

HIGHLAND HERALD

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WELCOME TO A NEW SEASON

As your editors watch the rain fall on the river in front of our RV while we plan our final long-distance, two-month edition of the Herald this year, we are reminded that summer is coming to an end. Travelers like us will soon be returning to Brentwood and a new season of activities is starting already.

In the next two months we celebrate many special days. Labor Day with an HCC sponsored BBQ, will be here about the same time you get this newsletter. Most of us are eligible to celebrate Grandparents Day on September 7th. Yom Kipper, Columbus Day, United Nations Day will add to Brentwood activities planned for October, like the Harmony High vocal group coming on the 11th and Don Ford on the 25th and a Halloween party on the 31st.

Whether you are already home in Brentwood or still on your summer odyssey but returning soon, welcome to the 2008-2009 Highlands at Brentwood season!

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SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

- Sept 1 Labor Day Party
 - Sept 7 Grandparents Day
 - Sept 21 Birthday Party 4 PM
 - Sept 29 Ladies Luncheon 12:30 PM
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OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

- Oct 11 Pancake Breakfast 7:30-9 AM
Lasangna Dinner, 5:30 PM
Harmony High Vocal Group, 7PM
- Oct 14 Managers Meeting, 9 AM
HCC Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- Oct 19 Birthday Party 4 PM
- Oct 25 Ice Cream Social and Don Ford
at 2 PM
- Oct 31 Halloween Party

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Call the office for Hacienda activities.

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Mon. – Sat. 9 AM to 5 PM
Sun. 10 AM to 4 PM

FROM THE PREZ

With another summer coming to a close, our travelers are beginning to return. Welcome home!

Our first HCC Board meeting of the new season will be on October 14th. I want to remind all board members to start thinking about residents in your area to be put on the ballot for any open positions on the board. Our annual elections will be on November 15th with the usual free breakfast. Let's all turn out, support our community with our votes—and get a good meal in the bargain.

In November, we will be holding our annual Patio Sale on the 22nd. For the second year, I will also sponsor a special area. Proceeds from the sale of the donated items in this area will go to support Community Chest (see Pete's article, this page). This is a project dear to my heart, and I hope yours. Call me at (phone) to donate. Consider services as well as items. All items that don't sell will be sent to the Goodwill.

Chuck Heit, HCC President

Grandparents are Roses,
Without the Thorns



MONTHLY MANAGERS MEETING AND HIGHLAND COMMUNITY CLUB BOARD MEETINGS

Managers Meetings will resume on Tuesday, October 14th at 9 AM. The special speaker will be announced.

HCC board meetings will resume on Tuesday, October 14th at 5:30 PM. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Come to both meetings and find out firsthand what is happening in our community.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Six months ago we announced the start of Our Community Assistance Program (CAP). I'm happy to say that it is working well as a way for us to be good neighbors and help other residents with temporary difficulties while maintaining their anonymity.

In case you missed our announcements or just forgot, here's how it works: If you could use some temporary help, just call one of the three residents on the CAP committee: Connie Tusa (325-4831) #221 Glen, Phil Henault (474-4261), #258 Knoll, or myself, Pete Peters (602-618-7547-cell) #224 Glen. Or you can leave your name and phone number in a sealed envelope on a committee person's clip. That person will then contact you discretely.

Either way, the person you contact will speak briefly with you about your difficulty and then determine whether we can help. We haven't declined any reasonable request for assistance yet. .

Any communication you have with CAP committee members is strictly confidential. No one, not the HCC president, not the HCC treasurer, no one but our committee will have any knowledge of your request. We handle it privately.

This is YOUR program, supported by donations and fundraisers sponsored by residents—by you and your neighbors. So make use of it when you need it. That's what it is for. However, we cannot read minds and will not know of your difficulty if you don't take the first step.

Remember...We are neighbors and friends. What are friends and neighbors for if they cannot lend a helping hand? Just ask.

