

MURRAYHILL

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Community Trails

For Murrayhill Owners who walk the Significant Natural Resource woodland trails it has long been on the wish list to complete the trail loop at Falcon Drive. In 2018 the Board reviewed and approved a proposal from Northwest Youth Corps to cut 500 feet of new trail using the plan developed by former home owner and landscape committee member Todd Birzer. The new section of trail will provide a loop from both the Beaverton pump station and Cormorant Drive to the upper North side of Falcon Drive. The work will start on August 5th and complete on August 9th. A portable toilet will be placed near the new trail head and remain for the duration of the project. The trail extension is in orange and the existing trails in blue.



Northwest Youth Corps will continue working between Monday August 12th through Friday August 16th to restore two sections of trail that have been washed out or eroded over time. The first section is located between bridge #2 and the board walk behind the pump station; the

second is in tract Y behind the homes on the South side of Cormorant Drive and west of the gated community at Avocet. If the projects are completed ahead of schedule crews will work to smooth additional sections of trail and clear overhanging branches. The Board supports projects that will enhance and protect the natural resource areas. They hope you will take the time to go for a walk through your woods.



From Your Neighbors

Hello Murrayhill neighbors. Spring will soon become summer, with flowers blooming, birds chirping, the lake and fountains restored we hope you will all be getting out and about the neighborhood. Your neighbors have provided the following articles. If you would like to place an article in the next news-letter or one of our e-blasts please email the article to our office.



Please scoop your dog poop. This applies to flowerbeds and ivy areas as well as sidewalks and lawns. If it is necessary to step into a flowerbed or the ivy as a landscaper or just someone getting out of the way of a passerby, you don't want to step in poop not to mention the smell. Please pick-up **all** animal waste.

Please do not feed any birds or wild animals. Now that our lake has been restored we will again find local and migrating waterfowl using it. As tempting as it is please do not feed the birds or any other wild animals. The feeding of these birds can cause health problems for them, such as unhealthy weight gain. They also get full and don't eat the natural bugs and other items they need for a nutritionally balanced diet. Food droppings that aren't consumed attract rats, and other unwanted animals. Grain products that are left to rot can mold and cause aspergillosis, a lung infection that can kill entire flocks of waterfowl. Furthermore feeding the birds and other wild creatures can cause a loss of natural behavior and the loss of their instinctive fear of humans. They may become more aggressive in their pursuit of food causing them to accost small children or cross busy roads to reach humans they think may have food.



Street tree reminder. In the last 6 years many homeowners have planted new street trees following storms that have taken down the older trees or had other issues requiring removal and replacement. The city of Beaverton requires the street trees and the Neighborhood Association specifies the type of tree, but the care of the tree falls to the homeowner. As these new trees begin to grow we would like to remind you that for the health of the tree it is beneficial to remove branches that will be obstructive to cars and trucks while they are small. Periodically the city of Beaverton will come by and remove overhanging branches on street trees that would obstruct garbage trucks, and other vehicles. When they do this they pay no attention to shaping the tree nor do they pay attention to the volume of branches being removed. If a tree has too much of its foliage removed at any one time this weakens the tree and may cause eventual failure. Many of the young trees in the neighborhood need pruning at this time and for the health of the tree it is better done by the homeowner than the city.

From the Board

The Board of Directors would like to welcome all new home owners to the Community and to encourage all owners to be involved in helping keep Murrayhill a wonderful place to live. In addition to the Board there are three Committees that function under the Boards umbrella, Architectural Review, Compliance and Landscape. Please visit our web site for more information about the Community.

The Board is making some changes to the Compliance Policy fine schedule and flow chart for notifications. A letter notifying each resident of the changes will be sent out by Community Management and the revised document will be posted on our website.

Garage Sale Season



What you need to know. The City of Beaverton allows homeowners 2 garage sales per calendar year. The City and the Owners Association do not permit signs to be taped to traffic signs or light poles; signs are not permitted in the traffic circle on Teal and cannot be nailed or otherwise attached to trees.

One sign may be posted on the site. Additional signs are limited to one at each main entrance to Murrayhill, with corner directional signs only. Signs must not be larger than 18" x 24" and need to be placed on a stake and displayed as noted.

Compliance Committee

Property owners are responsible for maintaining the sidewalks adjacent to their property. Panels of sidewalk that are displaced more than one-half inch per foot are considered by the City of Beaverton and the Owners Association to be out of compliance and a potential hazard.

The Lake



Figure 1 - New sluice gate

The repairs were completed and the sluice gate closed allowing the lake to fill. The Fountains were returned on May 23rd. The two abandoned stationary fountains were cut and capped so the heads are no longer visible above the water line.

Parking

With a few exceptions the streets in Murrayhill are public and under the jurisdiction of the City of Beaverton. If you witness any of the following violations please contact the City of Beaverton Code Compliance at codeservmail@beavertonoregon.gov;

A vehicle may not be parked in a residential neighborhood for more than 48 hours unless it is parked in front of the address where it is registered. Vehicles are considered to be abandoned and subject to being towed away when they:

- Appear to be inoperable
- Are parked at an address the vehicle is not registered at
- Have expired tags

City of Beaverton prohibits parking

- Within 20-feet of an intersection unless otherwise posted that parking is allowed.
- Parking in an area that would impede the flow of traffic.
- Parking a motor home, travel trailer, boat or other recreation vehicle on the street for more than 48 hours in a 7 day period.

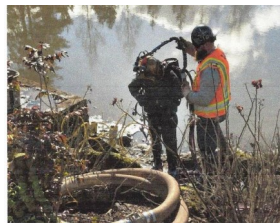
The Association documents follow the City of Beaverton 48 hours in a 7 day period rule for all recreational vehicles parked on or adjacent to a Murrayhill property. Boats, campers motor homes, tent trailers, or any other recreational vehicles. Additionally the Association does not permit the parking of commercial vehicles, trucks over one ton carrying capacity or unlicensed or inoperable vehicles on or adjacent to a Murrayhill property. Exceptions are made for PODS, dumpsters, utility trailers or other equipment being used for an approved alteration to a Murrayhill property.

Architectural Review Committee

The Committee would like to express their appreciation for everyone that submitted an application over the last year. This committee made up of volunteers from your neighborhoods and meet most every Wednesday to review everything from roofs to the construction of a new house. **Please take the time to call or email the MOA office if you are considering making any changes to your Murrayhill Property.**

Landscape Committee

The committee has begun a 2 to 3 year project to replace the failing Crab Apple trees with Mount Fuji Flowering Cherry trees. New Cherry trees have been planted on both sides of 155th north of the traffic circle. The Crab Apple trees on the west side of 152nd have been removed with the Cherry trees scheduled to be planted this fall or in early 2020. The large groups of trees at the Powerline Park crossing at Teal will be scheduled for replacement in 2020. The final section of the landscape renovation on Murray Blvd across the lake frontage will be completed this fall.



Enjoy a fun and safe summer