



July 2020 Newsletter

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2020 Annual Meeting

Unusual times demand unusual responses! This year's annual meeting was delayed due to COVID-19 and ultimately was held via Zoom on July 8. It was attended by 46 residents, Issaquah Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, and council members Chris Reh, Stacy Goodman, and Zach Hall. Mayor Pauly shared city updates, several council members added comments, which was followed by Q&A.



Anthony Vilante, HOA president, introduced new board candidates and Jay Willenberg presented the financial report. Voting for board positions and approval of the budget were by mail-in ballots. The minutes of the annual meeting and all board meetings are posted on the Montreux website (<https://montreux-hoa.org>).

Meet the 2020-2021 Board of Directors

The Montreux Association is managed by a board of four officers who are elected from among the homeowners. The other board members chair standing committees. Meet the officers elected for the current year:

Frank Yandrasits, President



The COVID-19 pandemic is making 2020 unusual to say the least, but with the many challenges have come some positives. In Montreux, more people are walking in the neighborhood and enjoying our beautiful community. We also held our first virtual Montreux Annual General Meeting in early July. This annual meeting is normally held in April, but a face-to-face meeting was not an option this year. A proclamation by the governor regarding community association meetings during the pandemic enabled the board to host the meeting electronically and collect votes by mail for election of the new board. Thank you to the board members who made this new approach successful (especially Ali Mills for coordinating it all). Thank you to Anthony Vilante (president), Charles Hayden (website) and Hamid Koochpai (landscaping) for their service over the past year. Thank you to the 2019 board members who agreed to continue on the 2020-2021 board, and volunteers who agreed to fill open positions! Frank offers the following introductory thoughts about Montreux:

Like many of you, my wife Barbara and I were attracted to Montreux because of the convenient location and natural surroundings. We moved to Montreux in 2010. Since retiring from Boeing in 2016, giving back to the community has become central to my life. Some of the activities I find rewarding include building new trails through Washington Trails Association, serving lunch at the Issaquah Senior Center, serving as an ambassador for the Fred Hutch Cancer Research Center, building homes for Habitat for Humanity, being treasurer for a local Knights of Columbus council, and most recently, becoming a member of King County Search and Rescue. I enjoy hiking, fly fishing, skiing, traveling, Seattle sporting events, and playing with our grandkids.

One of the biggest selling points for us was the sense of community and pride-in-ownership evident in the strong homeowners' association. Whether you are an original Montreux resident or just recently joined our community, we all benefit from our neighbors who have volunteered their time and talent serving our neighborhood. Their stewardship enabled us to protect and enhance the value of our community over the last 30 years. I look forward to working with the new board to continue this legacy. Contact me at f.yandrasits@comcast.net.

Joyce Stewart, Vice President



Joyce has been a resident of Montreux since 2001 and recently retired as deputy superintendent of Mill Creek and Everett Schools. For the past 19 years, she watched several of her retired neighbors serve on the board of directors. Joyce enjoyed listening to her neighbors discuss the challenges and opportunities in the Montreux community and admired their ongoing dedication. She promised herself she would give back to the community after she retired. Joyce is committed to work alongside other board and committee members and build on the great board work her neighbors started over 20 years ago. Contact Joyce at joycemstewart@gmail.com.

Jay Willenberg, Treasurer

Since the Montreux Board was established, Jay Willenburg has been volunteering his time to serve as a board member and resource to others. Most of Jay’s time serving has been as treasurer of the board, where he oversees the management and reporting of our association’s finances. Jay closely monitors the financial well-being of the association. Contact Jay at jwillenberg@comcast.net.

Donna Whitehead, Secretary



Donna is from the UK and moved to the Pacific Northwest with her husband and daughter in 2014 and Montreux in 2016. The family enjoys all the outdoor delights the Pacific Northwest has to offer, including skiing and snowboarding in the winter and hiking local trails in the summer. However, during this time of COVID, you are most likely to see her trudging up and down Village Park Drive in a desperate attempt to get away from the home office and get some exercise. Contact Donna at donna-whitehead@hotmail.co.uk.

