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Newsletter – Lynn Mack, Joyce Stewart
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A message from the HOA President

We are celebrating 30 years as the Montreux Homeowners' Association (HOA)! Montreux was established as a homeowners' association on June 14, 1991. Over the last three decades, our neighborhood has evolved. Trees are bigger, infrastructure is older, many of the original residents have moved, and new homeowners have joined our community.

One thing has not changed: the importance of your involvement in keeping our homeowner's association and neighborhood strong and vibrant. There are 242 homes in Montreux. Each year, 10 or so volunteers are needed to fill Board of Director positions, volunteering their time and talent to serve the HOA. Not everyone has the time or interest for that level of involvement. So how can you contribute?

- Attend the Annual General Meeting (only 1.5 hours once each year)
- Cast your ballot for the HOA Board of Directors (5 minutes of your time)
- Observe a monthly board meeting (1.5 hours)
- Volunteer for a special project
- Talk with one (or more) of the board members to learn about their role
- If possible, volunteer for a board position

As we begin our fourth decade, please find some way, big or small, to engage with the HOA. Help protect your investment and keep Montreux a desirable and thriving neighborhood.

Frank Yandrasits

Memorial Bench

A memorial bench for John Bryon has been installed along Lac Leman, overlooking the lake and water feature. In this picture, Suzette, John's wife, is standing by the bench holding Coco, their dog.

Message from John's Wife:

John loved living in Montreux with the well-maintained houses, yards, and common areas and he felt like he was in the foothills of the Alps. John was a member of the Montreux HOA Board for 12 years. He was committed to maintaining and upgrading the quality of this neighborhood and the surrounding native protective growth areas. John accomplished this by actively serving on numerous committees and special projects throughout his involvement. John is missed, but he would be pleased that the HOA has many new members and that the Board is still committed to maintaining and improving the quality of Montreux. The bench came about when Joyce Stewart launched the project, which included procuring funding for the bench, finding a suitable location, getting approval from the City of Issaquah, designing the bench alongside the contractor, and following the project through completion. The bench was funded solely with donations from Montreux homeowners.



In Concert with Nature

Montreux is surrounded by natural beauty and wildlife. *In Concert with Nature* carries a responsibility to coexist with these surroundings. Visit the City of Issaquah's [Living with Wildlife](#) site for safety tips and information. Also, Gov. Jay Inslee, in partnership with the Washington Invasive Species Council, proclaimed Feb. 22-28 as Invasive Species Awareness Week in Washington. The council encourages Washingtonians to be on the lookout for plants and animals not native to Washington as they spend time outdoors, take their dogs for walks, or go about their daily lives. See the [Invasive Species Awareness Week](#) site for additional information and ways you can help.



Introducing Four More Montreux HOA Board Members



Jerry Mack rejoined the HOA Board in August 2021 as Chair of the Architectural Control Committee and assumed responsibility for the Natural Growth Protection Easement in November 2021. He previously served as Chair of the ACC from 2007 to 2012. Jerry and his wife, Lynn, have lived in Montreux since 2002. He retired from Boeing in 2006, following a career in aviation safety, and then served as an aviation consultant from 2006 to 2019. Jerry enjoys woodworking, golf, travel, and volunteer activities, but his favorite pastime is spending time with his children and grandchildren.

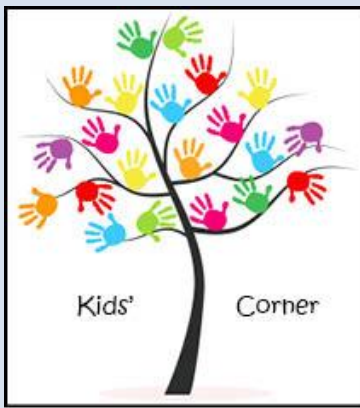
Hamid Koohpai rejoined the HOA Board in November 2020 as Chair of Social. In 2019, he served as the Landscaping Chair. Hamid is passionate and dedicated to preserving the quality of our Montreux community, specifically its unique natural surroundings and habitats. Hamid and his wife, Nancy, have lived in Montreux the past 11 years. After serving as a Flight Systems Engineer with Boeing for over 30 years, he now enjoys retired life, especially having time to garden. He enjoys traveling, reading, photography, chess games with his grandson, physical activities, and walking around our beautiful Montreux neighborhood.



Cristian Gal is the new web site coordinator. Cristian and his wife, Mihaela, were born in Europe, and have lived in the PNW since 2005. They fell in love with the Montreux neighborhood and moved here in 2010. Cristian's responsibilities are to maintain the official web site pages and other HOA social-media presence. In his spare time, he enjoys cooking, traveling, and many PNW outdoor activities (skiing in winter, bicycling and hiking in the summer).

Lynn Mack joined the HOA Board in August 2021 and is excited to help resurrect the Montreux newsletter as one of its editors. She and Jerry have lived in Montreux for 19 years, and having lived abroad, she enjoys all the diversity our neighborhood provides. Being a fulltime wife and mother has provided countless opportunities to serve in the communities where she has lived. Lynn enjoys gardening, golf, travel, quilting, and Bible study. The sweetest joys of Lynn's life are her family, especially her four granddaughters.





