

TIMBERHILL TOWNHOUSES NEWSLETTER

NOTICES AND EVENTS AT THTA



Radio Connection Realized

On April 4 the THTA EP Team and 4 members from the Corvallis Community Emergency Response Team successfully constructed a portable antenna mast at the 29th street parking area near the clubhouse. This was part of a larger exercise testing a GMRS radio repeater and its ability to broadcast to different locations. In the event of an emergency which caused our normal communication facilities to fail, an antenna can be erected and communication with other parts of Corvallis and beyond would be restored. This, of course, would be vital to obtaining any assistance THTA might

need. We were provided with a suitable emergency backdrop--- rain, hail, winds, cold temperatures—but the participants braved it all and the antenna was erected, communications were exchanged and the antenna was removed without issue. A huge thank you to resident and EP member Dan Quick, for leading us in this exercise (and figuring out how to erect and connect the antenna!)

Grant for Communication support

Dan is also the author of a Corvallis empowerment grant application for communication equipment and support which, among other things, will help create a weekly Radio Safety Net. This allows our community to understand and practice communication protocols before disaster strikes; learn radio skills; test the quality of operators' radio signals and support the Timberhill area's developing communications systems. We will find out within a few months if we will receive a grant.

Bench Boost!

Pam Went reminds us that as we continue to raise funds to provide benches for THTA members we want to be sure that you are aware there are two paths to supporting benches placed amongst our beautiful landscape. One path is shared by those of us who wish to collectively support the purchase of benches with contributions of our choosing (several members have done this already). A second path requires a \$500 (at this time) donation to cover all necessary expenses and ensures the option of a small plaque with a dedication on one of our benches. Both paths lead to opportunities for all of us to contribute to ways for neighbors to rest, chat with one another and enjoy our surroundings! Watch for new bench placements coming soon!

- Donations can be made by mailing in like your dues, or delivering a check to the THTA mailbox. Simply note “bench fund” on your donation.

Water Shutoff Signs

EP is in the process of writing a grant to obtain funds for metal signs which identify the homes attached to the various 'neighborhood' water shutoffs. The signs (there is currently one up) will ensure that the proper shutoff(s) are used when necessary. As you recall we have marked each individual residence water shutoff with a lively but tasteful blue-and-white stick—so with the addition of the signs and proper tools for the community water shutoffs, we can handle water emergencies properly.



The Truth about Volunteers in THTA

THTA volunteers are not just helpers in the usual sense of “I volunteer to shelve books at the library”. While shelving is a worthy object, it does not have the gravitas of being a volunteer at the Townhomes. Why? Because those who volunteer to be on the Board or notify neighbors or manage the finances are absolutely key to keeping our dues as low as possible and allowing a good measure of freedom of choice. In THTA, the volunteers take on crucial aspects of the operations of this place—operations that must be carried out if we are to survive and thrive. When I have spoken to members of other HOAs, they are shocked at the amount of our monthly dues. HOAs which rely on professional managers for all of the services they require must pay for those services. It is not unusual for members of HOAs to have monthly payments in the thousands of dollars. So, when you are contemplating subjects like quality of life, cost of dues, time to volunteer, be aware that without volunteers we would be paying a lot more and having less ‘say’ in the function of the enterprise. In the next few months we will be providing more details on governance and volunteer opportunities at THTA which we believe you will find interesting!

Our Pool Guardians (John and Linda Nimmo) are actively looking for volunteers. Volunteers will be trained by them to maintain our high standards for the pool. If you are a “Pool Volunteer” or want to be one, please contact John or Linda Nimmo.

Emergency Preparedness Team has openings If you would like to learn more about what emergency preparedness means through participation on the team, we have a place for you! Contact one of the team members (Dan Quick, Lynn Snider, Robin Phillips, Mary Frances Campana) to find out if EP is something you’d like to do!

You heard it here first: the Social Committee is discussing several activities, one of which is a pool party! Stay tuned.