



# THE COVENANT COURIER

## AIRPORT NOISE *by Fred Konkell, MHACC President*

Many of us on the Marine Hills Architectural Control Committee have been contacted in various ways about what we residents perceive as increased airport noise levels as a result of the third runway at SeaTac Airport. We have received letters, email and phone calls addressing this concern. There have been articles in both the Federal Way Mirror and the Seattle Times about this issue. We on the Committee feel that this threatens the life style of our community and have attempted to bring about some remedies.

On Monday, August 15, MHACC President Fred Konkell and Treasurer Jim Simpson were included in a meeting with staffers from US Congressman Adam Smith's office. The staff people were Debra Entenman from his Tacoma office and Paul Hoover from his Washington DC office. Also attending the meeting were Federal Way City Council Member Linda Kochmar, Federal Way Mayor Skip Priest and Lakehaven Utility District Commissioner Len Englund.

Linda, Jim, and I laid out our concerns and expressed frustration with the Port and the FAA for not responding to any of our collective queries. We presented a file of information to both Council Member Kochmar and the Staff people that included complaints and newspaper articles as well as other informational documents. We were asked to offer some suggestions on what steps the Port could take to minimize the noise impact in our neighborhood.

The following are some of the suggestions we submitted:

1. Require the airlines to follow the takeoff guidelines that now exist. Many of the airplanes start turning short of the 320th Street marker causing increases in noise levels.
2. Impose a moratorium on middle of the night freighter takeoffs. Right now there is a middle of the night takeoff that awakens people and shakes houses. These flights are not passenger sensitive and could be scheduled to leave during daylight hours.
3. Adopt the new GPS guidance system which would lengthen and even out the glide paths of airplanes and reduce noise levels.
4. Include Marine Hills in the noise abatement zone. Marine Hills gets about 260 minutes a day of 65 decibels noise levels, yet we are not included in the abatement zone. The 65 decibel level has historically been the benchmark for inclusion in the abatement zone. Including Marine Hills in the abatement zone would make Federal sound suppression funding available to our residents.

These and other options were discussed. The staffers assured us that they would take these suggestions under consideration and see what could be done to help provide some relief from the airport noise. Jim and Fred felt that we put our concerns out there and now it remains to be seen what type of actions will be taken to reduce this impact.

The best way for Marine Hills' residents to express their discontent with increased airplane noise (from the 3rd runway) is to simply call the SeaTac Noise Hotline [206-787-5393] and voice your complaint(s). Call as many times as your level of frustration justifies.

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### ENTRANCE ANGELS

Each time I drive into Marine Hills, on either the 9th or 11th Places South entrances my eye is drawn to the beautifully maintained plantings that greet me. These plantings are the result of a dedicated group of volunteers who do the planning, planting and maintaining throughout the year. The Architectural Control Committee provides the funding, thanks to your generous contributions, and these "Garden Angels" do the down and dirty work.

They are, listed in no particular order, Arlyse Pearson, Cheryl Peterson, Dee Andrews, Dolly Eide, Gigi Sather, Heather McCullough, Karin Feldt, Mary Ann McDonnell, Muriel Haegele, Pat Moss and Sharlene Nelson. There are also some guy angels, and yes guys can be angels too, who help out from time to time fixing the irrigation and repairing vandalism among other things. They are Bruce McDonald, Mike Andrews and Kurt Moss.

A BIG SHOUT OUT GOES TO THIS GROUP OF DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS WHO DO SUCH A GREAT JOB ON MAINTAINING OUR ENTRANCES!

### THEFT OF MHACC PROPERTY

This year, the MHACC invested in "no soliciting" signs in response to increased and aggressive solicitors in the neighborhood. This included three large signs posted at the entrances as well as smaller signs posted throughout the neighborhood. Unfortunately, all of the signs disappeared from the neighborhood within two months of posting them. MHACC members checked with the city to see if they had been removed by code enforcement and the city had no knowledge of the signs being removed. This only leaves the possibility of theft either by kids or solicitors. If you have noticed anything unusual or happen to know anything about the removal of our signs, please let the MHACC know. Many neighbors reported that the signs were working quite well at keeping unwanted visitors out of Marine Hills. In response, new signs have been installed at a cost of \$232.20.

