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Newsletter - Q1 2012
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2012 Victoria Park HOA Officers and Committee Assignments

At the February HOA Board Meeting the following Officers were elected to serve for 2012.

Matt Devine continues as the President of the Victoria Park HOA. Ulf Goranson and Lief Zimmerman also continue to serve as Vice President and Secretary respectively. Victoria Park Treasurer, an appointed position, is again filled by Alan Zullig.

Committee assignments were also decided at the February meeting.

Matt Devine - GreenBelt and Website, **Ulf Goranson** - Architectural Control and Special Recognition, **Lief Zimmerman** - Newsletter and Website, **Alan Zullig** - Entrance Properties and Website, **Bob Rantucci**- Parks and Architectural Control, **Dennis Casadoro** - Regular Maintenance, **David Murphy** - Regular Maintenance, **Glyn Gardener** - Greenbelt and Entrance Properties, **KB VanHorn** - Parks and Special Events, **Anita Simonson** - Parks and Special Events.

2012 Calendar of Events

Tip: Events are typically posted on our vpha.net website much sooner than the newsletter can be published.

Event	Date	Notes
16th Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale	June 22-24	<i>Coming Up Fast!! More details below.</i>
Ice Cream Social	July 12	More details to come
Neighborhood Picnic	August 2	Bring some food to share and a small donation to the hungry families in Renton.
Annual Board Meeting (2013)	January 29, 7PM	Talbot Hill Elementary Library

Got Email? Remember that VPHA now offers this newsletter digitally. We can send it directly to your inbox, more efficiently, and in full color. All you have to do is send your name and address (or lot) to newsletter@vpha.net.

Victoria Park Receives Art Grant

Our Children's Park is a hidden gem in Victoria Park. Last year, a group of parents came up with an idea to create a mosaic in the park. A grant proposal was written, applied for through the City of Renton's Neighborhood Grant Program, and it was approved!

The Victoria Park Homeowners Association has been awarded a grant for \$700 to create a one-of-a-kind community-based art project in our park.

We want you to be a part of this project too!

The idea is to create a mosaic around the bench facing the swing set. In it, we plan to embed colorful marbles, tiles, rocks, and tiny trinkets. We are asking every person who lives in Victoria Park to contribute one item to this project. Items should be no larger than two inches across and non-biodegradable. Examples are: A rock from your front lawn, a marble, a plastic or metal toy, a broken tile or dish, and other small, solid trinkets. Please note your item will not be returned, but instead it will be embedded in cement, on display forever in the Children's Park.

At the end of June, several families will be coming door to door to explain this project and collect items. You may also drop them off in a basket located on the front porch @ 3001 Whitworth Ave. S.

Please make sure to have your items in by July 15th, as we plan to install the mosaic soon after.

If you have any questions or suggestions or would like to be included in the making of the mosaic, please contact KB VanHorn at kb.kokoleo@gmail.com.



Announcement - VPHA Community Garage Sale

from our Website

The sixteenth annual VPHA Community Garage Sale will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday June 22-24 beginning at 9:00 am each day. Ads announcing the garage sale will be placed in the Seattle Times and Little Nickel newspapers, and on Craigslist. Also, sandwich boards announcing the garage sale will be placed at the entrances to Victoria Park and near a few major local thoroughfares on the mornings of the garage sale. All residents of Victoria Park are invited to participate.

If you have never participated in a garage sale, well, it's pretty easy! All you really need is stuff that you want to sell, an idea of how much you want to receive for the stuff, and a place to sell it (on tables in your driveway, or on blankets on your front lawn works fine).

For more tips check out the full announcement on our website at vpha.net.

Picnic Table Back in the Children's Park

Early this spring, Robert, Alan, Robert, Glyn, Robert, Ulf the photo journalist, and oh - did I mention Robert? - ok. Well these fine volunteers worked to move the ill-placed picnic table that was once located along the greenbelt path back near it's original location in the Children's Park. - Good job team! -

Alan spent many hours painting (and repainting) these tables a beautiful deep green color.

Thanks to these volunteers we can now host an even bigger ice cream social this year!



New Covenants Enforcement Policy

The Victoria Park HOA Board has, in the past, fielded various complaints from neighbors asking for covenants to be enforced. Typically complaints are made verbally and tend to be matters for local police or subject to City of Renton, King County, Washington State, or even Federal authorities.

However infrequent, some complaints end up being handled by the Victoria Park Association board and through this process the board has recently discovered the need to update the policy for covenant enforcement.

The full text of the new Covenants Enforcement Policy is published, effective March 1, 2012, on the VPHA website (vpha.net) on the Policies page.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding this policy feel free to contact any of the board members or officers.

Stop Sign Enforcement Increased

Due to a number of complaints made to the city related to the number of drivers who don't heed the stop signs on 26th and Morris, city officials completed an inspection of the intersection.

While they found no need for flags, street markings, or other signage each of the signs have recently been updated with warnings reminding outbound drivers that incoming traffic (coming up 26th) does not stop.

Officials also indicated that enforcement measures may be considered (or even forthcoming) if problems continue.

