



# Cascade Highlands Herald

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

## CHNA Newsletters Online

Our newsletters can be viewed online if you prefer that method. Either go to the city of Vancouver website (<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/Default.asp>) and follow the links through our community, neighborhoods, office of neighborhoods, to neighborhood associations, or use our direct link [www.neighborhoodlink.com/vancouver/cascadehighlands](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/vancouver/cascadehighlands).

## Current CHNA Bank Balance

Current Balance - \$715.60. No financial activity occurred during the past two months.

## New Move-Ins to the Neighborhood

If you just moved in (or have a newly moved-in neighbor) and would like to receive our welcoming newcomer 'information sheets', please contact Jean Kent 896-7291. THANKS, and *welcome to the neighborhood!*

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



live! Thank you to *Judy and Dick Bird, Eileen and Joe Blackman, Gary Bohman, Joe Byrne, Jennifer*

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## As of December, C.H.N.A. is 10 Years Old!

With an anniversary year evenly divisible by 10, the event frequently is used as

an opportunity to look back at what has been accomplished, so here goes!

Projects accomplished or worked on by CHNA (Cascade Highlands Neighborhood Association) in the past ten years:

- Worked closely with administration at Mtn. View H.S. to deal with issues - such as student parking and traffic patterns, and to prevent problems
  - Ten N.A. cleanups (many in conjunction with either Mtn. View N.A. or Bella Vista N.A.)
  - Creation of our Neighborhood Action Plan which allowed us to participate in many city supported activities
  - Lighting and cleanup of 15th St. Passthrough (ongoing effort)
  - Recipient of many grants from the city (traffic calming, tree and foliage planting, passthrough light installation, curb cut installation, traffic islands/bulb-outs)
  - Streetlight installation on Parkcrest
  - Painting of neighborhood public fences
  - Participation in 7 Friends of Trees plantings yielding 280 trees planted
  - Installation of park mileage sign in Homestead Park
  - Installation and maintenance of bus bench on McGillivray just west of Parkcrest
  - Donation of thousands of pounds of food, personal care products, and some cash to FISH of Orchards (through our cleanups)
  - Vancouver Sparkles Program winners (Jean Kent, Erika Johnson, Mrs. Gordon, Nat Pinzone, Jim Knight, Dave Earl,
- Kathy Riegel, Andrzej and Bogumila Slusarz, Mike Stroy)
  - Yearly participation in the Recyclingest Neighborhood program yielding a major source of income for the N.A.'s account
  - Changed our bylaws three times
  - Worked with Evergreen P.S. to move the north entrance to Mtn. View H.S.
  - Streetlight pole installation in the center islands on Mill Plain between 155th Ave. and 160<sup>th</sup>
  - 4-way stop sign at Village Loop and 160th Ave
  - C-Tran bus shelter installed at Fred Meyer, as well as shelter painting project for bus shelter by the former Albertsons (Big Lots shopping center)
  - Organization of three N.A. garage sales
  - Worked to get replacement catch basins on McGillivray at Briarwood and Parkcrest and the surrounding street pavement replaced
  - Wrote, arranged for printing, and hand distributed newsletters every two months (the first couple of years we put out a newsletter every month).
  - Purchased, (replaced) and installed two neighborhood garbage cans, one in Homestead Park, the other at the west end of the 15th St. passthrough which are being maintained by two faithful residents
  - Painted out graffiti and tagging as it occurred
  - Arranged for three fire hydrants located in the center of their section of sidewalk to be moved out of the way of pedestrians
  - Facilitated upgrades to the play structures in Homestead Park

Thanks to everyone who helped CHNA with these significant accomplishments!

## Mill Plain/136th Ave. Intersection to be Upgraded

The City of Vancouver secured over \$2.7 million in federal funding for three local projects. One of the projects is on Mill Plain at the 136th Avenue Intersection. Funding of \$300,000 will complete construction of improvements to increase safety at this heavily-congested intersection.

The project will add more left and right turn lanes to accommodate turning traffic, and it will increase the carrying capacity of the intersection. By increasing traffic capacity, the city will be able to lift the current moratorium on the development of adjacent available land.

## CERT Training Accepting New Recruits

Are you ready for a disaster?

- Can your neighborhood be self-sufficient for at least three days after a disaster?
- Who will help the injured and rescue trapped victims in your neighborhood if rescuers are not available?

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is a 20+ hour curriculum consisting of the following: Disaster Preparedness, Disaster Psychology, Disaster fire suppression, CERT Organization, Disaster Medical Operations, Terrorism Awareness, Light Urban Search & Rescue and Course Review & Disaster Drill.

The minimum age to take this training is 18 and there is no maximum age. People of all skills and abilities are encouraged to participate. Attendance at all classes is required. The cost is \$30.00. Applications may be found at:

<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/prepare>

The dates for the winter training classes are:

Thursday Classes 7– 9:30 p.m.

- January 28 • February 4 • February 11 • February 18 • February 25

For more information contact: Tami Kihs, 360-487-8627, [tami.kihs@ci.vancouver.wa.us](mailto:tami.kihs@ci.vancouver.wa.us)

## Upcoming Dates for Block Foam Collections

Block Foam Collections - •Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Clark College Yellow 1 Parking Lot, Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver

•Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fishers Landing Transit Center, 3510 SE 164th Ave., Vancouver

•Saturday, Mar. 6, 2010: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Clark College Yellow 1 Parking Lot, Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver

An excellent source of answers to your wonderings about recycling can be found at <http://www.cityofvancouver.us/solidwaste.asp?menuid=10465&submenuID=1053>



## Common Comingling Capers

by Jean Kent

1. WHEN to put your recycling roll cart out? Roll those carts out the Tuesday **opposite** your yard waste carts. (This Tuesday yard waste, next Tuesday recycling, etc.) This means your recycling roll cart is not emptied each week (as it was during the pilot period). Please don't put your roll cart out unless it's full, or close to. That will save the hauler time, and thus money, which is a good thing for your W.C. (Waste Connections) bill.

