

TANASBROOK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❖ 2005 TANASBROOK SUMMER BARBEQUE!
- ❖ RESOLVING NEIGHBORHOOD CONFLICTS
- ❖ IN MEMORIAM: SCOTT TALBOT
- ❖ HEADING BACK TO SCHOOL

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## LABOR DAY

We're into August now, which has many people considering their plans for the last summer holiday: Labor Day.

Dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers, the Labor Day holiday celebrated each year on the first Monday in September is a creation of the labor movement in tribute to workers' contributions to the prosperity of our country. According to Samuel Gompers, founder and president of the American Federation of Labor, "Labor Day differs in every essential way from the other holidays of the year in any country. All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man's prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day...is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race, or nation."

Gompers referred to Labor Day as "the day for which the toilers in past centuries looked forward, when their rights and their wrongs would be discussed... that the workers of our day may not only lay down their tools of labor for a holiday, but upon which they may touch shoulders and feel the stronger for it."

The first Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5th, 1882, in New York City, as organized by the Central Labor Union. In 1884, the first Monday in September was selected for the yearly observance, and the Central Labor Union encouraged organizations in other American cities to adopt this annual "workingmen's holiday." The next year, in 1885, many U.S. industrial cities celebrated Labor Day. The holiday was first recognized by the federal government through municipal ordinances passed in 1885 and 1886, with Oregon passing the first state law on the holiday on February 21, 1887, followed that same year by Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York.



Canada adopted their annual Labour Day holiday, also on the first Monday in September, in 1894.

Street parades and festivals soon became the accepted pattern for observing Labor Day; as the focus shifted to the economic and civic significance of the holiday, speechmaking became a prominent feature of the day. In 1909, the day before Labor Day was designated Labor Sunday and was dedicated to the labor movement's spiritual and educational facets.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, "The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership — the American worker."

In more recent years, of course, the holiday has gained significance for another reason: Labor Day has become the unofficial end of summer vacation, and so is not surprisingly one of the most popular days for cookouts and swimming parties.

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## THOA MANAGER'S REPORT: JUNE 2005

KERRY LAUER, OFFICE AND LANDSCAPE MANAGER;  
RON MARTIN, MAINTENANCE MANAGER; AND ALEX SMITH, SPECIAL  
PROJECTS MANAGER

### Item 1. Maintenance Requests

Completion of sixty-four maintenance requests have been completed since the last board meeting. There are currently ninety-two that remain outstanding.

### Item 2. Deck Cycle

Eleven decks were completed this month; forty of one hundred have been completed at this time.

### Item 3. Paint Cycle

The paint Cycle was started as of June 20<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-six of ninety units have been completed at this time. We are currently four days behind the proposed painting schedule. We will finish painting on Rolling Hill Drive this coming month and work our way north to south on Rolling Hill Lane.

### Item 4. Collections

As of July 25, 2005, there are a total of twenty-three homeowners who are delinquent on monthly dues. The

Association Attorney is handling eleven of these accounts, totaling \$60,075.29, of which the attorney collected \$8,682.63.

The office is handling twelve monthly dues accounts, totaling \$7,965.14, of which \$3,067.08 was collected this month.

As of the same date, six homeowners remain delinquent on the special assessment accounts. The Association Attorney is handling two of these accounts, totaling \$3,987.91. The attorney collected \$0.

The office is handling three of the special assessment accounts totaling \$2,382.52, of which \$125.40 was collected per contract for the month of June.

### Item 5. Carpet

Carpet in the party room was installed on July 13<sup>th</sup> for bid price of \$1100.00.

## BACK TO SCHOOL!

August is already here, and before you know it, the time will come to head back to school.

While most kids typically dread the first day of school, I spent my entire summer looking forward to it when I was their age. I loved school. I was the nerdy kid who started in on the summer reading assignments as soon as I got home from the last day of classes to begin summer vacation. I'd usually completed the list of books within a couple of weeks and then had to find something else to occupy my time; usually it was summer day camps, where I could study dance and "kids kitchen," and later it was Governor's School programs, in which I could study astronomy and physics.

