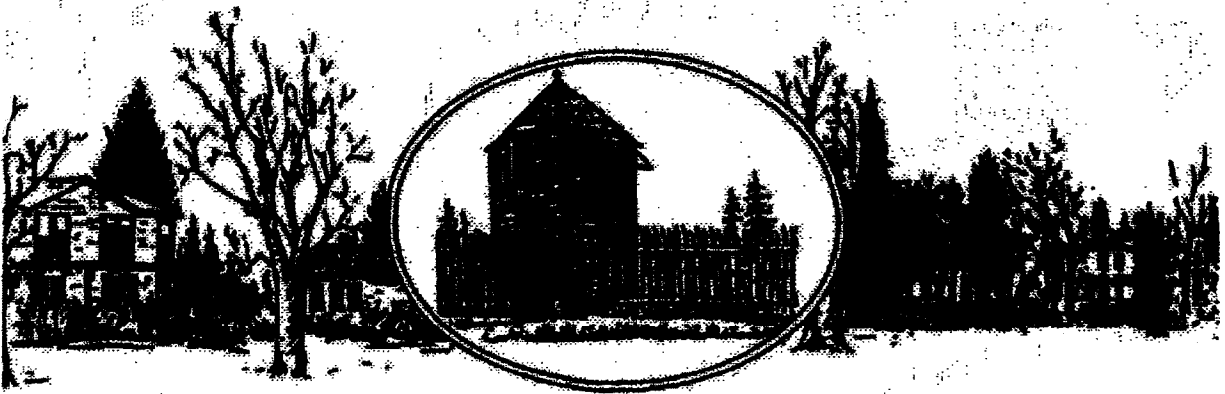

HUDSON'S BAY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



October 2009

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

The topic of discussion at the October General meeting will be the changes planned for our household recycling receptacles. A guest speaker from waste connections will be attending to give a short informational speech and answer any questions that you may have. They have also promised to bring the new recycle bins for us to look over. the new bins are similar to the green yard debris bins, and will be available in four sizes, 95 gallon, 65 gallon, 48gallon and 35 gallon. to give you an idea of the general size, the green yard debris bins are 60 gallon. Each household will get one wheeled bin, and all recycleables will go into it with the exception of glass which will continue to go into the existing bins. they will be picked up on a bi-weekly route, on the same day as yard debris. if you have a preference for the size of the bin that you will receive, you will need to notify waste connections. They will also be expanding the list of items that can be recycled, so there will be a lot of information at the meeting, hope to see you there!

The meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13th. at 7:00 p.m. in the Harney elementary School lunchroom. Go East on Evergreen Blvd. turn left by the Igloo drive in and follow the road around to the back of the school. Park in the back lot and look for the sign by the double doors. meetings are usually over before 8:30. there will also be open discussion for any topics that concern neighbors, so if you have something you want to discuss, please come to the meeting!

LIVING HAPPILY WITH WILDLIFE

Here in Hudson's Bay Neighborhood, we have an abundant variety of wildlife, including coyotes, raccoons, possums and squirrels. While some people think that wildlife can and should be "controlled," most methods such as trapping and poison have little and sometimes negative results. Trapping only creates a "void" in home territories that will quickly be filled by other animals. Poisons are indiscriminate, illegal, and dangerous to pets and desirable wildlife. "Control" of predator species such as coyotes and raccoons result in infestations of other animals such as rats and mice.

Many Neighbors enjoy the variety and antics of the local critters, and have learned the secrets of living in harmony with nature. Squirrels may dig up your bulbs, and drive you "nuts" by nesting in your attic, but traps and poison will have very limited effects. The best solution is to screen all openings near the roofline and eaves, and supply alternative nest boxes in trees or on the outside of buildings.

Raccoons are great mouse hunters. Mice and rats will not set up housekeeping in buildings that they visit. Attempting to "mouse proof" your home by screening and blocking all holes and cracks around your foundation is impossible, and will only give the mice safety and a sanctuary from their natural predators. If you have mice, chances are that raccoons have no access to your crawlspace. Opening a couple of screened vent holes to create an entry for raccoons (and the neighbors cats) will quickly get rid of the mice. This obviously will not be possible in homes with basements, however, encouraging them to visit your yard will help. It is unwise to feed raccoons, as food left out for them will also attract coyotes, rats, and more mice. Also, if they lose their fear of humans they quickly become a nuisance instead of a benefit.

We also have a large number of coyotes who call Hudson's Bay their home. They can be seen and heard any time from dusk to sunrise on the hunt for food. Keep a close eye on cats and smaller dogs during these hours. Pets and food should not be left outside overnight.

Never try to approach, or make a "pet" of a wild animal, as this is more dangerous for them than you. When they lose their fear of humans, they put themselves at risk. Other people may not enjoy their visits and may harm or mistreat them. Many Neighbors live in harmony with the local wildlife, and love to watch the antics of our animal neighbors. Please try to think outside the box of traps and poison to deal with problem creatures. Nobody wants rats and mice in their homes, but other forms of wildlife are beneficial and entertaining. Coyotes and raccoons control a variety of pests, and make wonderful neighbors with the right mindset. Many people, especially the elderly and housebound get great enjoyment from feeding and watching the squirrels. Traps and poison are ineffective and dangerous to pets and desirable wildlife. Learn to live with nature and adapt your home to live in harmony with our animal neighbors!

FAMILY GARDEN UPDATE!

\$1500.00 was awarded to the Hudson's Bay Neighborhood Association by the Vancouver Watershed Council.

The money was a result of a grant application by the neighborhood leaders, to fund the Family Gardens For Neighbors project.

Individuals working to participate in the Family Gardens project for 2010 will earn more by watching future newsletters or attending H.B.N.A. meetings.

An experimental garden project this year was highly succesful. It brought neighbors together and gave the community an opportunity to learn skills in gardening, and gave neighbors a chance to share with others.

The Hudson's Bay Neighborhood thanks the Chong Family, Kevin and Wai, for the use of their property for the 2009 gardens!

VETERANS DAY PARADE

The annual Veterans Day Parade will be held this year on Saturday, November 7th. Staging begins at 8:30 a.m. The parade will run from 11:00 a.m. til 1:00 p.m. The Parade will affect the route for the # 32 bus. Bus # 32 will use Fort Vancouver way, and then travel along Mill Plain Blvd. to Grand Blvd. It will then resume the usual route. this change will be in effect until the end of the Parade. Also, keep in mind that traffic and parking on adjacent streets will be heavy during the Parade hours.

Summer Picnic

The 2009 annual H.B.N.A. picnic was a friendly neighborhood gathering. We shared good food, good times and good stories. The dishes this year included many delicious items grown in the neighborhood garden.

A special guest was Anne Mcenerny-Ogle who is running for City Council. We would also like to thank :

Lapellah Restaraunt for their generous donation of the delicious potato salad. Visit them soon in the Grand Central shopping center, fantastic! You guys are the best!

SATURDAY MARKET

The Saturday Market will run this year until November 1st. Downtown on the corner of Esther and 6th.st. They are open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come on down!

Volunteers Needed! Become Involved!

Hudson's Bay Neighborhood needs volunteers who have 1 hour a month to contribute to the success of our neighborhood by attending City meetings as a representative of the H.B.N.A.

Volunteer one half hour every other month to assist with distribution of a few newsletters on your block.

We need Neighbors who will work on a committee to update the H.B.N.A. Action Plan.

If you are interested in any of the listed volunteer opportunities, please contact any Board Member for more info.

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