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## Homeowners' Association Newsletter

April 2012

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### ***Annual Meeting Update***

Thank you to all homeowners who attended the annual HOA meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup> at Merrill Gardens. We were able to reach quorum and ratified our 2012 budget as well as discuss several issues of interest to homeowners. Among those were crime and vandalism, upkeep of community property as well as City property and a discussion of rules regarding homeowner responsibilities in maintaining yards and homes.

**Ryan Asplund** was elected as the newest Director to the HOA with a term expiring in 2015. Ryan will serve as President, replacing outgoing President, Jen Hirman. He is eager to help serve the HOA in this role. Welcome Ryan!

Additionally, **Keith Poindexter** stepped up to help direct the ACC (Architectural Control Committee). The ACC is in charge of overseeing requests for exterior home projects as well regular inspections to ensure properties are keeping up with the established Rules and Regulations. Thank you to Keith for volunteering!

Also discussed at the Annual Meeting were upcoming projects including removing additional trees from the Tot Lot and Hill Crest Trails (currently marked with ribbon) and hiring a consultant to conduct a reserve study for the HOA.

### ***2012 HOA Meeting Schedule***

HOA Board meetings are conducted every other month at Merrill Gardens at 7pm. The remaining meetings for 2012 are scheduled to take place on **June 11<sup>th</sup>, August 13<sup>th</sup>, October 8<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>**. All homeowners are welcome to attend. For any updates or changes to the meeting dates, see the HOA web site.

### ***ACC inspections to ramp up in spring***

A reminder that our HOA Rules and Regulations include expectations on yard and exterior home maintenance. Spring is when the ACC committee really steps up to make sure homeowners are following all of these rules and ensuring that our neighborhood stays well-maintained and beautiful.



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Inspections are conducted towards the beginning of each month. Courtesy notices are mailed out as a gentle reminder to homeowners when it appears an infraction has been made. These may be for such things as mowing and edging, weeds, or trash cans which can be viewed from the street.

Homeowners should be aware of ALL of the rules that are part of our governing documents. These are found on our HOA web site at [www.millcreekhighlands.org](http://www.millcreekhighlands.org).

Please don't hesitate to contact the property manager if you have any questions!

***Turning Left on Seattle Hill?  
Don't be afraid to use that  
turn lane ... it helps move  
traffic along!***

### ***New roof? New fence? Don't forget your ACC application!***

All exterior work to property needs approval by the Mill Creek Highlands Architectural Control Committee (ACC) prior to the commencement of any work. This includes fences, decks, arbors, storage sheds, playhouses, gazebos, satellite dishes, roofs, painting, and significant landscaping.

See the ACC tab on our website: [www.millcreekhighlands.org](http://www.millcreekhighlands.org) to find more information and if you have any questions, contact our property manager, Charlotte Fitzgerald.

## ***Neighborhood Watch?***

A number of homeowners have expressed concerns about increased crime and vandalism. We do not yet have an organized Neighborhood Watch program within the Mill Creek Highlands. Are there homeowners who are interested? If there are enough, we can hold an initial meeting with the Mill Creek Police Community liaison to find out more about Neighborhood Watch and decide whether it is something worth pursuing. Please contact Jen Hirman ([jhirman@gmail.com](mailto:jhirman@gmail.com)) for more information.

## ***2012 Relay For Life Mill Creek***

**June-2-3, 2012**

Organizers are preparing for the first Relay for Life in Mill Creek on June 2-3<sup>rd</sup> and are looking for teams to participate! This is the biggest fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. Relay for Life raises money that supports ALL types of cancer research. The money is also used to provide programs and resources for Cancer Survivors.