Homeowners’ Association Committee and Chairs

CC&Rs	Ryan Heiberg	rpheiberg@gmail.com
Architectural Controls	Jerry Mack	jerrymack06@comcast.net
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We are currently looking for a volunteer to facilitate electrical work with contractors.

Remembering John Bryon

John Bryon, longtime resident and board member, died suddenly in March. As a community, we extend our condolences to his wife Suzette. In memory of John and his service to our community, the HOA received approval from the city of Issaquah for a memorial bench along Lake H on NW Lac Leman. The Homeowners’ Association set aside \$1,000 as seed money from funds that would have been used for our annual Montreux Block Party. Other donations can be made by mailing them to Blyth Claeys, Montreux Homeowners’ Association, John Bryon Donation, PMB #E103/115, 700 NW Gilman Blvd. Issaquah, WA 98027.



Volunteer Opportunities

It takes a lot of dedicated people to lead and support our homeowners' association. If you are interested in helping with neighborhood landscape projects, please email Judy Norman, landscape chair.

Annual Neighborhood Block Party

Like so many activities this year, we are cancelling our Montreux Block Party due to the COVID-19 virus. This is very sad but homeowners look for it to return in 2021. The outgoing board set aside \$1,000 of funds budgeted for the block party to be used for the John Bryon Memorial Bench and \$5,000 for tree replacement.

Living with Wildlife

One of the highlights of living in Montreux is all the wildlife we encounter. It is not unusual to spot deer or a coyote while driving on Village Park Drive – or at your front door! There have been several sightings of bobcats recently as well, and the occasional bear. Recently bears have been raiding garbage and yard waste containers. We can discourage the bears from coming into contact with our containers by keeping garbage cans in the garage and waiting to put scraps in yard waste containers until our collection day.

Before Starting any Remodel



This is old news to most residents, but worth a reminder. Montreux is governed by **Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs)** as well as **Architectural Controls** that are legally enforceable to ensure the quality of our neighborhood. This is a summary to guide homeowners. For a more detailed explanation, the official CC&Rs are available on the Montreux website (<https://montreux-hoa.org>). Before starting a project, contact Jerry Mack (Architectural Controls) or Ryan Heilberg (CC&Rs) for application for approval.

Permitted Lot Use: Only for the purpose of construction and occupancy of one single-family residence.

Architecture: Approval by the HOA Architectural Control Officer is necessary for external changes to a lot and residence, including new roofs, exterior painting, and the removal of trees. City approval is also required if trees are in the NGPE.

Maintenance and Repair: The external residence and surrounding lawns, gardens, plantings etc. must be in a clean, attractive, and sanitary condition at all times.

External Lighting: A driveway entrance lamp, with automatic on-off device (timer or light sensor), must be properly functioning. This is necessary due to absence of conventional streetlights in Montreux.

Animals: An animal must not be kept if deemed a nuisance (persistent barking for example) and must be accompanied and controlled by a responsible person when not confined to the owner's lot.

Waste: Garbage and debris must be regularly removed from a lot and residence, and contained in clean, covered containers screened from view (except on disposal pick-up day). Bins need to be taken in by the end of the day of pick-up.

Prohibited Vehicles and Equipment: Motor homes, boats, trailers, campers, camp trucks, mobile homes, junk vehicles and other similar machinery or equipment must not be stored on the property. The board, in its discretion, may allow for the storage of boats, trailers and motor homes in an enclosed facility or structure approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

Signs: Only temporary real estate and political signs are permitted and only on owner's lot.

Surface Water Drainage: No release of oils, solvents, cleaners, etc. and no excessive fertilization on owner's lot are allowed, as these could be washed through holding ponds directly into the lake.

COVID-19

The effects of COVID-19 differ from individual to individual. If you or someone you know in our neighborhood needs additional assistance, please contact our newsletter editors so we can help. Email Lynn Mack at mackhome@comcast.net or Joyce Stewart at joycemstewart@gmail.com.