



Cascade Highlands Herald

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Nov. 8, 2004 Meeting Agenda/Topics

No Meeting in November - There will be no November 8 meeting. Our next meeting is our 5th birthday meeting, Monday, January 10th, 2005 in the forum at Mtn. View H.S. Join us for a celebratory cake!



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NEXT MEETING
Monday, Jan 10th 7PM AT
Mountain View HS Forum

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Enjoy reading this publication? Help us deliver it!

If you live on the south end of Meadow Park, SE 15th, or the NE corner of the neighborhood, please consider helping to deliver the *Cascade Highlands Herald*. You'll be assigned a short route every two months. It's easy, good exercise, and you'll get a chance to meet your neighbors. Call Jean at 986-7291 and get involved today!

When Sending Emails to your Board Members

In the SUBJECT line, please identify that you're a neighbor. To protect ourselves from destructive emails, the executive board members delete emails written by anyone we do not recognize. If you want your message to get through, please let us know it's YOU! Thanks.

Garage Sale/Cleanup for 2005

The Neighborhood Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, July 16th, 2005 and the cleanup will be the Saturday after, July 23rd.

Our 5th Birthday is Coming

The city will provide a cake at our meeting in January. Lemon or Chocolate? Call 896-7291 to register your preference and please do plan to attend the meeting.



Bus Stop Shelters

It's possible we may be getting more bus shelters at some of our busier bus stops, but that's dependent on the passage of the C-Tran measure. If the measure is defeated, some existing bus shelters will be removed because there will be no money for maintenance of the shelters.

NTSA Representative Needed

The acronym NTSA stands for Neighborhood Transportation Safety Alliance which is an organization made up

of representatives from each Neighborhood Association. The group's goal is to proactively deal with transportation problems in the city, as well as advise the City Transportation Department in the allocation of CDBG transportation monies each yearly cycle. Your chair has attended these meetings, once a month on the 3rd Tuesday, for several years. We now need a new representative. If you're interested, please call 896-7291. Thank you.



Budget Basics

An editorial from your chair

During our September meeting we had an excellent and most informative presentation by three city employees, Tom Nosack, Barbara Basnett and Hilary Barnes. They spoke about where the money the city uses comes from, where it goes, the financial challenges of today, what the future looks like, and the 2005-2006 budget preview.

The bottom line is that despite the fact that Vancouver is growing, and inflation and costs are going up, the amount of money coming to the city is less than it needs to keep supporting the services it has now. It cannot expand to accommodate the new population.

Your elected Council said "NO" to new taxes. So, what do you want cut? Street maintenance? the Police department? the fire department? Sewer maintenance? Traffic cops? Park maintenance? Swimming pools? Teen centers? Senior Enrichment programs? Neighborhood association grants? Other services for the poor, the disabled and the aged? Street lights? (The bill for Vancouver's street lights is one million dollars a year.)

This is serious business. Do you want to live in a full-service city or not? The city employees are stretched very thin and are often working their own job, plus part or all of another person's job. This can't go on. We are working good people too hard, and

they can't enjoy life with such stressful employment.

Please consider these facts when tax measures come up for a vote.



City Leaf Drop-off Coupons Attached

Attached to this November newsletter are the leaf coupons provided by the city. In 2003, 1,351 leaf coupons were redeemed by city residents. Residents took 1,919 cubic yards of leaves to area composting facilities. The city paid the disposal cost of \$5,500.65, a demonstration of your tax dollars at work.

Interesting Recycling Fact

Recycling an aluminum can saves 95% of the energy required to make a can from scratch.

Interesting Tree Fact

Studies have shown that having visual access to trees results in decreased violence within the community.

CHNA Sept. Meeting Notes

The meeting notes for September are not available.

Looking for new Lead Distributor for "The Herald"

We need a new lead distributor to help get newsletters to our distributors. The task takes about 2 hours every 2 months, is easy and rewarding. Call Jean Kent for more information.

Our City Liaison Exits

Because of budget cuts, the position in city government held by our liaison, Vicky Ridge-Cooney, has been eliminated. We thank Vicky for her resourcefulness, her many kindnesses, her sense of perspective, and her generosity.

Yard Waste Pickup Dates for November and December

November 2, 16, 30, December 13, 28

Happy 5th Birthday CHNA!

