

QUARTERLY TIMES

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Say Hi to QT

Welcome to the Quarterly Times, the newsletter of the HP2 Homeowners Association. Its name conveys its frequency, timed to occur shortly after each of the board of trustees regular meetings. QT intends to serve as one of several communication links between the board and its member homeowners and neighbors. It will be delivered by email, our neighborhood Facebook page and the HOA website, the latter conveniently storing the HOA Bylaws, CC&R's (Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions), and email access to board officers, among other information. Though delivered exclusively through digital means, printing and sharing copies as one wishes is always welcomed. Thank you for reading QT. Feedback on its content is always welcomed, too.



Your New Board of Trustees for '22-'23

Following the June 24 Annual Meeting, the newly formed board met July 9, elected officers and drafted its priorities and plans for the year ahead. Board members include neighbors Steven Richard, Kathryn Shultz, Rita Flaherty, Jason Scheffer, Ben Schwartz, Anthony Mirhaydari, Bob Paul and Mike Stevens.

Officers are President, Mike Stevens; Vice-President, Ben Schwartz; Treasurer, Rita Flaherty; and Secretary, Jason Scheffer. Means of contacting officers by email are available on the website (hp2hoa.com), and President Mike may also be reached by text or phone at 360-271-9308.



Play-set and Neighborhood Park TLC

Picking up on the momentum of our prior board, the playset and park, as our core common area, have received prompt and planned action. At its first meeting, the board identified both safety and budget prudence as priority issues. Since then, the new Maintenance Committee has conducted a careful review of the structure and its components. Conclusion is the set's safe operation, appearance and durability may be materially boosted with various replacement parts. Work will soon be underway by committee volunteers to make those improvements. To be determined is the playset's

remaining safe lifespan. In preparing for eventualities, the board will poll the neighborhood on options in assuring the park's appeal and value. Watch for updates.

Meanwhile, park landscape maintenance services are being sought as President Mike, Outback Lawn Care owner, has officially volunteered his resignation as paid contract vendor to the HOA. Bylaws clearly forbid remuneration to board members. Mike will provide landscape services to the park on a pro bono basis until a replacement vendor is secured.



Secretary and Maintenance Committee member Jason Scheffer conducts close review of the playset in an inspection by the committee Saturday, July 23.

Fun With Weeds

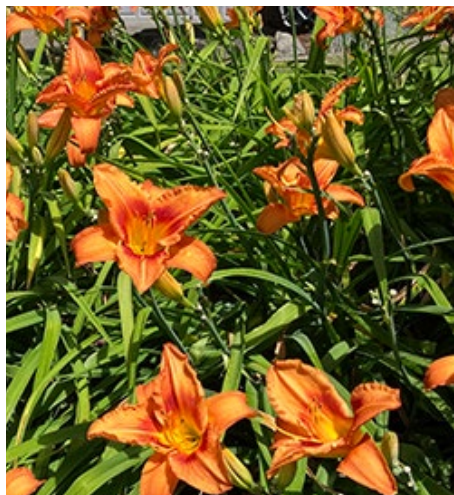
Impossible. Misleading headline, sorry. A weed is anything growing where you don't want it. Definitions aside, what are good strategies in combatting weeds? Here are some strategies from Sunset Western Garden Book:

1. Pull 'em. By hand or by hoe. (My stirrup hoe is in my Top Three garden tools.)
2. Mow and weed-whack, cutting weeds before their flower heads (seeds) mature and scatter.
3. Smother. Use heavy cardboard, or newspapers or black plastic (least preferred due to preventing water movement) or landscape fabric.
4. Cover. With mulch (bark, wood chips, etc.)
5. Apply herbicides. Cue the debate here as to which, but here's a popular home remedy--*1 tablespoon dishwashing liquid (to create leaf adhesion) *Quarter-cup salt *One quart vinegar. Another home remedy--*Two tablespoons rubbing alcohol *One quart water.
6. Many store-bought herbicides—key is reading and being obsessively loyal to the directions. More is never better.
7. Pre-emergence herbicides—like Preen—thwart weed-seed germination, but only work before weeds emerge. They are a good strategy once you've done everything else, above.

And P.S., your neighbors will love you for your efforts. Admittedly editorializing. Smiley face here.

A timely lawn care tip everyone here already knows

Many green lawns go blonde this time of year, at the owner's discretion. That straw color does not represent a dead lawn, but rather one that has only gone dormant, or asleep. It'll emerge green again as soon as the Fall, Winter and Spring rains, or your sprinkler systems, pour again. It's a personal choice. As for trees and perennials, water remains beneficial to their short- and long-term health.



A beautiful display of Daylilies adorns the view along the Amethyst Loop sidewalk. Spring and Summer blooms throughout HP2 have been a joy to observe, thanks to our many gardeners. Spoiler alert—HP2's many Japanese Maples will be the star attractions coming this Fall.

Architectural Control Committee and Submitting Plans

Quite evident in recent months and years is the level of investment made in HP2 homes and landscapes. New roofs, siding, landscapes, retaining walls, painting, fences and major repairs of all types have occurred throughout the neighborhood, and that's great. As directed by bylaws, the Architectural Control Committee is an ongoing board entity which exists to review plans required of various exterior home or landscape projects. ('Harmony of external design' is cited in our CC&R's an objective of plan submission and review.) Plan details may be submitted in writing to High Pointe II, P.O. Box 2766, Silverdale, 98383, or online at hp2hoa.com. See the CC&R's on our website, Article V, 'General Restrictive Covenants.' Which projects require plans and details thereof are cited in the CC&R's. The committee assures prompt review and turnaround on plan submissions.

Possible Updates to Bylaws, CC&R's in '22-'23

Accepted by the board as a to-do for the '22-'23 term is to research, develop, and propose for vote by members, possible

updates to our Bylaws and CC&R's. Thirty years old, some verbiage is arguably due for refreshing, due to any combination of needing to be clearer, reflecting tools borne by technology or that the neighborhood's footprint of homes has reached a built-out status. Watch this space and share input as you wish.

Meet the Neighbors

Mike and Ali Mosa
Amethyst Loop
HP2 Members since 2018



These equally friendly and fascinating neighbors are retired law enforcement officers with combined experience serving Chicago, Los Angeles, Beverly Hills and Hollywood. Oh, the amazing stories they could tell! Well, actually, Ali has. She is international best-selling author Chris Karlsen. For more information, visit www.chriskarlsen.com.

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