

# PANORAMIC HEIGHTS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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## HIGH DENSITY DEVELOPMENT ON THOMPSON HILL

As you may recall, last summer a developer proposed a high density residential development on Thompson Hill adjacent to Panoramic Heights. This is in addition to the Citadel Estates development between 25th and 26th Avenues. The high density development could involve up to 1,100 housing units, generating up to 8,000 vehicle trips per day. This would have major negative impacts on all of Panoramic Heights.

PHHA established a team of 25 people to oppose this development, led by Bill Dixon. The team submitted numerous concerns on behalf of PHHA, and an appeal on environmental impacts, which has delayed the City's decision until spring. We now expect the public hearing to be scheduled for mid to late March.

Over 1/3 of the Panoramic Heights homeowners have written to City officials to oppose this development. If you haven't done so yet, go to:

<https://panoramicheightshoa.com/urgent-proposed-high-density-development/>

There you will find information on how to make your family's voice heard. If you need more information, contact Bill Dixon at [wtdixon3@gmail.com](mailto:wtdixon3@gmail.com)

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# TOGETHER

*Each one of us can make a difference.*

*Together we make a change*

*- Barbara Mikulski*



Our Board Meetings have been changed to the 3rd Tuesday of every month. You're always invited!! Check page #7 for upcoming meetings or visit the calendar on our

website: [www.panoramicheightshoa.com/calendar/](http://www.panoramicheightshoa.com/calendar/)



## It's Another New Year...a little history



*It's Another New Year... "Happy New Year!" That greeting will be said and heard for at least the first couple of weeks as a new year gets under way. But the day celebrated as New Year's Day in modern America was not always January 1st.*

**ANCIENT NEW YEARS** - The celebration of the new year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. In the years around 2000 BC, the Babylonian New Year began with the first New Moon (actually the first visible crescent) after the Vernal Equinox (first day of spring). The beginning of spring is a logical time to start a new year. After all, it is the season of rebirth, of planting new crops, and of blossoming. January 1, on the other hand, has no astronomical nor agricultural significance. It is purely arbitrary. The Babylonian new year celebration lasted for eleven days. Each day had its own particular mode of celebration, but it is safe to say that modern New Year's Eve festivities pale in comparison. The Romans continued to observe the new year in late March, but their calendar was continually tampered with by various emperors so that the calendar soon became out of synchronization with the sun. In order to set the calendar right, the Roman senate, in 153 BC, declared January 1 to be the beginning of the new year. But tampering continued until Julius Caesar, in 46 BC, established what has come to be known as the Julian Calendar. It again established January 1 as the new year. But in order to synchronize the calendar with the sun, Caesar had to let the previous year drag on for 445 days.

**THE CHURCH'S VIEW OF NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS** - Although in the first centuries AD the Romans continued celebrating the new year, the early Catholic Church condemned the festivities as paganism. But as Christianity became more widespread, the early church began having its own religious observances concurrently with many of the pagan celebrations, and New Year's Day was no different. During the Middle Ages, the Church remained opposed to celebrating New Years. January 1 has been celebrated as a holiday by Western nations for only about the past 400 years.

**NEW YEAR TRADITIONS** - Other traditions of the season include the making of New Year's resolutions. That tradition also dates back to the early Babylonians. Popular modern resolutions might include the promise to lose weight or quit smoking. The early Babylonian's most popular resolution was to return borrowed farm equipment. The tradition of using a baby to signify the new year was begun in Greece around 600 BC. It was their tradition at that time to celebrate their god of wine, Dionysus, by parading a baby in a basket, representing the annual rebirth of that god as the spirit of fertility. Early Egyptians also used a baby as a symbol of rebirth.

**AULD LANG SYNE** - The song, "Auld Lang Syne," is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year. At least partially written by Robert Burns in the 1700's, it was first published in 1796 after Burns' death. Early variations of the song were sung prior to 1700 and inspired Burns to produce the modern rendition. An old Scotch tune, "Auld Lang Syne" literally means "old long ago," or simply, "the good old days."



## Let's Keep That "Holiday Spirit" All Year Long!

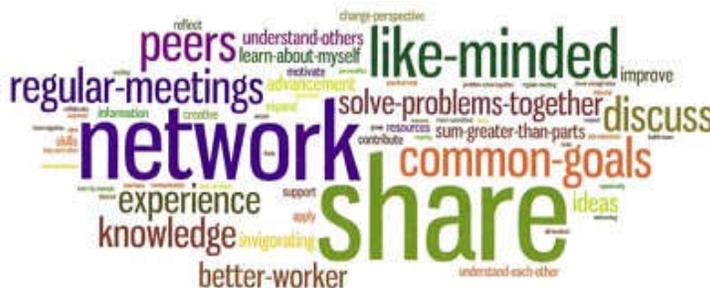


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uring the holidays we are often reminded of the diversity that

our world is made up of. People celebrate the holidays according to their separate heritage, traditions, and beliefs. But one of the common denominators that bring people of different race, religion and custom together is a desire to live in peace, harmony and happiness. It is a desire shared by all and it is best achieved through cooperation, compliance and respect. Our community is sort of

like a microcosm of the world. We are made up of people of varying differences, but we are all connected by the fact that we share a community together. And, although we have our differences in opinions, perceptions and desires, we too can benefit through cooperation, compliance and respect for our neighbors. During this holiday season as we celebrate in our own tradition, let's try to hold onto that spirit of unity, harmony and peace that all traditions embrace and apply it to all of our community neighbors....all year long. If we can, we will all benefit.



