



# Cascade Highlands Herald

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

## How many People Live Within CHNA Boundaries?

As of December 2006 and according to the OoN (Office of Neighborhoods) it was 4,540 people, with 1851 housing units! That's a lot of people. Some neighborhood associations have only 250 people living within their boundaries.

## 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!

## Sending an Email to one of the NA's Officers?

Please identify yourself in the subject line as a CHNA neighbor, otherwise your email might be deleted before being read. We receive a lot of spam but definitely want to respond to your interests and concerns.



Thank you to all of our dedicated newsletter distributors - you help make Cascade Highlands a great place to live!

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## **N.A. Clean Up Opportunities**

Because we (CHNA) are a recognized and active neighborhood association, we qualify to participate in several 'cleanup' type

programs which are funded partially or wholly by the city.

1. Yard Debris coupons - (we get two in March for use between April 1 and June 30) coupons are good for up to 4 cubic yards of yard debris and may be used at McFarlane's Bark, West Van Material, or H&H Wood Recyclers (as long as they are open)
2. Tire Coupons - (we get two in March for use between April 1 and June 30) good for up to 4 tires
3. Free curbside pickup of non-working major appliances - during the month of April. Call 696-8186 NOW (after February 15th) to schedule an appliance pickup. (At other times, you must contact *Waste Connections* to haul away your dead appliances and pay a fee or you can haul appliances to the dump and pay a fee.)
4. Neighborhood Cleanup - ours is scheduled for the last Saturday in July, July 28th from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 pm. It will be at the Mtn. View H.S. parking lot. We will need volunteers to: a) help unload vehicles, and b) greet the participants and accept donated food/personal care items for FISH of Orchards.
5. Brush Chipper - we schedule the city staff-operated chipper to coincide with our Neighborhood Cleanup.
6. Leaf Disposal Coupons - (usually attached to your September newsletter) are good from October 1 through mid-December and qualify you to drop off leaves (only) free of charge at McFarlane's Bark, West Van Material, or H&H Wood

Recyclers (as long as they are open).

7. Recyclingest Neighborhood - this program benefits us because individual volunteers get trained in recycling, we publish articles regarding recycling in our newsletter, and a pot of money (usually around \$2,000.00) gets divided up amongst all the participating neighborhood associations. We need at least one volunteer for this program. (This year trainings are April 19 in the evening or June 27th in the morning. Please see other article as we need a volunteer for this year.)

Central Transfer and Recycling Center  
11034 NE 117th Avenue, Vancouver  
(360) 256-8482

Saturdays & Sundays. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

West Van Materials Recovery Center  
6601 NW Old Lower River Road,  
(360) 737-1727

Fridays & Saturdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## **Bi-Annual Garage Sale Date Set**

July 20 and 21 will be our neighborhood-wide garage sale this summer. In the past we've only had our sale on Saturday, but many participants requested expanding to a 2-day sale, so we'll try that this year and see how it goes. For items which don't sell, our Annual Cleanup is the following Saturday, July 28th, so you can donate or toss what's left over. Garage Sale registration forms will be included in the July 2007 newsletter. Questions? 896-7291.

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

The current slate of Neighborhood Association officers was reelected for the next two-year term. Thank you for your vote of confidence. If, at any time, you have recommendations or questions, please don't hesitate to contact one of us.

## Interesting Recycling Info

What cardboard can NOT be recycled? It's that cardboard which protects food which can get wet - like frozen food, pop and beer packaging, coffee and pop cups, ice cream boxes, etc., and also food-contaminated cardboard like pizza boxes. Why? Because with the 'wet' cardboard, it's treated with a special chemical which keeps the cardboard strong if it gets wet (so it won't break and frustrate you), however, that treatment makes the cardboard hard to recycle. So, please toss it into your garbage roll cart. THANKS!



## Grant Discussion

At our January meeting, we asked for your opinions about which direction to go with grants, because 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. The decision of the attendees at the meeting was to stick with traffic calming and ADA compliance (curb ramps).

## 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 at 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 in the curb painting venture so far!

## New Neighbor Donates Compost for Baby Tree Mulch

Neighbor Pam Wolfe paid for a truck load of compost to use as mulch for our newly planted baby trees. THANKS, Pam!