It was always a thrill to get that letter from the school in August listing the required school supplies for the coming year, and when I got to high school, I was

the first student in line at the bookstore when it opened the week before classes started, so I could buy my textbooks and spiral notebooks. The night before the first day of school, I was always too excited to sleep. When I was in college, I voluntarily remained on campus during the summer so I could keep taking classes; plus, the library was less crowded during those months, so there was less competition for research materials.

When this time of year rolls around again, I am frequently envious of the school-age kids who are now rounding out their summer vacations and will shortly be back in the classroom. While I know several youngsters who would gladly trade places with me, kids aren't the only ones headed back to school this fall.

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## TREASURY REPORT: JUNE 2005

CYNTHIA WARMENHOVEN

### GENERAL FUND

#### Revenue:

June revenue of \$57,110 actual compared to a June budget of \$57,110. YTD is \$342,662, and budget is \$342,660. We were right on-budget for General Fund revenue. Note that the reserve amount each month is primarily preset with variances showing up in the Reserve Account.

#### Cost and Expenses:

June expenses were \$49,555, compared to our June budget of \$57,110. YTD is \$330,694, compared to budget of \$342,660, and is now \$11,966 favorable variance.

### RESERVE FUND

#### Revenue:

June revenue of \$29,432 actual compared to our June budget of \$28,395. YTD, we are \$175,788 compared to our budget of \$170,370, or \$5,418 favorable variance. Late fees collection, clubhouse rentals, and key cards were the major contributor, followed by higher than budgeted interest earned and clubhouse rentals for the favorable position of reserve revenue.

#### Cost and Expenses:

June actual expense of \$83,673 compared to our budget of \$61,667 was \$22,006 over-spent. YTD actual expenses of \$288,949 compared to budget of \$338,792 is \$49,843 unfavorable (under-spent).

## THE PASSING OF A FRIEND: GILBERT SCOTT TALBOT

SHARON LAUNT

Gilbert Scott Talbot, 1949 – 2005

A large group of family, friends, and co-workers gathered at Rood Bridge Park in Hillsboro on July 14 to celebrate the life of Tanasbrook resident Scott Talbot. Scott passed away peacefully at his Rolling Hill Drive home on July 7 after a yearlong battle with lymphoma.

Scott was born to Gilbert F. Talbot and Margaret Piper Talbot in Oregon City on November 30, 1949. After graduating from Clackamas High School, Scott received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Oregon State University. He married the love of his life, Barb, on December 20, 1970, and after raising two children in Redland, Oregon, Scott and Barb moved to Tanasbrook in July 2001.

Scott's career was in landscape architecture, and for the past seventeen years he worked with the City of Hillsboro Parks and Recreation Department, most recently serving as Development Manager. Scott's love of nature was reflected in his efforts to

expand the Hillsboro Park system and develop regional greenspace and trails. Scott believed in social justice, conservation, and working toward one's goals. He loved to spend time outdoors, share stories around the dinner table, and had a passion for Hawaii, where he and Barb planned to live after his retirement.

At Tanasbrook, Scott was involved in helping to improve the lake area and was a driving force in developing support for the current lake restoration project. His efforts were instrumental in helping Tanasbrook and Clean Water Services work together in the development of this project.

Scott is survived by his wife, Barb; his son, Tony, of Juneau, Alaska; his daughter, Stacy, of Portland; his sister, Susan, of Portland; and his brother, Bill, of Seattle, Washington. Remembrances may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 9320 SW Barbur Blvd., Suite 140, Portland, OR 97219.

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IF YOU ARE A NEW NEIGHBOR (HAVING MOVED TO TANASBROOK WITHIN THE LAST YEAR) AND WOULD LIKE TO BE FEATURED IN AN UPCOMING ISSUE, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH!  
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**REMINDER FROM THOA:**  
HOMEOWNERS WHO ARE SELLING THEIR UNITS MUST DISCLOSE INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAKES PROJECT TO THEIR REALTORS AND TO PROSPECTIVE BUYERS.

