### Pioneer Trails



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# BOARD MEETINGS <u>LOCATION:</u>

Silver Lake Baptist Church 12918 35th Ave. SE, Everett

*TIME:* 7 - 8:30 p.m.

### **MEETING DATES:**

- April 5, 2010
- June 7, 2010
- September 6, 2010
- November 1, 2010

### Calendar of Events:

- April 3 Easter Egg Hunt
- April 24 Garage Sale
- Sept. 25 Garage Sale

## 2010 Board of Directors Announcement. . . .

The 2010 Board of Directors are:

President: Chris Kern Treasurer: OPEN

Vice-President: Bonnie Foti Secretary: Jan Edgeworth

Member At Large: Andy Hamack

Thank you to all the homeowners who took the time to vote. We welcome Bonnie who is new to the Board. Currently there is no Treasurer, but if you are interested in the position, please contact Jennifer Suemnicht of Morris Management. The 2010 Board of Directors look forward to serving the community.

## New P.T. Resident . . . .

A beaver has decided to start building his home in Pioneer Trails. He is in the process of building a dam on the south side of 127th place, near where the trail crosses the road. He has already knocked down some trees and the dam is taking shape, with the water about 1 foot deep. The dam itself is irregularly



shaped and 58 feet long, built around the three large culverts that drain the lakes and surrounding areas. He has apparently come from the wetlands that extend to 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. It is likely that there are other beavers there, as it is a good habitat for them.

What do we do about it? The Association hired a biologist from Adopt-a-Stream to review the situation and make some recommendations. Right now there is no particular impact, although if the beaver is successful in building a higher dam we could see some flooding of the trail between 125th and 127th. If the trail is flooded we could elevate it to get it out of the water. Another option is to have the beaver trapped. The downside of this is that sooner or later another beaver would likely take up residence in the same place. Another possibility is to install a "pond leveler" that would prevent the water from getting any deeper, even if the beaver builds the dam higher. The mitigation options, including raising the trail, are expensive. The biologist believes we should just wait and see what happens. A predicted dry summer and sparse runoff may send the beaver to a better location and the issue would solve itself.

### PIONEER TRAILS GARAGE SALE

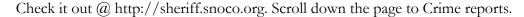
Saturday, April 24, 2010 8 - 4 p.m.

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## BlockWatch Corner . . . .

Snohomish County Sheriff's Office is now providing . . . . "Crime Mapping".

A big thank you to our County sheriff's Office. This tool was shown at a recent Precinct meeting. Precinct meetings are held monthly to keep the BlockWatch participants informed. We can make a difference in our own neighborhoods by being informed.





## Morris Management Fees . . . . .

Morris Management will NOT increase fees to PTHOA for professional management services for 2010. However, fees already in place that may be incurred by a Seller or Buyer upon the sale or refinance of a Pioneer Trails home have increased by \$25. These are:

• HOA Resale Documentation: \$100.00

• Escrow/Mortgage Questionnaires: \$100.00

• Transfer Fee: \$100.00

For additional information, please contact Jennifer Suemnicht at Morris Management

## Scoop, Bag, Trash & Leash . . . .

A message from a concerned Pioneer Trails homeowner:

Almost every day before lunch I am on the trails in our neighborhood walking my dog. Recently it has become obvious to me that other people are out walking the trails with their dogs too. I know this not because I see them each day. What I do see is their doo. It doesn't matter if I'm on the trail or walking along the ball field, it is clear that more people are not being courteous enough to scoop after their dogs. On a recent walk across the ball field, it was difficult enough to dodge the piles of goose poop everywhere. Now it's becoming necessary to dodge the piles of dog poop as well.



Please bring bags with you and pick up your pet waste. Not only is it the courteous thing to do, it is also a community rule and County law.

<u>Did you know?</u> Civil fines for unleashed dogs, unlicensed dogs or cats and nuisance barking are \$50 - \$100 per violation. There are no off-leash areas in Pioneer Trails. Please be respectful to all homeowners by keeping your dogs leashed and definitely scooping the poop.

Snohomish County Animal Services 24 Hour Animal Services Hotline: 425.388.3440.

## Spring Haven Development. . . .

There is a public hearing scheduled for July 2010 regarding the McNaughton development, Spring Haven, which is adjacent and south of Pioneer Trails. Any interested party can go the Snohomish County Planning Commission website and print a form to file with them to become a party of record. This allows the individual to receive information regarding this project. While a specific hearing date was not given, all parties of record must file their notice 14 days before the schedule hearing. Anyone interested in keeping the Board and our homeowners up-to-date on the Spring Haven development south of Pioneer Trails? Please contact Morris Management.

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## Planning on Making Changes to Your Home? . . . .

## Painting, roofing, or remodeling???

Don't forget to submit those Architectural Control Forms before work gets underway.

PTHOA approval is required BEFORE you start your projects even if using preapproved materials or repainting the same exterior paint color.

If you have plans to do remodeling involving PODS or any other on-site storage, please complete these forms as well. Violation notices will be sent if your forms have not been received.

