



Cascade Highlands Herald

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

Save the Dates

1) Our Annual Summer-Meeting-in-the Park is Scheduled

Monday, July 26th at 7:00 p.m. we will have our annual summer dessert meeting in Homestead Park, south end.

2) Annual Cleanup is Scheduled: Saturday, July 31st, 8:00

a.m. - 12:30 pm at Mtn. View H.S. parking lot (1500 SE Blaimont). We'll have the chipper and the dumpster trucks. We'll need volunteers for each shift.

3) 27th Annual National Night Out: The Annual National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 3, 2010.

Current CHNA Bank Balance

Current Balance - is \$1,102.60. All Homestead Acres fence painting payments have been received now.

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



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Safe Neighborhood Streets – Three Educational Clinics Coming

MAY 18, 2010

1) NTSA MEETING: 7 - 7:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 210 East 13th St, 1st floor

2) SAFE STREETS CLINIC 1: Do It Yourself Traffic Calming. Meeting is 7:30 - 9 p.m at the same address as the NTSA meeting above.

Learn the philosophy and techniques of neighborhood-initiated traffic calming. Participants will view a video training session produced by renowned 'traffic taming' expert David Engwicht, which builds upon concepts shared during his previous visit to Vancouver.

JUNE 15, 2010

SAFE STREETS CLINIC 2: Neighborhood Place-making (City Repair Project). Meeting is 7 - 9 p.m. at the Transportation Office, 4400 NE 77th Ave, 3rd floor (different location than May 18th meeting).

Place-making is a multi-layered process wherein citizens foster active, engaged relationships with their neighborhoods. This is often accomplished through creative reclamation of public space, including intersection repair. This session will be hosted jointly with the *City Repair Project*.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

1) NTSA MEETING: 7 - 7:30 p.m., Transportation Office, 4400 NE 77th Ave, 3rd floor.

2) SAFE STREETS CLINIC 3: 22 Benefits of Urban Street Trees. Meeting is 7:30 - 9 p.m. at same address as Sept 21 NTSA meeting.

Building upon the philosophy and research of Walkable Communities founder Dan Burden, this workshop will explain the benefits of street trees and their relationship to traffic calming and community livability. Participants will learn how to implement these ideas on residential streets. This session will be hosted jointly with the Vancouver Urban Forestry Program.

Interesting Info about Replacing/Repairing Sewer Lines

Blandford Drive, which we know is nowhere near CHNA boundaries, will be closed soon as

part of a sewer line project, but what's interesting is how the project will proceed. The City of Vancouver uses a remote-controlled video camera to inspect older sewer lines to determine their condition. When repairs or rehabilitation are needed, one option is to replace the lines. That option, however, requires digging and causes major disruptions to residents and businesses along the way. A newer and cost-effective option is to re-line the existing sewer with a new polymer "sock" which does not require major digging. The flexible "sock" of the relining material is pushed into the sewer line and the line is filled with hot water. The heat from the water activates the polymer in the sock. Once the water is drained out and the new liner has cooled, a robotic tool is sent down the line to cut holes for the lateral pipes connecting the homes and businesses. The end result is a rock-hard lining that adds decades of use to the pipe.



Street Light Out? Pothole in the Road?

Do you have a street light out in your neighborhood? Or, is there a pothole in the road? Whom do you call?

The City of Vancouver Public Works Operations Center takes care of these and other public maintenance concerns. That department is dedicated to providing quality customer service. To report these situations simply go to the online reporting form on the city's website. On the form you can select the type of service you need. It is good to provide as many details and specific information as possible. These reports are reviewed daily and prioritized for proper response, within the available resources.

Another way to report problems is to call the Operations Center at 360-696-8177.

Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, the Department of Public Works makes certain that Vancouver provides services through the divisions of Construction Services, Engineering Services, Operations Center, Solid Waste Services, and Water Resources Education. For more information go to the City of Vancouver website and look up Public Works - Departments - City of Vancouver, Washington, USA.



