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HISTORIC ARLINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

LETTER FROM HANA PRESIDENT MICHAEL WEBER

It's funny how quickly the year seems to pass us by. How often do you hear, "Where does the time go?" Although, speaking of time, I must admit that I love fall with its crisp days and cooler nights, the smell of leaves as they pile up in yards, and the taste of pumpkin pie and hot apple cider. But what really brings this season to life for me is the focus on upcoming celebrations with family and friends. And there is something truly special about being at home this time of year. Whether returning from work or errands or coming back from a trip, home is comfort; home is a cozy blanket in which you want to wrap yourself.

Maybe it's just me, but my neighbors have become part of my home life, not just because of proximity but because I have some of the best neighbors that anyone could ever ask for. I know some of you may not be as fortunate as me and my wife Michele, but it's not too late to start connecting with people in your own neighborhood. If you haven't introduced yourself to a new neighbor or haven't reached out to a long-time neighbor in a while, now is a great time to do so. The



goodwill (and possibly great pie!) that you extend to your neighbors makes everyone feel welcome in our community.

If you're receiving this newsletter, you are lucky too because you're part of a wonderful community called the Historic Arlington Neighborhood and a member of the Historic Arlington Neighborhood Association. As the HANA president for the past year and a half, I've been fortunate to participate in a renewed effort to make our little corner of Arlington Heights even better. In the process, I have had the opportunity to meet and work with some wonderful people, but I want to get to know many more of you through our meetings and events. The HANA board is talking about some new ideas to bring the community closer, and I invite you to participate in the discussions. Come to our meetings and share your feedback to make HANA meaningful for you. Come to our events and get to know some of your neighbors.

I look forward to meeting more of you through the coming weeks, especially at our Old-Fashioned Christmas event on Dec. 9, a HANA institution for more than 15 years.

With warm regards,
Michael Weber

HANA OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

The holidays will be here before you know it, and the HANA Old-Fashioned Christmas is a wonderful way to begin the season – spending time with neighbors and friends, making new acquaintances, and sharing the holiday spirit. Come join us on Sunday, Dec. 9, 5:00-8:00 pm at Festival Park, at the corner of Chestnut and Hawthorne.

- The park is the central gathering place, and will be beautifully decorated, along with a bonfire where you can warm up and visit with your neighbors.
- This year, HANA will offer a *longer* horse-drawn wagon ride through our beautiful neighborhood. The wagon will be drawn by two horses and will seat 12-16 people. Pick-up and drop-off will occur at Festival Park. What a wonderful experience to share with your family and neighbors! Be sure to place your order on page 4 by **Sunday, Nov. 25**.

- The streets will be lined with luminaries, leading to open houses where you can enjoy cider, cookies, and other holiday goodies, while mingling with your neighbors.
- Santa will be dropping in from the North Pole to visit with the children.

The entire event is free, with the exception of the horse-drawn wagon rides. Ride orders are due **Sunday, Nov. 25** (see page 4.)

Also, we're still looking for volunteers! Please see page 2, and fill in the form on page 4 if you can help out. We hope that you and your family will enjoy a wonderful evening to begin the holiday season.

Note: We ask that each resident light the provided luminaries in front of your home and on your block by 5:00 pm and dispose of them in a responsible way during the following week.



Reminder. Evergreen orders will be delivered on Saturday, Nov. 17. Thanks to everyone who supported HANA.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

We're in need of a volunteer garage where people can meet to assemble the luminaries for the Old-Fashioned Christmas. If you'd like to host for an evening, please contact Michael Weber at mweber@arlington-hana.com or 847-222-0486.

We'd also like to know who is interested in caroling! Don't be shy—we know some of you have beautiful voices and would like to share them with everyone. School choirs are welcome, and anyone else who loves to sing. Please check the carolers box on page 4 if you're interested.

Woodworkers or those neighbors with creative talents ... we're looking for someone to make signs for the Old-Fashioned Christmas open houses. Please contact Pat Rosen at prosen@arlington-hana.com or 847-577-6789 if you're able to help out.

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The annual tree lighting ceremony will take place at North School Park on Friday, Nov. 23 at 4:45 pm. Over 80,000 tiny lights will illuminate the giant decorated tree in the center of the fountain.



CHRISTKINDLMARKT

The ChristkindlMarkt is a holiday market, featuring gifts, specialty foods, beverages, and entertainment. It will be held in heated tents on Nov. 23 and 24 (Noon-11:00 pm), and Nov. 25 (Noon-5:00 pm) on Eastman Street, adjacent to North School Park in downtown Arlington Heights. Visit www.vah.com for more information.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Christmas tree pick-up will be Dec. 31-Jan. 8 on regular trash pick-up days. Trees should not be in bags and stickers are not required. Garland and wreaths should be placed in regular garbage bags as they cannot be composted.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The holiday season, unfortunately, is a time when burglaries and break-ins are more common. We're still gathering information on a neighborhood watch group. Please contact Barbara Doulas at 847-749-1457, or bdoulas@arlington-hana.com for more information.

During this season, you may want to consider having your lights put on a timer. It's a good idea to let a neighbor know if you plan to be away for a period of time—and don't let mail and newspapers pile up, as this gives the impression that no one is home.



HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

Below are a few safety tips to keep in mind during the holidays:

- *Fire Hazards:* take care when burning candles; decorate only with flame-retardant or noncombustible materials; don't burn wrapping papers in the fireplace; check the flue to make sure it's open; keep live Christmas trees well watered.
- *Driving Safety:* designate a driver for those holiday parties; always buckle up!
- *Toy Safety:* select toys suitable for the child's age, abilities, interest level, etc.; be cognizant of all the recent toy recalls.
- *Have fun—and try to avoid stress!*

HANA DUES

Thanks once again to our dues paying members – your support is appreciated! We did the math, and we'd like to report that \$10 per year equals 2.74¢ per day for your entire family (2.73¢ in leap year)! If you'd like to pay in one lump sum, you can do so using the form on page 4.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

For a continuously updated list of events, including links to details, click the "Calendar" link on the HANA website (www.arlington-hana.com).

HANA Board Meetings

Recreation Park, West Meeting Room
Tues., Nov. 13, 7:30 pm

Tree Lighting Ceremony

North School Park
Fri., Nov. 23, 4:45 pm

ChristkindlMarkt

Eastman St., adjacent to North School Park
Nov. 23, 24, Noon-11:00 pm
Nov. 25, Noon-5:00 pm
(www.vah.com)



Take a Bough

Arlington Heights Historical Society
Sat., Dec. 1
Application & \$30 fee required
(www.ahlions.org)

HANA Board Meetings

Recreation Park, West Meeting Room
Tues., Dec. 4, 7:30 pm

HANA Old-Fashioned Christmas

Festival Park
Sun., Dec. 9, 5:00-8:00 pm

Village Board Meetings

Temporarily held at the Senior Center
1801 W. Central
Nov. 5, Nov. 19, Dec. 3, Dec. 17, 8:00 pm

District 25 Board Meetings

Thomas Middle School
1430 N. Belmont
Nov. 8, Dec. 13, 7:30 pm

District 214 Board Meetings

Forest View Educational Center
Board Room
2121 S. Goebbert Rd.
Nov. 15, Dec. 6, 7:00 pm

Village Planning, Zoning & Design Meetings

See www.vah.com for current information

VAH PARK DISTRICT

Look for your new AHPD Program Guide to be delivered on Saturday, Nov. 24. Contact AHPD at 847-577-3003, ext. 5353 if you do not receive your copy.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY BY E-MAIL

October's newsletter was sent out to the e-mail list we have on file, however, quite a few came back as "undeliverable." If your e-mail has changed, or if you'd like to be added or deleted from the list, please send your information to webmaster@arlington-hana.com.



VAH STICKERS AND TAGS

VAH vehicle stickers for 2008 are on sale now through the end of December. The new vehicle stickers must be on your windshield by January 1 to avoid any penalties. Prices are \$30/vehicle with discounts available for seniors and those with handicapped license plates. There is a \$10 late fee for all stickers purchased after Jan. 1. Dog tags are \$12 with proof of rabies vaccination. Visit www.vah.com for more information.

CLASSIFIEDS

Buying, selling, trading? Put it in the HANA classifieds! Commercial ads (2" x 3.5," horizontal or vertical) are \$25 per ad or \$80 for four consecutive ads, reaching more than 600 HANA households. Personal ads are still free and are placed on a first come, first served basis as space permits. Send ads to newsletter@arlington-hana.com.

WANTED: Your FREE personal ad here! Sell your car, furniture, or *whatever* for free! Send your ad to newsletter@arlington-hana.com.



Businesses: Place your ad here to reach more than 600 local households!

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BOARD MEETINGS

The HANA Board usually meets on the second *Tuesday* of each month in March, April, May, September, October, November and December.
Everyone is welcome!

Recreation Park
7:30 to 8:30 pm (sharp)
500 E. Miner
West Meeting Room

GENERAL INFORMATION

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ON THE WEB

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HORSE-DRAWN WAGON RIDE RESERVATION FORM

OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

Orders due by Sunday, Nov. 25



Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ e-mail: _____

Indicate your time preference between 5:00 and 8:00 pm: _____ pm
(We will attempt to accommodate time preferences, but we make no guarantees).

Indicate the number of seats you need: _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

2008 HANA dues (if not yet paid) \$10 _____ (optional)

Make all checks payable to HANA. Total \$ _____

All orders are due by **Sunday, Nov. 25**. Please drop off your order, along with your check, in the HANA drop box located at 933 N. Chestnut. Tickets will be hand-delivered on Saturday, Dec. 8.

VOLUNTEER FORM

OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS



Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ e-mail: _____

I would like to volunteer for the following:

- _____ Old Fashioned Christmas Coordinator (help coordinate various activities)
- _____ Evergreen Delivery (Nov. 17; need auto with cargo space)
- _____ Carriage Ride Coordinator (collate orders, print tickets, 10 hrs)
- _____ Carriage Ride Ticket Delivery (deliver tickets to houses, 1 hr)
- _____ Loading Carriages (assist people into/out of carriages, 1 hr)
- _____ Luminaries (fill bags, place and light candles, 2 hrs)
- _____ Volunteer garage for assembling luminaries
- _____ Traffic Control (periodically check street barricades, 1 hr)
- _____ Festival Park Setup (help decorate park — Brandy is included, 3 hrs)
- _____ Pyrotechnics (stoking & monitoring bonfire, 1 hr)
- _____ Festival Park Cleanup (remove decorations, 1 hr)
- _____ Caroling (group or individual, 1 hr+)
- _____ Artistic talent (woodworking or experience in making signs for the open houses)
- _____ Open House/Warming Garage
- _____ Baked Goods & Yummies

- _____ 2008 HANA dues (if not yet paid): \$10 (Make all checks payable to HANA.)

Please drop off the volunteer form in the HANA drop box located at 933 N. Chestnut by **Sunday, Nov. 25**.