



# Cascade Highlands Herald

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

## Bi-Annual Garage Sale Date Set

July 20 and 21 will be our neighborhood-wide garage sale this summer. Garage Sale registration forms will be included in the July 2007 newsletter. Questions? 896-7291.

## 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 'information sheets' to you (or them). THANKS!

## Have you A Canopy You'd Loan Us for the Cleanup?

If you have a canopy you'd loan us for the cleanup, we'd really appreciate it! Please call 896-7291. THANKS!



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## 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, and Step #2, meeting with city personnel to assess the application. Step #3 is writing (going on right now) the grants, and Step #4 is getting the entire application with full documentation mailed and received by the city before May 31st.

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 support traffic calming being installed on 160th Ave. We'll be visiting those neighbors in the next month or so.
- 2) Trees Matching Grant - \$560.00 to offset the purchase of 14 trees by neighbors during our next *Friends of Trees* planting (tentatively planned for January, 2008)
- 3) Crosswalk/ADA ramps at Meadowpark (at Parkcrest), and ADA ramps at Stevenson on Parkcrest. This is a continuation of efforts to allow wheelchair 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 - three hydrants are in the middle of the sidewalk! If you're in a wheel chair, or are pushing a stroller, you need a way to get around these obstructions.

If you have any questions or comments about these projects, or are willing to write a note of support specific to a grant topic, please contact your chair, Jean Kent at 896-7291, or use email. Thanks!

## 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 assoc., 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. Thanks to all 57 of you who've participated in the curb painting venture so far! If your curb number is painted and you haven't paid for this service yet, please consider doing so.

## Freddies' Bus Shelter is COMING!

After almost four years of effort we heard recently that C-Tran will be building a bus shelter for the northbound stop near Fred Meyer on SE 164th. We can thank Tom Klinkel of C-Tran, Mr. Kevin Gee, Fred Meyer's manager, Julie Hukee of Bennington Neighborhood Association, and David Hentz, chair of Fisher's Landing East Neighborhood Association for their efforts, along with ours, to get this shelter installed.

'Their' lawyers had to talk to 'our' lawyers (Fred's and City of Vancouver), and it looks like by the end of June we can expect to see the construction completed. PHEW!



## Bus to Firstenburg Community Center

The Columbian newspaper reports that starting in October, C-Tran will run a bus to the Firstenburg Center on NE 136th Ave., and that buses on Mill Plain will run until after midnight.

## Treasurer's Report

130.67, + 16.00 donation (found in the park and donated to the N.A.!) + \$50.00 donation for passthrough electrician's bill, - 121.73, electrician's bill, + \$30.00 for two curb painting donations.



## The Season is the Reason for Yard Debris Service!

Did you know that about 25% of the solid waste stream is composed of compost-able materials like leaves, grass, weeds, and yard waste? For about the price of one matinee movie ticket, you may have up to 96 gallons of yard debris picked up every other week... right at your curb!

Yard debris that is placed in your garbage container is not pulled out at the processing facility so it ends up in the landfill as garbage.

Waste Connections yard debris service is a sanitary way to locally recycle yard waste that you cannot compost or grasscycle yourself. All yard debris from Clark County is processed within the region and is available locally for purchase as compost. Waste Connections curbside yard debris service is a convenient alternative to hauling yard debris yourself, saving you time and fuel.

If you've hesitated to sign up because you don't think that you would utilize the service year around, you don't have to! Waste Connections offers an "on-call" service option that you can switch to during the months when you do not need the service as often. On-call service allow you to keep the cart until you decide it needs to be emptied.

Please use the yard debris service rather than putting compostable items in your garbage can.

## Tree Pruning Workshop – You're Invited

On Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am to noon, two certified arborists will be conducting a tree pruning workshop at the home of one of our neighbors at 15702 SE 15<sup>th</sup>. Come and learn how to properly prune and care for your trees!

