

Victoria Park Homeowners Association

Newsletter for the first quarter of 2008



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Officers and Committee Assignments

At the first board meeting of 2008 Officers were elected and Committee assignments were made.

2008 VPHA Officers

Matt Devine	President
Sandra Meyer	Vice President
Lief Zimmerman	Secretary
Alan Zullig	Treasurer

2008 VPHA Committee Assignments

Architectural Control	Bob Rantucci, Dale Hoover
Children's Park	Lief Zimmerman, Bob Rantucci
Greenbelt	Matt Devine, Glyn Gardner
Maintenance Oversight	Dale Hoover, Ulf Goranson
Entrance Properties	Sandra Meyer, Michelle Hammers, Ulf Goranson
Newsletter	Lief Zimmerman, Michelle Hammers
Special Events	Sandra Meyer, Michelle Hammers
Website	Matt Devine, Michelle Hammers, Alan Zullig

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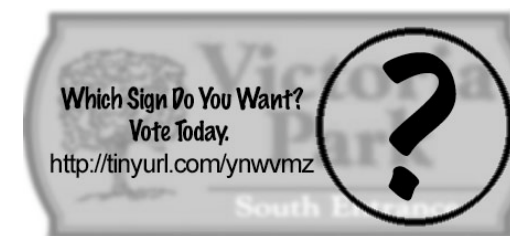
New Sign at South Entrance to Victoria Park

The VPHA Board has voted to install a new "Victoria Park" sign at the south entrance, at S. 27th Pl. A grant application has been submitted to the City of Renton requesting half the cost to install this new sign. The grant is expected to be approved, but we won't know the final results of this application until late April or early May. Regardless, there will be a new sign at this entrance sometime this summer.

To accomplish this project and to satisfy the terms of the proposed grant, neighborhood volunteers will be needed to help install the sign, its protective roof, and the sign lighting. We need as many volunteers from the neighborhood as possible and if you have a craft to contribute, let us know. We may need a volunteer electrician (level 6 license), people with carpentry skills to build a roof over the new sign, and other non-specialists to dig, pound nails, or do whatever else is necessary.

Officers and Board Members

Board Member	Office	Committee Assignments	Phone Number
Matt Devine	President	Green Belt / Website	425-226-6933
Sandra Meyer	Vice President	Events / Entrance Properties	425.255-8005
Lief Zimmerman	Secretary	Newsletter / Children's Park	425.254-8686
Alan Zullig	Treasurer	Website	425.228-1570
Dale Hoover	Board	Maintenance Oversight/Architectural	425.228-5448
Michelle Hammers	Board	Events / Entrance Properties / Newsletter	425.430-4225
Glyn Gardener	Board	Green Belt	425.430-4225
Ulf Goranson	Board	Entrance Properties / Maintenance Oversight	425.255-8614
Robert Rantucci	Board	Architectural / Children's Park	425.235-6122



We have created a survey showing different options for the sign linked on the VPHA website where you may vote once on your preference.* We will also be having a neighborhood meeting on Wednesday, May 28th from 6:30-7:30 PM to show those who do not have access to computers the various choices. VPHA board members will be present to answer any questions you may have regarding the project.

The work is anticipated to begin in June and end by September with several work parties set up during those months. If you have questions or would like to volunteer please call Sandra Meyer at 425-255-8005.

* You may also visit the survey directly at <http://tinyurl.com/ynwvmz>

2008 Events Calendar

At the first board meeting of 2008 the Victoria Park board created the 2008 Events Calendar.

Day	Event
Saturday May 10, 2008	Children's Park Work Party
Wednesday May 28, 2008	South Sign Neighborhood Meeting (See Page 1)
Saturday June 6, 2008 Sunday June 7, 2008	Annual Community Garage Sale
Thursday August 7, 2008	2008 Neighborhood Picnic
Monday, January 26, 2009	Victoria Park General Homeowners Meeting

Announcement - Coyote Warning

Coyotes have been spotted within Victoria Park many times in the first few months of 2008. Although the presence of coyotes in Victoria Park during winter months is nothing new, they may be present in larger numbers than has been previously experienced, and they have killed several cats and dogs. Homeowners are urged to take action as described below to avoid attacks on persons and pets.



According to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, attacks on humans by coyotes is relatively rare, although in 2006 two young children were bitten in Bellevue by coyotes while their parents were nearby. The coyotes unusually aggressive behavior in this instance likely resulted from being fed by people. Attacks by coyotes on dogs and cats is not unusual, and should be considered common in urban settings.

To minimize conflicts with coyotes, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife encourages the use of the following strategies around your property and in your community:

- * Don't leave small children unattended where coyotes are frequently seen or heard.
- * Never feed coyotes.
- * Don't give coyotes access to garbage.
- * Prevent access to fruit (from trees) and compost.
- * Feed dogs and cats indoors.
- * Don't feed feral cats.
- * Keep dogs and cats indoors, especially from dusk to dawn.
- * Modify the landscape around children's play areas (i.e., prune trees and shrubs so coyotes can't hide in them).
- * Build a coyote-proof fence.

Additional information on coyotes can be found at the following web site:

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/living/coyotes.htm>

Children's Park Update

As reported previously, the board has approved the purchase of a new merry-go-round for the Children's Park. It is scheduled to be installed at the upper (east) end of the park near the Big Toy and slide. There will be a special work party coordinated to distribute the wooden play chips around the base of the toy as soon as it is installed.



Map Your Neighborhood

"Map Your Neighborhood" is a program designed to help neighborhoods prepare for disasters and is offered through many local emergency management offices.

Remember: In a disaster, your most immediate source of help are the neighbors living around you.



Map Your Neighborhood
Facilitator Training
April 29, 2008
7:00 – 9:00 PM
Renton Technical College
Building H, Rm.102

Cost: **Free**
More information can be found at
http://www.emd.wa.gov/myn/myn_intro.shtml

Course Description

Going a step beyond personal emergency preparedness, which is not specifically addressed in this course, this training will prepare you to lead a 90-minute discussion with your neighbors. Together you will take inventory of the special needs and emergency resources that you have in your own neighborhood. Neighbors helping neighbors can make the difference in how well your community weathers the disaster. A free facilitator kit is provided to those who organize a neighborhood event following this training.

Advertising

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