of you at the meeting but if you are unable to attend, please take a few moments to sign the proxy form and send it back with your annual dues payment. We cannot hold the annual meeting without reaching a quorum of homeowners.



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#### ACC Inspections

ACC inspections are still conducted on a monthly basis throughout the winter. While lawns will not look as bright and vibrant as they do during the summer, the same basic ACC guidelines that keep our neighborhood looking beautiful in the summer also apply during the winter.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions!

# Dogs and Birds

We have received several requests to remind MCH homeowners to be respectful of their neighbors in terms of animals.

**Dogs**: Please don't let dogs use other neighbors' lawns when they need to "do their business." Homeowners do their best to keep their yards green and healthy and dog waste can hurt grass and create dead spots. Also, make sure to use waste bags when you are out and about with your pooch and throw them away - please don't leave them on the ground.

Feeding the Birds: Feeding the birds can be fun and entertaining – we have beautiful birds in Washington! However, please remember that leaving excessive food for animals outdoors may be attracting rodents or more than a fair share of crows. If this is the case, remember that those creatures may be fun to look at but may also be causing problems for your home and your neighbor's homes as well.

# 2012 Homeowner Directory

We will be sending out the 2012 Mill Creek Highlands Homeowner Directory in March. Please let us know if you would like any changes to your current listing.

#### THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the following homeowners who volunteered to do a Neighborhood Walk-About over the summer:

- The Crittenden Family
- Natasha Habib
- Wendy and Scott Simonsen
- The Asplund Family
- The Bergeron Family
- Gordon McKinzie
- The Turpin Family

We thank you for taking time to help the neighborhood stay clean and beautiful! And congratulations to The Asplunds who won a \$10 Starbucks gift card from our drawing!

Rememberl
Now is the time to
clear leaves and debris
from street drains
near your homes!