## Recycling-est Neighborhood Training

On Thursday, April 19, two neighbors, Bill Hauser and Jean Kent, attended the city's recycling training where Waste Management employee gave a talk on recycling. That was the first step towards getting our 'Recycling-est Neighborhood' money, donated by Waste Connections and the city. The second step is printing an article on recycling in our newsletter.

## Is Anybody Scavenging Your Recyclables?

The following is excerpted from an article sent to us:

Scavenging of recyclables is against the law! If you see a theft in progress please call 9-1-1 and report it as a "theft in progress". **Do not confront the suspects!** Law enforcement considers scavenging a gateway crime to other activities (e.g. drugs, identity theft, etc.). If the suspects have come and gone, or you did not see the theft but notice stuff missing, please call 360-696-8035 to report the incident to a Police Service Technician. If it is after-hours and you receive voice mail, leave a message with your contact information. The Police Service Technicians will take your information and file a report.



## Interesting Recycling Info

What plastic can NOT be recycled? Unfortunately, almost **all** of it! You can recycle clean plastic bags (at Winco, Fred Meyer, etc.), you can recycle milk and water jugs (lids removed, and containers squished please. Squished containers take up less room in the truck, which saves the garbage hauler (and you) money. That's about it for plastic items! No cottage cheese or butter tubs, yogurt containers, veggie trays, or cake lids. We have to stuff those in the garbage even if it has the recycle symbol on the bottom. THANKS!

## Where Did the Milky Way Go?

By Dan West

Do you remember from your childhood the wonder of looking into the night sky and gazing at the Milky Way, the stars, and the many constellations? Have you noticed that the Milky Way and many of the stars are no longer visible from your own backyard?

Certainly air pollution has contributed to the loss in night sky visibility, but the major cause in most urban areas is a kind of light pollution called "sky glow." Much of the sky glow comes from poorly designed lighting that is excessive, and fixtures that direct light upward.

There are other forms of light pollution, too – glare (such as high beams of oncoming traffic), light trespass (such as street and yard lights that flood a bedroom at night), and overlighting.

What can you do to help? Quite a bit, actually:

- Use outdoor lighting fixtures that direct the light downward, and confine that light to the area that needs lighting
- Use lower-wattage and lower-output light bulbs wherever possible
- Use timers and/or motion detectors to limit the time periods that outdoor lights are active
- Contact your local officials and legislators to voice your opinions on this subject!

## Thanks to Dedicated Graffiti-Painter-Outers!

There is a couple who lives in our neighborhood who have helped with each painting project we've organized. They agreed to paint out any graffiti they see on our fences. Thank you, Bill and Sharon Wilton! Your efforts and dedication help make our neighborhood a more attractive and safer place to live.

## Are You C.E.R.T. Trained?

C.E.R.T. stands for **C**itizens **E**mergency **R**esponse **T**eam. The county provides free training for those interested in learning how to handle emergencies and disasters. If you have completed this training, please contact Jean Kent at 896-7291 so we can map out our neighborhood-level first responders. Thank you.

## Water those Baby Plants/Trees

Let the hose run 30 minutes each week on each 3-year or younger tree (or 10 minutes on a 3-year or younger bush.) Turn the faucet so the water flow is the size of your little finger. If you have a dogwood, please water it in this manner twice a week.

## New 811 Number Helps When Digging

"Call before you Dig" helps you avoid hitting electric, gas, or cable lines. Now you can 'dial' 811 before beginning your project. Every year almost 700,000 utility lines are hit in digging projects. Avoid that problem, call 811 before you dig.

### Notes:

1. **Yard Debris** pickup dates in upcoming months are: May 15, 29. June 12, 26, and July 10. Please put out garbage, recycle bins, and yard waste containers either Monday evening or Tuesday morning, and bring them back into your yard by Tuesday evening. Please remove caps from plastic bottles, and squish em--thanks!

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 sign up) Our cleanup will be in conjunction with Bella Vista N.A. We need greeters (1 each shift)) and unloaders (min. of 2 each shift).

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