Architectural Control Forms are available in this newsletter, on the website at www.pioneer-trails.org, and by calling 425.283.5858 x104 and requesting a form.

## Lot Maintenance . . . .

Some of the biggest issues with management inspections or homeowner complaints regarding covenant violations is lawn maintenance. Now is the time to get that lot in shape for spring and summer. Please clean up those overgrown and weed-filled landscaping beds, trim any shrubbery which is extending onto the sidewalk or street, and tidy up the driveway or sidewalk areas that might have grass, weeds or debris.

## New P.T. Resident (continued from page 1) . . . . .

Additional "beaver activity" has been observed in the swampy area between 125th and 127th. At this point there is no evidence of additional dams being built, although it may be occurring without being visible. This is another "wait and see" item.

Beavers are a protected species so whatever is done must be done through proper channels. The habitat area around the beaver location is also protected, so we cannot disrupt those areas. Typically the protected areas can extend several, if not hundreds, of feet. In the meantime it is interesting to watch the construction of this natural wonder. Please remind your children to look, but not touch, and to stay out of the water and surrounding brushy areas. Hopefully we can coexist without impacting either our neighborhood or the beaver's home.

If you would like to learn more, the websites below are educational.

► <a href="http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/living/beavers.htm">http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/living/beavers.htm</a>

www.beaversww.org/beaver.html

## Volunteers Needed . . . . .

<u>Treasurer</u>: Your community needs you! Please contact Jennifer Suemnicht at Morris Management on how you can help.

<u>Easter Egg Hunt</u>: Volunteers are needed to help hide eggs at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 3 at the Trail Lake Park. If you're interested in helping, please contact Jenn Lindal at 425.446.0194.



## EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 3, 2010 @ 10 a.m. at Trail Lake Park

Open to our Pioneer Trails children up to 12 years old.

Don't forget your baskets!

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## Board of Directors Feb. 11 Board Meeting Minutes (draft) . . .

Homeowners Forum 7:05 – 7:17 Meeting called to order at 7:18pm

February 11, 2010 Date:

Presiding Officer: Chris Kern

Brenda Ferguson, Jan Edgeworth, and Andy Hamack Quorum established:

Members present: Eight homeowners present.

MMI present: Jennifer Suemnicht

Purpose: Purpose of the Board of Directors is to make decisions that impact all homeowners.

Minutes: January 4, 2010 Meeting Minutes reviewed. Andy Hamack made motion to approve the

January 4, 2010 Meeting Minutes. Brenda Ferguson seconded the motion. MSA

Treasurer's Report: Chris Kern reviewed the Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2010 and Income and Expenditures as of December 31,

Committee Report: Election Committee: 21 proxies received for candidate Bonnie Foti. Bonnie Foti affirmed her agreement with the Standards of Conduct for Board of Directors. Her position will be Vice President. Chris Kern will continue to serve as President, Jan Edgeworth as Secretary and Andy Hamack as Member at Large.

Tennis Court Keys: Contact to be made with Jim Janus to resolve issue of key's not working in the lock.

### Morris Management (MMI)'s Report:

Architectural Review: For the period of January 2010, there were no ACC requests approved for roof replacement, exterior painting, deck replacement, new shed or driveway paving. There was one request for tree cutting/trimming.

Monthly inspection was conducted on January 12, 2010.

Charge for management services from Morris Management for PTHOA will not increase for 2010. Some incidental charge associated with the sale of a homeowner's residence will increase. These will be detailed in the next issue of the Trail Tales.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Covenant Enforcement Process: Discussion about policies/procedures. Motion made by Brenda Ferguson to approve the Covenant Compliance Committee Charter subject to any needed revisions to be made by May 1, 2010.
- Entrance Signs: Jan Edgeworth gave update on entrance signs and monument fence replacement. The Board is reviewing the budget for this project and the timeline.
- Encroachment Issues: Morris Management has sent letters to 2 property owners whose property abuts Pioneer Trails common area. The area will continue to be monitored periodically by the Board.
- Beaver Dam: Chris Kern is researching. Will keep the Board updated.

### **New Business:**

- Treasurer needed or at least a homeowner with a financial background willing to review and advise the Board on selected projects.
- ACC seminar, February 2010: Bonnie Foti and Chris Kern to attend.
- Pond Management: Bonnie Foti made motion to renew contract with Aqua Tech and to spend up to \$2,900 per the budget for related services. Andy Hamack seconded the motion. MSA.
- Tennis and basketball court power wash/resurfacing: Discussion tabled until all bids are in.

**Upcoming Events:** Next meeting:

Neighborhood garage sale April 24, 2010.

April 5, 2010 to be held at Silver Lake Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt April 3, 2010

Adjournment: 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Edgeworth, Secretary

### **TENNIS COURT KEYS!**

All tennis court keys should be working now. The lock requires routine lubrication with graphite.

Still having problems? Please contact Morris Management.



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## Proposed Agenda for Apr. 5 Board Meeting . . . .

