

Victoria Park Homeowners Association

Newsletter for the second quarter of 2007



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Newsletter - Summer 2007

2007 Victoria Park Community Garage Sale Review

The 2007 Garage Sale season was kicked off by 34 homes in Victoria Park on Saturday, June 2. Some customers this year mentioned that it seemed bigger than years past but some lifelong residents noted that the turnout paled in comparison to ten or fifteen years ago.

Thanks go out to the organizers, the Events Committee members, and to all who participated.

If you have suggestions for how next year's event might be improved please contact the Events Committee Co-Chairs, **Sandra Meyer** or **Michelle Hammer**.

Yearly Dues Collection Nearing Completion

The Board of Trustees of the Victoria Park Homeowners' Association would like to express their thanks to the overwhelming majority of Victoria Park homeowners who have submitted their dues of \$100 for the current year. As of mid-May, payments have been received from over 95% of homeowners.

For those few homeowners that are delinquent in their dues (VP covenants state that dues are to be submitted by January 1st each year), the Board is obligated to file liens against their properties.

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Clearing the lien is very expensive for the delinquent homeowner. Currently, the total lien includes the basic dues (\$100), a 6% per year interest charge (as established by the covenants), a lien recording fee (\$68), and finally attorney fees for filing and then clearing the lien (\$270). Thankfully, the Board has not had to exercise the lien process frequently.

If you have any questions or comments about liens or the lien process you are asked to contact Board President **Matt Devine**, or Board Treasurer **Alan Zullig**.

Do you have any comments or suggestions for the VPHA newsletter?
Would you like to submit an article or would you like to consider advertising in the VPHA newsletter?

Contact the Newsletter Editor, **Lief Zimmerman**.

Officers and Board Members

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English Ivy in Greenbelt

Greenbelt Committee volunteers have spent many hours this spring cutting English Ivy from the base of approximately 50 trees within the Victoria Park greenbelt. The committee is intending to remove English Ivy from all greenbelt trees by the end of summer.

If you spot any tree within the greenbelt being attacked by English Ivy, that has not yet been serviced by the committee, please call **Matt Devine** (425-226-6933) with details so the tree can be addressed.

Matching Grant

Received by Victoria Park

A resident within Victoria Park who wishes to remain anonymous has graciously provided a grant to the Victoria Park Homeowners' Association that is to be used towards renovation of the Children's Park.

The grant will reimburse two dollars to the association for every three dollars of total expenditure on new equipment, or on the renovation of existing equipment. The grant may be used to purchase or renovate benches, tables, or playground equipment, up to a maximum of **\$5,000** reimbursement.

Terms of the grant include the restrictions that the grant money is not to be used for routine maintenance such as painting and wood chip replenishment, and the grant money must be spent no later than October 1, 2008. The Victoria Park Board of Trustees wishes to gratefully thank the anonymous donor for this wonderful offer.

For additional information see *Children's Park Work Party* on page 3.

2007 Neighborhood Picnic!

Talbot Hill, Victoria Hills, & Victoria Park

Come Meet Your Neighbors and City Officials!

Thursday, August 2nd

6:00-8:00 P.M.

Thomas Teasdale Park

(601 S. 23rd Street - Behind Talbot Hill Elementary School)

Side dishes are provided by everyone who attends

So...If your last name begins with:

A to M = Bring a Salad or Side dish

N to Z = Bring a Dessert

Questions or Comments

Teri Katzer (Talbot Hill) 425-277-0865
Richard Morris (Victoria Hills) 425-255-5520
Sandra Meyer (Victoria Park) 425-255-8005

Victoria Park is still looking for more volunteers. Contact Sandra Meyer at 425-255-8005

FUN & GAMES...

Hula hoop contest, bean bag toss, tug of war, sack race, hurdle jump races, parachute games and more!

Sponsored by the Victoria Park, Talbot Hill, and Victoria Hill neighborhoods, and City of Renton Neighborhood Program

Advertising

Advertising in Victoria Park Newsletter

The Victoria Park Board of Trustees have begun allowing advertisements from parties within Victoria Park. The rules have not been codified but here are some guidelines if you would like to advertise in this quarterly newsletter.

- The Victoria Park Board has final say on acceptable content.
- There shall not be any adult only content.
- There shall not be any politically oriented content.
- The advertisement shall only represent a Victoria Park resident (No Friends/Family).
- Advertisement placement is at the discretion of the Newsletter Editor including colors, space availability, sizing etc.
- Advertisements shall always be clearly labeled as advertising.
- Advertisements shall cost \$30 for inclusion in one newsletter payable to Victoria Park Homeowners Association.
- The Victoria Park Board reserves the right to cancel advertising in the newsletter at any time and for any reason.

If you have any questions you can send an email to newsletter@vpha.net or call Lief Zimmerman at 425-254-8686



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Children's Park Work Party

On April 29th Children's Park committee Co-Chairs Robert Rantucci and Lief Zimmerman organized a work party to perform some much needed maintenance on the grounds of the Park. Many blackberries were removed and the benches and picnic table were repaired and re-painted. Thank you to the neighbors for supplying water and power for the efforts.

The next work party to continue clean-up in the Children's Park is scheduled for **Saturday, August 18 at 9AM.** Contact Robert or Lief with suggestions

You may also have noticed that the merry-go-round was dissembled. At some point in early spring the merry-go-round developed a dangerous tilt, and after disassembly it was found that two of the main support bolts had sheared off at ground level.

The Board has not yet found a reputable company that is willing to perform the necessary repairs, and the board is also reluctant to accept volunteer labor because of liability concerns. Other options, including replacement of the merry-go-round with a different piece of equipment, are being considered. So for now, the merry-go-round remains disabled.

Thanks to the generous Victoria Park resident (see *Matching Grant Received by Victoria Park* on opposite page) the Children's Park committee has many options to investigate. You will begin seeing upgrades in the Children's Park this summer.

If you have any comments or suggestions for Children's Park upgrades please contact either **Robert Rantucci** or **Lief Zimmerman**.