

Links to the Offices of County Agencies that Serve Our Area

*Agencies
Links to Community Resources and Other*

back to original settlement
Jiggs Hoyt's histories of the West Hill, going clear
(Incorporation, annexation, etc.)

Archived studies on area governance options
showing type and location
Sheriff's reports on crime incidence – with maps

Area History and Study Reports

Outdoor Cinema

The schedule and movie selections for the West Hill
community meetings etc.

efforts, VFW community activities, special

Notices of major events such as community clean-up
Minutes and audio recordings of those meetings

Meetings

Notices with time and place of West Hill Community

Event Notices

To describe just a portion:

and connections to resources and more.

You will find a place with a wealth of information,

westhillcommunity.com

Community Web Site

Check Out Our



West Hill Community Council

A King County Unincorporated Area Council

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Serving Bryn Mawr, Campbell Hill, Earlington, Lakeridge, Panorama View and Skyway

West Hill Quarterly Meeting July 19, 2011

Also in this issue: Information about:

- *Annexation Update*
- *Decisions on WHCC Future*
- *Upcoming Community Events*
- *How to Connect to Community Information and Discussions*

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westhillcommunity.com

public officials to legislators. To join, go to
over 130 members, and countless followers, from
meetings, etc.) Everyone is welcome. We have
graffiti removal, cleanups, organized events,
engagement) and arrive at solutions (grants,
nexusation, parks, business development, youth
dents connect on local issues (public safety, an-
This is a discussion group where West Hill resi-

Google Group

"West Hill Connects"

publicsafty@westhillcommunity.com

To sign up, send your email address to:

bulletins in the event of widespread emergen-
as possible so that West Hill citizens will receive
messages. The goal is to grow the group as large
Sheriff or Fire Department, and only they can post
it's only for public emergency notification by the

Not a discussion group!

Google Group

"West Hill Emergency"

Deciding the Future of the West Hill Community Council

King County Cuts Funding Intends to End Special Recognition of the West Hill Community Council

Last November, without notice or discussion, the County Council cut funding for Unincorporated Area Councils (WHCC is a UAC). Later deliberation by the County Executive resulted in their proposal to end official recognition of the UACs, leaving them to revert to the status of another community non-profit organization.

The effect of this on the West Hill Community council is to eliminate its primary source of funding for its operations and programs. The Council currently has sufficient fund balance to carry out its programs the rest of this year, but not to purchase necessary insurance or fund any programs beyond that.

Thus, the community faces a decision as to whether and how for the organization to go forward. As all members of the community are members of the Council, this will be decided at the July Quarterly all-community meeting. An extensive discussion will be held, and the a vote taken to decide which of three alternatives to pursue.

Alternative I. Continue the Organization as a Community Non-profit Fundraising and Seeking Grants

Current Non-profit incorporation status with the State, and slight modification to our current By-Laws, would allow the WHCC to continue as a local community improvement association. The major changes would be in our relationship with King County, and in the need for the organization to raise funds to pay for expenses.

County Government and its elected Policy Makers and executive officials, would no longer view us as the primary conduit in their relationship to this community. We would no longer have an official mandate to call upon them for response to our issues and concerns, and they would no longer have a requirement to inform us of their activity and plans, or to seek our input regarding proposals going forward. While they still might reach out to us on specific issues, and respond upon our contacting them, they would have no more requirement to do so than to any community group. WHCC would have no more status than any other community non-profit—Skyway Solutions as an example.

As continued operations costs money for such things as insurance, PO boxes, printing and office expense, as well as for the expenses for all our programs, WHCC would also need to hold fundraisers, charge membership dues, or seek and receive grants — all of which would require substantial additional effort and volunteer time and energy.

Alternative II. Merge the Organization with Skyway Solutions and the West Hill Business Association

Currently, many of the same individuals active with the WHCC are also active with the West Hill Business Association or with Skyway Solutions. Though each organization has a slightly different focus, all three share the same underlying goal of improvement to our community and making it a better place for all of us. Merging would create one organization both to speak with the community's voice, and to raise necessary funds for our activities. It would eliminate any sense of unnecessary competition amongst us. It would also, however, cede definition of the goals and agenda to the leadership of that new merged organization.

Alternative III. Perform an Orderly Dissolution of the Organization ending December 31, 2011

As the WHCC would no longer be viable in its present form and function, and as other organizations in the community already exist to carry on expressing the voice, and implementing the programs pursuing improvements to our community, it would be reasonable to end the WHCC in an orderly manner. The County is moving toward a new format for their "community engagement," expecting to transition to that new format in 2012. That would make the end of this year a logical time for the termination of the UAC, as both recognition by the county, and its supportive funding, would end at that time. It would be reasonable to plan for the transition of our activities to other community organizations, orderly expenditure of remaining funds on current programs and transition activities, and final planned dispersal of any funds remaining.