Recyclingest Neighborhood Training

By Jean Kent

In March we attended a very interesting training regarding reduce/reuse/recycle sponsored by Vancouver City Solid Waste and Waste Connections (W.C.), our garbage, yard debris, and recycling hauler. We received a tour of the West Van Transfer station and were allowed to take peeks at the new commingling-sorter machine when it was at rest. If you're interested in attending a tour, that can be arranged by calling Waste Connections at (892-5370) or looking online at www.wcnorthwest.com.

Recycling can save you money because if you recycle, you produce less garbage, and dealing with more garbage costs more. It's also more convenient for you because you have to take your garbage out less often (when you produce less of it) and we're guessing that taking the garbage out isn't one of your most favorite jobs. However, saving you time and money is not the only reason to Reduce/Recycle and Reuse! By using recycled materials to make new materials you save 40% of the cost for newsprint, 40% for glass, 60% for steel, 70 to 80% for plastic, and 95% for aluminum. Recycling paper to make more paper saves 50% of the water needed to make new paper and the process produces 74% less air pollution.

Basically, we're all in this world together and we need to take care of ourselves and others by reducing our consumption, recycling what we can, and purchasing and using recycled materials.

Here are some random concepts gleaned from the training:

There are 7 major categories of plastics which correspond to a number (number 7 means 'other' i.e. any previously uncategorized plastics) but the number only tells the general category and really has no bearing on that individual piece of plastic's recyclability;

If W.C. could ask for ONE thing to improve yard waste it would be NO more DOG BOMBS, and for recycling roll carts NO more PLASTIC BAGS;

'Wet strength' is a chemical applied to cardboard used in the packaging of all freezer items and many products stored in the refrigerator. This keeps the cardboard from

breaking down if it happens to get wet, but it also keeps it from being recycled successfully - so, unfortunately you have to toss in the garbage those ice cream cartons, those frozen dinner boxes, and those frozen boxes for spinach. You can always test the cardboard yourself, by putting any questionable product in a glass of water and seeing if it becomes pulpy or remains stiff and strong;

The transfer station has it's own water tower, 100,000 gallons of H₂O ready to be used to put out fires should one occur at the location;

The commingling machines actually sports two electromagnets: one pulls up any ferris (iron) materials (like cans, tins, scrap metal, etc.), and the other is called an 'eddy current' (also known as *Foucault* current) and that area of the commingling machine separates any non-ferris (since the cans have already been pulled out of the waste stream) metals, such as copper and aluminum, which can conduct electricity.

Our rigid plastic is sent overseas (primarily to China) where it is hand separated into various plastic categories.

The science of landfill siting is a complicated system which features weather analysis, geological activity, area transportation evaluation, and politics. Landfills contain and isolate our garbage. Considerations for a site examine the depth of the natural clay liner, the depth of bedrock, the level of groundwater, the existence of an aquifer system if any, and the surrounding area's watershed. Each landfill uses multiple layers of highly-advanced liners which are grouped into cells to keep the landfill from leaking, or, if a leak does occur, restricting the leak to a small area which can be found and repaired easily. It takes approximately two years after closing a cell of the landfill for methane gas to begin forming. Methane can be collected and used as a power source for nearby residents and businesses.

Our newsletters can be viewed on line 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.

Earthquake (and other disaster) Preparedness

We sit near the intersection of two tectonic plates and there is no question that we will experience a really big earthquake here in Vancouver; the question is, when that will occur. Please consider readying yourself and your family! We have a Preparedness Calendar we'd be happy to share with you (or you can find it on-line) which breaks up the task on a monthly basis so you don't feel overwhelmed as you might if you tackled this project all at once.

Start with just a few steps:

1. Prepare an emergency kit and include food, water, medicines, entertainment, and copies of important papers.
2. Secure your book cases and kitchen cabinet doors so they won't fall or open during a 'quake.
3. Secure your hot water heater.
4. Practice DROP! COVER! (yourself) HOLD ON! (to something secure like the table leg). It's hard to think straight in an emergency, so practice it yet once again!
5. Set up an out-of-state contact for your family. Often times in an emergency the local phones won't work, but the long distance lines do. Ask a distant friend or relative if s/he is willing to be a message relayer for your family.