### TAKE CARE OF YOUR SIDEWALK

The MHACC has received several complaints about overgrown yards encroaching on the sidewalks in the neighborhood. During the spring and summer, it is not uncommon for shrubs and bushes to grow quickly over pedestrian walkways. The sidewalk and parking strip (the landscaped area between the sidewalk and curb) in front of your home are the responsibility of the property owner to maintain. These can be maintained with simple pruning and weed control products. Keeping these areas under control helps keep up the overall appearance while also increasing property values in Marine Hills. Also, many of our neighbors enjoy walking and running in Marine Hills. Let's help them out by keeping the sidewalks clear. Thanks!

### THE NEIGHBORHOOD NAUGHTY LIST

You talked, we listened! The MHACC has received several letters asking for increased enforcement by our property monitors. We are also receiving a record number of complaints and requests for assistance with covenant violations. In response to this matter, the MHACC will begin publishing The Naughty List in our 2012 Covenant Courier Newsletter. This list will include the addresses of properties currently in violation of Marine Hills covenants. The goal is to bring attention to the bylaws of living in Marine Hills and make neighbors more accountable to each other. If your address is published on the list it will be removed and acknowledged with a big thank you once the covenant violation has been resolved.

Examples of current violations reported to the MHACC or identified by our property monitors during their twice annual drive-arounds are:

- 1. Trees blocking the view of an adjoining property.
- 2. Recreational vehicles in driveway or on the street.
- 3. Garbage/junk in front of property.
- 4. Overgrown yards.

If you do not want your home published on The Naughty List in 2012, take a look around and make sure your property complies with the assigned covenants. These are available on [www.mhacc.net](http://www.mhacc.net) along with FAQ's on our covenants. Also, you can simply enter your address on our website to receive the appropriate covenant for your home. Covenant violations can dramatically affect property values in Marine Hills. Let's help our neighbors out by staying off The Naughty List!



### VOLUNTEER EXTRAORDINAIRE

Although Rich Gibbons is not officially a member of the Marine Hills Architectural Control Committee, he has contributed substantially to the Committee's charge and activities. Rich truly has single-handedly brought the Marine Hills Architectural Control Committee into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by creating the Committee's first website [MHACC.net], enabling residents of Marine Hills to have ready access to the covenants applicable to each of our neighborhood's twenty-one (21) plats. Rich's ongoing efforts, freely-given, to continuously improve various aspects of the website are highly laudable and most generous.

Rich has been working with computers for nearly forty (40) years, antedating the first Apple computer and the software wizardry of Microsoft. We are indeed fortunate to have Marine Hills' resident Rich Gibbons providing oversight for our website and the information contained therein. On behalf of the Marine Hills Architectural Control Committee, thank you Rich Gibbons!

— Joe Wendlick



## FOR 2011, TO DATE (18 OCTOBER 2011) WE HAVE RECEIVED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING RESIDENTS:

Larry & Shirley Agodoa	John & Betty Foster	Steve & Donna Lewis	Monte & Diane Powell
Barry & Jill Aiton-Niven	William & Rocio Foster	Janet & Robert Lewis	David & Carol Ramey
Richard & Ilse Akre	Kenneth & May Fung	Daniel & Lina Lim	Paul & Janice Reising
Rolf & Doris Amundson	Gervase & Carole Gabert	Larry & Cheryl Linville	Paul and Janice Reising
Kris & Patrick Ancheta/Mikel	Bill & Robyn Culley Garner	Dr. Herbert K Lo	Raymond & Jacquelyne Reusch
Dixon & Pat Anderson	Kim & Karen Gattrell	Drs. Eddie P & Natalie Lo	Dorothy Reynolds
Deborah & Erik Anderson	Larry & Sandra Gettle	Donald & JoAnn Lorenzen	David & Bea Rhodes
Mike & Dee Andrews	Eileen Goebel	Calvin & Ruth Luding	John & Sharon Ribary
Robert & Robin Armstrong	Corey Gooden Charleston	Phillip & Bernedine Lund	Jung Hyeon & Hyun S. Roe
Leslie & Georgene (Jo) Asbury	EL Grice	Everett & Katherine Lundy	Trish & David Sage
Allen & Anne Ashby	Steven & Dorothy Griffin	Kirby & Marlene Luther	Jean Sakita
Leon & Millie Barrows	Joseph & Donna Gulden	Dorothee Maas	Bruce & Kathy Sako
Rick & Darcy Battershell	Leander & Muriel Haegele	David & Anne Malmquist	Georgene C. (Gigi) Sather
Carolyn Bidleman	Chis, Wendy & Griffin Hall	Jim & Pat Martin	Joseph & Leanne Scarpello
James & Muriel Biermann	Coral D. and William Hanevold/Harleston	Nancy Jean Mason	Evelyn Schanzenbach
Brent & Collette G'Schwind- Bills	Chester (Chip) & Catherine Hanson III	Paul & Vanita Mathews	Gerry & Rick Schlehofer
Tim & Lana Bostic	Shelley Diane Hartman	Bruce & Judy McDonald	Steve & Debra Scranton
Robert & Laurie Bowie	Joyce & James Hartnett/Mathews	Darren & Holly McDonald	Phillip & Sally Sell
Adrian & Hilda Brennan	Lori & Becky Haugen/Wetli	Andy & Mary Ann McDonnell	James & Jeanine Selvage
Randy & Diane Brickell	Thomas & Eileen Hazzard	Bradley S. and Roseann P. Mckeown	Les & Karen Shearer
John & P D Bronger	David & Vally Head	William P. & Diane Meleney,Dobrowolski	George & Omar Shriver, Watson
Daniel & Diane Brooks	Gary & Lois Heather	Meredith Melhart	James & Itsuko Simpson
Bill & Jean Marie Brough	James and Kimberly Hicks	Michael & Shelley Merryfield	Douglas & Mary Skinner
Stephen & Paula Brown	Paul Hinshaw	Darcy & Lynn Meyer	Sheri Smith
Carole Brown	Michael & Lisa Holder	Lance A. and Tammi R. Meyer	Patrick & Jill Tinker Smith
Clyde & Marilyn Bryner	Harry & Jeanne Hotchkiss	David Scott & Nona Miller	Mark & Lorri Snyder-Munsey
Donald & Rosalie Buchanan	Joe & Marianne Hubbard	Dr Michael & Margaret Mizumoto	Bruce & Trudy Soileau
Richard and Joan Bunata	Gordon & Loree Hubner	Aiko E & Jay Montgomery	Kenneth D. and Nancy L. Stark
Lin Burk	Brett H and Rebecca Hulse	George and Kathy Moran	Jerry & Lisa Stewart
Dennis & Pamela Burpee	AC (Mike & Pat) Hunt	William & Frances Morton	Henri Takahashi
B. Randolph, Jr & Louise Cady	Shik & Mi Kyong Hyun	Kurt & Pat Moss	Ken & Marie Taylor
Howard & Jacqueline Call	Harpreet Jaswal	Dariusz & Anna Mroczek	Peter Tenerelli
Terry & Ellen Campbell	Sue & Robert Johannsen	Michael & Young Munn	Kathleen & Peter Tenerelli
Murray & Judy Casler	Erik & Jennifer Johnson	Rita & James Murphy	Robert & Diane Tichy
Brannon & Stephanie Casler	John Jr. & Julia Johnson	Malcolm & Barbara Neely	Jim & Kari Tinsley
Shih-An Cheng	G Gilbert/Barbara Johnston/Levy	Ted & Sharlene Nelson	William & Susan Todaro
Jerry & Mary Clingan	Margaret Jolley	Craig & Becky Newman	David / Anne Toppano/Farmer
Dominic & Trudie Colello	Ingeborg Keicher	Peter H. and Hannah Noh	Mounir & Nadia Touma
Antonia & James Cunningham	Eugene & Ellen Kim	Ronald & Bonita Nowicki	Angela & Douglas Turley
Richard & Patience Crews Curtis	Hyun Taek & Nak Soon Kim	Mary Alice Omahen	Chris A. Vistaunet
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Glenn & Carol Berger Davidson	John & Karen Koiss	Jong Soo & Chong Ok Park	Ruth Noble Wattles
Tim Davis	Fred & Bernice Konkell	Jae II & Yong H Park & Reed	Steven & Kathy Weber
Ron & Lois Davis	George & Wilma Kosanovic	Gail L. Parrish	Garry & Donna Welch
Anil & Sunanda DeWan	Paul & Ingrida Krastins	Lester & Merilee Patterson	Maxine M. Wells
Eleanor Di Pietro	Scott & Susan Kriesel	Alex & Anita Paves	Joseph D & Darlene Wendlick
Djiba Diakite	Kyong Rak & Kyong Eui Kwon	Frank & Carol Payne	Karen G. & Robert M. Wik & Elkir
William & Dicie Dillon	Eric & Kim Lambeau	Kenneth & Arlyce Pearson	George R. and Sybil Wilkinson
Chunglei & Fang Yue Dong, Liu	Bob & Robin Lamoria	Gil & Christal Peters	James Williams
Jack & Jennifer Dovey	Soon Mo & Young Ja Lee	Richard J. and Connie L. Peterson	Henry Parker Wilson
Thomas & Gwendolyn Edmond	Kyung & Grace Lee	Lorayn V. Peterson	Lynn & Thomas Wingard
Douglas and Joann Ehike	Han Bom & Young Hee Lee	Dale & Linda Peterson	James & Janelle Winkler/Krogman
Douglas B M & Joann Ehike	J Tim & Debbie Lehnher	Doug & Cheryl Peterson	David and Alice Yelle
Richard & Dolly Eide	Margaret Lenz	Jan & Doris Pilemalm	Frank & Elaine Young
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William & Karien Feldt	James & Diane Lewan	Todd & Julie Powell	