## TANASBROOK SUMMER BARBEQUE

### CLARINDA WHITE

### Tanasbrook Summer Barbeque: A Mexican Fiesta Celebration

**Activities:** Our annual barbeque kicks off with a trio performance of traditional Latin music followed by our master of ceremonies and DJ continuing the celebration with more music and salsa dance lessons. There will be plenty of fun, games and activities for everyone! And don't miss the opportunity to enter the raffle and win prizes.

**Date:** Saturday, August 20, 2005.

**Time:** 3-6 p.m.

**Location:** Under the trees near the Tanasbrook Clubhouse and Pool.

**What to Bring:** Bring your family and your favorite side dish or dessert.

**Barbeque:** We'll provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments, sodas, paper plates, napkins, and silverware.

**Volunteers:** Do you like to barbeque? Would you be willing to help cook the hamburgers and hotdogs for a short time at summer barbeque?

Contact Clarinda White, 503-629-7094. We look forward to seeing you there!

## LAKES PROJECT UPDATE: CURRENT ACTIVITIES AT TANASBROOK LAKES

FROM THE CLEAN WATER SERVICES PROJECT WEBSITE

**Update: July 18, 2005**

### Dewatering continues and agencies preparing to relocate wildlife/fish

Over the past two weeks, the pumps placed in the lakes have been gradually draining the water as intended. Clean Water Services staff are monitoring the process carefully to allow wildlife time to adjust and relocate. Ducks have been enjoying the opportunity to ride on the pumps that are floating in the lake.

The upper lake at Birch Pointe Apartments and middle lake are being drained first and the lower one will then be dewatered. The dewatering process should be completed around mid-August.

The mud will be seeded with native grasses shortly after the dewatering. Blackberry will also be removed this summer.

Clean Water Services is working with private wildlife services to relocate or remove affected birds and fish as needed. They will be removing fish and relocating them downstream as the water levels drop.

The recent hot weather is beneficial for drying out the mud, which is expected to be several feet deep. For additional security, fencing will be placed around the two lower ponds.

We've had requests to find a new home for a resident family of domestic geese (called the "Fab Five" by local residents). The wildlife service is preparing to remove them and relocate them to a local nursery or private property.

If you have any comments or suggestions about the project, please send an e-mail to [cernazanuj@CleanWaterServices.org](mailto:cernazanuj@CleanWaterServices.org)

**PET OF THE MONTH**

You may remember our June Pet of the Month, Pooh Bear, aka the "Mystery Cat" who came to visit me late one night.

At the end of July, I was distressed to find the letter below posted to my courtyard gate, detailing this news of Pooh Bear. If anyone has any information about this unfortunate incidence, please contact Vicky Rogers (503-439-9568, 1664 NW Midlake Lane).

*Sunday, 24 July 2005*

*On Friday evening, July 22, our kitty Pooh Bear was seriously injured. We have narrowed the time frame to between approximately 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. We returned from a movie at 10 p.m. when our neighbors informed us about Pooh and that they had taken him to Rock Creek Veterinary Hospital. Unfortunately, Rock Creek Vets refused Pooh, and I brought him back home hoping he would make it through the night. Saturday morning he was finally able to be seen by his doctor at another clinic.*

*Pooh was either accidentally or maliciously hurt. We strongly believe his injury occurred on our own street, Midlake Lane. Pooh took a serious blow to the head; he has cranial trauma, a broken jaw, brain swelling, and other additional injuries.*

*We hate to believe that anyone would hurt an innocent animal purposely. If Pooh survives his injuries, we would like to know if he has been*



*an annoyance to anyone, to avoid such an act to take place again. However, if this was an accident, let us remind whoever accidentally hurt him, that it is not only the law to assist the animal and to go to all extents to find the owner, but it is also morally the correct thing to do. Pooh was left to fend for himself.*

*We are asking for any information that anyone may have about Pooh's unfortunately luck on Friday night. Pooh Bear is an orange tabby with white rings on his tail.*

*I would again like to thank those wonderful neighbors who helped to assist our kitty. Our neighbors have been very supportive during this time – thank you for your prayers and kind wishes.*

Please help us keep Tanasbrook safe for our human and animal friends alike.