Pete Peters, CAP Chairman

FROM THE MANAGER

I would like to send out a huge "Thank You" to the entire community for your patience and understanding during the water meter installation. I know it was rough having the water turned off to our community during those hot days. The meters are currently being tested and water is still being paid by The Highlands@Brentwood/ELS.

I do not know when the billing will start, however everyone will be notified when we have a date. In the mean time, please check your homes for leaks in your water lines outside and report any immediately to the office. Also check for leaking faucets or running toilets and repair them if you are a home owner or report them to the office so we can fix the leaks quickly.

I notice weeds on home sites and undesirable items stored in carports and on patios. PLEASE get your weeding done and clean up your carports and patios. I will be out inspecting our community this month and giving warnings/violations to those who do not comply. This also includes the back and sides of your homes. Also check your roofs for debris from the winds.

Those of you with pets, please be sure to clean up the pet waste around your home. Your neighbors do not want to smell or look at it!

Thank you and I look forward to not having to give out any reminders, warnings or violations while I am out inspecting our community.

Suzanna Spann, Manager



From our Maintenance Supervisor:
Regularly replacing the air filters in your AC/heating system with a new non-pleated filter is an easy and inexpensive way to lower your utility bills and have cleaner air in your home. The filters cost about \$1.00 at any hardware store. All residents who rent from us are responsible for changing their filters every 30 days. If you don't know how or where your filter is, please leave me a message and call back number at the office.

Rod Johnson, Maintenance Supervisor



HIGHLAND COMMUNITY CLUB ELECTIONS

On November 15th, we will be holding our annual Highlands Community Club board elections. It isn't too early for all of us to think about whom we want representing us on the board.

If you don't know who your Area Representatives are—or even in which area you live, check the back cover of your 2008 Directory. Inside is a listing of the 2008 Board Members, made up of area representatives and board officers. Outside is a map with the areas shown.

If you would like to be a representative, contact your present Area Representative (or any board member) to see if there will be a vacancy. If you know of another resident that you think would be a great board member, suggest them.

And if a Board member contacts you with a suggestion that you run for office, please give it serious consideration. You would not have been asked if they didn't think you'd do a good job.

STOP THE DUMPSTER DIVING!



We have a dumpster diver in our community—it's Phil Henault, who heads up our recycling efforts. Phil collects empty soda and beer cans, crushes them and hauls them to the recycling plant where he turns them into cash for our Community Assistance Program (CAP) (see article on page 2). He's been finding a lot of them in the regular recycle bins.

A good share of the funds for our CAP comes from the sale of these cans. If they stay in the recycle bins, they go to the city and we get nothing from them. Thus, Phil's "dumpster diving."

It's truly easy to make sure Phil gets our cans. Just put them in the special barrel located behind the big newspaper dumpster. (It's out of the way, so the city won't take them when they pick up the other recyclables. (next column) Or if you'd rather, you can simply call

Phil Henault (474-4261) or Millard Copas (768-0785) and they'll come pick them up!

So let's support our community (and keep Phil out of the dumpsters) by recycling our soda and beer cans separately. By the way, if you crush the cans first, it saves Phil from having to do it before he delivers them.

GOLF NEWS

The golf course will be closed for seeding late in September and won't open until late in October. Watch for announcements of actual dates. When the course is open, golfing continues on M/W/F. Check the golf board for times.

The Homecoming Scramble will be on November 3, 5 and 7 this year. Plan to join your neighbors for a fun tournament. Awards will be presented on the 7th.

Elections will be on November 15th at the same time as the HCC elections. Plan to show up and vote.

HOMECOMING PREVIEW

HCC will host a catered Homecoming Dinner on November 8th. April Walker will provide entertainment. Check for costs and sign up at the clubhouse.

BRENTWOOD REUNION IN MINNESOTA



How many faces can you identify? (Photo thanks to Maureen Hobart)

LADIES LUNCHEON:

On September 29th, we will be meeting at the S'Bistro Restaurant at 12:30 PM at 124 West Main Street, in downtown Mesa. Parking is available right behind the restaurant. Bring a white elephant gift to exchange, and if you like, your own bottle of wine (glasses provided). Plan to take the time to enjoy the nearby boutiques and antique shops afterwards. We hope to see you there. Don't forget to sign up in the clubhouse. September hosts: Connie Tusa and Ronnie Jans.

