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association director Fred Nystrom

Even More for 2020

One year ago we mailed the first revised edition of Klahanie Living. Since that first edition, we have published and mailed additional magazines to you every other month. This has given us the ability to provide all members with close to 100 articles dealing with services and programs that have a direct effect on your quality of life.

The magazine and the new web site are tools to provide you with current information on Association activities that can affect you, as well as alerts- like bears and road closures, new services and community events.

Speaking of new services, in the January issue we introduced the new HOA Benefits program. We have been working with local and national vendors who have products or services that deal with your home and yard. To be accepted into the program, each company must provide a discount to Klahanie residents that is greater than anything provided to non-residents. As an example, when you go into any of the local Sherwin Williams stores and give them the discount code of 5462, you will receive significant discounts on all paints, stains and equipment.

We will be adding new companies to the program as they are accepted and we are assured that their offers to you are valid and valuable. It is our goal to provide you with a very comprehensive list of companies to provide savings on your expenses for maintaining your home and landscape, all because you live in Klahanie.

Before you start any project, please check out the HOA Benefits portion of the Klahanie.com site to see if a company has been added that provides the products or services you need.

Thank you Fred Nystrom



Jim Wagele

has been a resident of The Willows for five years. Retired, his career was in the field of community development. (See article on Page 12)

Here Come the Cars PREPARING FOR UPCOMING ROAD CLOSURES

The Issaquah Fall City Road is planned to close later this month, and be closed for at least eight months. A bridge is being constructed between 247th at Pacific Cascade Middle School and Klahanie Drive. Most of the 2,000+ vehicles using the road each day heading either east or west, will be rerouted, with many of those drivers likely choosing Klahanie Drive/ Blvd. as the preferred option.

The access to IFCR at the Klahanie Center will remain open. This means that all west bound traffic will either turn right on Beaver Lake Road or Klahanie Drive. Many of those turning on Beaver Lake may elect to enter Klahanie on 39th and merge on to Klahanie Blvd. This could easily result in bumper to bumper, stop and go traffic in Klahanie for hours during each of the morning and evening rush hours. It only takes 200 vehicles to cause a mile long backup.

During the past summer, Association staff met with the City of Sammamish elected officials and staff to explore ways to lessen the impact on Klahanie residents. We brought forward ideas on adding stop signs or temporary signals at neighborhood entries to allow our residents to leave their neighborhoods. We discussed no street parking on the Drive or Blvd. to leave access for emergency vehicles to bypass traffic and adding more crosswalks.

While respectful of our concerns, their attitude was more of a "let's wait and see what happens and then we can respond." To date, they have added a crosswalk and plan on changing the duration of the signals at Issaquah Pine Lake Road. None of the other mitigating suggestions were adopted.

With the real impacts of the road closure about to be felt, we encourage you to call the City of Sammamish main number at 425. 295.0500. If you experience a dangerous situation with traffic, lack of ability to enter or leave your neighborhood, inability for fire, police or ambulances to get to your home, safety of children crossing the street, or cut-through traffic in your neighborhood, please call the Sammamish Police Department at 425.295.0770 or 911 in an emergency. While we have to share our Blvd and Drive with commuters, there is no reason that the safety of our residents should be comprised.

New Board Members

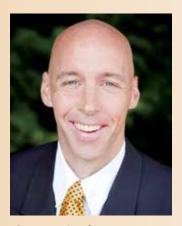
With the announcements of the election results for the new Board candidates, the Board has inducted two members. Please welcome Ted Klarich and Scott Leist as our newest Board members. In case you missed meeting them during their campaign, here is a little about them.



Ted Klarich and his wife, Sheryl have lived in Klahanie since 2000. They have two children Ryan in 8th and Andrew in 10th grade. Ted is a return Board member having served on the Board eight years ago. He has always believed in giving back to one's Community and is now ready for another three-year term.

Ted describes his strengths as "being organized and paying attention to detail, a good communicator and knowing how to bring people together through compromise."