## Watering Baby Plants/Trees

Let the hose run for 30 minutes each week on each 3-year or younger tree. Turn the faucet so that the water flow is the size of your little finger. If you have a dogwood, please water that species in this manner twice a week.



## Four-Footed Masked Visitors, Take II

Unfortunately, we're sorry to report that the information given in our January newsletter

about reporting sick raccoons was INACCURATE.

If you encounter a sick raccoon (this information only applies to sick animals), you may call, at any hour of any day (including weekends) 397-2096 and leave a message. This recording is monitored by Animal Control officers who will respond to your information as to location and description of raccoon behavior.

Your other option is to call 911, state 'this is not an emergency' and, when given permission, describe your situation. The 911 people will relay your information to Animal Control.

Please do not use these numbers to report information about healthy raccoons.

## Recycling Volunteer Needed

We need a volunteer to represent CHNA at one of the two Recyclingest Neighborhood training sessions. The two sessions are: April 19, 6:30 - 8:30 at the Water Resource Center, OR June 27 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at West Van Materials Center. If you're willing to help out the neighborhood by attending one of these training sessions, please call 896-7291. THANKS!

## Curbside Appliance Pick Up

Beginning February 15 (in other words, call now), reservations will be taken for free curbside pick up of non-working major appliances from homes inside the Vancouver city limits. The program includes recyclable major appliances only, such as refrigerators, freezers, stoves, washers, dryers and dishwashers.

Non-recyclable items such as microwave ovens, vacuum cleaners and water softeners will NOT be accepted. Residents are limited to two appliances per address, and there is limited total number of appliances that can be picked up. The appliances will be picked up on set days during the month of April. Call Solid Waste Services at 696-8186 for more information or to schedule an appliance pick up.



## Grant Report 2007

This year we decided to apply for four grants (the city decided to not restrict us to only 2 applications)

and have completed step # 1, submitting the pre application forms by the deadline.

The four grant proposals are:

1) 160th Traffic Calming (REET funds - Real Estate Excise Tax) - we will need to update our petition as the current one is two years old. The petition asks the affected neighbors (those who 'front' or 'back' 160th Ave.) if they are in support of traffic calming being installed on 160th Ave. We'll be visiting those neighbors in the next month or so.

2) Trees Matching Grant - \$500.00 to offset the purchase of trees by neighbors during our next *Friends of Trees* planting (January, 2008)

3) Crosswalk/ADA ramps at Meadowpark (at Parkcrest), and ADA ramps at Stevenson on Parkcrest. This is a continuation of our efforts to allow wheel chair and other wheeled people to use the sidewalks on Parkcrest. Next year we'll apply for the final leg of this project, ADA

ramps for Parkcrest at Greenpark and at McGillivray.

4) Fire hydrant management on Blairmont - have you noticed that 3 of the 4 fire hydrants serving those living on Blairmont are in the center of the sidewalk? They or the sidewalk need to be moved. That accommodation of these thoughtlessly placed hydrants is what this grant involves.

If you have any questions or comments about these projects, please contact your chair, Jean Kent at 896-7291, or use email. Thanks!



## 5th Annual Tree Planting(s) a Success!

Here's a big huge thank you to Erika Johnson for coordinating not only one, but two tree plantings with

*Friends of Trees* for our neighborhood this year. Because of the cold weather, FoT was unable to supply all the trees we ordered for our main planting, A couple of Saturdays later, more volunteers planted another 11 trees for a total of 39 trees in this planting. Total trees for the entire 5 year effort is 220. WOW! Thank you to all who have participated, either in ordering trees, or in planting them. We hope to get a grant to offset the cost of baby trees (which is usually around \$50.00) during this grant cycle. Please consider participating in next year's planting.

## 12' Ladder?

Have you a 12' step ladder (not extension) which you would lend us when we need to maintain the 15th St. passthrough lights? If so, please call 896-7291. THANKS!