The October Ladies Luncheon will be held at the clubhouse on October 25 at 12:30 PM. Please sign up, and bring a salad or dessert and a dollar good will donation. We will start the season out by playing card bingo.

Watch the clubhouse bulletin board for what will be happening in November.

LABOR DAY PARTY



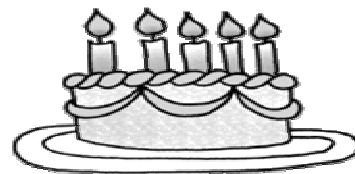
The Highland Community Club is kicking off the Fall Season with a barbeque potluck on September 1st, Labor Day. President Chuck Heit says that the HCC will provide the brats, beans and coleslaw. You bring a covered dish and an appetite! Check the clubhouse bulletin board for information. Sign up and show up for a fun time as always!



ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Our first Ice Cream Social is scheduled for October 25 at 2:30 PM. Don Ford will entertain us with songs and piano playing afterwards at 3 PM. Sign up in the clubhouse.



PANCAKE BREAKFASTS AND BIRTHDAY PARTIES

We will restart our Second Saturday Pancake Breakfasts in October. Good news: we are rolling the price back to \$3.00! We will be serving pancakes, bacon, sausage and juice. So come start your day out right by eating a delicious breakfast with your community on October 11th from 7:30 am to 9 am.

We have continued to hold monthly birthday parties on the third Sunday of the month all summer. Of course, we will keep on holding them, with the next ones to be September 21st and October 19th at 4:00 pm. These are fun events for **our whole community**, not just for those with a birthday. Come on out, bring a side dish to go with free hamburgers and birthday cake, and help your neighbors celebrate. Sing Happy Birthday to the birthday people. Help them eat their cake. Visit with you neighbors.

Mary Shaw



HARMONY HIGH VOCAL GROUP

Our first special entertainment of the season will be the Harmony High Vocal Group on October 11th at 7 PM. This women's quartet specializes in comedy but tailors their music to their audience. Come to a lasagna by Chuck Heit at 5:30 PM and stay to listen to some fabulous singing. Check in the clubhouse for a signup sheet and more information including costs.

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Sign up! Don't forget. Sign up!

Our cooks need to know.

TGIF Potluck. Fridays at 4:30 PM for happy hour and dinner 5:30 PM. Bring a side dish, salad or dessert. \$2.00

Labor Day Party, Friday, **Sept. 1st.**
(See article, page 5)

Grandparents Day, Sunday, **Sept. 7th.**

Birthday Party. Sunday, **Sept. 21st**
at 4:00 PM. Cost: Free main dish and dessert, but bring a side dish.

Ladies Luncheon: Monday, September 29. 12:30 PM. (See article, page 5)

Golf summer schedule: M/W/F, 8 AM.
Closed approximately Sept. 22 until Oct.

Bingo: Thursdays at 6:30 PM. Cash prizes!

Cards: Check the board for sign ups.

Pool Exercises: 9:00 AM, Contact: Martha 854-0110

Ceramics: Tuesdays at 1 PM in the craft room. Contact: Marge Jankowski, 654-2151.

Activities on Hold in September:

The following activities are still on hold: Ladies golf, Carving, Chorus, Shuffleboard, TOPS and Quilting, Exercises and Weights.

There will be no Manager's meetings or HCC Board meetings in September.

Activities still on Hold in October:

Carving, Chorus, TOPS and Quilting. Watch for start up announcements.



