



Cascade Highlands Herald

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July 2006

July 24th, 2006 CHNA Meeting Agenda

1. **160th Ave. Traffic Calming** - Bill Whitcomb, Vancouver City Transportation
2. **Grant Update**
3. **Trees** - Erika Johnson
4. **N.T.S.A. Report** - Dan West
5. **Recycling** - Jean Kent
6. **Treasurer's Report** - Nat Pinzone
7. **P.A.T. Report** - Dave Holler
8. **Upcoming Projects**
9. **Topics of Interest/Concern**
10. **Sharing of our Desserts and Neighborly Camaraderie**
11. **Next meeting** - There is no 'next' meeting scheduled at this time.

July MEETING
Monday, July 24th 7PM AT
HOMESTEAD PARK

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2005-2006 CHNA CHNA Sparkler Award Winners

This year's winners for the Vancouver Sparkles Awards are:

Dave Earl who has voluntarily, all on his own initiative, mowed the lawn of a house near his which is for sale and vacant. The reality company does not maintain the property, but Dave has used his own mower, his own time, and his own effort to keep the area near his home looking really nice. THANK YOU, Dave!

Kathy Riegel is the general manager of the Mill Plain Red Robin restaurant on SE 160th. Monthly, she organizes a 'litter party' to go out on 160th Ave. and pickup the huge amount of litter which accumulates in the foliage next to the fence and in the shrubbery near the sidewalk. The litter amount is especially large because of the movie theater and many fast food restaurants which are located in the immediate area and the prevailing winds which blow the refuse into the east side of the 160th fence. THANK YOU, Kathy!

House numbers Painted on Curbs

This is a project your CHNA board members are doing to raise money for purchasing trees and for lighting the 15th St. pass-through as well as other expenses like bus benches, stamps, photocopying, etc. Please call if you want your address painted on your curb. 896-7291. So far, we've earned \$111.00 for the neighborhood association.

National Night Out

This yearly neighborhood crime and drug prevention event will be observed nation wide on August 1. If your street would like to participate and you need ideas, contact Jean Kent, 896-7291. Generally, small areas of homes agree to have a barbecue, share zucchinis, or set up a game for the

kids, and just spend some time together, knowing that neighbors all over the U.S. are doing the same thing.

Grant Update

Grants written for this year include:

- a) 15th St. pass through lighting
- b) Parkcrest cross walk at Sunpark and ADA ramps
- c) Blairmont ADA ramps (4th year) Placed 3rd: 1st two projects wholly or partially funded.
- d) 60th Traffic calming (2nd year)

Grants awarded last year:

- a) Parkcrest Traffic Calming Phase II
- b) Pedestrian refuge and crosswalk at 17th and Briarwood
- c) Foliage replacement on 160th
- d) Streetlights on Mill Plain between 155th and 160th (State Grant)
- e) Trees on Parkcrest

Upcoming Projects - Please Sign up to Help

a) **Annual Cleanup** - July 29: *We need workers* for 2 of the 2 hour shifts. Our cleanup starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m. although the last shift may last until 2:00 p.m., at Mtn. View Parking Lot. The sign up sheet is ready for YOUR name!

b) Spreading Bark dust (Homestead Acres only) - August 26th. Participants donate \$10.00 for purchase of bark dust.

c) Pressure washing/Painting inside of 164th fence. Pressure washing July 12, painting July 21st and 22nd.

Naming the New Park on Mill Plain



Have you an opinion as to what the new park by the Police Precinct building on Mill Plain should be called? The name Gretchen Fraser has been suggested. Gretchen Fraser was not only the first gold medal winner by an American in alpine ski racing, she was a housewife from

Vancouver, WA.

Mrs. Gretchen Fraser won the women's special slalom in the 1948 Olympics in St. Moritz, Switzerland at the age of 28. It was the first ever gold medal scored by an American in either skiing or figure skating since the winter Olympics were started in 1924. She was featured on the Wheaties cereal box in 1951. If you support this suggestion, or have a different one of your own, please contact Dale Erickson at 256-6412 or maxntosh@comcast.net.

Newcomer's Packet Available

If someone moves into your area, please let us or your newsletter distributor know and we'll drop off a "*Welcome to the Neighborhood*" packet of information. Thanks!



Neighborhood Cleanup Coming

Saturday, July 29th is our neighborhood cleanup. We will be sharing the activity and work with Bella Vista N.A.

The chipper/shredder for brush, small limbs, branches and shrubs, stumps, weeds, clippings, grass clippings, etc. will be present. (No rocks, lumber - old or new - plastic bags or anything inorganic, please.)

The Community Cycling Center will be picking up bicycles and bicycle gear at the end of the cleanup, so bring those unused bicycles to the cleanup to be donated to those who'd use them.