## **Unfinished Business:**

- Entrance signs: Jan Edgeworth to update status.
- Beaver Dam: Andy Hamack to update status.
- Tennis and basketball courts power wash/resurfacing: Jennifer Suemnicht to update status.

### **New Business:**

- Ratify Board's approval of contract with Adopt A Stream to provide analysis of beaver activity in neighborhood and make recommendations.
- Ratify Board's approval of attorney review of all HOA documents.

## Treasurer's Report (Balance Sheet - December 31, 2009) . . . . .

	Operating Fund	Reserve Fund	Road Fund	Total
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash or CD's	79,033	73,067	69,519	221,619
Receivables	5,421			5,421
Prepaids	1,955			1,955
Total Assets	86,409	73,067	69,519	228,995
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balance</u>				
Prepaid Owner Assessments	54,999			54,999
Account Payables	550			550
Total Liabilities (current)	55,549	0	0	55,549
Fund Balance				
Beginning Operating Fund	20,414			20,414
Beginning Reserve Fund		86,489		86,489
Beginning Road Fund			65,898	65,898
2009 Revenues over (under) Expenses	10,446	(13,422)	3,621	645
Total Fund Balance	30,860	73,067	69,519	173,446
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Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	86,409	73,067	69,519	228,995

## Pioneer Trails Homeowners Association Architectural Control Committee

## **Request for Alterations/ Roofing Form**

Submitted by:	
Name:	Date:
Address:	Division:
	Lot:
Phone:	Email:
erty:	the following alteration(s), addition(s), and/or project(s) to our prop
• We understand that any permits, inspections and/or approvals t other agency are the sole responsibility of the Homeowner.	hat may be required for this request by Snohomish County or any
• We also understand that we must have approval by the ACC proposed and Restrictions of PTHOA. Please mail requests	rior to starting this request. This request is subject to all the Coveto:
Pioneer Trails Hom	neowners Association
c/o: Morris Manage	ement, Inc.
325 - 118 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	SE, Suite 204
Bellevue, WA 9800	05
• PLAT MAP: Please show location of house, property lines and h	ow this request affects your lot and house.
Homeowners Signature:	Date:
**************************************	*****************
► This request has been approved.	
ACC Member:	Date:
➤ This request has been denied for the following reas	son:

## Pioneer Trails Homeowners Association Architectural Control Committee

### **Paint Selection Form**

### **Body of House:**

The main portion of the house should be a neutral light tone that is in harmony with existing structures. Dark tones and colors are discouraged.

Beige, tan, taupe and white will be approved within three to five days after receipt. All other house body colors will take five to fifteen days for approval, using the following guidelines:

- 1. A paint chip will be required when submitting a Paint Selection Approval Form. In some cases a larger sample may be required before final approval.
- 2. Current house paint colors will not set a precedent for future house colors.

### **Trim & Accent Colors:**

Trim and accent colors should blend and complement the color of the main portion of the home, and may include darker tones and colors. A paint chip for trim and accent colors will also be required. Trim could include gutters, window trims, corner boards, or other trim sections of the house. Accents could include front door, shutters or other small parts of the house. Please mail requests to:

Pioneer Trails Homeowners Association c/o: Morris Management, Inc. 325 – 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Suite 204 Bellevue, WA 98005

### **Submitted by:**

Name:		Date:	
Address:		Division:	
		Lot:	
Phone:		Email:	
Body color of house:			
Trim:	Trim Portions:		
Accent:	Accent Portions:		
• PAINT CHIP: Please include	a paint chip for the body, trim and	accent colors.	
Homeowners Signature:		Date:	
************		************	******
► This request has been	_ approved.		
ACC Member		Date:	
➤ This request has been	denied for the following reason:		
ACC Member		Date:	

## Pioneer Trails Homeowners Association

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Easter Egg Hunt: Sat. April 3, 2010

Next Board Meeting: Mon. April 4, 2010

Garage Sale: Sat. April 24, 2010

## 2010 Board of Directors

President: Chris Kern Vice-President: Bonnie Foti Secretary: Jan Edgeworth Treasurer: OPEN

Member At Large: Andy Hamack

Committee	Chair	Committee	Chair
Architectural Control	Committee	Bridges, Benches, Signs	John Alberti
Covenant Enforcement	Committee	Easter Egg Hunt	Jenn Lindal
Elections	Brenda F. & Andy H.	Fountains & Lights	Ken Bemis
Lakes, Ponds, Swale		Maintenance Contracts	
Newsletter	Dianne Ohori	Paint Approval	Judy Kimball
Recreation	Doug Desharnais	Security	
Trail Repair	Jan Edgeworth	Tree Removal	Ken Bemis

## **4 WAYS TO CONTACT US**

- 1. Call us at: 425.283.5858 x104
- 2. Email us at pthoa@pioneer-trails.org
- 3. Send us mail c/o Morris Management, Inc.
- 4. Attend a Board Meeting. We'd love to see you!

Website: www.pioneer-trails.org

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