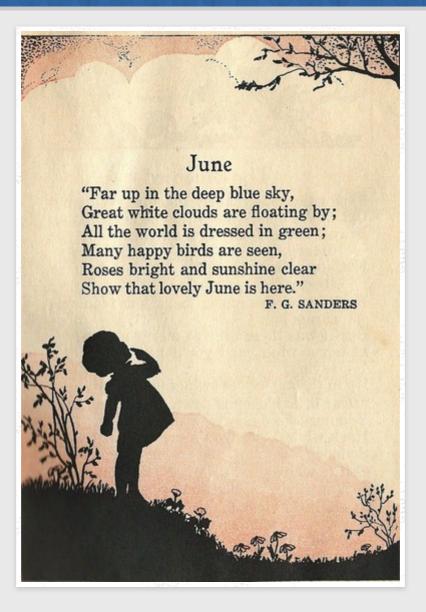
# MAPLE HILLS MINUTE

**JUNE 18, 2023** 



#### LONGEST DAY OF THE YEAR

Hello Maple Hills,

Summer solstice is shortly upon us! It's my favorite season and part of why I love it is because we get to see more of each other around the neighborhood. It's such a great time to

be able to see why living here is such a privilege. Maple Hills is such a gem... and when we are all cooped up in our individual home, it's easier to forget that we are so lucky to have such a beautiful place to call home.

I look forward to seeing many of you this month! The pool, swim meets, the playground, walks, jogs, runs, biking, hiking... it's always fun to see so many smiling faces!

Have the best month available to you, Katie Johnson, President

#### **ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

The Annual MHMC meeting was held in person and on Zoom on 6/10/23. Here's a quick recap of the highlights and links for more information.

- Thank you to the volunteer Board for their dedicated service this year!
- We had about 25 community members join us for a taco bar and neighborhood updates.
- The fire station saw a number of improvements this year which were prompted by a structural emergency that has now been remediated. We do not anticipate any large scale projects this year.
- The new check in system at the pool is running smoothly and it is really helpful for the guards. We are looking into the need to resurface the pool and will plan for that.
- The park projects that were done this year have made a really big difference, especially the drainage in the playground.
- We took suggestions for park and playground improvements which included more interactive/inclusive playground equipment, more modern neighborhood signs, planting of trees for shade in the park, and beautifying the areas around the signs.
- Events were well attended this year! We are excited about this years summer activities and looking for recommendations for more community activities.
- The 2024 budget was presented which includes a 4% increase in dues to account for life being more expensive.
- Andrew presented a fire axe that Matt "found" when we first took possession of the fire station. Andrew mounted it so that it could be displayed to honor the history of the building.
- No new nominations for Board members were presented.
- Votes on the budget: 16 Approved, 0 Not Approved, 2 Abstain
- Votes on Board members: 16 Approved, 0 Not Approved, 2 Abstain

To get the full DRAFT minutes from this month or to see previous minutes, click here: <a href="https://maplehills.org/media\_category/minutes/">https://maplehills.org/media\_category/minutes/</a>

The next monthly meeting is on 7/12/23 at 7:30 at the fire station and on Zoom. Just a reminder, we do not meet in August.

# THE "FOUND" FIRE AXE



## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Be sure to check the website for the most up to date events!

- 6/21- Movie Night at the Pool (Summer Solstice)
- 7/4- Fourth of July Celebrations- 5k, Parade, Hot Dog Picnic, Evening Events and Fireworks
- 7/28- Movie Night at the Pool
- 8/1- National Night Out at the Park
- 8/27- Movie Night at the Pool

The Lord of the 4th is deep into planning for this years celebrations! If you are newer to the neighborhood, you should know that this is a BIG deal!

