



# Cascade Highlands Herald

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A little time, a little effort, makes for a better neighborhood!

## Jan. 22nd, 2007 CHNA Meeting Agenda

1. Nomination and election of N.A. officers
2. Presentation of initial design of the ADA ramps on Blairmont between Parkcrest and SE 16th Cir., also the pedestrian crosswalk at 17th, John Manix, City Trans.
3. Mike Meloy, Principal Mountain View High School
4. Grant report and discussion of future direction of grants - Jean Kent
5. Tree planting report - Erika Johnson
6. Treasurer's Report - Nat Pinzone
7. Tour of new Police Precinct - Marion Swendsen
8. Topics of interest or concern
9. Date of Next Meeting - to be determined

**January MEETING**  
**Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM**  
**AT East Police Precinct**  
**Meeting Room (on Mill Plain,**  
**just west of 155<sup>th</sup>)**

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## Block Foam Collection Date

The next block foam collection is Saturday, **Feb. 3**, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., at 1900 Fort Vancouver Way, in the Clark College tennis court parking lot. The last scheduled styrofoam and other block foam collection will be March 3rd, at the same location and time.



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## **Four Footed Masked Visitors**

There have been a few reports in the city and the county regarding unusual activity of raccoons in recent

months. Clark County's Animal Control staff has been working with folks who have reported concerns. Animal Control says that every four to five years, the raccoon population becomes so large that a spontaneous outbreak of animal distemper occurs, decimating the population down to where they can safely fit within their limited environment. The raccoons' symptoms are similar to rabies symptoms in that the animal is out during day time hours, staggers, and shows weepy or pussy sores and eyes. However there is no foaming at the mouth nor aggression. Raccoon distemper is *not* contagious to cats or dogs, and rabies is not a concern with raccoons in this area, at least not now.

Citizens are asked to leave the raccoons alone and to report these sick animals to Animal Control or to the State of Washington Wildlife Department. Sick raccoons are captured and taken to the Humane Society to be euthanized. When calling please have the address where you've seen the sick raccoon and the time of day as well as your contact information. The Animal Control phone number is 397-2375 ext. 4119 or ext. 5845. The Wildlife Department's phone number is 696-6211.

Neighbors can also help keep raccoons from interacting with their cats and dogs by keeping pet food inside. Raccoons love both cat food and koi ponds that are less than five feet deep. Additionally, please keep your own pet's vaccinations up to date.

## **Mill Plain Street Lights**

The big street light project to complete the installation of streetlights on Mill Plain is moving forward. It should be completed in the late spring or early summer of 2007.

The money for this project was awarded to us because of a grant request that transportation engineer John Manix wrote to Washington State. The project manager is Chris Christofferson. A NAP grant we were awarded a few years ago for streetlights was a factor in getting this larger state grant awarded.

## **Warming Up Your Car**

Does the cold weather tempt you to warm up your car and let the defroster melt the ice from your windows? The Vancouver Police Department (VPD) would like to remind you that this practice provides an open invitation for a car thief to steal your vehicle. VPD reminds everyone that leaving your vehicle unattended is not safe and sometimes causes extra police calls for service. Over the past several weeks police officers have been called out to numerous stolen car calls where the owner was 'warming up' his/her vehicle in front of the house. It is also against the law to leave a vehicle running unattended on a public roadway. Crime prevention begins with you!

## **Grant Discussion**

At our January meeting, we will ask for your opinions about which direction to go with grants as the Office of Neighborhoods is considering restricting the number of grants we can apply for to two. Last year we applied for 4, and the year before that we applied for 6.

## **Curb House Number Painting Project Continues**

If you'd like to have your house number painted on your curb and also make a donation to the neighborhood association, please call Jean Kent 896-7291. We're asking for a donation of \$5.00, but if you'd like to donate more, we'd be happy to accept your money. We'll use the funds for purchasing trees, lighting the pass through, and other neighborly projects. Thanks to all of you who've participated so far!



## **Election of the Next 2-Year Term of Officers**

The current slate of Neighborhood Association officers is willing to continue serving in their association positions. If any of you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for one of the offices, please attend the January meeting where we will elect our officers for the next two-year term.

## **Possible New Year's Resolution**

On recommendation of Jim Mansfield, Clark County Public Works (397-6118 ext. 4016, e-mail [jim.mansfield@clark.wa.gov](mailto:jim.mansfield@clark.wa.gov)) here's one New Year's resolution that's easy to keep and would help our community; Resolve to keep household hazardous waste out of trash containers in 2007.

As part of an ongoing, regional solid waste and recycling effort, Clark County and the cities of Vancouver, Camas, Washougal, Battle Ground, Ridgefield, and La Center, and the Town of Yacolt, are asking all local residents to make a firm resolution to keep solvents, paints, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizer, batteries, and other chemicals out of their trash containers during the coming year.