We will also have the dumpster for other junk such as broken patio furniture and swing sets, discarded furniture, rotten fencing, and deck boards, plumbing fixtures. Please, no hazardous waste or liquids of any kind - no paint, spray cans, automotive fluids, pesticides or fertilizers, etc. Also, no concrete or roofing shingles or tiles.

We need "unloader" workers (they help unload the vehicles on that day for shifts starting at 8:00 a.m., 10:00, and at noon.

A green coupon attached to this newsletter will be required for each load. We will be collecting canned goods, paper products, and personal hygiene items to donate to FISH of Orchards, will collect 'dead' lawn mowers, rototillers (etc.) for the small-engine class at Mtn. View H.S., bicycles for the Community Cycling Center, and cardboard to be recycled.

We are still looking for a donations agency to provide a truck for usable items such as clothing, sheets, towels, toys, small appliances, and some furniture if it is in good condition, but this is not confirmed.

Parkcrest to get SLURRIED This Summer!

As part of fulfilling our traffic calming grant work, Parkcrest will be coated with a slurry seal. Residents directly affected will receive two notices advising them of the specific date of the work. If you have any questions, please call Judy Elliott 696-8290 ext. 8388 or contact her at <http://www.ci.vancouver.wa.us/slurryseal>



Opening of Police Precinct

You're cordially invited to the public open house for our new Police Precinct and Neighborhood Park Saturday, July 22 from 1 to 4:00 p.m.

Emergency Binder from City

The city has provided us with information about emergency preparedness which is available for your perusal if you call 896-7291. You may borrow this binder for 2 weeks and then return it. That way all who are interested can share the information.



Recyclingest Neighborhood Training Report

We attended the Recyclingest Neighborhood Training in June, and came away with some ideas to share.

1) Pizza boxes? Put them in the Garbage! Tissue or Paper towels? Put them in the Garbage too! Paper plates? Put them in the garbage! Frozen juice cans or other frozen food packaging? Put them in the garbage! Light bulbs? Put them in the garbage! None of these items can be recycled.

2) Please remove the lids from your 'necked' plastic bottles (the **only** plastic containers which can be recycled), as lids cannot be recycled and they contaminate the rest of the plastic jugs when they are recycled. Workers at the Transfer station have been injured by projectile lids launched by a vehicle running over a lidded container.

3) Also please squish anything which is squishable as that allows the recycling truck to make more efficient use of its bins. The driver doesn't have to spend as much time driving to and from the transfer station which, in the end, will save you money.

4) Empty metal paint cans can be recycled; however if there is an inch or more of dried up paint in the bottom, the can needs to be thrown in the garbage.

5) Unwanted medications can be discarded safely at a) participating pharmacies (for a list go to www.clark.wa.gov/recycle/publicaion.html and click on *Participating Pharmacy Disposal List*), b) your physician's office, c) any hazardous waste collection facility (like on 117th Ave. or River Road).

6) Remember, recycling is only one part. Please consider **reducing** your purchase

and use of 'things'. Do you really need this object? Consider its packaging and its ultimate disposal when thinking about buying something. And the third part is **buying recycled** goods whenever possible... paint (through Metro), clothing (through thrift stores), paper products, etc.

7) Plastic may have a recycling symbol on the bottom, but it can NOT be recycled unless it has a NECK. CHECK for the NECK needs to be your plastic recycling mantra. (Necked recycled bottles might be remade into carpets or polar fleece jackets!)



Bicycling Reminders

A bicycle is considered a vehicle when ridden on the road. Ride in the **same direction** as the cars are going; a bicyclist is not a pedestrian (it's recommended that as a pedestrian you walk against traffic). Bike WITH, walk AGAINST.

Plastics and Electronics Roundup Coming in July

If you've been hankering to recycle your old electronics, block foam, and plastic containers not eligible for curbside collection, the free Recycling Roundup is the place to go.

The special one-day event takes place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, July 22 at 1900 Fort Vancouver Way. Materials will be accepted in the parking lot near the soccer field, on the west side of Fort Vancouver Way, across from the main Clark College campus. Note: This event is for residential households within Clark County only.

Here's a brief list of what can be accepted, at no charge, during the Round-up:

Electronics

Do bring: computers, monitors, TVs, printers, answering machines, VCRs, typewriters, FAX machines, cell phones and

other computer related electronics, including videotapes, DVDs and computer disks. Usable computers are refurbished, reformatted with new software, and donated to Salvation Army for distribution to deserving residents. Unusable computers are disassembled for recycling or safe disposal within the United States.

Do Not Bring: microwaves, toasters, hair dryers or other appliances. (Note: If these items are in good condition, you may be

Please call first to make sure they will accept them.)

Block Foam

Do Bring: Block foam or polystyrene with the Recycle Symbol and the numbers 4, 5 or 6 branded inside of the symbol. It may be any color, but it must be clean and dry or it will not be accepted. The collected block foam is recycled locally by PC Plastics, a Portland business.