Both Ted and Scott are currently selecting the Board committees they will serve on for the coming year.



Scott Leist and his wife, Sally moved to Klahanie in 1999. At that time he was a Seattle Police Officer with young kids. "In the past two decades, our family has changed. I am now a practicing attorney and our children are grown." Their daughters had their Klahanie experiences as Klahanie Sharks and later, as lifeguards and swim instructors at the pools. Scott now has more time to volunteer. He is on the Eastside Catholic Finance and Operations Committee and a member of the Issaquah Eagles. Through all, he remains focused on Klahanie - the parks, the Swim Team and, the KHOA Special Projects Committee. Scott looks for opportunities to serve and is excited to be serving on Board, to preserve and improve Klahanie.

In light of the coronavirus scares, nasty social media posting, and the national political discourse, I believe we all will benefit from a thoughtful reading of this short statement.

ATTITUDE

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more than facts, it is more important than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude...I am convinced that life is 10% of what happens to me and 90% how I react to it."

Charles Swindoll

A Neighborhood Legacy-THE KLAHANIE SWIM TEAM



The Klahanie Sharks are ready to dive into their 36th season! Maybe your child would like to join the team with 200 other Klahanie kids and their families. Come cheer on the team during the home meets starting mid-June. You can also enjoy dinner or snacks at the "Shark Café" right on deck during each meet. Anytime the pool is open, check out the team picture wall at the Mtn. View pool office. Over 5,000 Klahanie swimmers are represented there. Watch as young swimmers try to find the pictures of their parent, coach or swim instructor in the early team photos!

The Klahanie Swim Team offers kids ages 5 -18 the opportunity to compete in the 26 team Mid-Lakes Swim League. All swimmers earn awards and can track their improvement throughout the season. The most experienced swimmers will be challenged as they compete against the top athletes in the area.

Logan Senior says his family

joined the Sharks, "so we can get out of the house and swim." He adds, "you learn to swim and you grow up to be a really good swimmer." Younger brother, Lucas, says that he "likes the free pancakes." Mia Vander May says, "I like swim team because I get to be with my friends and in the swim meets you get to race." Older sister, Megan, adds, "It is also a great way to meet other people" and, "the coaches are really kind and want to help you get better."

For the past 25 years, the team has been led by Head Coach and Klahanie resident, Susan Simpkins. Susan also has coached the Skyline Swim Team for the past 19 years. Susan has six assistant coaches. Most coaches start their swimming careers as Sharks and have worked as Klahanie lifeguards. Former Shark parent, Deb Kadish says, "the coaches have a great balance between making sure the kids perform to the best of their abilities and knowing that swim team is also about having fun."



Klahanie Sharks



Another Shark parent, Yvette
Artman, sums it up for so many. "I remember my daughter Nora turned 5 the day of tryouts and she made the team! The swim team was a fantastic way to meet members of the Klahanie neighborhood, establish new friendships, and get plugged into our new community. All 3 of my girls were Sharks for several years. We never forgot the many fun practices and meets, donuts on the first Friday,

pancakes after practice at Lakeside pool, lightening breaks, taking long hot showers after practice, eating the best Shark cafe food, checking the folder for ribbons, eating pizza while hovering under a canopy at B champs during the pouring rain, enjoying the sun when it came out, and just having the BEST TIME EVER!!"

Come join the fun - Try-outs for new swimmers are, Monday or Tuesday,

April 27/28th from 4:15 – 5:45 pm at the Mtn. View Pool. Every family is required to volunteer approx. 10 hours each season. This helps keep team fees to a minimum plus provides a way for team families to give back to the neighborhood by participating in the upkeep of the pools, as well as the adjacent play areas, courts and parking lots. Check out the Sharks' website for questions or details at www.klahanieswimteam.org.



New Additions to the

HOA Benefits Program



The goal of the HOA Benefits program is to provide Klahanie residents with the ability to make discounted purchases for products and services needed to maintain their homes and yards. Each of the companies accepted into this program has been vetted to ensure a quality experience at a reasonable price and each company is offering a discount because you are a resident of Klahanie.

