

# Annual Report

November 2011 - November 2012



## Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance

**Cohesive community**  
**Connected by woodlands & waterways**  
**Committed to neighborhood stewardship**

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# Our Mission

“The mission of the Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance is to coordinate our active community of residents and regional partners to preserve, protect, and restore Finn Hill’s extraordinary natural environment, and to promote the welfare of the Finn Hill community by engaging in civic issues.”

## Officers and Directors

### **Current Directors 2012**

Scott Morris, President

Anne Fleming, Treasurer

Ellen Haas, Secretary

Jon Pascal, Policy

Matthew Pruitt, Stewardship

Kathy Schuler, Communications

Kurt Brunnenkant, Community

Meg Tally Hunt, Events

Connie Winter, at-large

Ted Marx, at-large

Francesca Lyman, at-large

### **Former DCNA Directors, 2011-2012**

Jeff Hoerth, Past President

Teresa Chileli, Juanita Woodlands

Kristen Lloyd, FHPRD liaison

Louis Berner, at-large

Bruce White, at-large

Barbara Walsh, at-large

# Highlights of 2011 - 2012

At a meeting open to all Finn Hill residents in November 2011, the Denny Creek Neighborhood Alliance voted to change its name to the Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance, re-organized its board of directors, and adopted a new mission statement – one that preserved the organization’s commitment to environmental stewardship but also embraced civic engagement and explicitly defined its geographic area as covering all of Finn Hill. The board has channeled FHNA’s energies into four key areas:

## Communications

We upgraded the DCNA website to inform and engage all of Finn Hill, revising historical highlights and recruiting contributors to keep content lively and current.

We upgraded the database, adding over 400 new member contacts, and use this to send regular email alerts to hundreds of Finn Hill households.

We get out the news, via periodic newsletter, *Woodlands and Waterways*, road signs to announce events, and posts in Kirkland Reporter and Patch.

## Stewardship

We organized 3 work parties in the Juanita Woodlands, continuing our multi-year program of replacing diseased trees with new seedlings that will enhance the health and diversity of this 40 acre park.

FHNA members are participating in a citizens’ group advising King County Parks on plans for trail maintenance and development in Big Finn Hill Parks.

We developed a trail map and displays that invite exploration, guide navigation, and highlight natural features in O.O. Denny Park.

Former board member Lou Berner gathered resident’s concerns and issued a comprehensive review of surface water management in Finn Hill and he continues to work with the City to address these issues.

## Policy

The FHNA board endorsed Kirkland Proposition 2, the levy to raise funds for Kirkland park maintenance, improvements, and acquisitions. Many members were involved in the campaign which voters approved on November 6.

We surveyed undeveloped properties on Finn Hill and will recommend to the City of Kirkland future parks and open space acquisitions.

We worked with the City to restore volunteer EMTs to Fire Station 24 and are monitoring the City's progress with its Fire Service Strategic Plan.

We are advocating for Kirkland to begin the process of developing the neighborhood zoning plan for Finn Hill which will involve active participation by all members of the Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance, and be an important step toward envisioning Finn Hill 2050.

### **Community & Events**

We are reaching out to Finn Hill groups such as Schools, Scouts, and Home owners, to identify their neighborhood issues and engage them in community-building at all scales.

FHNA hosted regular community meetings at Finn Hill Middle School, put on the annual gala DennyFest in September, and supports the Christmas Ships bonfire in December.

## **Income and Expense Report Jan - Nov 2012**

| <b>Income</b>                  | <b>Expense</b>                 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Individual donations \$3,491   | Administrative \$2,680         |
| Corp matched donations \$6,286 | Website/Newsletters \$1,730    |
| Interest \$12                  | Program Expense                |
| Program Income                 | DennyFest \$2,807              |
| Denny Fest \$604               | General Meetings \$1,492       |
| Christmas Ship \$79            | Woodlands events \$1,153       |
| <b>Total Income \$10,472</b>   | Other \$595                    |
|                                | <b>Total Expenses \$10,457</b> |

### **Funds Balance**

|                             |
|-----------------------------|
| Operating/Checking \$12,899 |
| Juanita Woodlands \$40,404  |
| Reserve Savings \$5,003     |
| <b>Total Funds \$58,306</b> |

**Many thanks to all who support our work!**

# **Biographies of Candidates for the 2012-2013 Board**

## **Jeanette Leach**

Returned to the Kirkland/Bothell area five years ago after almost 20 years away, mainly in Colorado. Chose Finn Hill as home due to the presence of parks as well as clear community interest in natural areas. Lives near Thoreau. Has BSc in Botany and PhD in Plant Pathology. Spent career in the biopharmaceutical industry, and currently consult.

Has volunteered with King County Parks as Park and Trail Ambassador, is leading remapping efforts with Big Finn Hill Trails Committee.

Interested in participating on the FHNA board to support sustainable natural areas, conserve the features of Finn Hill that make it a special place to live over the next few decades, and contribute to our ability as a community to respond to emergencies.

## **Tedd McCagg**

Finn Hill resident since 1966. Part of a group of architects and others led by Paul Kirk that raised the money to purchase the triangle of land between Juanita Drive and Holmes Point Drive. It was the first piece of what is now The Juanita Woodlands. Involved in the School Trust Land trade that resulted in Big Finn Hill Park. Involved in the design of the bridge over the creek at Denny Park. Actively involved in Finn Hill land use issues - siting of Fire Station, soccer and playing fields, etc. over the years.

Work as Architect in airport planning and design around the world.

## **Adam White - as Kirkland Park Board liaison**

Moved with partner to Finn Hill 2 years ago. Has served since 2008 on Kirkland Park Board to preserve, protect, and expand Kirkland Park system. Helped create bylaws for FHNA. Volunteered with Green Kirkland, 4th of July parade, Summerfest.

Graduated from Western Washington University in 2006 followed by a Master's degree in special education. Taught in Issaquah, now works as Behavioural Specialist in Bellevue School District.