WANT TO NOMINATE YOUR PET OR A NEIGHBOR'S PET AS "PET OF THE MONTH"? DO YOU HAVE AN ANIMAL STORY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

CONTACT JEN AT 503-690-7293

OR E-MAIL A PHOTO AND DESCRIPTION TO REV.JEN@VERIZON.NET

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**REMINDER TO TANASBROOK PET OWNERS:**

FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR ANIMAL COMPANIONS, ALL PETS MUST BE TAGGED WITH NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER OF THE OWNER, AND MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE OFFICE. DOGS IN ANY PUBLIC AREAS OF TANASBROOK MUST BE LEASHED AND HAVE THEIR DROPPINGS REMOVED. CATS THAT RUN AT LARGE SHOULD BE NEUTERED OR SPAYED.

**FARMER'S ALMANAC**

FORECAST FOR THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

**August 2005**

Temperature: 62.5° (2.5° below average).  
Precipitation: 2" (1" above average).

August 1-6: Sunny, hot, then seasonable.  
August 7-13: Seasonable, rain, then sunny.  
August 14-31: Cool, occasional rain.

**September 2005**

Temperature: 62° (1° above average).  
Precipitation: 0.5" (1" below average).

Sept. 1-5: Partly sunny, warm.  
Sept. 6-12: Cool, sprinkles.  
Sept. 13-19: Cool, occasional rain, heavy north.  
Sept. 20-25: Sunny, warm.  
Sept. 26-30: Seasonable, rain.





## CONFLICT WITH YOUR NEIGHBOR

JIM BROOKS, PROGRAM MANAGER, BEAVERTON DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER

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With summer in full swing, the Dispute Resolution Center experiences an increase in cases as people venture outside to work on projects, enjoy their backyards, and bask in the summer sun. Along with the pleasantries of summer come the usual problems with dogs left outside to bark, fence and boundary issues, remodeling issues, noise issues, and trees that insist on growing into other people's yards. While Code Services can handle some of the issues that arise, the majority of the issues neighbors have can be resolved by them talking directly with one another to work out their differences. When talking directly doesn't work, the Dispute Resolution Center is here to act as an impartial third party to help you work through your disputes.

When conflict arises with your neighbor you have three choices for dealing with it: interest-based processes such as problem-solving, negotiation, and mediation that try to meet the needs of all parties; rights-based processes such as the court system that give the issue over to a third party for decision-making; or power-based processes whereby each party brings to bear all the resources they have at their disposal against the other party in an attempt to win. As conflict escalates from interest-based collaboration to power-based feuding there is an ever-greater cost to the parties not only in terms of time and money but also in terms of:

- Loss of focus
- Loss of trust
- Draining of emotional energy

- Stressed, strained, or terminated relationships
- Damaged reputation

Not exactly the way you might intend to enjoy your summer.

Psychologists have developed a theory, called the Attribution Theory, that states that when a negative event arises, we begin to address it by attributing the cause to someone or something. It is the way we begin to make sense of the event. When we are involved with or cause a negative event we have a strong tendency to attribute the cause to the situation. We attribute the best of intentions to ourselves and blame outside circumstances for the problem. However, when others are involved with or cause a negative event we have a strong tendency to attribute the cause to the bad intentions of the other person. This is called the 'self-serving or egocentric bias.' Isn't it amazing how your neighbor is always wrong and you are right? It is the egocentric bias getting in the way.

One of the most important things to remember when you have a conflict with your neighbor is to understand that this bias exists and that, in reality, you both bear some responsibility for the conflict. By recognizing the joint contribution, you can stop placing blame and begin to work together to resolve your conflict in a constructive manner. Have a great summer!