4th of July Schedule (Times are Tentative)
9:00am- 5K Run/Jog/Walk
11:00am- Parade and Hot Dog Picnic
5:00- Live Band on the lower field
Dark- Fireworks (from permitted licensed pyrotechnic expert)

Buy your 5k t-shirt here: <a href="https://runsignup.com/Race/WA/Renton/MapleHills4thofJuly5K?">https://runsignup.com/Race/WA/Renton/MapleHills4thofJuly5K?</a>
<a href="mailto:fbclid=lwAR3CUqM3pc2PEePLZeNq14gJzK-xqXFM8\_sEjub8FL0Glk2o70P\_j\_H90ps">https://runsignup.com/Race/WA/Renton/MapleHills4thofJuly5K?</a>

Proceeds from t-shirt sales support the activities all day! Sponsorship information is also available. See below!

#### The 15th Annual Maple Hills 4th of July

Would you like to continue or start your sponsorship of the Maple Hills 4th of July Holiday?

This year we are looking build on last years success of having a live band on the lower field along with all the other great events of the day. Gold and Silver level sponsors get their logo printed on all the t-shirts, flyers and posters. Let me know as soon as possible to make sure we have time to do all the printing.

Gold Level - \$500 - 4 spots Silver Level - \$250 -10 spots Friends of the Fourth - \$1 - \$100

Please make checks payable to Maple Hills Maintenance Co. or Kelly Walshe.
Please let me know by June 4th.
Thanks again!

Kelly Walshe Lord of the Fourth Owner Blue Dog Dance 425 753-6481

#### With Thanks to our Sponsors for their Generous Support















### FOOD TRUCKS GALORE

If you would like to reach out to Katelyn with suggestions, comments, or help please email to <a href="MHfoodtrucks@gmail.com">MHfoodtrucks@gmail.com</a>.

Here's the current schedule:

June 16th- Wise Guy (4:30-7pm)

June 23rd- Sam Cho Poke (4:30-7pm)

June 28th- Incredibowls (4:30-7pm)

July 12th- Mexicuban (4:30-7pm)

July 20th- Cascadia Pizza Co. (4:30-7pm)

August 4th- Action Food Truck (4:30-7pm)

August 10th- Yummy Gyro (4:30-7pm)

August 17th- Tabassum (4:30-7pm)

August 24th- Where Ya At Matt (4:30-7pm)

Please note the following:

All food trucks serve from 4:30-7, unless otherwise specified on Facebook or <a href="https://www.maplehills.org">www.maplehills.org</a> (events). Schedule is subject to change and menus may be available closer to each date.

#### THE SWIMMING SPOT

The pool is OPEN and it's awesome! Remember we are open weekends only until school is out. A few reminders and notes:

- Pool rules and permission slips can be found on our website. Please review these before swimming this year. <a href="http://maplehills.org/park-and-pool/maple-hills-pool-rules/">http://maplehills.org/park-and-pool/maple-hills-pool-rules/</a>
- If you are a renter, please be sure the home owner has completed the Release of Use for 2023. It may be emailed: <a href="http://maplehills.org/renter-info/">http://maplehills.org/renter-info/</a>
- If you plan to bring a large group of people, 10 or more, to the pool, it is required that you call the pool in advance to see if there is guard capacity on duty. You may also email the pool manager in advance.

#### FIRE STATION FACTS

Here's an update on all the exciting happenings from our Clubhouse Trustee, Matt Nepsa!

- Rentals are hopping. We have yoga, marital arts, community events, private parties, etc.
- Please send your suggestions for community events to us!
- Members may rent the Firehouse for personal meetings or events. Non members may also rent the space now as well. The restroom may also be added to shelter reservations.
   See here for details and pre-registration link <a href="https://maplehills.org/clubhouse-reservations/">https://maplehills.org/clubhouse-reservations/</a>

If you have ideas or skills to share, email Matt Nepsa! We welcome help and volunteers!

#### HISTORICAL HOTSPOT

At the Annual Meeting, I had the privilege of chatting with John O'Day. He was on the Board in the 90's and shared that the big kerfuffle at that time was with use of the baseball field. There were competing interests between 5 Star and Issaquah Little League for use of the field. It just goes to show that there is always something causing a ruckus.