We started by including companies like Sherwin Williams and Eastside Tree Service because they are already providing services to the KHOA. We receive discounts from them, based on the amount of business we do with them. It was a natural step to ask if those same discounts could be passed along to our residents. Once they agreed, we launched the HOA Benefits program to add others who have a good reputation for quality and who are willing to demonstrate their interest by providing discounts when you select them for your home and yard projects.

By the time you are reading this article, the companies listed here will have their product information and discounts listed on the Klahanie web site. Use the HOA Benefits tab to see the savings waiting for you.

In addition to the companies featured in the January edition of the magazine, we have added the following:

REFLECTIONS LANDSCAPING-

owner Jeff Skierka has provided several articles in past editions of this magazine showing the innovations and quality of their landscaping

RENEWAL BY ANDERSON-

provides a wide range of window replacement products.

EASTSIDE TREE WORKS-

provides comprehensive tree trimming or removal services.

Discussions are underway to add electricians, solar products, interior LED lighting and air duct cleaning. This process of selecting qualified suppliers will continue until all the major products and services for your home and yard can be found on the HOA Benefits site.



The Education Effect

It is a fact that there is a positive correlation between the quality of public education in a local community and its residential real estate values. From coast to coast buyers agree that good schools create desirable neighborhoods resulting in sound investments.

Here in Klahanie, there is no doubt that the quality of our school district is a key inducement for families to move here. Often, buyers specifically identify the Issaquah School District as critical to their neighborhood selection.

Even redistricting can have an impact on local real estate values. Often when a district constructs a new school or moves an elementary, middle, or high school boundary line, families make the switch too, selling to escape the 'old' neighborhood and repurchasing within the 'new' boundary. These moves often correspond to buyer's perception of 'better' schools. We may experience this as the new elementary school is opened in the Jacobs Creek area in the next year.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of NY, 'Buyers are willing to pay about 2.1 percent more for houses in districts with test scores that are 5 percent higher at the mean. Ranking in the top 5 school districts statewide, the quality of both the Issaquah School District and the Lake Washington School District continue to drive demand in our local market.

These numbers are supported by research from the National Association of Realtors and are applicable across the country. A study of Ohio school districts showed that an increase of about 20 percentage points in the proficiency



test "pass rate" increased home values in a school district by about 7 percent – even after considering other factors that can have an impact on home values.

Time and time again research finds general confirmation that communities with better schools are rewarded with higher housing prices, that the premium commanded by good schools can be quantified, and that ongoing investments in schools are returned to taxpayers faster in communities experiencing high housing demand. This is why even the empty nester households know that their vote for good schools is a vote to maintain their real estate investment. Thankfully, our Issaquah School District is at the top of the list.



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Thinking About a

Puppy This Year?

Assuming that you are prepared to have a puppy in your life and that you have the time necessary for such a joy....er, challenge, then here are some things to think about as you begin your journey.

1. What type of dog matches my lifestyle?

You want to avoid that situation in which you find that your adorable puppy grows into an adult dog that is completely incompatible with your lifestyle. You might like the looks of an energetic Siberian Husky...but if you dislike dog hair, lead a sedentary life, and live in a small condo- a Husky is probably going to be a disastrous choice. Think very carefully about how you live and what your needs and wants are – this will help you to make an intelligent, informed choice.

Read Paws to Consider by Brian Kilcommons and Sarah Wilson. Unlike most breed books, this one is arranged by owner lifestyle, rather than by dog breed. Among others, you'll find good options for the City Dog, The Nine-To-Five Dog, and the Low Shed Dogs, including pluses and minuses for each breed type.

2. Where should I get my puppy?

If you are interested in a purebred puppy, you might consider a reputable breeder. A good breeder will ensure that your pup is healthy and properly socialized when you are ready to take one home. Consider going to a dog

show, where you will not only have a great opportunity to talk to many different breeders, but also can meet some purebred rescue dogs there as well, all under one roof.