**Editor's Note:** If you are having a conflict with your Tanasbrook neighbor and are not able to resolve the issue one-on-one, please contact the Tanasbrook Homeowners Association office or one of your board members. We are here to help!

Building a strong, cohesive, and happy community requires all of our best efforts. Let's continue building the best neighborhood that we all want to – and deserve to – live in.

## August 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Lammas/ Lughnasadh	2	3	4 New Moon	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Landscape Committee, 7pm	16	17	18	19 Full Moon	20 Summer BBQ, 3-6pm
21	22 Board Meeting, 7pm	23	24	25 Book Club Meeting, 1-3pm	26	27
28	29	30	31			

The Tanasbrook Reading Group has selected its titles for the summer! August 25: *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. New members are welcome! Jane Fisher (503) 629-0724.

## September 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 New Moon
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Full Moon
18	19	20	21	22 Mabon/Fall Equinox	23	24
25	26 Board Meeting, 7pm	27	28	29	30	

HOMEOWNERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

HOMEOWNERS, RENTERS, AND ROOMMATES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS.



THE TANASBROOK READING GROUP MEETS THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, 1-3PM, AT THE CLUB HOUSE. PLEASE CONTACT JANE FISHER AT 503-629-0724 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

**CRAFTER'S CLUB!**  
THE CRAFTER'S CLUB WILL BE TAKING A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER. PLEASE JOIN US AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER, THIRD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH 6-10 PM THOA CLUBHOUSE

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
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**SHARE YOUR STORY**  
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SUMMER ACTIVITY?

E-MAIL JEN AT REV.JEN@VERIZON.NET OR CALL 503-690-7293 TO SHARE YOUR STORY FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN OUR NEXT ISSUE.



## AUGUST GARDEN TIP

ALLEN HULL

### Water, Water Everywhere

This is the peak of the hot, dry season, so your plants may need water more than anything else. A thick mulch will ensure that you don't lose a drop.

### Tree and Shrub TLC

Never feed your trees, shrubs, or evergreens after August 15, as this will encourage new growth that may not have time to mature before winter.

### Give Them a Big Drink

Keep your hanging baskets and other containers growing by feeding them with

a good plant food. Since they frequently dry out in the middle, restore moisture by soaking parched containers in a large tub of water for half-an-hour.

### Pot Up Herbs

You don't need to bring them inside just yet, but if you pot up the herbs now you want to grow indoors this winter, they will have ample time to get settled into their containers. Rosemary, thyme, and tarragon are excellent candidates for this procedure.

See you next month!

## RON'S CORNER: GOOD SENSE TIPS FOR CONDOMINIUM LIVING

Moving: Please leave your red recycle bin behind, as it belongs to Tanasbrook.

Cigarette butts: Please discard them in ashtrays. It's hot and dry this time of year, and a butt carelessly thrown near some shrubs could easily cause a fire. Littering the Tanasbrook grounds demonstrates your disregard for yourself and your community.

Garage sale signs: Take them down when your sale is over. We can learn a lot about you when you don't bother to clean up.

Too hot? Don't leave ground-floor windows open: it's an invitation to burglary and more.

Window air-conditioning units: Check with Ron to make sure your AC unit is installed properly and not an eye-sore.

Windows and courtyards: If you think your window looks tattered and unattractive, most likely your neighbors do, too. Please step up to your responsibility as a resident by keeping your window coverings in good repair.

Shopping carts: Please, please, do not drive them home.

Dogs: Love them! And please keep them on a leash when taking them for a walk in Tanasbrook common areas.

Neighbors: You just can't tell when you will need a good neighbor, so treat your neighbors like you want them to treat you.

Newspapers: Those welcome or unwelcome Tuesday freebies need to be picked up. Please do not leave them lying around.

Trash containers: These should be set out Thursdays only for trash pick-up. Other days, no one wants to see them, as they are unattractive and, well, "trashy."

Finally: We are surrounded by growth and traffic, so let's do all we can to keep our community very safe, clean, friendly, and beautiful. We all deserve that much.



