## Shadow Wood Home Owners Association

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The Shadow Wood HOA board of directors will hold its regular monthly meeting on Jan 9th, 2014 @ 7:30 pm. at:

Aloha United Methodist Church 2270 SW 198th Ave Beaverton, OR 97006

These meetings are for the Shadow Board Of Directors to conduct the regular business of HOA. Homeowners are welcome to attend and observe the proceedings if they so desire.



DATE	<u>EVENT</u>
April	Annual HOA Mtg
May 24	Pool Opening





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# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



#### **FUN FOR THE KIDS**

Would your family like to do an Easter Egg Hunt? Or, how about a day making Valentines Cards for sick boys and girls who can not be home on that day?

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Fun Day".

Wouldn't it be fun to have one activity a month for families to join the fun with others? "Family Fun Day". Please email the newsletter with your thoughts and ideas!



#### DID YOU KNOW....

The <u>history of New Years Day</u> is an interesting one. The date is one of the oldest celebrated holidays with origins dating back <u>four thousand</u> <u>years</u> ago to ancient Babylon, and since then has spread worldwide.

<u>BABY NEW YEAR:</u> Baby New Year represents the birth of a new year and has been adorned as a white male baby with top hat and sash. Recently, many cities will name the first baby born on January1st, the Baby New Year (so it can also be a girl of any race or religion). The personified Baby New Year begins as a baby, but by the end of the year, is an old man; like Father Time.

#### **MYTHOLOGY:**

The month of January was named after the Roman god Janus, thus instilling the history of New Years Day with mythology. Janus was the god of open doors and doorways, and because of that Julius Caesar decided that would be an apt way of seeing the passing of time, as stepping out of one doorway and through another. Janus is also depicted as having two heads, one is said to look forwards, while the other looks backwards, again symbolizing the act of going from the past to the future. Most of the current world celebrates the holiday along with the arrival of January, but not everyone acknowledges the same date, since different calendars are used. For example, the Chinese have their celebrations at some point between January seventeenth and February nineteenth, depending on their moon phases, and celebrate Yuan Tan. Jews in Israel celebrate the Rosh Hashanah at some point in September.





### **VOLUNTEER PROGRAM coming soon!**

In January, there are a couple of Board Members who think it would be beneficial to create a Volunteer Program for Shadow Wood. The idea is for each of us to help our neighbors any way we can. There are hundreds of ways to help one another. It can be as simple as changing a light bulb for a disabled or elderly person, doing yard work, or helping with small construction needs. Please see our website for more details <a href="http://swhoa.us/volunteer/">http://swhoa.us/volunteer/</a>

And while this idea is to help each other as a friendly gesture, we sadly have folks who are out of work and would be happy to do odd jobs for some extra cash. This is also an excellent way to help someone out.

We also need volunteers to help put this together. If you would like to join Barb and I, we would love to have you working with us. Use the above website to sign up. Our goal is to have this in place this Spring. WE NEED YOUR HELP. Your participation is the only way we can make this work. The success or failure of this program <u>DEPENDS</u> on your participation!





#### CC@R's

New, cleaner copies, coming to the website. No more eye strain!

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We are in the process of creating a calendar to show the entire year of events. Will this be helpful for planning out events?