Do Not Bring: Foam "peanuts." Some mailing houses may accept these.

Plastics

Do bring: plastics sorted into the following categories:

- plastics bags, such as the kind you get from dry cleaning or stores
- plant containers and trays
- miscellaneous plastics with or without numbers stamped on the bottom. Examples include cottage cheese cartons, yogurt containers, margarine tubs, bottle caps, drink lids, CD's, CD cases, laundry baskets and more. Agri-Plas, a small plastics recycler located north of Salem, will be doing the recycling for plastics collected during the event.

Do **not** bring: milk jugs, PVC pipe, small toys or food-contaminated plastic. Also, no motor oil-contaminated or paint-contaminated plastic, and no metal attached or included with plastic.

This *Electronics, Block Foam and Plastics Recycling Roundup* is sponsored by Agri-Plas, Clark College, City of Vancouver, Clark County and the Salvation Army. For more information, please contact Jim Mansfield at 360-397-6118 ext. 4016, Tanya Baker at 360-696-8013, or Elsie Deatherage, City of Vancouver, Solid Waste Services, (360) 735-8842



Fireworks Season is Over

Please note that as of July 5th it is no longer legal to set off fireworks. Violators may be fined up to \$500. Please also note that continuing to

discharge fireworks is very disturbing to many pets and some pets will do anything they can to get away from the explosions (As an example, during one recent day of fireworks, 50 runaway dogs were taken in by the Oregon Humane Society).

Upcoming Events:

July 21, 22 – paint west side of 164th St. fence.

July 29 (Saturday), 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - CHNA Annual Neighborhood Cleanup this year in conjunction with Bella Vista N.A.

August 26 – Spread bark dust around Homestead Acres.

Notes:

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

2. **Yard Debris** pickup dates in upcoming months: July 11, 25, August 8, 22, Sept. 5, 19 (Please put out your garbage, recycle bins, and yard waste containers either the evening before, or the morning of, and put them back evening of pickup. Thanks!)

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*** * DUMPSTER COUPON * ***

Cascade Highlands Neighborhood Association Cleanup

Good for drop-off of bulky items. No hazardous waste nor concrete, please.

Mountain View H.S. Parking Lot

VALID: Saturday, July 29, 2006

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. only

You must live between SE Blairmont/Parkcrest and SE 164th Aves.,
and McGillivray and Mill Plain, please.

*My signature releases all CHNA volunteers
from any damage that may occur as a result of the neighborhood cleanup.*

signature

street address

Please bring these/this coupon(s) and some canned, non-perishable goods or household cleaning, or personal care products to donate. Thank you!
ONE COUPON PER LOAD - NO LIQUIDS of any kind.

*** * CHIPPER COUPON * ***

Cascade Highlands Neighborhood Association Cleanup

Good for drop-off of large yard debris, clippings, leaves. No plastic bags nor wood, please.

Mountain View H.S. Parking Lot

VALID: Saturday, July 29, 2006

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. only

You must live between SE Blairmont/Parkcrest and SE 164th Aves.,
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Recycled Arts

FESTIVAL

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

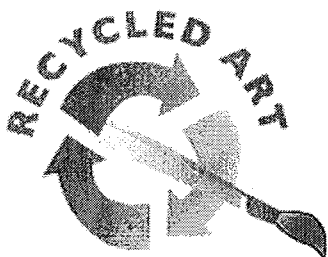
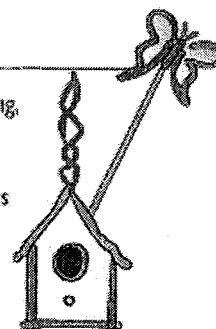
Featuring 7 premier local bands along with Eartha the Clown and the Mudeye Puppet Company.

Something for everyone!

ART VENDORS

Garden art, jewelry, clothing, mixed-media sculpture, bags/totes/purses, and handmade journals/books

Plus lots more!



CRAFTS FOR KIDS

Kids are invited to join SCRAP and the Community Cycling Center making crafts from reused materials and bike parts. On Sunday, Mudeye Puppet Company will do a "make and take" following the puppet show, so families will be able to make their own puppets from reused materials.

FARMER'S MARKET

Vancouver Farmer's Market

Right next to the park, features fresh local produce, flowers, local artists and lots of good things to eat! If you haven't visited the weekly market, this is a great time to do so.



RECYCLED PETS

Furry Friends

Experts in re-homing rescued, homeless cats—showing a vast variety for adoption... with AVID chipping available on Sunday so YOUR pet won't be homeless.



admission free

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

ESTHER SHORT PARK in downtown Vancouver

Saturday, AUGUST 5, 10am–6pm & Sunday, AUGUST 6, 10am–4pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION

visit www.recycledartsfest.org or call 360-397-6118 ext 4352

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