

# WELCOME

## SKYLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL MEETING – MAY 16, 2019

# AGENDA

- Call meeting to order – Paul
- Introductions (Board members and all Neighbors)
- Administrative Matters
  - Treasurer's Report – Roger
  - Fundraising/Expenses – Paul
- Election of Officers – Roger
- C800 Tower Update – Roger
- Skylands I – CC&Rs Update – Art
- City of Lake Oswego Annexation Update – Paul
- Information on Dark Sky Neighborhood – Bitsy
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic – Steve
- Additional Topics from the Neighborhood

# NEIGHBORHOOD INTRODUCTIONS

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- Introduce members of your household
- Where you live in Skylands and what year you moved into the neighborhood
- [optional] What is something that you love about living in Skylands?

# CURRENT SKYLANDS BOARD 2018/2019

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## **Officers**

- President – Paul Zaninovich
- Vice President – Steve Donaghy
- Secretary/Treasurer – Roger Allen

## **Area Representatives**

- Joy Bottinelli
- Art Waters
- Bitsy Ellis
- Michael Moore [open position] – please contact anyone on the Board, if you're interested

# TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 5/15/2019

- **Account Balances**
  - Checking Account \$5,702.13 <sup>(A+B+C)</sup>
  - Money Market Account \$10,823.84
- **Annual Dues**
  - Raised (34 neighbors) \$3,400.00
  - Spent (\$0.00)
  - Balance \$3,400.00<sup>A</sup>
- **C800**
  - Raised \$22,400.00
  - Spent (\$21,591.30)
  - Balance \$808.70<sup>B</sup>
- **Skylands I Legal Costs (Pioch and CC&R update)**
  - Raised (28 neighbors) \$8,575.00
  - Tonkon Torp (Pioch) (\$10,402.50)
    - Tonkon Torp write-off \$3,627.50
  - Chenoweth Law Group (CC&Rs) (\$2,806.57)
  - Remaining Needed to Raise (\$1,006.57)
  - Balance \$1,493.43<sup>C</sup>

# CLACKAMAS 800 RADIO GROUP (C800)

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- In 2016, Clackamas County residents approved bond measure to upgrade emergency communications systems used by First Responders
- Initially considered building a tower at SW corner of Bergis & Upper Cherry
- SNA efforts helped to re-direct the focus to other more viable sites
- The City listened and for their own reasons pursued a site inside city limits they could control
- C800 is no longer considering Skylands building site
- We are continuing to monitor the selection of alternative sites which looks to be coming to a positive conclusion soon

# SKYLANDS I CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions)

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- CC&Rs exist to maintain neighborhood property values
- CC&Rs provide legal means to address grievances that may fall short of legal violation
- Clackamas Judge ruled that Skylands I current CC&Rs are unenforceable on Lot 46 (the Pioch lot) and that the document is “far from a model of drafting clarity.”
- CC&Rs have been redrafted but require completion by attorney
- Cost to hire attorney is \$2800 of which 60% has been funded
- Most homeowners indicate they are ready to sign updated CC&Rs
- This is an administrative task; No substantive changes
- Any existing variances to CC&Rs will be grandfathered

# CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO – ANNEXATION

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- Under current rules, annexation of Skylands (and other unincorporated parts of LO) would require a majority vote of (a) the impacted unincorporated residents and (b) LO residents
- Some neighborhoods are considering joining LO, but several are not
- For most in Skylands, the Clackamas County Tree Code rules are highly preferable to those of Lake Oswego; per our intel, this is one area that the City will not be flexible and negotiate with us
- Last year, the SNA Board committed to compiling a list of Pros & Cons of annexation (next slide)