Come to the July Quarterly Meeting and Help Decide

Major Upcoming Community Events

West Hill Outdoor Cinema

The behind-the-scenes magic is underway on the Skyway Outdoor Cinema! The cinema will kick off on **July 30th following the Safety Day event**. That will be our only Saturday show and then we're back to our usual **Friday nights in August**. Also as usual, all shows will take place in the

US Bank parking lot behind the 7-11

and all films will be family friendly. The movies start at dusk (probably around 9:15 for the first show, and slightly earlier with each successive week).

We're looking forward to having some local talent perform before the shows, and might have enough grant funding to have the Pacific Science Center do some pre-show entertainment as well!

Watch out! It looks like Skyway Outdoor Cinema will be the place to be to watch sparks fly! Keep an eye on **West Hill Connects** for new developments, and notices will be out in the community soon.



**Every Saturday
11-3PM**

Marianna Apts Greenspace

11904 Renton Ave S (Across from Basket Case Drive-In)



Twitter: @skywaymarket
Find us on Facebook too!

Summer Youth Safety Day

King County Fire District 20 (Skyway) and the King County Sheriffs Office is hosting the

**1st annual Summer Safety Youth Day
on Saturday July 30th 2011**

from 11am to 4pm at Skyway Park.

This day is designed to help strengthen the relationship between our youth and our local emergency personnel with games, food, music and a variety of local organizations who will present and give our youth an opportunity to see what organization they can get involved with and have a proactive contribution to our community.

Parking is limited at Skyway Park, a free shuttle and parking is located at Campbell Hill Elementary (6418 South 124th Street) and Lakeridge Elementary (7400 South 115th Street).

We want to thank the following organizations for their donations: Tri-Med Ambulance, West Hill Community Council, Skyway Solutions, WHBA, Skyway Water Sewer District, Renton School District, RAYS, King County Park & Rec, Valley Medical Center, Clowns Unlimited, SAM's Club and Costco for sponsoring this event!

For more info visit www.kcfd20.org!

Car Show and

Community Festival

Once again the West Hill Business Association, Skyway Solutions, and the West Hill Community Council, together with other sponsoring and supporting groups, are planning to hold a Car Show and community festival early this Fall. This will be the third year for this event, and we hope to make it bigger and even more successful than last year's. The Committee is still very active in planning the event, but a date and location have been decided:

September 10, 2011 - 10:00-3:00

At

**Skyway Plaza Parking Lot
by the Roman Casino**

Save the Date!

And Join Us



West Hill Community Council

NEWSLETTER

President Bill Bowden's Comments

Greetings. 2011 represents a year of transition for the West Hill Community Council. See more later in this newsletter on King County's change of our status. Fortunately, the WHCC had its insurance paid for most of the year and had a small carryover from 2010. This carryover and insurance will allow us to continue our activities and sponsorships for the near term. Also see more below on the status of potential annexation to City of Renton. The WHCC is neutral concerning annexation, but will endeavor to bring as much information as possible so voters may make an informed decision.

However, we have some exciting things going on for 2011:

- In the Fall of 2011, King County Roads, in collaboration with the City of Renton, begins street and sidewalk improvements on Renton Ave S between 75th Ave S and 76th Ave S., scheduled for completion at the end of Feb 2012.
- Farmer's Market, started up June 25th.
- Public Safety Day, July 30th,
- Outdoor Cinema, first movie July 30th (a Saturday) and Friday nights after that thru August.
- National Night Out, August 2nd.
- Skyway Car Show and Community Fair, Sept 10th.

You can always checkout: westhillcommunity.com to see what is happening on the hill.

We continue to expand Neighborhood Block Watches. Knowing your neighbors and looking out for one another is the best crime prevention there is. When in doubt call 911, the call responders are well-trained and they can quickly sort things out.

The most important thing to remember is that it is our community and regardless of funding issues, annexation, etc. we'll still be our own place and we still need to look out for ourselves.

West Hill

Quarterly meeting July 19, 2011

7:00pm at VFW Hall in Skyway
7421 S 126th St
Behind the new game center at the
intersection of S 126th and Renton Ave.

Proposed agenda:

- Reports from:
 - County Sheriff
 - Fire District 20
 - Skyway Solutions
 - West Hill Business Association
 - Public Safety Committee
 - Skyway Water/Sewer District
- Discussion and voted Decision on Future Status of the West Hill Community Council
 - Dissolve organization by 12/31/11
 - Merge organization with Skyway Solutions and West Hill Business Assn.
 - Try to continue the organization with fund-raising and seeking grants

Annexation Status Update

Since our newsletter last year, the question of annexation to the City of Renton of the remaining unincorporated area of West Hill — Skyway, Bryn Mawr, Panorama View, Campbell Hill and Earlington — has moved forward considerably. The King County Boundary Review Board approved the annexation proposal, and the City of Renton determined to place it on the ballot for voter's decision in February of 2012.

While there has been some rumors of possible delay of that vote of one or more years, recent reports from City officials indicate there is no current plan to make that delay, and the King County Elections office has been asked to conduct the election at that time.

Plans are under way for several organizations, including the West Hill Community Council, to provide extensive information on the ramifications and consequences of a vote to annex, as well as several forums for full community discussion of the question.

Stay Tuned for Further Information