Here is why: Placing hazardous products or waste in your garbage container could harm our garbage hauler. Also, many household wastes contain hazardous chemicals that, if not handled properly, can harm plants and wildlife, and pollute ground, surface, and drinking water. That is also why hazardous waste should never be disposed of in a ditch, on the ground, down a storm drain, or in a septic tank.

To identify hazardous waste, look on the label for signal words such as: poison, corrosive, combustible, caustic, volatile, flammable, danger, caution, or warning.

The collection of household hazardous

wastes, a service offered by Clark County and its cities and the Washington State Department of Ecology, provides a number of convenient disposal options to help you keep your resolution and help you make proper disposal easy. You can safely dispose of your household hazardous waste for free at any of the Household Hazardous Collection Facilities listed below:

- 1) Central Transfer and Recycling Center  
11034 NE 117th Avenue, Vancouver  
(360) 256-8482. Saturdays & Sundays.  
from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 2) West Van Materials Recovery Center  
6601 NW Old Lower River Road,  
Vancouver. (360) 737-1727. Fridays &  
Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 3) Burlington Environmental Services  
625 S. 32nd, Washougal. (360) 835-  
8594. First Tuesday of every month  
from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For a complete schedule of the county's mobile household hazardous waste collection events or for information about computer and block foam recycling, or for answers to any hazardous waste, recycling, or waste reduction questions, call Clark County Solid Waste at 397-6118 ext. 4352, or the City of Vancouver's Solid Waste Services at (360) 696-8186.

## **Master Composter/Recycler Volunteer Training Begins**

A Master Composter/Recycler is a volunteer who is trained to teach others about the importance of composting, reducing, reusing, and recycling. Volunteers complete the Master Composter/Recycler Training which is a twelve week program covering but not limited to: compost and soil biology, worm composting, waste reduction, water quality, outreach, and presentation skills.

Classes meet on twelve Tuesday nights and one Saturday field trip starting January 30,

2007. Classes are held from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at the Center for Agriculture, Science and Environmental Education (CASEE) located at 11104 NE 149th Street, Brush Prairie, WA 98606.

The Master Composter/Recycler Training is free! In exchange, volunteers are asked to provide 40 hours of composting outreach within one year of graduation.

Applications are now being accepted for the Master Composter/Recycler Training Program class for 2007. If interested, please contact Kathi Silveria at 360-882-4567 or email [kathi.silveria@clark.wa.gov](mailto:kathi.silveria@clark.wa.gov).

*The Master Composter/Recycler Program is a cooperative effort of Clark County, Vancouver, Camas, Washougal, Battle Ground, Ridgefield, Yacolt & the Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center.*



## Storm Drain Awareness

The storm drains in the street are for rain runoff only. These drains run directly into the Columbia. Whatever flows in the street and into the drains is not treated before ending up in the river. It is important for all of us to do our part to keep pollutants off of our streets and therefore out of the river. When washing your car, RV, or boat, please consider using environmentally friendly soap. If at all possible, wash your vehicle on your grass - you can water your grass at the same time you clean your vehicle. If you have an oil spill, soak it up with cat litter, sweep up the litter, and dispose of it in the trash. Spilled anti-freeze should be soaked up and disposed of in the trash also. It is harmful not only to all land mammals, but to the streams and rivers as well.

If your car has an oil leak, please get it fixed, or park your vehicle so that the oil will not wash off into the drains nor pollute ground water (the source of our drinking water). Thank you!

## Notes:

**1. Yard Debris** pickup dates in upcoming months: Jan. 9, 23, Feb. and Mar. 6, 20. Please put out your garbage, recycle bins, and yard waste containers either the evening before, or the morning of, and bring them back into your yard the evening of pickup. Thanks! (Please remove the caps from plastic bottles, please.)

## **2. New Move-Ins to the Neighborhood**

If you just moved in, or have a newly moved-in neighbor, please contact Jean Kent 896-7291, and we'll deliver our welcoming newcomer 'packet' to you (or them). THANKS!

## **3. Repeating 'Old' Articles in Our Newsletter**

Some of you have read each CHNA newsletter as it has been delivered to you. THANK YOU! However, in the past 7 years, we've had new neighbors move in and so will be reprinting some 'oldie but goodie' type articles. So if you recognize some familiar words, good for you! If the information is unfamiliar, congratulations on learning something new!

## **4. Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, January 22, 2007 in the East Police Precinct neighborhood meeting room on Mill Plain Blvd. just west of 155th Ave. at 7:00 p.m. At that meeting we will nominate and vote to fill the offices of the neighborhood association's executive board, city transportation engineer John Manix will present the plans for the ADA ramps on Blairmont (the CDBG grant), and the pedestrian crosswalk at 17th (and Blairmont) another grant we received. The principal of Mountain View will speak, and we will receive a brief tour of the new precinct with Marion Swendsen, police liaison officer. We will also discuss which direction we want to go in applying for city grants this upcoming grant-year. We hope you can attend.

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