Rescuing a dog from a shelter or foster home can be a very rewarding experience, and there are several good ones on the eastside. Many shelter dogs make fantastic companions, and simply need an opportunity to settle into a forever home. Find out as much history as you can from the shelter.

3. Are there any situations I should avoid?

As a general rules, walk away from hand-raised puppies, pups with no littermates, or pups separated from their litter prior to six weeks of age. Be very careful if you choose a puppy through the Newspaper, from Craigslist, or via a pet store. These puppies can too often be from puppy mills or inexperienced breeders, and are usually under stimulated and under socialized, which can lead to serious behavior and health problems later in life.

So, remember, look at your needs, take your lifestyle into consideration and use available resources to help you choose your puppy accordingly. Once you have the right puppy, please learn and observe the Klahanie rules to keep your pet on leash at all times, to scoop, bag and deposit your dog's waste in the provided bins and never let your dog wander on to private yards.





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Free Basic-Swim skill class for 3rd Grade kids

According to pool industry experts, children who are finishing 3rd grade who have not yet learned basic swimming skills are more likely to develop a fear of water, and don't learn how to swim later in their life.

To enhance the safety of children in and around the Klahanie pools, we are offering a free basic class for 3rd graders who live in Klahanie. To enroll your child, register after April 1st on www.teamunify.com/cmkhoaa.

The program begins with a swim test on Sunday, April 26th, between 2:00 and 5:00 pm. If a child does not have the ability to pass the test, they can continue in a class with their age-mates. The class will focus on the basics to survive in water, which includes receiving safety talks, learning to float, treading water and basic swim skills in the deep end of our pool. All 3rd Grade kids receive a certificate at the end of test or class. This course is designed to get kids started for free, so they can continue on to any swim lesson program afterwards without fear.

Every child should be taught how to be safe around water and how to swim. The Aquatics program has a variety of classes for both youth and adults so that the entire family can learn to swim and enjoy the freedom of feeling safe around pools and water.



Pool Passes

AND WHY THEY ARE IMPORTANT

To obtain a pool pass for renters of apartments, condos, or single family homes, you are required to come to the office to register in person. The pool pass process is designed to prevent non-Klahanie residents from using the member's facilities.

All property owners are listed in an HOA management software known as Tops. The lifeguards use Tops to check that people coming to the pools are residents. If anyone comes to the pool and they are not registered in Tops, they are directed to come to the office to get a pool pass. Most often, this involves renters when the property owner has forgotten to have the renter's information added into Tops. Renter's information can be added after they provide proof that they are current renters. This is most easily done by presenting a copy of the first page of the rental agreement showing names, dates and address of the rental term.

Before the sun comes out and you are ready to hit the pool, check that your information is entered into Tops now. Our friendly office staff will be happy to check for you. Take the worry out of pool days.

Klahanie Car

By Jim Wagele

It's not easy getting around on the East Side if you don't have a car. Klahanie is no exception. Sometimes, for a variety of reasons, Klahanie residents may find themselves without a car or the ability to drive. The situation may be temporary or long term. Personally, since I am legally blind, I do not drive. I rely on my wife for most transportation needs, but sometimes I need another option and use a variety of providers, including public transportation. Here is some information that I have found helpful and that may assist you or someone you know in a search for transportation options.