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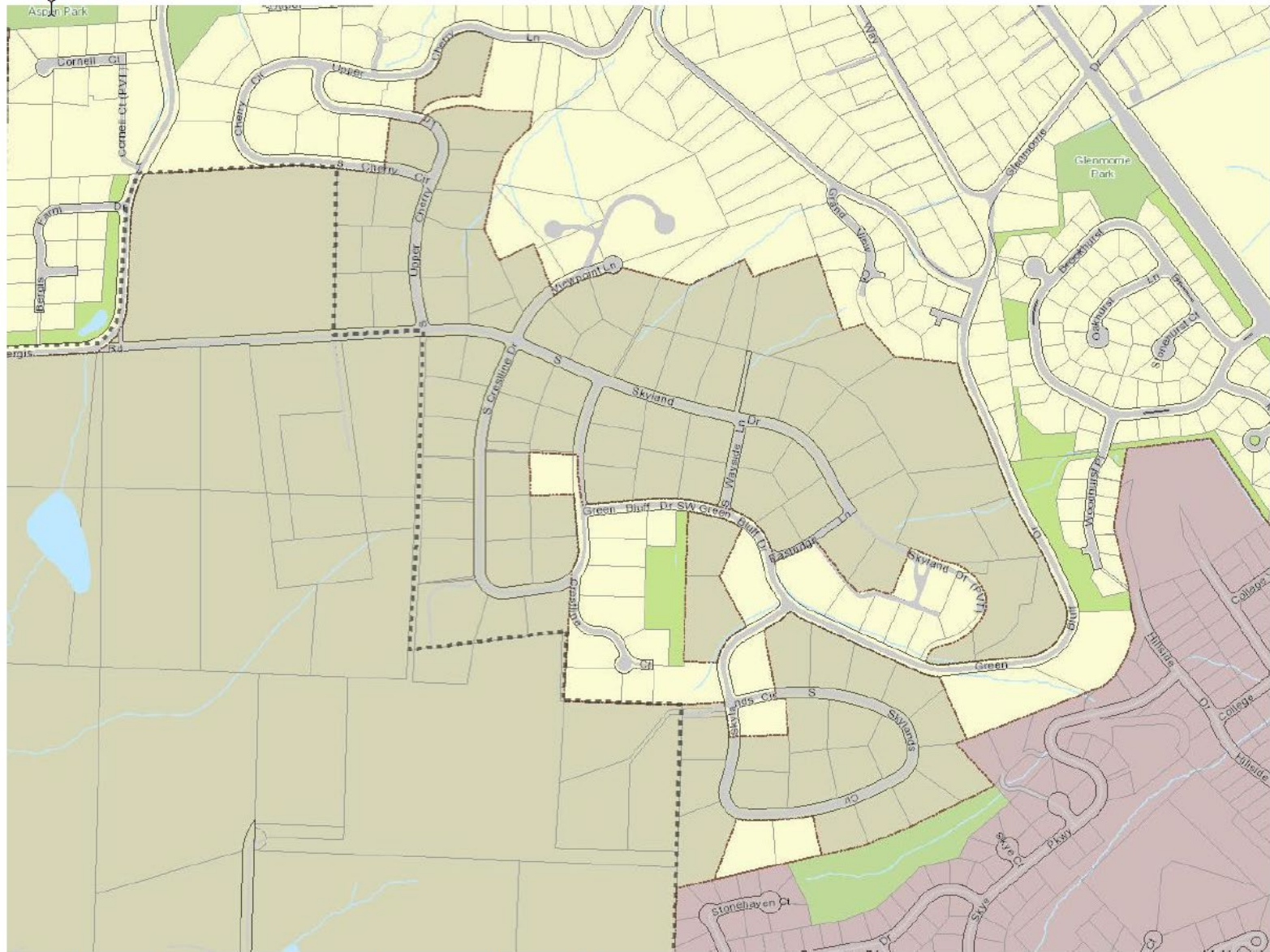
## Pros (per L.O. website)

- City sewer connection, sanitary and storm sewers
- City water
- Road maintenance
- Greater police protection
- Enhanced neighborhood appearance, convenience and safety
- Elimination of confusion over which agency or special district to call in the case of a service concern (road concerns, sewer, land use, street lights, etc., would all be addressed by the same unit of government)
- Participation in local government (voting on City issues and in City elections; improved planning and land use controls)

## Cons

- City Tree Code would prevent many from keeping their view and might negatively affect their properties resale value
- Higher LO City taxes
- City is quite behind on road maintenance, no guarantee we would get improved road maintenance
- City permit process for construction is much more onerous than Clackamas County process
- Sidewalks would change the character of the neighborhood
- Streetlights would take away from the dark skies we enjoy
- Could be forced to pay to hook up to sewer.
- If on city water, higher city water rates.

# Skylands



Number of unincorporated properties -- 88

# DARK SKY NEIGHBORHOOD

Protecting  
night skies for  
present and future  
generations

Bright outdoor lights  
are not as safe as they  
appear.



Light Pollution  
Can Harm Wildlife



# SKYLANDS JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> PICNIC

**CONE PARK**  
Noon to 2pm

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- BBQ
- Desserts
- Games (sack race, tug-o-war)
- Kids Parade at 11:30?
- Seeking Volunteers to help organize