2. WHAT NOT to put in the recycling roll cart? GLASS, BATTERIES, and PLASTIC BAGS. Those three items do NOT go in your recycling cart. The plastic bags really mess up the machine which sorts your and everybody else's recycled items. Please do NOT put plastic bags in your cart!

When the recycled materials are compacted in the recycle truck, glass items break and the resultant sharp glass shards degrade all the other recycled materials. Use your old green bin (or any bin you have left) to put out your glass items.

Put dry-cell batteries in a sealed clear plastic bag and place the bag on top of your blue recycling cart.

If you're disposing of used motor oil, please put it in a rinsed milk jug, or some other opaque

container with a screw-top lid. That oil-container can be placed next to or on top of your recycling roll cart.

All these items go out on recycling week, not on yard waste week.



## Did you know?

Cascade Highlands has **2,163** addresses within its boundaries.



## Environmental Responsibility

by the Office of Neighborhoods

At the Office of Neighborhoods we would like to encourage

Vancouver Neighborhoods to "Continue to adopt more environmentally responsible practices to conserve our natural resources for future generations".

Do you recognize that statement? If so, then you may know it's one of City Manager Pat McDonnell's goals and part of the city's strategic vision.

While definitions of *sustainability* abound, here are some what the concept means to the City of Vancouver.

Ensuring a more sustainable Vancouver means working with all City departments, as well as with community members and organizations. It means coordinating efforts to use resources efficiently, reduce waste, prevent pollution and environmental impacts. It means taking into account our shared objectives for a healthy environment, quality of life, and economic vitality.

Staff will look at the city's own activities and establish cross-departmental teams to work on internally driven sustainability initiatives with an initial focus on more efficient use of energy resources, reducing emissions, and other measures that have an environmental and financial payback.

Employees are working throughout the City of Vancouver on programs designed to make our community more sustainable. Here are just a few:

- Comprehensive recycling program
- Community-wide waste prevention and recycling education programs
- Internal citywide waste prevention, recycling and reuse programs
- Adopted policy ensures new City buildings will meet LEED® standards
- Energy efficiency:
- Switched to LED lights in traffic signals
- Switching to T-8 bulbs for Tennis Center, Vancouver Center Parking and other City facilities
- Six driving hybrid vehicles currently in fleet
- Using ultra low-sulfur diesel for our heavy duty diesel vehicles
- Retrofitting emission control devices on these vehicles to obtain further reductions (grant funded)
- *Switch the Switch* Program (eliminates vehicle switches with mercury)
- Commute Trip Reduction program promotes alternative modes of travel to work
- City building thermostats set cooler on evenings and weekends
- Water Resources Education Center efforts
- Participating at 100% in Clark Public Utilities Green Lights program
- Demonstration solar project site – grant-funded Bonneville Environmental Foundation and Clark Public Utilities
- Backyard Wildlife Demonstration garden
- Education for residents on sustainability topics

- Programs & Ordinances encourage sustainable use of resources
- Burnt Bridge Creek Greenway restores ecological function of creek, increases and enhances native vegetation
- Operations is phasing in more earth-friendly materials (cleaners, chemicals, fertilizers, etc.) and has adopted Integrated Pest Management Guidelines
- Trails network encourages bicycling and walking, as well as reducing vehicle trips
- Urban Forestry program encourages tree planting and proper care to increase community's tree canopy and reduce storm water runoff
- Alternative paving surfaces allowed where project appropriate
- Use of native plants encouraged
- On-site density transfer to protect critical areas
- Environmental protection ordinances, including Critical Areas Protection, Water Resources Protection, and Tree Protection ordinances
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- Water resources protection ordinance
- Tree protection ordinance
- Building code requires energy efficiency, allows LEED®
- Development code encourages efficient patterns
- Infill ordinance
- Accessory dwelling units
- Planned Unit Developments
- Mixed Use ordinance
- Vancouver City Center Vision plans
- Mix of uses reduces vehicle use, emissions
- Higher density and intensity of uses makes efficient use of infrastructure

- Parking policy, structured parking make efficient use of land

Projects and strategies underway by the city also include developing a model for a sustainable neighborhood; a pilot program to weatherize homes along the Fourth Plain Corridor; reducing regulatory barriers to sustainable development; accessing grants for energy efficient improvements in city buildings; purchasing electrical vehicle charging stations and the purchase of 4 all electric vehicles for city fleet; and promotion of a environmentally responsible procurement policy.

There are also many other programs that also fit under sustainable communities (Neighborhood Association program, Community Policing, Farmers Market).

Externally, the city will facilitate progress through partnerships, incentives and regulatory processes, and encourage and support grassroots involvement through existing community organizations and resources.

Sustainability asks all of us, as a community, to participate in a nonpartisan way to make changes to preserve our future. If you wish more information, contact Mike Piper, Sustainability Coordinator:  
[mike.piper@ci.vancouver.wa.us](mailto:mike.piper@ci.vancouver.wa.us).

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***Happy New Year  
from CHNA!***