Community Ride. This is the newest and most accessible resource for Klahanie residents

to get around Sammamish. Community Ride is a partnership of King County Metro and City of Sammamish. It will pick you up at your home, take you to your destination within the service area of Sammamish, and later pick you up for a return trip home! Community Ride costs the same as any Metro Transit fare and includes transfers to Metro Transit bus lines at no additional cost. The service area includes all of Klahanie and the central part of Sammamish. While It will not take you directly to the Issaquah Highlands Park and Ride, it will take you to the bus stop at Klahanie Boulevard and Issaguah-Pine Lake Road, as well as the sheltered bus stop at the South Sammamish (Pine Lake) Park and Ride. At both, you can catch routes 216, 219 and 269, all of which do make a stop at the Highlands Park and Ride. For more information, including the service area map, go to: https://kingcounty. gov/depts/transportation/ news/2019/20190618-Sammamish-Community-Ride. <u>aspx</u>



The Orca Card. This

transportation card, which works like a debit card, will provide you with easy access to nearly all the public transportation options, including Community Ride. You can get one and add funds at the Klahanie QFC Customer Service counter, or purchase online, by phone or by mail. Discounted fares are available for seniors, low-income, disability, and youth, but you must first apply to Metro transit to qualify.

Future Service. The City of Sammamish and Metro Transit plan to introduce a service called Community Van later this year. Community Van is a flexible rideshare option that provides community members with a new way to use public transportation by offering trips for neighbors to local destinations in and outside Sammamish. Community Van service offers trips throughout the day, evening, and weekends. Trips can be one-time events or recurring to popular destinations. Riders pay a standard metro fare for a round trip while the volunteer driver can ride for free.



Early Language Education even expose

Two-and-a-half year-old Mateo is already on his way to being a world citizen. He and his parents have been taking classes in Mandarin Chinese since he was just a few months old, learning together. From the outside and to Mateo, having fun is what it's all about. He sings and dances and hugs the furry white cat that he asks for in Mandarin. But while he's playing, a lot is going on in his brain.

In the first four years of life, a child's brain is focused on language acquisition—first on sounds, then grammar, and then vocabulary. The brain forms neural pathways in response to the language surrounding it. Amazing as it sounds, the brain wires itself in a particular way because of the language around the child, and

even relatively small amounts of exposure to a second language before the age of one make a difference in the development of those neural pathways.

How do these differently wired neural pathways affect children? Children who are exposed to language early recognize and produce sounds like a native speaker. As children get older, however, this gets much more difficult to do.

In addition, children who know more than one language have shown they understand that things can have more than one name—that language is, in effect, symbolic. This understanding leads to strong verbal and analytical skills. The cognitive benefits show up in academic tests. Children who have studied a foreign language score higher on testing in math and social studies, and even on their SATs.

While it's never too late to start learning a language, it helps to start young. A recent study from the University of Oregon shows that students who start learning in elementary school are 70 percent more likely to reach competency than those who start in high school.

Excellent pronunciation and success in academics are great benefits, but ultimately there's an even bigger benefit: the effect that knowing a second language has on a child's approach to interacting with people from around the world. Children who grow up embracing other languages and cultures aren't intimidated by someone who speaks or acts differently. They have the confidence and willingness to understand and appreciate other people and cultures. They are compassionate global citizens, and the world needs more of them.



Spring is the Perfect time to let the Pros Take Over Care of Your Yard

Make this spring the time you join the 200 other Klahanie families who no longer have to devote their weekends to doing yard work. In October of 2018 the Association interviewed numerous landscaping companies and selected Golden Rule Yard Care to launch a special discounted program for Klahanie families. Owner, Scott Young guaranteed to provide 26 visits per year and included most of the basic services all homeowners would need to maintain their yards and avoid compliance violations. These services include, lawn mowing, weeding of the planting beds, fertilizing and leaf and debris removal for a discounted monthly fee for the front and back yards.





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To help get the program launched, the Association agreed to add the monthly fees to the quarterly assessment billing. This program has been very successful and is now moving into an expanded level of services.

Now, when you sign up for the yard maintenance program, you will deal directly with Golden Rule and you can select the additional services you want. If you want grass seeding, more fertilization or more visits per month, they will cater the program to fit your requirements. For new customers, and at the renewal time for existing customers, Golden Rule will assume responsibility for invoicing you for the yard services. By fall, the Association will have shifted all the yard care charges over to Golden Rule and no further charges will be posted to your assessment account.