We are always looking for some historical stories to be shared in the Maple Hills Minute. Please email your spring/summer stories to <a href="MapleHillsNewsletter@gmail.com">MapleHillsNewsletter@gmail.com</a>. Share how life was in Maple Hills for you!

#### KIDS KORNER

Joke of the month

Knock knock.
Who's there?

Noah.

Noah who?

Noah more school... it's summer vacation!

**June Activities** 

Cardboard Jellyfish <a href="https://buggyandbuddy.com/cardboard-tube-jellyfish-craft/">https://buggyandbuddy.com/cardboard-tube-jellyfish-craft/</a>

Check out this daily calendar for kids!

KIDS ACTVITY CALENDAR FOR JUNE  June Activity Calendar *** ****						
	chalk rake art	ice cream in	paper plate twisting	4 watermelon	DIY fidget spinner	6 pendulum painting
7 DIY mini golf	8 fluffy slime	9 polka dot soup	10 painted treasure rocks	color scavenger hunt	12 DIY solar oven	13 bubble foam
14 DIY kaleidoscope	15 water bombs	16 funny face flip book	17 broom painting	18 wash the dog	19 erase the ABCs	20 rain gutter river
21 nature paint brushes	22 giant water beads	23 summer scavenger hunt	24 weaving with nature	25 sand sime	26 soap foam sidewalk paint	27 feet painting
28 exploding baggies	29 ping pong ball launcher	30 chalk ice	4			7



## PTA PLACE

Since we have so many young families in the neighborhood and I also serve on the PTA Board, I'll share any information that crosses over with our community.

• Field Day is coming right up!!! June 15th 8:30-11:30 you may want to avoid the lower field as we generally allow the school to use it for a few stations.

- If you have an incoming Kindergartner, please join us for one or both Kinder Playdates:
   8/14 at the Maple Hills Park. Time TBD
   8/17 at the Maple Hills Elementary Kinder Playground. Time TBD.
  - Meet the Teacher is 8/28 9-10am. PTA will be there with Donuts or popsicles.
  - We have partnered with Smith Brothers for a fundraiser! Each new customer that signs up with the code MHEPTA. You know you want to have the milk box on your front step!

    Details are below. Click here to join: <a href="http://smithbrothersfarms.com/?dc=mhepta">http://smithbrothersfarms.com/?dc=mhepta</a>
  - For more information about PTA click here: <a href="https://maplehillspta.com/Home">https://maplehillspta.com/Home</a>





# YOUR 2023-24 BOARD MEMBERS

Facebook

The Maple Hills Board of Trustees is a volunteer, membervoted group, representing a diverse group of neighbors. Representatives serve 2 year terms.

Vice President- Kelly Walshe
Treasurer- Greg Evans
Secretary- Rebecca Schwenk
Clubhouse Trustee- Matt Nepsa
Park Trustee- Mike Peil
Pool Trustee- Jodi Skroch
Communications Trustee- Julie Alexander
Events Trustee- Nicole Dudley



President- Katie Johnson



# HOW TO REACH THE BOARD? GET INFORMATION?

Ideas and feedback are welcomed!

Please use the following emails to reach the appropriate Board member:

- General Board Inquiries- mailto:maple-hills-board@googlegroups.com
- Events Inquiries- mailto: Maple Hills Events @gmail.com
- Newsletter Inquiries- mailto: Maple Hills Newsletter @gmail.com
- Pool Inquiries- mailto:PoolMapleHills@gmail.com
- Pool number- (425) 228-5013
- Food Truck Inquiries- mailto:MHFoodTruck@gmail.com

To find the calendar of events, how to pay dues, bylaws, pool information, shelter reservations, board meeting minutes, budget information and more: <a href="https://www.maplehills.org">www.maplehills.org</a>

To subscribe to the monthly e-newsletter and printed bi-annual newsletter click below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1\_EzY2cfLCVOQNP1wkMEq6Rl4crH6bEN5gneWp5N1hvw/viewform?edit\_requested=true