CALL RON: 971-246-2871.  
YOU WILL STILL NEED TO  
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REQUEST FORM.

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FILL OUT A MAINTENANCE  
REQUEST FORM ONLINE.

NEW HOMEOWNERS:  
PLEASE CHECK IN AND  
REGISTER AT THE OFFICE.

**BACK TO SCHOOL! (CONT. FROM PAGE 2)**

Studies have shown that adults can keep their minds sharp as they age by continuing to learn new things, thereby reinforcing the brain's network of synapses and building new connections. Picking up new skills and exploring new interests are great ways to keep your mind healthy and strong. There are many opportunities for staying "mentally fit" by taking classes and workshops in our community, including writer's events held at local bookstores, programs offered by the Hillsboro Public Library, and even our own Tanasbrook book club. And don't forget walking! The simple motion of gently swinging your arms while you walk helps to balance the hemispheres of the brain, while the physical exercise pumps more oxygen into the bloodstream – further fueling the brain: Good news for students dashing between classes.

This summer, I have been taking a class in Egyptian Hieroglyphs at Portland Community College's Central Workforce Training Campus, located next to OMSI. There are at least twenty of us in the class, led by John Sarr, the president of the Portland chapter for the American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE); students range in age from just-out-of-college to long-past-retirement, and our language lessons are punctuated by insights into Ancient Egypt culture. While it has been a challenge to learn an entirely new – and entirely ancient – system of writing, the class has proven absolutely fascinating.

But PCC offers more than just continuing education and special interest classes, with courses ranging from computer basics to agricultural management, from chemistry to criminal justice, and from dental hygiene and welding to philosophy and telecommunications. Some courses can even be taken online from home. With an emphasis on community and professional education, PCC also helps students complete their high school education, start work toward

a bachelor's degree, and earn two-year associate's degrees.

PCC has several campuses and learning centers scattered across the metro Portland area; the closest one to Tanasbrook is the Rock Creek Campus on NW Springville Road. Print copies of their course offerings are available each season at our local Tanasbourne branch library, and the Fall 2005 guide is out now. A PDF version of the course catalog is available online from PCC's website (<http://www.pcc.edu/>), and you can search and register for classes online.

Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District also offers a wide range of classes and programs in addition to maintaining the natural areas and parks that we know and love. Since January, I have been taking classes in Tribal Belly Dance at the Cedar Hills facility. This is a great way to spend a Monday evening, and it's more of a workout than you'd think! I have also tried one of their many Tai Chi classes, and a friend of mine swears by their yoga classes.

THPRD's variety of offerings will appeal to many different age groups in an environment that, according to their website, encourages "health, wellness, life enrichment, and personal development." THPRD offers classes in sports, yoga, business development, computers, music, dog obedience training, cultural events, and cooking. The THPRD Activities and Events Guide can be found at the Tanasbourne branch of the Hillsboro Public Library; class schedules and registration are also available online (<http://www.thprd.org>).

If these community opportunities still don't satisfy your voracious appetite for learning, let me know if you'd like to be my study buddy: I'm considering going back to school to pursue my doctorate.

I am still a school-nerd after all.



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AN ARTICLE OR OTHER  
NEWSLETTER FEATURE?  
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DO YOU HAVE A TANASBROOK GHOST STORY YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

CONTACT JEN WILLIS (REV.JEN@VERIZON.NET, 503-690-7293) TO HAVE YOUR TALE INCLUDED IN OUR NEXT ISSUE.

CONTRIBUTORS MAY REMAIN ANONYMOUS.



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT

Hi, Jen:

*I did want to register my concern about your article on the hauntings. I don't see how it served our community, and particularly Midlake, by publishing this article. I felt rather upset after reading it. It was your call, but I just wanted to give you some feedback from a Midlake resident.*

*The primary reason for my upset is that as a homeowner, who may one day want to sell at the highest profit possible, the last thing I want is for Midlake to get a reputation as a street of haunted houses. And these "rumors" can sometimes have a way of growing exponentially. Hopefully, of course, it will just be small blip on the screen of life.*

*Katya Stevens*

Katya:

Thanks for writing!