To contact Scott and sign up for this valuable program, please call **425.369.6866** or email him at scott@goldenrulelawns.com



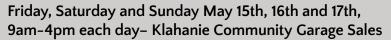
KLAHANIE - SPRING 2020

Saturday, March 14 11am-2pm @ Mountainview Park - Klahanie Holi Celebration

The Klahanie version of this traditional Hindu celebration of the start of spring will be held for the second year at Mountainview Park. Featuring cultural food, activities, music and of course, color everywhere!



The annual Klahanie Easter Egg Hunt is back! At Mountainview Park from 9:30–11am. There will be three age groups: 7 and up at 9:45, ages 3–6 at 10am and ages 2 and under at 10:15. Be sure to bring your baskets for eggs and it is usually wet on the grass so wear appropriate foot wear



It's time for the big one! People come from all over to hunt for treasures at the annual Klahanie Community Garage Sales. Maps, descriptions of your items for sale and signs will be provided by the HOA. Registration will begin in April.

Saturday, May 23rd 10am-2pm @ Lakeside Pool Parking Lot - Klahanie Electronics Recycle Event

Get rid of all unwanted electronics at the annual Klahanie Electronics Recycle Event. The final list of items that can and cannot be donated will be posted at www.Klahanie.com and on the Klahanie Facebook Page.

Saturday, June 13th 9am-12pm @ Lakeside Park - Klahanie 5K Fun Run and Picnic*

Come and join the fun at the annual Klahanie 5K Fun Run and picnic. Prizes will be awarded in the Men's, Women's and Kids (12 and under) categories. Following the run will be a picnic with Subway sandwiches!

*A few important changes this year: Registration is REQUIRED if you want a numbered bib. Registration will open in mid-May and go through June 8th. You are still able to participate if you don't pre-register, however, you will not be given a bib number, therefore, will not be timed. So, if you're in it to win it, pre-register! Registration will start at 9am and the race will start at 10am.

Saturday, June 27th 9:30am-12pm - Klahanie Independence Day Parade

It's the annual Klahanie Independence Day parade! Starts at 10am sharp at Klahanie park and marches down the Blvd to Lakeside Park. Once at Lakeside Park, there will be music, games, costume contests and everyone's favorite Shave Ice!













Committed to the Klahanie Community

Annual Klahanie Food Drive



Bob founded the Annual Klahanie Food Drive in 1988 to benefit the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank. Since that time, the yearly event has provided more than 90 tons (180,000 pounds)

of food to needy families in the area.

4th of July Boulevard Flags



Bob has been demonstrating his patriotism and helps Klahanie Residents celebrate the 4th of July holiday each year by

lining the boulevard with flags since 1985.

Windermere Foundation



If you've bought or sold a home through Windermere Real Estate, you're a part of the Windermere Foundation, and you've made a positive difference in the lives of your neighbors in need. Every time a Windermere sales associate sells a home, a portion of the

commission goes to the Windermere Foundation, a non-profit organization established in 1989. Contributions from Windermere agents combined with contributions from Windermere employees and public supporters have allowed the Windermere Foundation to distribute over \$2 million annually in recent years to non-profit agencies dedicated to helping homeless and low-income families.

Shredding Events



As a community service, Bob provides a free shredding event at his Annual Food Drive. Additionally, the Windermere Issaquah office hosts a free shredding and electronics recycling

event twice a year, giving residents a way to safely and professionally dispose of documents and electronics that they no longer need.

Windermere For Kids



Celebrating its 18th year, Windermere for Kids is one of the Eastside's most cherished traditions. Six Eastside Windermere offices gather at the Target at Factoria Square Mall. Their

mission? To share the spirit of the holidays with over 100 local school children and their families in need.

Community Service Day



Windermere launched its company-wide annual Community Service Day in 1984. All Windermere agents dedicate one day each year to work together on neighborhood improvement

projects. Bob, along with the other agents in his office, roll up their sleeves and pitch in to give back to the communities where they live and work.



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