

PHRA NEWS

What is the PHRA? The Panoramic Heights Recreation Association is a not-for-profit corporation that owns and operates the recreation facilities at the Panoramic Heights Park. The amenities include a large in ground swimming pool, small wading pool, playground with play equipment, baseball diamond, basketball court, soccer field and tennis courts. This area is an asset to each homeowner, whether by direct entertainment or visual enjoyment.

Thanks to all PHRA Members (active, inactive and guest members) for your support and patience this summer. New pool equipment purchases these past two years should help make next year the best ever! There will be a **general membership meeting Tuesday, November 13, at 7 p.m. in the Mid-Columbia Library on Union Street** to wrap up the season, plan for 2008, meet your current board members, vote for new board members and hear about the improvements being planned for the spring. Bring your ideas, questions and comments.

What a Summer! - Pool Update

We made it through another summer, this time under the care of our new Pool Manager, Brian Olson. Jo Bowlin-Johnson stayed on as his assistant.

Once again, we battled our antiquated equipment, including pumps, filter system and chlorinator – but we got them all replaced by using the emergency reserve fund. The various equipment problems caused the water to be cloudy and once, a lovely shade of green.

With the replacement of the chlorinator and one of the pumps this year, and the replacement of the heater last year, we only have one pump and our two-filter water filtering system to replace and we will have all new equipment.

Unfortunately, replacing all this equipment on an emergency basis has strapped us for funds. We are attempting to find ways of regenerating our funds so that we can continue to operate the pool. Some ideas are a neighborhood yard sale and an early membership drive. If you have any ideas for raising funds, please contact one of the board members.

More emphasis was placed on keeping the pool temperature at or above 80 degrees this summer. We hope the temperature was more enjoyable for you and your family this year. In an attempt to have consistently warmer temperatures in the future, we plan to install solar heaters. This way the pool will be warmed without the need to burn propane, our biggest expense, and we won't have to fight with the solar blankets every morning and evening.



Membership Rate on the Rise?

With the expenditures on much needed new equipment the last couple of years and an increase in costs for chemicals and propane, we are strapped for funds. On top of that, the Health Department is requiring some changes to the pool area before the 2008 season starts. Those changes include a new gate or better latching device, barriers in fence to restrict kids from climbing over the fence and more.

The only way to keep the pool afloat next year is to raise rates in the spring. As an incentive to our members, those that pay their 2008 dues in 2007, will pay at the current 2007 rate. **If you pay your 2008 dues by December 31, 2007, you will be able to avoid the increase.**

Membership payments and questions can be directed to Sharon Houser, Membership Chairperson, at 366-7389, or mail/drop off your payment to her house, 6000 W. 25th St.

The 2007 rate structure is:

- Active \$290 – use of all recreational amenities
- Inactive \$85 – use of all but pool (except for one week/year)
- Guests \$360 – use of all

The 2008 rate increase, projected to be about 10-15%, will be discussed and voted on at the November 13 meeting.

New Board Members Needed

The board is in need of three new board members for 2008. This is a great way to get to know your neighbors, increase security and well-being in our neighborhood and improve our quality of life. Get Involved - WE NEED YOU! **Come to the General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, November 13 at 7 p.m. at the Mid-Columbia Library.** If you are unable to make the meeting but are interested in serving on the board, contact Gail Everett, 737-0797.

Save Your Stuff

How about a neighborhood yard sale to help offset projected improvement costs? Start saving items in good condition now for a yard sale in the spring. Donations and help would be greatly appreciated. For more information contact, contact Jo Bowlin-Johnson at 783-7702.

Grounds Maintenance

If you notice a problem with grounds, please contact Clint Whitney at 735-4795. This includes broken sprinklers, playground equipment, gate or fence problems, tennis court issues or insect/wasp control.

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Web Site

Our association has a web site that is full of great information & even pictures of the new entrance sign. Check out <http://phha.4people.us>. If you have a question for a board member, feel free to send an email or contact them directly.

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