

# TANGLEWOOD TALES

## CALENDAR

**BOARD MEETINGS**  
are held monthly.  
All are welcome to attend.

**Check with a board member for the date, time and location of the next meeting**

## OUR BOARD

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## **Open letter from the Board. Our Association has a problem.**

For several years now the Board has found it increasingly difficult to enlist volunteers to join the Board. Given the increasing difficulty, the Board has to consider how our HOA will be managed. The alternative to our volunteer involvement is to hire a property management company.

In early investigations, we have learned the cost to hire a management company would be a minimum of \$9000.00 a year, not counting the hourly charges we would incur for various & sundry problems that naturally arise in any neighborhood and are now handled voluntarily. Even without the hourly charges, the base fee of \$9000 for a property management company would cost each of our associations 38 households about \$240.00 a year.

Aside from the cost, a significant impact to the quality of life in our neighborhood would occur from having a business manage our affairs. This would naturally displace a board's ability, made up of your neighbors, to make decisions for us as an HOA. We believe it would be naive to assume they would have the interest in our quality of life that a board made up of neighbors would.

The Board would much prefer the community find a way to continue to have 5 Board members from our own neighborhood, as we have done successfully for over 40 years, but that may no longer be possible. Please look for ongoing communications this winter and spring as the Board explores how the community feels about this problem and what the community is willing to do to resolve it. And please know, whether you've been in the TTA community for years or have just recently arrived...we welcome the time and talent from all in our community.

## **Greetings from your TTA Secretary**

I wanted to write to you in a more personal manner about my experiences on the board.

It has been about two years since I was first asked to participate on the board. I was very reluctant to take a board position for a number of reasons— the time commitment,

doubts about my ability to be an effective contributor or to fulfill the responsibilities of the various positions and I was relatively new in the neighborhood. And, I was recently retired with grandchildren who I am committed to visiting frequently in California.

Board terms run for 2 years, and mine will be up this spring. I can honestly say it has been quite rewarding. It has provided the opportunity to get to know more neighbors, taking an active role in working along with others to keep our neighborhood livable (and running on budget). And, I have found other board members to be helpful, friendly, supporting and collaborative. I have also developed an appreciation for what is involved in keeping our neighborhood running smoothly and a pleasant place to live. And - it has not affected the frequency of my out of state visits to family or otherwise cut into the time spent pursuing other interests.

The time commitment for serving on the board of course depends on the position. Many board members have served while working full time or otherwise being active members of other organizations. If you have an interest in being on the board, any of us would be happy to talk with you and answer any questions you might have. You can find our names and numbers in the left hand column of the first page.

## **Snowplowing of Streets**

After our experience last year, limited funds have been set aside, and arrangements made, for the plowing of our streets in the event of a major snowfall. Our streets are the responsibility of the TTA and are not maintained by the city. We will be using these funds judiciously, only calling for the plowing of our streets in the event that they become impassable.

## **Make your plans now**

Are you ready for the next power outage, storm, or earthquake?  
Simple steps that you can take now to be safe and secure are available at:

- City of Lake Oswego (<https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/citymanager/3-steps-preparedness> or 503-635-0257)
- Red Cross (<http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies#About>)