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Annual Homestead Park Meeting Agenda - July 16, 2007

1. Speaker - Nancy Pionk, City of Vancouver Community Mediation
2. Grant Report, other N.A. news - Jean Kent
3. Treasurer's Report - Nat Pinzone, current balance is \$294.94.
4. P.A.T. (Police Advisory Team) Report - Dave Holler
5. N.T.S.A. Report - Dan West
6. Tree Report - Erika Johnson
7. Signups for Cleanup Volunteers
8. Topics of Interest/Concern
9. Sharing of Animal Stories - anyone who'd like to share
10. Sharing of Desserts - all interested in attendance
11. Next meeting - there is none scheduled at this time

New Move-Ins to the Neighborhood

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



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SUMMER MEETING
Monday, July 16th at 7PM AT
Homestead Park (bring
dessert, well-behaved dogs)

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Bi-Annual Garage Sale Date Set

July 20 and 21 will be our neighborhood-wide garage sale this summer. Garage Sale registration/signup forms are included in this newsletter. If you wish to participate in this sale and thus be placed on the map, the signup sheet must be received by Jean Kent by the close of the July 16th meeting. Due to requests by past participants, we are expanding the sale to two days, Friday the 20th and Saturday the 21st, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Please fill out the signup sheet and mail it or bring it, along with your \$5.00 (cash, or check made out to *Cascade Highlands N.A.*, or *C.H.N.A.*) to 14902 SE Greenpark Circle. 98683. You may also bring it to the July meeting and give it to us there.

If you want, you may specify on the form what type of items are available in your sale. Please use just 3 codes, as space is limited on the map.

One or two days before the sale, you will be given 1) 3 balloons to post out front of your house, 2) 5 sale location maps to give to 'sale-ers', 3) a large number to post - corresponding to your location on the map, and 4) a sale evaluation form which we would like you to fill out and return to us so we can adapt your recommendations in the future.

If you want, you may post direction signs to your specific location, as the N.A. is responsible only for 8 big ones at the main N.A. entrance streets (Blairmont, Briarwood, Parkcrest, and 160th). Please remember to put your signs on stand-alone structures (i.e. not stop signs, street signs, or light poles) and to remove them promptly when the sale is over (at 5:00 p.m.).

We will put an ad in *The Columbian* and on *Craigslist*. Questions? 896-7291.

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 60 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 do so.

It seems that some of the white paint has flecked off, perhaps because it was too cold or too wet when we painted it on the curb to begin with. If your number or the background needs sprucing up, please call 896-7291.

Water Your Baby Plants/Trees

Let the hose run for 30 minutes each week on each 3-year or younger tree. (Or 10 minutes on a 3-year or younger bush.) Turn the faucet handle 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.



Grant Report 2007

This year we applied for four grants and have completed all four steps of the procedure: Submitting the pre-application forms by the deadline, Meeting with city personnel to assess the applications, Writing and gathering supporting data and statements for the grants, and lastly, Getting the applications (with full documentation) mailed and received by the city before May 31st. The four grant proposals are (in prioritized order):

- 1) 160th Traffic Calming and ADA ramps (R.E.E.T. funds - Real Estate Excise Tax)
- 2) Fire hydrant management on Blairmont - three hydrants are in the middle of the sidewalk (N.A.P. - Neighborhood Action Plan - grant).

- 3) Crosswalk/ADA ramps at Stevenson on Parkcrest, (N.A.P. grant)
- 4) Trees Matching N.A.P. Grant - \$560.00 to offset the purchase of 14 trees

The city is in the process of comparing all the grants received in each category. Top-assessed projects will be funded until the money runs out. REET-funded projects will be evaluated by both the city transportation department and the N.T.S.A.

(Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance) evaluation team members, and the decision about which projects will be funded will be made in September or October, 2007. We placed 5th of 13 last year, but 3 projects were funded. We hope for the best! This is our 3rd application for this same project. Alas, funding for the submitted NAP grants is 30% of what's needed for all grant requests to be fully funded.



Freddie's Bus Shelter is Here!

The concrete pad is poured and the bus shelter is installed for riders who board or get off C-Tran at Fred Meyer. If you have artistic talents and would like to decorate the shelter, please call 896-7291 and we'll arrange for your idea to be presented to C-Tran for their approval. We hope you've enjoyed the artwork on the Albertson's bus shelter (west side of 164th). That art was designed by Justen Wochnick and carried out by his Pacific M.S. 8th grade art class a few years ago.

Recycling-est Neighborhood Training

We completed the requirements for the Recycling-est Neighborhood Project and received our check from Waste Management and the City for \$120.00! Here's a sincere "Thank you" for this addition to our treasury.



