



# Cascade Highlands Herald

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November 2005

## Nov. 14, 2005 Meeting Agenda/Topics

- 1. Port of Portland/Port of Vancouver** - Teresa Carr  
Port of Portland, Sue Groth, Port of Vancouver
- 2. Treasurer's Report** - Nat Pinzone, treasurer current balance \$702.52, minus \$22.71 garage sale materials, \$38.50 garage sale ad, \$35.00 metro paint (for painting out graffiti on public fence), plus \$1,000.00 grant money for two grants (160th foliage restoration and tree planting on Parkcrest)
- 3. P.A.T. Report** - Dave Holler
- 4. N.T.S.A. Report** - Jean Kent
- 5. Trees!** - Erika Johnson
- 6. Topics of Interest/Concern** -
- 7. Following meeting** - Monday, January 9, 2006 at Mtn. View H.S. in the forum,

**November MEETING**  
**Monday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 7PM AT**  
**Mountain View HS Forum**

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## NAP Grants Update

The city has sent us our money for the two NAP (Neighborhood Action Plan) grants we received this cycle. We will spend that money to purchase the 10 trees for traffic calming on Parkcrest, and to purchase the foliage and mulch for Foliage Replacement on 160th Ave.

The planting date for the Parkcrest trees is the same as our Annual Tree Planting date, Jan 21st. The planting date for the 160th Foliage replacement is November, 5. Because of our efforts to get funding for streetlights on Mill Plain between 155th and 160th Avenues and also because of the acute need, city transportation engineer John Manix applied for a grant to fund the installation of lights along that dark stretch. Our interest and endeavors will help support his case. Thank you to all who wrote letters in support of our original grant project attempt. And thank you to John for doing your best to help us be better lit.

## New Additions to Curbside Recycling Family

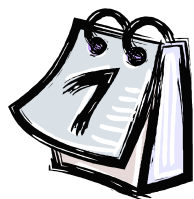
In case you haven't heard the news...there are a few new kids in town and their names are ANTIFREEZE, HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES, AND EMPTY AEROSOL CANS. Here are a few guidelines for welcoming them into your recycling family:

**ANTIFREEZE BESIDE THE BINS:** Place used antifreeze in a plastic, one-gallon milk jug with a tight fitting lid. Please do not mix used antifreeze with *any other liquid*.

**HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES BESIDE THE BINS:** Please place all household batteries, including batteries from flashlights, re-chargeable appliances, hearing aids, etc. in a clear, re-sealable plastic bag. Please don't set out vehicle batteries; those may be recycled at a Household Hazardous Waste collection site.

**EMPTY AEROSOL CANS IN WITH OTHER CONTAINERS:** Please place empty aerosol cans in with other **containers** such as milk cartons, plastic bottles, cans and glass. Please throw the lids in the trash. Please don't put partial or full aerosol cans in with other recyclables; these may be

taken to a Household Hazardous Waste collection site.



## CHNA Meeting Frequency

Other than the individuals who were presenting or who had elected tasks for the neighborhood, attendance at the September meeting consisted of one adult and one child. Thus the executive board has decided to cut our meeting frequency from every other month (i.e. 6 times a year) to four times a year, the minimum number required in our By-laws. We will continue to publish and distribute this newsletter 6 times a year since there is generally important information to communicate more frequently than 4 times a year.

There will be no September, 2006 meeting, nor a March, 2006 or March, 2007 meeting.

If you have thoughts on this change, please call 896-7291, or send an email.

## Considering "Topping" your Tree?

Please reconsider! Topping a tree is like cutting off your arm at the elbow. A bunch of weak little fingers will grow back at the end of your arm, but they'll never be as strong as your original fingers! (Is that gross or WHAT?)

## Tree Planting - January 21st, 2006

This coming Friends of Trees planting will be our fourth. If you have any questions, please call Jean Kent at 896-7291 or Erika Johnson at 260-9140.

## NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC SAFETY ALLIANCE

### Summary of Special October Meeting

The October 25th meeting of the NTSA was a tallying session which culminated many months of work for many people. The transportation staff independently

evaluated each of the 14 NTS-REET projects according to a set of objective engineering criteria. The 8 NTSA evaluators looked at 3 subjective criteria: safety and neighborhood connectivity, response to neighborhood development, and other special factors.

The top projects after the 200 points were combined:

**Arnada NA** McLoughlin Blvd. from I-5 west to Washington St. A variety of projects that calm traffic, improve ADA ramps and improve pedestrian safety across McLoughlin.

**Central Park NA** Grand Blvd. A variety of striping projects with pedestrian crossing improvements from Columbia House Dr. to NE 25th. This project affects several neighboring NAs along Grand.

**Cascade Highlands NA** Parkcrest Dr. Phase 2. This completes a striping project that began at McGillivray and will now extend from Blairmont Dr. to East Mill Plain.

**Central Park NA** McLoughlin Blvd. Pedestrian crossings between East Reserve and Ft. Vancouver Way.

The estimated cost of these projects is \$504,000. If, for some reason, one of the top projects is eliminated or additional funds become available the following two projects will be next for consideration:

**Northfield NA** SE 15th St. Pedestrian crossings and striped bike lanes.

**Cascade Highlands NA** SE 160th Ave. Traffic Calming.

Thus, in essence, our grant proposal to complete the Parkcrest Calming **is funded**, and the 160th Traffic Calming application is not funded, but is placed 6th out of the 14 projects submitted for this year. We will try again next year!

## Have an Accident within CHNA Boundaries?

PLEASE report it to the police! Or, if you SEE an accident, report it to the police.