## MORE LAWN STUFF *by Fred Konkell*

In the spring issue of the Covenant Courier I wrote an article on the costs of maintaining a green lawn during the hot, dry summer months. This article will address a few other measures that will help maintain a good looking green lawn.

Lawns in the Pacific Northwest are susceptible to lawn diseases. The two most common diseases are red thread and rust. Red thread is easy to identify. Just check your lawn in areas that are difficult to keep green and look for grass blades that look like, you guessed it, red threads. The blades will be significantly thinner than the rest of the blades and are definitely red. This disease can easily be moved around your yard by your lawn mower and, if you have a lawn service that doesn't use good equipment cleanliness practices, can be moved from lawn to lawn. Lawn rust is also easy to identify. If your lawn has a yellowish orange look, inspect some of the blades. The rust appears as an oval shaped spot and there will be multiple spots on a blade. Both of these diseases are easy to control. The Bayer Company makes a product called Bayer Fungus Control for Lawns. Follow the application instructions on the label. You may have to make several applications to get control of the disease.

There are also two lawn insects that can make your lawn look less than stellar. The first insect to look for is the crane fly. The adult crane fly which looks like a giant mosquito appears in mid to late summer and likes to land high on walls. This adult hatches from a grub that lives in the lawn and feeds on the roots. If you see a large number of the adults, the larva, or grub, needs to be dispatched in mid-spring.

The other nasty lawn insect is the lawn moth. There are two ways to detect this invader. The lawn moths also eat roots and if you have large brown areas in your lawn it is likely that they are present. One method of detection is to check your lawn on a dewy morning. If you see glistery spidery webs, then lawn moths are present. The other method for detection is to walk across the brown areas on a hot afternoon. The lawn moths will flit up in the air about ankle high and drop back down to the ground. An application of Bayer Lawn Insect Control mid-spring will control both of these insects all season long. I use a broadcast spreader to apply either of these Bayer products. A broadcast spreader helps to get even distribution. Always follow label directions when applying pesticides.

Remember that fall is the time to buy and plant spring blooming bulbs. The rule of thumb is "the larger the bulb size, the larger the bloom".

HAPPY GARDENING!

## 2012 NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY

In response to overwhelming demand, the MHACC is preparing a new directory to be available when the Spring Covenant Courier is mailed. We have completely updated the property owner names and addresses of all residents. We had previously delayed this project due to there being over 100 home sales in Marine Hills since the publishing of our last directory in 2007. Also, due to widespread use of cell phones as a primary contact number, it is necessary that all property owners update the telephone number that you want published in the directory.

Please fill out the included Directory Update form with the name/names and phone number you want published. We have received updated contact forms from only 150 residents this year so it would be best if everyone fill this form in and return to the MHACC as soon as possible.

(NOTE: We will not be using any phone numbers from our previous directory due to so many changes in the past few years. This is your last opportunity to have your number included in the directory. If we do not receive a form from you, your phone number will be unlisted).

These directories come at a very high cost in time and money and therefore will only be sent those residents which have contributed their \$30 in dues for 2011. If contributions are not received by the time the new directory is published, residents will not receive one.

### MARINE HILLS ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

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### 2012 MARINE HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY UPDATE FORM

PROPERTY OWNER NAME/NAMES:

ADDRESS:

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER FOR THE DIRECTORY:

\*Phone numbers will be published in the 2012 Marine Hills Neighborhood Directory only and will not be sold or provided to anyone outside of Marine Hills.\*