September Birthdays

- 2nd Avis Fisher #190
- 3rd Betty West #9
- 3rd Joe Johns #241
- 4th Connie Zarbock #90
- 4th Exola Thompson #174
- 4th Rosalie Nichols #133
- 4th Irene Helm #227
- 6th Shirley Leppink #180
- 8th Clarys Dembowski #49
- 8th D. Bruce Nichols #133
- 13th Carol Nelson #228
- 14th Monroe Hausman #20
- 15th Patsy Ann Totten #65
- 16th Pat Hobart #126
- 16th Jack Sim #176
- 16th Daniel Headrick #254
- 16th George Baxter #187
- 18th Ann Baxter #187
- 18th Fran Burr #242
- 20th Susan Dunham #247
- 21st Al Schaible #219
- 23rd Barbara Peters #224
- 24th Bill Stout #74
- 25th Em Zackoski #243
- 26th Ed Nicholson #192
- 29th Janice Young #108
- 30th Judy Specht #83
- 30th Betty Spaulding #100

September Anniversaries

- 3rd Charles & Judy Specht #83
- 4th Patrick & Penny Ryan #130
- 9th Don & Kathleen Peterson #123
- 9th Art & Barbara Nixon #208
- 16th Terry & Betty Spaulding #100
- 20th Eric & Mary Shaw #86
- 20th Vern & Carolyn Johnson #153
- 27th Jerry & Kyla Jackson #106
- 27th Jack & Barb Newkirk #143



OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Don't forget to sign up!

Our cooks need to know how many to plan for.

TGIF Potluck. Friday. 4:30 PM for happy hour and dinner 5:30 PM. \$2.00.

Birthday Party. Sunday, **October 19th** at 4:00 PM. Cost: Free main dish and dessert, but bring a side dish.

Ladies Luncheon: Monday, October 27 at 12:30. (See article, page 5)

Golf summer schedule: Course closed most of month. M/W/F, 9 AM after course is open. Watch for signs.

Bingo: Thursdays at 6:30 PM. Cash prizes!

Cards: Check the board for sign ups.

Weights: M/W/F, Friday. 7:45 - 8 AM with Mary O'Connor. Watch for start.

Chair Exercises: M/W/F, 8 - 8:30 AM with Maureen Hobart. Watch for start.

Pool Exercises: Daily, 9:00 AM. Contact: Martha 854-0110

Shuffle board: Tu/Th, 10 AM. No sign-up necessary, just show up!

Ceramics: Tuesdays at 1 PM in the craft room. Contact: Marge Jankowski, 654-2151.

Manager's Meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 9AM.

HCC Board Meeting. Tuesday, October 14, 5:30 PM

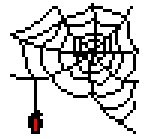
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Oct. 11: Harmony High Vocal Group and a special dinner. 7 PM

Oct. 25: Ice Cream Social with Don Ford. 2:30 PM

Oct. 31: Halloween Party with Area 3.

October Birthdays



- 2nd Pert Degen #21
- 2nd Martha Nicholson #192
- 3rd Adeline Arnt #160
- 3rd Michael Flattum #169
- 3rd Emma Smith #235
- 5th Mickey Wilson #15
- 5th Jack Newkirk #143
- 6th Randy Britto #240
- 6th Lorrie Johnson #1
- 8th James Woods #262
- 8th Carl Rozelle #118
- 8th Arlene Kivett #200
- 11th Frank Flynn #201
- 12th Warren West #9
- 16th Kent Ricks #80
- 17th Bernice Erickson #81
- 17th Dutch Hurrish #12
- 17th Jacki Beard #112
- 18th Keith Bissell #79
- 20th Hazel Mumm #67
- 21st Virginia Hanna #262
- 22nd John Shenberger #244
- 23rd John Woerner #113
- 23rd Bob Schenzel #177
- 25th Victor Orn #236
- 26th Peggie Woerner #113
- 26th Jerry Jackson #106
- 27th Robert Hoskin #27
- 28th Joseph 'PaPa Joe' Bellino #133
- 28th Norma Johnston #88
- 29th Mary Perkins #88
- 29th Patrick Ryan #130
- 30th Dudley Jans #116
- 30th Mary Bergman #225

October Anniversaries

- 12th George & Ann Baxter #187
- 19th Bill & Sandi Wilson #229
- 25th Dudley & Ronnie Jans #116
- 27th Jim & Jan McDaniel #47