Kids' Corner

Kids' Corner is a new feature in our newsletter and highlights the many wonderful children in our neighborhood. Conscious of how the pandemic has impacted all our lives, we asked several of our younger residents what activities and sights they miss during the pandemic and what they are looking forward to in the future.

Olivia - I loved swimming and playing tennis at Newport Swim and Tennis Club. It was fun because I was outside and attended the Shark Camp. At the camp, I learned sportsmanship and met a nice friend. I look forward to when I can do these activities again. I also miss my classes at Energy Martial Arts in Issaquah.

Savannah - I miss seeing my cousins every month. I can't wait to give my cousins hugs and have a sleepover.

Margie - I miss my family's Saturday morning trips to Imagine Children's Museum in Everett. There are so many exhibits and the museum is expanding again. Some of my favorites are the rooftop playground, pizza restaurant, and water play area. I cannot wait for it to open again.

Drew - I miss going to Flying Circus, playing football with friends at recess, and being in school. When things open back up, I look forward to going to a friend's birthday party, having playdates, going to school, and playing at recess.

Anash - I miss running with my friends in the playground. I miss the gym class in school because we got to go to a big gym class, where there were kindergartners and first graders with us. I miss William, Ken, and Haani.

Zander - I miss getting to travel and see new places. I also miss getting to have play dates with my friends. I look forward to everything opening back up so I can go to a beach and run and play. I also want to have a birthday party with all of my friends this summer.

Daisy - I enjoyed the Boeing Museum where our family would go on weekends. Even in the winter, I could go there because it is a huge facility with airplane exhibits and I could go in and out of the actual craft. I also enjoyed Bellevue Kids Quest where I could learn new things, experiment, and listen to stories. Little Gym is another favorite. It is open year-round for indoor exercise where I was learning to tumble and work the bars. Finally, I really miss all the parks and zoos and my parents do, too. I particularly liked the swings and my family is glad they are open.

Ashna - I miss my friends so much. I want to go back to school because I love school and the playground. I miss my best friends and I don't get to play with them for so long.

Dorian - I miss going to Sockeye Club at school and going to restaurants on the Seattle Waterfront. I look forward to seeing friends at school and having Christmas with our entire family this year, hopefully.

Coming Soon

- March 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm - Annual General Meeting
Advanced Registration is required for this Zoom meeting at
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvdu-vrjwoHtSapZib115U2oZ1LkbJ2TGc>
- March 14, 2021 – Daylight Savings Time begins



Rants and Raves

Dog Poop Bags

The HOA Board continues to receive complaints about dog waste, including bags that are being left along sidewalks for disposal. Plantscapes, our landscape company, does NOT pick-up poop bags or garbage. This means that the responsibility for cleaning up falls upon neighbors.



THANK YOU to the majority of dog owners who responsibly carry their dog waste bags home! For the few who don't clean up after their pets or leave the bag of waste for someone else to dispose of, please accept responsibility for your pet; pick up and carry the bags home with you.



Garbage

There is also concern about litter on our streets and garbage cans sitting out for days after pick up. CleanScapes picks up garbage, recycling, and yard waste Mondays in Montreux. The remainder of the week, cans need to be stored out of sight from the street. Cans should not block sidewalks.

Let's all do our part to keep Montreux beautiful. Be a good neighbor, stow those cans, and dispose of garbage at home, not on our streets! Thank you.



Holiday Lights

Was it our imagination or were there more holiday lights in Montreux this holiday season? Instead of retreating indoors when darkness enveloped us, we had the enjoyment of light displays during evening drives or walks. Thank you to everyone who brightened our neighborhood. We know it took extra time and effort, and that effort brought joy to many of us.



February Snow... again!



Payment of Quarterly Dues

Montreux HOA does not currently have the ability to accept direct electronic payments, but most banks will allow you to automatically issue a check on a regular basis. Consider scheduling a check payment for your \$270 quarterly dues. Contact HOA Bookkeeper, Blyth Claeys, at blythclaeys@yahoo.com for more information.

Volunteer Opportunities

The landscape committee is looking for volunteers to help weed the waterfall area and other common areas during the summer. The committee is also in need of individuals who can help with replacing irrigation heads and other minor challenges. If anyone has a little time to help, please email hoa.montreux@gmail.com.

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The Montreux website is a great resource. You can find copies of our covenants, board minutes, financial statements, newsletters, and more. There is also a place to subscribe to the site so you can receive notifications of new posts. Check it out at Montreux-hoa.org.

The Montreux newsletter is distributed 3-4 times yearly. In order to keep costs down, it is now being distributed electronically. Copies are also available on the Montreux website.

We are looking for stories for our Montreux newsletter. Do you have questions for our HOA Board? Are you aware of any random acts of kindness by Montreux residents? Please contact Lynn Mack or Joyce Stewart with your questions, thoughts, or ideas.