Dogs, Dogs, Dogs

Some of us have and love dogs. Some of us love other people's dogs. Not many of us love even our own dog's poop.

And just about nobody loves somebody else's dog's poop in their yard. Please be sure to clean up your own dog's droppings if they land in somebody else's yard.
THANKS!

Free Plastic Recycling Roundup Sept. 29 and Oct. 6

Some of our neighbors participated in the last Master Recycler Plastics Roundup. On May 19th, over 1200 participants brought 15 tons of plastics to the collection sites. Fourteen tons were recycled and one ton was redistributed back out in the community for reuse! If you participated, thank you for helping conserve our natural resources. This event was so big that the M.R.'s have decided to expand.

This fall the Master Recycler Plastics Roundup will take place on two days and in four locations:

Saturday, September 29, 2007, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at: **Floyd Light Middle School**, 10800 SE Washington and **Kaiser Permanente**, 3550 N Interstate (at Fremont) and:

Saturday, October 6, 2007, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at: **PCC Sylvania**, 12000 SW 49th lot 10 and **Westview High School**, 4200 NW 185th North Parking lot. These are all Portland locations.

Recyclers should rinse and separate plastic into the following categories:

Plastic bags (dry cleaning, store sacks)
Plant containers and trays (please knock dirt out ahead of time)
Please rinse plastics with numbers and separate them by each number (bags and plant containers go in the first two categories, and no Styrofoam food trays even if they have a number).

Miscellaneous plastics *without* numbers (Bottle caps, drink lids, DVD's, CD's, CD cases, straws, lawn/patio furniture, kids' toys (think slides!), pet igloos, laundry baskets, kiddie pools, & more. . . (bring it, we'll try to take it)

Reusable Plastic Items. - We especially love buckets! Be sure and drop by this area to see if you might find a useful item you would like to bring home.

We cannot accept:

Styrofoam block, Styrofoam peanuts, Styrofoam food trays or Styrofoam egg cartons even if they have a number "Biodegradable" plastic or plastic that says PLA 7 on the bottom (this is a contaminant for plastics recycling), Milk jugs, Plastic with metal inside (no car seats/highchairs) VHS or cassette tapes, PVC pipe, Food-contaminated or dirty plastic



Water to Spare?

Would you be willing to let us fill up our watering buckets early on a Saturday or Sunday morning? We water the neighborhood trees and baby shrubs and use 25 5-gallon buckets. We use our own water but would appreciate it if somebody would allow us to use 'their' water as we fill the buckets 2 1/2 times each watering. Please call 896-7291 if you're willing to contribute water to this cause.

Underground Pipe Installation along Blairmont

Are you curious about the work that has been going on along the west side of Blairmont? It's a utility project; Qwest is putting in fiber optic cable for Mtn. View H.S. If you have any questions or concerns, you can call the city construction folks at 696-8051.



Pruning Demo

On the rainy Saturday morning of June 2nd, Ryan Durocher (Urban Forester Outreach Coordinator) along

with certified arborist, Mike Mills, came to CHNA territory to give us a lesson in young-tree pruning. Basic concepts included: wiggle the branch you're thinking about cutting so you can see exactly what you'll be eliminating from the tree, cut close to the trunk so you don't leave a stub sticking out, but not too close. Be sure to leave the tree's 'collar' which has hormones which will heal the cut. Cut to remove crossing branches, or branches which are rubbing against other branches. It's better to cut out too little than too much. If you remove the 'terminal bud' (the growth plate at the end of the branch) then the lateral buds (the ends of all the other twigs or branches) will take over, and the branch will become bush-like.

Council Candidates Night - August 15th

A "Candidates' Night" for those running for City Council positions is being held on Wednesday, August 15, 2007, at 7:00 PM, at the Firstenberg Center located at 700 N.E. 136th Ave. There is no charge and everyone is welcome. This event will be recorded by CVTV and will be aired later.

This will be an open forum, with citizen input, and is a tremendous opportunity for you to come and submit your written questions to the candidates to determine their positions on various issues.

Incumbents are: Councilmen, Dan Tonkovich vs Pat Campbell; Tim Leavitt vs David Kallstrom and Larry Smith vs Charles Stemper and Don Yingling. A moderator will ask some of the questions; but the majority of questions will come from you, the citizens of Vancouver.

In order for our government to function efficiently, it must have the participation of its citizens. We need you and your questions to make this event a success.

New Tree Regulations and Permits

Before removing any tree, Call Urban Forestry (619-1132) to check if a permit is required. To maintain a healthy urban forest and quality of life in Vancouver, trees are protected by the Tree Conservation Ordinance (VMC 20.770) and the Street Tree Ordinance (VMC 12.04). According to VMC 12.04, permits are required for planting, major pruning, and removal of any street tree. There is no charge for this permit.