Don't forget to check out our website for the most updated information regarding meetings, documents, events & more!

[www.panoramicheightshoa.com](http://www.panoramicheightshoa.com)



## TEN WAYS TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

1. Attend meetings. Don't just show up if you have a problem or complaint.
2. Accept nomination to serve on the Board or appointment to any committee.
3. Describe the association in positive terms.
4. Be prepared when asked to contribute; plan details of an event, coordinate with other owners and affiliates.
5. Contribute whatever time you have available for the benefit of the community. Become a dependable, constructive member of the association.
6. When attending Board meetings, remember that the only time you should address the Board is during the Open Forum session. Don't interrupt during the Business meeting.



7. Keep an open mind and look for the benefits to the community whenever a new program is being initiated.
8. Don't criticize the Board, committee members or other volunteers.
9. Read your newsletter and correspondence from the management company in order to understand what is going on and why decisions are being made.
10. Introduce yourself to new owners. Let them know that our community is a great place to live and that you look forward to their involvement in the neighborhood.



## HELP OUR COMMUNITY SAVE YOU MONEY!

**W**e all know that if we run out of money before all of our bills are paid each month, then it ends up costing us more money in the long run with late-fees and interest accumulating. It's easy to understand how important it is to have enough money available each month to meet our financial obligations. Our association must also meet financial obligations and in order to do so, it depends upon the timely receipt of our monthly maintenance assessments. When our community's budget is approved by the Board, it assumes two things: the amount of income must equal the amount of expenses, and, that each homeowner will pay his or her maintenance assessment in a timely manner. If one or the other fails to happen, we have a cash flow problem and it usually results in costing all of us more money in the long run. Ultimately, when even a few homeowners fail to pay their assessments on time it ends up costing us all more. We can all take part in keeping our community's expenses down, and one of the best ways is to make sure that your yearly are paid on time! Visit our website for online payment options.





## 21 Hacks & Handy Tips

- ⇒ **Chill Wine with Frozen Grapes** -If you like your wine chilled but afraid it will get watery, try sticking some frozen grapes in your glass instead of ice cubes.
- ⇒ **Wine Ice Cubes** -Use your leftover wine for your next pot roast, pasta sauce or other culinary delight. Simply freeze in an ice cube tray and throw in just the right amount!
- ⇒ **Pen Spring Protection** - Adding a spring from a writing pen around small cell phone cords can help with fraying.
- ⇒ **Remove bits of dust and debris from a keyboard** by a Post-It note along the edges.
- ⇒ **Add a rubber band around an open paint can**, it will stop the drips and remove excess paint from your brush.
- ⇒ **Stop liquids from rushing out of bottles** like salad dressing, vegetable oil, rubbing alcohol, etc., don't remove the foil from the bottle, poke holes in it instead. The liquids will come out much slower!
- ⇒ **Find the edge of tape** by marking the end of the tape with a paperclip. It marks the spot, every time.
- ⇒ **Rub scuff marks off** hardwood floors with a clean tennis ball.
- ⇒ **Repurpose wall planters** to get all that extra produce off your countertops.
- ⇒ **Upcycle empty bleach wipes container** to store shopping bags that you plan to reuse.
- ⇒ **Add extra hooks to your shower rod** so everyone has a place to hang their towel.
- ⇒ **Cuff rolls of wrapping paper** with toilet paper tubes to prevent them from unraveling.
- ⇒ **No spackling paste for that small hole in your wall?** Use a bit of white toothpaste for a quick fix.
- ⇒ **Make a handy recipe holder with Press'n Seal** by sticking it to a cabinet. It keeps your recipe clean and at eye level.
- ⇒ **Dust ceiling fans with a pillowcase.** Stretch the entire case over the blade and wipe the dust inside as you pull it back. This will prevent particles from raining down on you the next time you tackle this chore.
- ⇒ **Stop snow from clumping & sticking to your snow shovel** by rubbing vegetable oil, paraffin wax or cooking spray.
- ⇒ **Dry out your wet shoes** by stuffing crinkled up newspaper inside them.
- ⇒ **Stuck in the snow?** Sprinkle kitty litter on tires to get better traction and roll your way out.
- ⇒ **Repurpose all kinds of things as seed starters:** eggshells, lemon rinds, empty egg cartons, and even ice cream cones all can work.
- ⇒ **Keep your boots upright** by placing a cut up pool noodle, wine or other glass bottle inside each boot.
- ⇒ **Cover your windshield wipers with old socks** so they don't get stuck to your windshield.