Traffic engineers use these police reports to justify traffic calming devices, such as stop signs (we want one at the corner of

Parkcrest and McGillivray for McGillivray traffic). If the frequency of accidents is high 'enough' at that corner, it makes it easier for us to get a stop sign. So, please report accidents, even minor ones. It will help us do a good job getting drivers to slow while driving through our neighborhood.



## Leaves in the street?

May you rake your leaves into the street for the street sweeper to pick up? **NO**. Please do NOT. Bag your leaves and dispose of them with your yard debris pickup. We have also attached a leaf drop off coupon to this newsletter. You may use that. If you need help transporting your leaves to H&H, call 896-7291.

## 25 mph sign for all of Parkcrest?

We will vote on whether or not to lower the speed limit on Parkcrest between 15th/Blairmont and Mill Plain at our November meeting. That speed would then match the speed of Parkcrest to the south of 15th/Blairmont. If you can't attend the meeting but would like to express your vote, write 14902 SE Greenpark Cir., email [jeaken@pacifier.com](mailto:jeaken@pacifier.com), or call 896-7291.

## Traffic Calming 501 (yes, a graduate class)

On Thursday, October 20th, two members of your executive board attended a special public meeting at the Rose Besserman room at the transit station. The topic was *Traffic Calming*, and the presenter was David Engwicht, a colorful, creative, eccentric, and inspirational individual from Australia. If you saw the front page of Friday, Oct. 21st. *Columbian*, you had the opportunity to read an article about him and his program.

He said that people will drive more slowly if they encounter an unexpected environment: i.e. if children are playing, if

a few people are holding a conversation, if someone is pursuing an interesting activity (like building a boat, playing basketball, barbecuing on the front porch, working in the garden), and if they are treated like they are your guests versus an intruder.

Furthermore, if drivers recognize that the street is part of your residence, they will be more respectful and less likely to speed. So, offer a smile and a friendly wave at all drivers (at the very least they'll slow down while they try to figure out if they actually KNOW you or not!), visit with your neighbors outside, park your car in the street, put out an interesting lawn chair, potted plant or object of art. Hang your washing in the street. Read your book in the front yard. Paint your furniture in the driveway. Be visible. Take back your residence! Establish a relationship with the cut-through motorist.

Personalize your street area. Make it interesting. Be unpredictable to a motorist. Establish eye contact. Be human. Evolve your 'corridor' (street) into a 'room', a part of your residence. All these efforts will slow the traffic.

And, for your own part, promise to drive with respect, friendliness and care when driving through other people's neighborhoods. Combine your errands into one trip to cut back on your driving trips. Walk. Bike. Or Scoot.

For additional and more in-depth information, David has written at least two books which you could consult.

## Minutes of Sept. Meeting

Mountain View High School Principal - Mark Ross (his 4th year). The school is welcoming 2,300 students this year (freshman class of 640). Two portable buildings will be coming into the back parking lot soon. Mt. View is putting an emphasis on academics; you need a 2.0 GPA to leave the school at lunch. 6 students scored in the top 1% on the P.S.A.T. (most in 25 years). The school is also paying student clubs (through a parking fee) to clean up the area around the school. The school can only police students within a 'line of sight' from the school: if you have an issue with students once they're off-campus, please call the police to address it.

Library Bond Information - Marilyn Lewis

The city is creating a sub-district to sell a bond that is to be re-paid in 20 years. The goal is to sell \$44 million worth of bonds. Cost to homeowner is .20 per \$1,000 of property evaluation. What this bond will allow in the future:

- Build new 25,000 sq. ft branch (compared to current 2,500 sq. ft one) on 136th, next to the new Firstenburg Community Center.
- Will remodel library near Officer's Row (it's been 40 years), including electrical system, handicapped access, and an addition that will double its size (to 92,000 sq. ft total).
- Vancouver Mall library branch will receive more computers, possibly an auto check-out machine.
- Fund Processing Center for entire library system including administrative offices.

Treasurer's Report: currently have \$720.60.

Recycling Presentation - Scott Charlton. Scott went to seminar on recycling (CHNA receives a little money from the City as a result, providing we publish a recycling article in our newsletter also). Noted that recycling of personal computers, TV's, and other electronics is available at Clark County Jail Work Center (on River Rd). You can also recycle old medications, mercury thermometers, and syringes at the Clark County Solid Waste Center - 360-397-4352. Things you can put next to your recycling bins: batteries in Ziploc bag, Antifreeze or oil (in milk jug only). In the bins, empty aerosol cans, scrap metal up to 24 inches and 35 lbs. Don't recycle frozen food boxes, pizza boxes, or detergent boxes. Cardboard no bigger than 3 x 3 feet sheets can be put underneath your bins. Mixed paper can be put in a brown paper shopping bag (so it won't blow around) and then into the proper recycling bin. For articles on recycling, please go to the CHNA website.

PAT Report - Dave Holler. They finally broke ground and are making progress on the new police station (155th and Mill Plain). Goal is to open May 2006.

NTSA Report - Dan West (no meeting, so no new news).

4th Annual Tree Planting - Erika Johnson. All trees now cost \$35, thanks to a grant from the City of Vancouver. These are nursery stock trees with a 1 year guarantee. Check out [www.friendsoftrees.org](http://www.friendsoftrees.org) for a list of possible trees.

Topics of Interest/Concern. Speed bump aesthetics on Parkcrest were brought up by Scott Charlton. He said it feels more like a major road now.

minutes by Mark Johnson

## Upcoming Events:

**November 5** (Saturday), foliage restoration planting on 160th Ave.

**January 21** (Saturday), 8:30 am - CHNA / Friends of Trees Planting. Meet at Wy'east.

## Notes:

1. **More information** on all of these events can be found on the CHNA website.

2. **Yard Debris** pickup dates coming up: November 1, 15, 29, December 13, 27.

Leaf disposal coupons are attached to this newsletter.