

# \*HIGHBURY PARK HAPPENINGS\*

THE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF YOUR HIGHBURY PARK HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION  
SPRING 2003

## *A Word from the President*

Spring is definitely in the air. The days are getting warmer and longer. Flowers are blooming and the sounds of children and lawnmowers once again fill the air. Don't you just love it?

Hi, I'm LaRinda Brown, now serving my fourth year as you Highbury Park Homeowners' Association President. As you know, our association was formed around a lot that cannot be built upon which we refer to as the "Common Area". Our common bond of paying dues to maintain this area is what brings us together and over the years we've transformed it from a dump/weed lot to a grassy play field.

In 2002 we added neighborhood signs, sidewalk, sandbox, and play system. How did we do all that: with the help of many volunteers. Neighbor Steven Hitch applied for the City of Renton Neighborhood grant that paid for the neighborhood signs and sidewalk. He then coordinated many of you to volunteer the labor to install them. The HOA board then approved the purchase of a new play system and while we were at it, made an official sandbox. I hope you've had a chance to check it out.

Thank you to everyone who's helped in the continuing effort to make our neighborhood a community. We look forward to seeing you at this summers activities.

LaRinda Brown  
President

## **DATES TO**

**REMEMBER:** 

**MAY 17, 2003 -  
COMMON AREA CLEAN  
UP**

**JULY 16, 2003 - ANNUAL  
PICNIC**

**JULY 20, 2003 -  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
GARAGE SALE**

**SEE INSIDE FOR MORE  
DETAILS!**

### **Highbury Park Homeowners' Association Officers**

Officers are voted on by the Association during the annual meeting in January. Your officers for 2003 are:

President	LaRinda Brown
Vice President	Greg Timmerman
Board Member at Large	Kevin Milligan
Secretary	Heidi Alano
Treasurer	David Polland
Block Watch	Annie Hetzel
	Marsha Bernstein

### **Architectural Committee**

Marsha Bernstein

*We are looking for volunteers for the Architectural Committee. If you would like more information contact us: [highburypark\\_hoa@yahoo.com](mailto:highburypark_hoa@yahoo.com)*

# Block Watch Notice

Our neighborhood has had an unusually high number of vehicle break-ins and thefts during the last eight months. The board is aware of four break-ins resulting in thefts of items in the vehicle and one theft of a vehicle. These break-ins were all at night, with some of them in well lit driveways. Please keep an eye out for suspicious activity, especially late at night around the vehicles in the neighborhood. If you have any suspicion, please call the police so they can check the situation.

In addition members of the board receive information from the City of Renton as to break-ins and sex offenders in the area. Recently there have been some homes broken into in the surrounding area. The City of Renton has a Neighborhood Block Watch Program and will come and host a meeting if there is enough interest. If you would like to attend a meeting such as this let us know.

The board would like to be notified of any break-ins with in the association so that we can lobby for additional police patrols.

Contact the board at:

Highbury Park HOA  
PO Box 4211  
Renton, WA 98057

highburypark\_hoa@  
or yahoo.com

## City of Renton Neighborhood Grants

The Highbury Park Board has applied again for the City of Renton Neighborhood grants. The proposals this year were for a Newsletter grant and a grant to finish the Turn-about on NE 5<sup>th</sup> CT and Edmonds CT.

The Newsletter grant helps with the cost of printing and distribution the newsletter.

The grants for the Turn-about will provide weed killer/protection, bark, and some additional rocks for Edmonds CT.

**☺Both grants were approved!**

**Annual Picnic July 16, 2003  
6:30 pm Common Area**

This year the City of Renton is sponsoring a Highlands neighborhood Picnic which will be held at the Highlands Neighborhood Center on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Board, however, would like to keep the tradition of the Highbury Park Annual picnic. This is a change to come and meet new neighbors, have fun, and eat!

What to bring (Last name begins with):

A-G: Salads

H-N: Drinks

O-Z: Desert

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

**Dog on the Loose?**

There have been some complaints about unattended dogs in the neighborhood. It is great that we have a common area for pets to play in but it needs to be kept clean since our children and families also use the area. Please remember to clean up after your pets when leaving.

Also anyone who sees unattended animals are encouraged to contact animal control at:  
(425) 430-7550

Thank you for your help keeping the area safe and clean for everyone!

***Common Area Clean Up March 17, 2003 9-12***

In addition to a general clean up on the common area here are some additional goals of the morning.

→ Weeding of Turn-abouts on NE 5<sup>th</sup> CT & Edmonds CT

→ Adding additional play chips under playground system (this may be postponed to a different day)

**The Board will provide refreshment for all in attendance!**

***Interested in lawn or garden  
Services? Contact:***



Robert Hope  
425-221-2629

Jacob Carlson  
425-221-1767

**"Providing *High Value* structure and grounds maintenance."**

2607 NE 5th Place  
Renton, WA 98059  
Email: jcarlson8904@msn.com

**Highland Elementary PTA**

Here are some upcoming events sponsored by the Highlands Elementary PTA. All events will be held at Honeydew Elementary.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**-Kindergarten Round-up: Come and meet teachers, see classrooms and have fun.

**June 6<sup>th</sup>**-Carnival: Fun for the family; games, entertainment, and summer safety activities.

For more information or how to become involved call (425) 204-2400.

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*Ready to clean out your Garage?  
Highbury Park Neighborhood Garage Sale  
July 20, 2003 - 9:00 AM*

Back by popular demand the Highbury park board will advertise for a Neighborhood Garage Sale. Advertisements will run in local papers and signs will be posted instructing would be buyers to the neighborhood.

Interested families open your garage door on July 20<sup>th</sup> and sell, sell, sell!

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