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## Poinsettia Maintenance



**Do you have a poinsettia? If cared for properly their life can be extended throughout the year.** When the surface of the soil is dry to the touch, water thoroughly. Discard excess water in the saucer. To prolong color, keep a temperature range of 60 degrees for night and 72 degrees for days. High humidity is preferred. Avoid cold drafts and protect from cold winds.

To re-bloom, cut back the bracts to eight inches. Lightly fertilize every three to four weeks. When temperatures are warm, place plant out-of-doors; first in indirect, then direct light.

Avoid temperatures below 50 degrees throughout the summer. Cut back stems and branches twice during the summer. Repot if needed.

During the first week of September, move plant inside. Provide six or more hours of direct light.

From October 1 through mid-December, confine plant to darkness for 14 hours, giving it 10 hours of natural light. This will force the green bracts to color.

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**The Benefits of Recycling Add Up!** Here is some handy information to remind you about how important it is to conserve natural resources and extend the life of our existing landfills by participating in community recycling programs.

- ⇒ Using one ton of post-consumer paper to make new paper products saves approximately 7,000 gallons of water and conserves 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space.
- ⇒ Recycling 300 lbs. of paper saves roughly one tree.
- ⇒ For every ton of glass that is recycled we eliminate 384 lbs. of mining waste.
- ⇒ Using post-consumer aluminum cans to make new cans produces about 95% less air pollution as compared to the process of manufacturing aluminum cans from virgin materials.
- ⇒ Paper recycling reduces pollution by about 50%
- ⇒ Recycling a 36-in stack of newspaper saves about 73 kilowatt hours of electricity (about 14% of a typical residential electric utility bill).
- ⇒ Recycling on pound of aluminum saves enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for 290 hours.
- ⇒ It takes 64% less energy to make paper products from post-consumer paper, saving the equivalent of three barrels of oil for each ton of paper that is recycled.



## WHAT'S COOKING?

### 7 Layer Bean Dip

**Ingredients:**

- 1 can refried beans
- 1 lb ground beef (cooked)
- 1/3 C . sour cream
- 2/3 C . mayo
- 1 can black olives, chopped
- 1/2 pkg taco seasoning
- 3-4 chopped roma tomatoes
- 1 bunch chopped green onions
- 1 pkg grated taco cheese
- Taco sauce

Spread the beans in the bottom of a serving dish. Sprinkle the meat on top of the beans. In a small bowl, mix sour cream, mayo and pack-age taco seasoning mix. Carefully spread on top of meat. Next top with tomatoes, onions and drizzle with taco sauce. Lastly, top with cheese. Can be enjoyed by itself as an appetiz-er, or use hearty tortilla chips for a dip.



## The Object is to Laugh!

**The object is to laugh!**

During a busy Christmas shopping season a little boy was standing in the middle of the aisle of one of the large department stores, crying, "I want my mommy!" As people would go by they would say, "There, there, little boy. Your momma will find you" And a number of them had given him pocket change to help assuage his tears. But he kept sobbing, with tears running down his cheeks. Finally, someone from the department store came along and said, "I know where your mommy is, son." And the little boy looked up and responded, "So do I, just keep quiet."



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**What did the tree say after a long winter?**

*What A Re-leaf!*

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Tentative Board Mtg Jan 19, 7PM	Tentative Hear- ing Jan 19, Time TBD	Board Mtg Feb 16th 7PM	Board Meeting March. 16th 7PM
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Check our website for updates and events



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## **YOU CAN HELP TO STOP THIS HIGH DENSITY DEVELOPMENT**

The Panoramic Heights Homeowners Association (PHHA) requests YOUR HELP to stop proposed (CPA 20-06) high density residential development on Thompson Hill which could threaten the future livability of Panoramic Heights & surrounding neighborhoods.

### **Urgent action is needed!**

Impacts of “High Density” development:

Increase of up to **8000 vehicle trips per day** on our neighborhood streets.

Decrease of **your** property value

Incompatibility with existing South Ridge area neighborhoods

To help stop this, you could:

### **Spread The Word!!!**

**Call** and **write** to voice your concerns (via email and letters) to:

- \* Kennewick City staff
- \* Planning Commission and City Council
- \* Speak at the *tentative* Public Hearing on January 19th
- \* Share with your neighbors & ask them to do the same

For the latest information on this issue, please check our website:

[www.panoramicheightshoa.com](http://www.panoramicheightshoa.com) often.

[Click here to take our Survey](#)

For information visit <https://panoramicheightshoa.com/urgent-proposed-high-density-development/> or for more information email the PHHA Board: [info@panoramicheightshoa.com](mailto:info@panoramicheightshoa.com)