Neighborhood Watch?

by Gary Bohman

Most of us living in the Cascade Highlands area feel pretty secure in our wonderful location of nice homes, but sometimes things happen that shake that feeling of security. I recently got an E-mail from one of our neighbors who had experienced a robbery in her home. It was evident that the culprits were young, as they left behind a silver BMX bicycle in their haste to escape. The homeowner was left with a considerable loss, both monetary and emotional, but an alert neighbor kept things from being worse.

The point here is that we all have a valid sense of security in this place but bad things do occasionally happen. Please consider organizing a "Neighborhood Watch" program for your street. Contact the Vancouver Police to get information on setting up the program in your "little neighborhood".

Do you know your neighbors?

24th Annual National Night Out is Tuesday, August 7th

How would you like to:

- * Improve the safety of your block,
- * Have a fun time with your neighbors,
- * Build community and,
- * Take part in a huge, nationwide program?

The 24th Annual National Night Out is a great time to get together with your neighbors at an event you design just for your block. Your event will give neighbors a chance to get to know each other better. When neighbors know and care about each other, they feel more comfortable reporting crime and suspicious behavior to police. More people watching out for each other and calling 911 when necessary will make your block a safer place. And it all can start (or be recharged) with your NNO event!



The Annual Cleanup is Coming

Our annual neighborhood cleanup, sponsored by the City of Vancouver and Waste Connections - our garbage and

yard waste hauler, will be Saturday, July 28th, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We have again invited the Bella Vista N.A. to join with us.

Items accepted at the cleanup include:

- 1) yard waste (the chipper/shredder will be there from 8 until noon) - large yard debris, clippings, leaves, branches, bushes, small stumps, grass clippings, etc. No plastic bags, rocks, inorganic items, nor lumber.
- 2) junk - kitchen sink, play sets, junk, broken patio furniture, rotten fencing, deck boards, plumbing items, etc.
- 3) 'dead' lawn mowers, rototillers, etc. for the small engine class at Mtn. View H.S.
- 4) selected usable items for Goodwill
- 5) bicycles for the Community Cycling Center

Please, no hazardous waste, or liquids of any kinds - no paint, spray cans, automotive fluids, pesticides, fertilizers, nor concrete.

A green coupon attached to this newsletter will be required for each load. Please sign and address it before you come. If you need more than one coupon, perhaps you

could talk with your neighbor and use his/hers.

We will also be collecting canned goods, paper products, and personal hygiene items to donate to F.I.S.H. of Orchards, so please plan to bring these as well!

Fireworks Season Ends

Just a quick reminder that it is no longer legal to set off fireworks in the neighborhood until just before New Year's. The local police do what they can to enforce this law due to:

- 1) The increase in fires due to fireworks,
- 2) The increase in injuries and hospitalizations,
- 3) The increase in noise,
- 4) The increase in pet injuries and disappearances (Some dogs can't handle the sound of fireworks, so July 4th is the number one time that dogs run away).

Thank you for your consideration!

Notes:

1. **Yard Debris** pickup dates in upcoming months are: July 10, 24, Aug. 7, 21. 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. Leaving your bins, garbage cans, or recycling cart out longer than 24 hours can result in a fine based on the municipal code which follows:

V6.12.110 City of Vancouver compulsory garbage/recycle. Verse d: Bins placed at the curb not more than 12 hours before the scheduled pick up day, and shall be removed from the curb in not more than 12 hours after the scheduled pick up day.

Thanks! (Please remove the caps from plastic bottles, and squish 'em!)

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

3. **Annual Cleanup** - July 28, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (volunteers needed for 2-hour shifts (not the 8:00 a.m. shift, though). 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 (minimum of 2 each shift).

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Garage Sale Signup Sheet

(Sale is Friday, July 20 and Saturday, July 21, 9 to 5)

_____ print name

_____ address

_____ phone(s)

_____ optional: select Categories (max. of 3)

Categories: **A** appliances; **B/C** babies, children; **B** books; **C** clothing (adult);
D dishware; **E** electronics; **F** furniture/antiques; **H** holiday; **L** linens/towels;
J jewelry; **M** miscellaneous

Cost for participating in the sale is \$5.00.

_____ Check for \$5.00 enclosed (made out to *C.H.N.A.*)

_____ \$5.00 cash enclosed

In order to get yourself on the map, please fill out this signup sheet and mail it (or bring it) to 14902 SE Greenpark Cir., 98683 along with your cash or check (made out to *Cascade Highlands N.A.*) or bring your signup sheet and fee to the CHNA Park Dessert meeting on July 16th (at Homestead Park, south end) and turn it in at that time.

Registration deadline is: July 16th, 2007.

*** * 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 28, 2007

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 28, 2007

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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