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Association Board Meetings are fourth Tuesdays at 7:00PM (except Dec), with meet and greet Feb, Jun, Oct starting at 6:30PM. Annual Homeowner meetings are in September. All meetings are at Fairwood Golf & Country Club.

OPT IN and UPDATE!

OPT IN to receive notices, ballots, proxies, and other forms of communication relevant to your interests in the Association by electronic means.

UPDATE your telephone, too. Our 24/7 security force relies on telephone to contact homeowners in the event of emergency, for vacation checks, and to notify you of an open garage or other security issue.

Return your UPDATE and OPT IN forms today!

The Fairwood Greens Homeowners' Association Board continually seeks to better communicate to our 1,500 residents. Be sure to check out the new look for the association's website and join our facebook page. We hope you enjoy the second installment of our association's newsletter. We welcome your comments sent to contact@fairwoodgreens.org (subject line: NEWSLETTER).

In this issue

- Judy Seidel retires as office manager after 24 years of excellent service to our community
- Meet the association's new office manager, Keri Metz
- Common Properties brings you an update and plans for the future of our parks
- Prepare for July's community-wide garage sale
- Announcing our August concert series performers
- LAST SPLASH, the best family fun day ever!

Monitoring for Community Aesthetics

The property maintenance committee has resumed the practice of volunteers providing community monitoring. Please take a look at your property to ensure that it meets the expectations of the association's R&R for aesthetics. Your neighbors count on you to maintain lawns, with no bare spots and free of leaves and debris. Planting areas shall be free of weeds and edged and rock or other landscape walls shall be in good repair, free of weeds and moss. Driveways, walkways, and sidewalks shall be free of moss, with no grass/weeds growing in cracks. Woodpiles shall not be visible from the street at any time. Vehicles and recreational vehicles of any type shall not be parked or stored on grass or grounds of the front or side yards.

THANK YOU, JUDY!

Twenty four years ago, Judy Seidel accepted the role of recording secretary for our community. She was grateful to have an at home job when she was raising children, and she was well suited for the role with her degree in accounting. Judy assumed the role of bookkeeper four years later, then eight years later became our office manager. She has been integral to our association and its board, ensuring our association meets its obligations and functions within all governing documents.

Not only has Judy kept our association running smoothly, she has given her personal time to ensure that LAST SPLASH is a great family time by purchasing supplies and giveaways. Judy remains a valued community member and a great neighbor.

WELCOME KERI!

Welcome Keri Metz as the association's office manager. Keri has a background in accounting and property management, previously managing ten homeowner associations. She has three young children, all under six. Keri most recently worked for an attorney's office where she was responsible for accounting and payroll, and managed social media. Her experience includes all aspects of office administration.

Keri is a contract staff member for the association and assumes responsibility for communications and bookkeeping within the community. We are excited to have Keri assume this important role and welcome her contribution to our neighborhood.

PARKS UPDATE

Over a year ago, the board began long deferred maintenance at Allen Park, the largest of our two community parks. We established a subcommittee, gathered input from roughly 60 who responded to an initial survey, and developed a plan to include repairing and repainting sports courts, refurbishing benches, replanting vegetation, and extending paths around the park. A pilot for introducing trash cans to Allen Park saw an increase in trash collected, but did not reduce the overall litter on park grounds. The pilot is currently closed, but we will consider revisiting this in the future. To the delight of many, and from the support of almost 50 donators, we allowed some new neighbors (the bears) to take up park residence as well.



Closing out the first phase of work at Allen Park, we are replacing basketball court backboards, installing new tables, and adding more benches. We thank all Fairwood Greens residents for your support throughout the project, with a special thanks to the volunteers who dedicated significant time and energy to see this phase to completion. A new parks subcommittee was formed in January to develop plans for the next stage of park improvements, largely focused on children's play structures. The subcommittee developed a survey to gather initial input from Fairwood Greens residents on park usage and what they'd like to see improved at both parks. Over 370 responded to our survey in March. Thank you to those who responded. Survey results revealed:

- Over 75% of respondents identified that they would like to see play equipment at both parks improved.
- The majority of respondents visit our parks less than once a month (60% for Allen Park, 77% for Toddler Park).
- There is strong preference to keep Toddler Park a natural area.
- There is less interest in workout stations added to Allen Park.
- 60% are willing to pay a special assessment to contribute to improvements.

While Allen Park's play equipment is in need of being replaced, Toddler Park has lost part of its equipment due to irreparable damage. Play equipment by itself can cost over \$500,000 for one park, not including installation or land improvements needed prior to install. Funding has to be addressed as well. Over the next few weeks, the parks subcommittee will use this data to determine the appropriate next steps for both parks, such as minor near-term improvements and equipment replacement. Recognizing current economic climate, the subcommittee and board have a lot to consider prior to decisions on funding needs. We look forward to working with everyone over the coming years as parks improvement phases advance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

July 8-9-10, 9AM-5PM

- The association will advertise the community wide event, but participants are encouraged to also advertise their location.
- Plan for success! Set up an hour before and display well.

Garage
SALE

AUGUST CONCERT SERIES

Sunday nights in Allen park!
Bring your lawn chairs, blankets,
picnics, and libations for
some summer fun.
All concerts start at 5PM.

Performers include:

7th Pamelagrace Jazz

14th SoulFunktion

21st Lukas Rose

28th Free Rain

LAST SPLASH September 11

1PM - 4PM

Bring the family to Allen Park for a day of fun! Association board members will serve up popcorn, hot dogs, and sno cones. Kids will enjoy rock wall climbing, jumping, sliding, and bouncing. Adults will enjoy our annual drawings - remember to bring those postcards!

Did you know that we apply for and receive a grant from King County for this event each year? We were awarded \$3,000 this year! The event is free to all and the Fairwood community is invited.

VOLUNTEERS ARE IMPORTANT!

We thank those who step forward to serve on the association board, who work to improve our parks, who lend their expertise to update our website and create our Facebook page, and those who place/remove our flags. You keep our association costs down and we are grateful for each of you.

We welcome others who may have skills that will benefit our community. Send a note to contact@fairwoodgreens.org. There's a place for you to serve!