## Problems Continue with 15th St. Passthrough Lights

The passthrough lights continue to present challenges to keep them working properly. Somehow one of the lenses was broken so that light didn't work. When we replaced that bulb the entire light stopped working. The light to the east is not shutting off after the 1 minute period, so as a result of these issues which we were not able to solve ourselves, we hired our electrician to fix the lights. If you would like to donate some money to help pay for his skills and experience in fixing these lights, please send a check made out to C.H.N.A. to 14902 SE Greenpark Cir. 98683. Thank you!

## Minutes from the Jan. 22nd, 2007 meeting

### 1. Nomination and election of N.A. officers.

All current N.A. officers were unanimously re-elected:

Chair - Jean Kent

Co-Chair - Gary Bohman

Treasurer - Nat Pinzone

Newsletter Editor - Mark Johnson

Newsletter Distributor - Erika Johnson

Other volunteer offices:

Police Advisory Team rep. - Dave Holler

NTSA reps - Dan West and Jean Kent

Website Coordinator - Dan West

City Liaison - Antoinette Gasbarre

2. Presentation of initial design of the ADA ramps on Blairmont between Parkcrest and SE 16th Circle. Also the pedestrian crosswalk at 17th: John Manix, City Transportation.

John gave out Public Comment Cards for those in attendance so they could make comments, questions, suggestions, and/or feedback. He gave a map out of the

different options available for the ADA ramps: there were two options to look at. In discussing these options, a third option was created and this was eventually determined to be the preferred option for the neighborhood.

3. Gary E. Tichenor, Principal Wy'East Middle School; Mike Meloy, Principal Mt. View H.S.

Both attended to say that they wanted to get in touch with the local neighborhood associations, to let us know that they care about the neighborhood and that if there are things the N.A. needs to discuss, they hope that the neighborhood will bring them to their attention.

4. Grant report and discussion of future direction of grants - Jean Kent

The city is thinking of only allowing N.A.s to apply for only two grants a year. The two priorities determined in the meeting were traffic calming on 160th Ave. and one set of ADA sidewalk ramps somewhere along Parkcrest.

5. Dates for Neighborhood Bi-Annual Garage Sale and Annual Neighborhood Cleanup.

The garage sale will be July 20-21. The cleanup will be July 28. More details to follow in upcoming meetings/newsletters.

6. 5th Annual Neighborhood Tree Planting report - Erika Johnson

This year, 25 neighbors and volunteers (including H.S. students) planted 34 trees in the neighborhood. This makes a total of 220 trees over 5 years. Some trees couldn't be dug up prior to being planted because of the cold weather, so we'll have a supplementary planting later.

7. Treasurer's Report - \$130.67



## 8. Tour of new East Side Police Precinct - Marion Swendsen

The new precinct serves 80,000 people in 6 districts (covering from Andresen to 192nd). The Precinct itself is 26,000 square feet and is the first built-for-police building in Vancouver since 1850.

Normally, the public only has access to the lobby and meeting room, but our group was able to tour the evidence room, the garage, the holding rooms, the interview rooms, the staff offices, and a briefing room.

## 9. Topics of interest or concern

One neighbor noted that she was not always familiar with addresses or locations of meeting places (Homestead Park or Mt. View H.S.), so she would appreciate a description (with nearby streets) of the CHNA meeting space.

Another neighbor noticed a number of topped trees in the neighborhood recently and reminded people not to top a tree (as it can kill or maim it) or take a tree out of your yard without a permit (as you could be fined by the City).

## 10. Date of next meeting - to be determined.

## Notes:

1. **Yard Debris** pickup dates in upcoming months: Mar 20, Apr 3, 17, May 1. Please put out your garbage, recycle bins, and yard waste containers either Monday evening or Tuesday morning, and bring them back into your yard by Tuesday evening. Thanks! (Please remove the caps from plastic bottles, and squish 'em!)

Garbage and Yard Waste containers need to be left for Waste Connections with space around them. Please do not place them close together. The new trucks have mechanical arms which pick up the roll

carts and dump them into the truck. If the containers are placed too close together, or too close to a fixed object (even an overhead object like a tree), it makes it much harder for the containers to be picked up.

2. **Bi-Annual Garage Sale** - July 20 and 21 (applications in July newsletter)

3. **Annual Cleanup** - July 28 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (volunteers needed for 2-hour shifts. Please call 896-7291 to signup) Cleanup will be in conjunction with Bella Vista N.A.

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