

# Community Newsletter

## Hello from the new President




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### WELCOME A NEW BOARD, COMING PROJECTS AND EVENTS

Hello Community I'm the new President of the home owners association and would like to say a few words.

First I would like to announce that we have an entirely full new Board of Directors for Furnace Hills phase I. Thank you to everyone who took interest and attended the meeting in August.

We had a major outstanding project to start, with the Bradford Pear tree removal. The ARC committee and the Board all worked hard to accomplish this removal of potentially hazardous limb damage that would have resulted had the Bradfords been left. We would also like to thank the residents of Spalding Court and Palmer Terrace. Without their help we could not have accomplished this so fast. Thank you!

We have a full year of projects to accomplish. For start-

ers, we plan to recommit to the Furnace Hills website and electronic communication. If you have not already forwarded your email address to us, please do. The ARC committee sent a request out on Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup> in their tree removal announcement, and read as follows:

“In an effort to speed up the notification process, we would like to collect email addresses from residents in the community. This will allow these communications opportunities to happen quickly and when possible to solicit opinions from the community. If you could please send us an email at both of the email addresses on the left. Tell us your name and property where you live, we can get you added to our database”

We'd also like to announce that we now have Spanish speaking members on the HOA Board. We believe that this will be an asset to the community for those residents whose first language is

Spanish. Also for those who want to learn another language or for those who have kids with Spanish homework, we will be working with Carroll Community Public Library in Westminster to schedule tutoring in the community once per month. Those interested should contact the board at the email below.

Please take a look at the last page of this newsletter for information on the Communities Halloween plans for this year.

From all the members of the board we are looking forward to working with you in the coming year to make our community a better and safer place to live.

As always you can contact the HOA at:  
[BOD@FurnaceHills.org](mailto:BOD@FurnaceHills.org)

TREE REMOVAL PROJECT DETAILS

The Tree removal project proceeded forward on September 17<sup>th</sup>. The Bradford Pear trees were planted up to 20 years ago and were beginning to lose branches in inclement weather. Luckily no one was hurt by the branches and the property damage was kept to a minimal. The HOA’s Architectural Committee is currently working with the City of Westminster to identify and plant replacement trees. If anyone would like to contribute to selection of the replacement trees please contact the board at the [BOD@furnacehills.org](mailto:BOD@furnacehills.org) email address.



UPCOMING PROJECTS AND EVENTS



One of the board’s initiatives is to utilize the HOA website [www.furnacehills.org](http://www.furnacehills.org) more efficiently as a way of keeping the community up to date. We are working to take a more active role in the administration of the site and it should enable us to begin restoring and adding features that will make it even easier to find information and communicate with your neighbors. Please continue to visit [Furnacehills.org](http://Furnacehills.org) and look for im-

provements and changes in the coming months.

We will be sponsoring a holiday door and window contest for the month of December. The winners will be judged and there will prizes so get those holiday decorations ready!

We are still working on the details of the tot-lot upgrade. Members of the Architectural Committee are working diligently on the logistics. When we have a plan we will pass the details along to the community.

The board has also purchased a number of dog waste containers and is working on plans for deployment around Furnace Hills. We feel that this would another way to help keep our community clean. Until we can get them stationed please remember to clean up after your pets!



The Board is working with the City of Westminster Police on programs such as Neighborhood Watch, Community Education, Residential Security Survey, and the SCORE program. For more information on any of these programs please contact the Board at [BOD@furnacehills.org](mailto:BOD@furnacehills.org).

**Please see the attached flyer at the end for details on our scheduled Halloween activities!**

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THINGS TO REMEMBER

- When walking around the community with your pets please remember to clean up after them
- If you are selling your home please contact the board for a resale packet
- Please respect the community and other people's property
- Be mindful of where you park so as you don't block another's right of passage
- The Board encourages members of the community to report any suspicious activity that you see to the City of Westminster Police at 410-848-4646

### Calendar

**October 31<sup>st</sup> 2009**

Halloween Party – See attached flyer

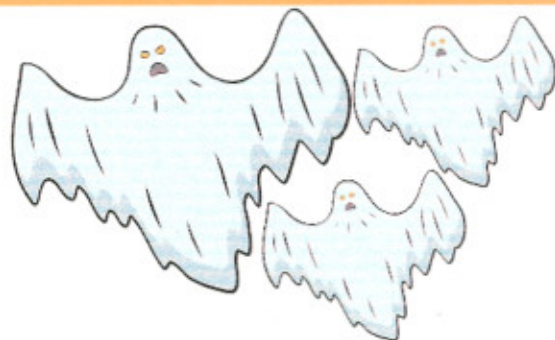
**December 2009**

Holiday decoration contest prizes will be given!

**Spring 2010**

Watch for news about upcoming events

Furnace Hills HOA



# **HALLOWEEN PARTY**

**Saturday, October 31, 2009**

**Children's Costume Contest**  
**Halloween Treats**  
**Prizes**

**Who: Toddlers-to-12 years**  
**Where: Palmer Terrace Overflow Lot**  
**Time: 3-to-5 p.m.**

**Refreshments**

If your child has an allergy to a specific food, please let us know.

**Adult Volunteers Needed.**



**Adult's Halloween**  
**Cupcake Contest**  
**Minimum/Maximum: 12 cupcakes**  
**Prize for best original design.**  
**Will be used as refreshments**  
**afterwards. Need by 3 p.m.**

**RSVP Oct. 23**  
**To: Janet Kelly**  
**janmarkel@qis.net**

**Look for information about the Christmas Front Door, Kitchen Window Contest.**