While many states have laws requiring disclosure to prospective buyers of a property's material defects (e.g., roofing in need of repair), the state-by-state laws on "stigmatized properties" – those where a murder or suicide has taken place, or where a ghost is believed to be in residence – are changing.

According to Missourihosts.net, several states – including Oregon and California (but not Washington State) – exempt brokers from disclosing property stigmas, such as crimes, suicides, or HIV status of a previous occupant.

*Realty Times* recommends disclosure of possible paranormal activity as a means of avoiding trouble later: "Disclosing things that go bump in the night, as well as more tangible stigmas could certainly cause your home's value to drop, but failing to disclose them could cost you a much scarier liability suit." ("Do You See Dead People? Disclose It," [realtymag.com/rtpages/20031023\\_deadpeople.htm](http://realtymag.com/rtpages/20031023_deadpeople.htm))

This sort of activity can be considered alongside more "natural" occurrences (e.g., racoons) in terms of the level of nuisance and the need for disclosure to potential new buyers; however, there are other buyers who actively look for "haunted" properties, and in some cases a resident ghost will actually help the home fetch a higher sale price.

Paranormal activity is not as uncommon as people think, which was part of the reason behind publication of the light-hearted "Ghosts of Midlake" article. I have received e-mail from others in Tanasbrook who have had similar experiences and needed that nudge to come forward, so the article has helped to begin this discussion and as well as keeping neighbors informed of happenings in and around Tanasbrook.

## LUGHNASAD AND LAMMAS: AUGUST 1ST

Lughnasad, celebrated on August 1st, marks the beginning of the Celtic harvest season when the first crops were gathered, and ending when the last of the sheep and cattle were brought down from the highland pastures just before Samhain (Halloween).

Lugh, the Celtic deity for whom Lughnasad is named, is a solar god, and some myths claim that Bel – the god of Beltane (aka May Day) was his father. It is possible that both London (Lugh-dunum, "Lugh's town") and Lyons, France, were named after him.

Legend from late Irish prehistory holds that Lugh appeared at the gates of Tara during a celebration of King Nuada, but he was denied entrance. The king sent his champion chess player to challenge Lugh to a match, and the king's champion was squarely trounced. Lugh was then welcomed inside and went on to lead Tara's warriors as Battle Chief of the Tuatha De Danann.

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– Jen

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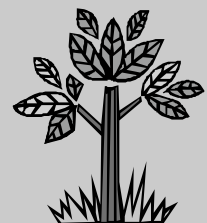
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Just as Lugh offered himself in service to the Tuatha De Danann, the crops offer up themselves at the peak of their ripeness and power, and the Celts dedicated their first harvest to Lugh, both warrior and sun god (critical to a successful harvest) in gratitude.

Lugh is also associated with Mercury/Hermes, the messenger of the gods from classical mythology.

This early August cross-quarter day is also known as Lammas, a word combining "loaf" and "mass"; this holiday marked the consecration of the first loaf of bread made from the year's first harvest. Corn dolls were also made from the straw of this first harvest. It should be noted that "corn" in the day's British English equates to "grain" in American English, so "corn dolls" were frequently made from wheat. Adopted by the early Christian church as a holy day, Lammas is celebrated on the 1st of August.

source:  
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**TRUGREEN: SUMMER PRIORITIES**

Summer Priorities – Overview:

- Keep up with Round-up spray routes for beds.
- Begin summer pruning after spring growth hardens off.
- Fertilize turf with summer granular.
- Spot spray turf broadleaf weeds.
- Begin irrigation and monitor as needed.
- Groom bark beds for spent blossoms.
- Maintain summer annuals after planting.

Monthly Checklist – August:

1. Complete necessary summer pruning.
2. Refertilize turf as needed.
3. Reduce irrigation frequency on turf in late August.
4. Discontinue irrigation to shrub beds.
5. Begin bed pre-emergent and turf broadleaf sprays.

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