

# Hawthorne Station Homeowners Association News

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## **Thank You**

A huge "Thank You" to our outgoing HOA Board Members, Brenda Langer (President) and Erica Deutsch (Secretary) and a special "Thank You" to Holly Freligh who is graciously continuing as Treasurer.

During their term in office they:

- Initiated the "Association News" Newsletter prepared and distributed periodically to our Association
- Maintained the HOA Bylaws and CC&R documents
- Established documents defining the roles and responsibilities for Board officers
- Re-designed the Hawthorne Station website.
- Initiated a file system on the "SkyDrive" for current and archive HOA documentation

Visit our Hawthorne Station website at <a href="http://www.hawthornestation.com">http://www.hawthornestation.com</a> for current information including current and past Newsletters and Board meeting minutes.

Did you know that as a homeowner, you are responsible for the maintenance of the trees that are growing in the planting strips in the front of your home? It has come to our attention that not all of the trees are being pruned to maintain a uniform shape and the trees branches should not be any closer than six feet to the sidewalk. Mike from Double Eagle Landscape is available to prune each tree at an estimated charge of only \$40. To schedule Mike his phone number is <u>425.330.4060</u> and his Email address is <u>mike@doubleeagle.org</u>.

### **Annual Meeting**

Thank you to the homeowners who attended the annual meeting. Without you and your awesome ideas the association would not be able to function. Thank you to Paul Bishop and Allison Gibson for volunteering to serve as Directors on the Association's Board.

#### **Pets in our Community**

The board has received complaints regarding pet owners not picking up after their dog and dogs being off leash in our community. Please be a good neighbor by ensuring your dog is on a leash when outside your home as well as picking up after and disposing of their business. Thank you!

#### **Tree Suckers**

Some of the trees growing in the Hawthorne Station parking strips are actually two trees spliced or grafted together as seen in the picture. Occasionally, odd branches start growing from the base or the roots of the trees --- these are tree suckers. These need to be removed as soon as possible. A tree sucker will sap the energy away from the healthier and more desirable branches on top.

#### Tree sucker removal

Removing tree suckers is easy to do. Use a sharp, clean pair of pruning shears, and cleanly cut the plant sucker as close to the tree as possible, but leave the collar (where the tree sucker meets the tree) to help speed the wound recovery.