There's more you can do, but this is a GREAT START!

Events Offer Free Paper Shredding

First Independent Bank will host four free paper-shredding and electronic-recycling events in May to help community members dispose of personal information in a manner that is safe and environmentally friendly. To deter identity theft, it is recommended that you shred confidential paper documents and carefully dispose of certain electronic devices, such as PC towers and gaming systems, which may contain confidential user information. Paper brought to the events will be shredded on site. Electronic devices will be trucked to and recycled by Technology Conservation Group in Portland. The events take place at the following First Independent branches from 9 a.m. to noon:

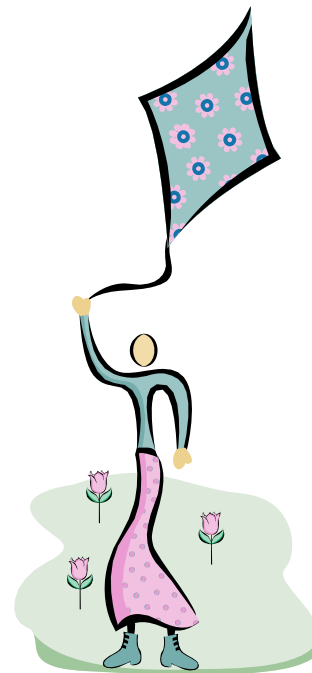
- May 15, Fisher's Landing, 1408 SE 164th Ave.
- May 22, Orchards, 10705 N.E. 4th Plain Road.

Parks and Pooches

Come spring, more of us head for the parks and often take our dogs with us. Clark County reminds us that dogs need to be on a leash and their poop picked up and disposed of properly. There are off-leash dog parks (Ross, Dakota Memorial, Brush Prairie, and Stevenson), but you still need to pick up your dog's poop. Thanks for taking good care of your dog and our community!

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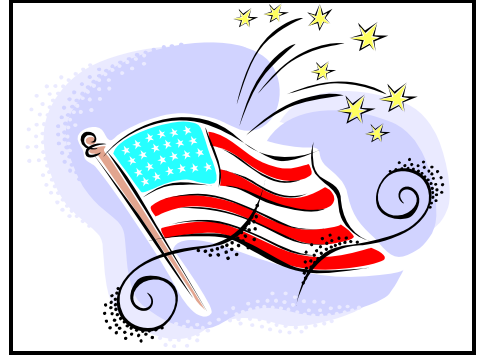


Happy Spring!

2010

Fireworks:

*Keep it legal in the
City of Vancouver!*



NOTE CHANGES IN 2010: The shortened fireworks **DISCHARGE** season is four days long. The **SALES** season is seven days long.

- **DISCHARGE:** July 1 to July 3 from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. & July 4 from 9 a.m. to midnight
- **SALES:** June 28 to July 4.

Fireworks use at any other time is prohibited without a special permit. Buyers must be at least age 16. Fireworks may not be used in public parks.

FINES: In the City of Vancouver the fine for a single violation for unlawful sale, use or possession of legal fireworks is \$250, or \$500 for illegal fireworks. There may be additional civil or criminal consequences for injuries or fires caused by irresponsible use. (Outside Vancouver, the Clark County Fire Marshal and other law enforcement agencies have authority to cite violators.)

Be Prepared, Be Safe, Be Responsible

- ◆ **BE PREPARED:** Only use fireworks available at licensed stands. Store them and matches and lighters out of children's reach. Keep pets safe indoors. Choose the area to discharge fireworks carefully.
- ◆ **BE SAFE...** Only adults should light fireworks. Outdoor use only... use eye protection... never relight a dud... always keep water handy... do not throw fireworks or hold in your hand.
- ◆ **BE RESPONSIBLE...** Soak used fireworks in water and clean up all fireworks debris. Please be a considerate neighbor.

LEARN MORE: Visit the City of Vancouver Fire Department web site at: vanfire.org or wsp.wa.gov/fireworks