



# 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 at Mtn. View H.S. parking lot (1500 SE Blairmont). **Green coupon included in this newsletter is required.** We'll have the chipper and the dumpster trucks. We need volunteers for each shift.

### 3) 27th Annual National Night Out

The Annual National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 3, 2010.

### 4) Tree Planting

Our planting (as part of Fisher's Landing's) is November 6.

## An Important Recycling Reminder

**Please don't put any plastic bags in your Blue Bin.** The recycling co-mingler/sorter can't handle them: the bags get tangled and the machine then has to shut down. Please do continue to recycle plastic bags by dropping them off at your local grocery store: thanks!

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## Annual Summer Park Meeting

The CHNA Annual Summer Park Meeting is July 26 at 7:00 pm in Homestead Park (south end). Please bring a chair or blanket, a jacket (it gets chilly) and some fruit or a dessert to share. If it rains (!), the meeting is cancelled.

### Topics:

- Vancouver Comprehensive Plan
- FVRL Library Presentation
- Neighborhood Association Cleanup
- Upcoming Tree Planting
- Topics of interest or concern, sharing of animal stories
- Dessert

The Vancouver Comprehensive Plan will be updated soon. This examines local issues and interests related to connectivity and sustainability. At our meeting our guests will want to know what you like and dislike about your neighborhood, what you think about nearby commercial or public service amenities, and about your interest in sustainability and energy issues.

## CHNA Cleanup Information

Our annual neighborhood cleanup, sponsored by the City of Vancouver and Waste Connections (our garbage and yard waste hauler), will be Saturday, July 31, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Mountain View H.S. north parking lot (1500 SE Blairmont).

### 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, 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) bicycles for the Community Cycling Center (please bring a \$5.00 donation for each bicycle)
- 5) other recyclables - metal, computers, TV's, cardboard, block foam, garden pots. We are segregating these items for recycling.

### Items NOT accepted:

1) liquids of any kind

2) hazardous waste (paint, aerosol cans, automotive fluids, oil filters, cleaners, polishes, fluorescent light bulbs, fuel-propane tanks, household batteries, lawn or garden chemicals, mercury thermometers, sharps, or any container with the words *poison*, *corrosive*, *combustible*, *caustic*, *volatile*, *flammable*, *danger*, *caution*, or *warning* written on it.

The **green coupon** attached to this newsletter will be **required** for each load. Please sign and address it before you arrive at our welcome area. If you need more than one coupon perhaps you could talk with your neighbor and use his/hers. After all, this is a neighborhood project and we like promoting neighborliness.

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 those items as well.

We need volunteers to work 2-hour shifts at the cleanup. Jobs are: greeters, unloaders, and recyclers. Please call 896-7291 (or email [jeaken@pacifier.com](mailto:jeaken@pacifier.com)) to sign up.

We also need 3 pickups for the cleanup, 2 for block foam (preferably covered beds) and one for the donated bicycles. We would need the pickups starting at 7:00 a.m. and would discuss and arrange with you their emptying and return. THANKS!!



## Current CHNA Bank Balance

Current Balance is \$1,222.60. The board has agreed to allow the expenditure of \$20.00 per tree up to 10 trees to offset the cost of each tree for the planting scheduled for this coming winter.

In regards to another money matter, First Independent Bank reinstated their free checking accounts for non-profit groups, so we signed the papers to switch our account to that type.

## 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!*



## National Night Out is for the Whole Community

The 27th Annual National Night Out is Tuesday, August 3, 2010.

National Night Out is a unique crime/drug prevention event designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Many Vancouver neighborhood associations are planning activities; some are neighborhood-wide, and some are block-by-block get togethers. Even if no formal plans have been made, you are encouraged to use the evening as an opportunity to get out and meet your neighbors, and chat together about what you can do to prevent crime in your neighborhood. For more information about National Night Out, or to register call 1-800-NITE-OUT or by visiting the website at [www.nationalnightout.org](http://www.nationalnightout.org).

## Clark Public Utilities Offers Help with Life Support

Do you or someone you know rely on electrically operated medical equipment? Clark Public Utilities (CPU) has a program to help ensure that power is not accidentally disconnected for customers who rely on electrically operated medical equipment. The information can be found on the website: [Life support — Clark Public Utilities](#). The customer is asked to fill out a form and submit it to CPU. A sticker is placed on the electricity meter to help prevent disconnection. This information is also highlighted in the customer information system so that the customer service agents are aware of it.

Additionally, for qualified life support customers who find themselves in danger of having their power disconnected for non-payment, CPU has established an internal process to review each situation prior to any action being taken. The goal is to ensure that the basic needs of the customer are being met, through networking with family, friends and other community

resources. A specially trained team of customer reps, called the ComCare team, work with customers to connect them to a variety of resources that are available in our community. Information regarding ComCare and the associated programs can also be found on the website: [Payment assistance programs — Clark Public Utilities](#).

If you have questions or need more information, please contact the utilities' Customer Service department at 992-3000.

## Message from Police Chief Cook

"I encourage you to visit the [VPD web pages](#) frequently...since the information changes often. We are utilizing our website more and more to provide citizens the ability to conduct various type of business and obtain forms and information, especially with our reduced staffing, both our Administration building and East Precinct closed to counter service, and reduced hours at our West Precinct."

And..."I encourage you to visit our [NOW page](#) (Neighbors On Watch) as we are always accepting applications from citizens interested getting involved in their community in a new and meaningful way."

## This Summer = 100 Days of Play

With summer now here, Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation has launched 100 Days of Play – an online calendar of activities and events aimed at keeping community members active and entertained all summer long.

An expensive vacation isn't required to enjoy a summer packed with fun activities and enjoyable outdoor experiences. People of all ages, ability levels and interests will find a plethora of free or low-cost recreation ideas as well as pointers on local parks, trails, community gardens and recreation centers to check out.

Featured activities include ideas such as: Playing tennis at Fisher Basin Park, visiting the Fun Wagon, taking a nature hike on the Burnt Bridge Creek Trail, paddling a kayak from Steamboat Landing or Cottonwood Beach, trying a Trail Mix Boot Camp class, discovering the new community gardens at Haagen Park, and trying a yoga class in the park. View the 100 Days of Play calendar online at: [www.cityofvancouver.us/100days](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/100days).



## Have you a Garage Sale Coming Up?

City codes ask you to please put your signs using stand-alone measures - such as a cardboard box, a sandwich board, or other creative means. Please do not tape, staple, zip-tie, or use any other such method your sign to a stop sign, street light pole, or other public structure. THANKS!

## One Traffic Calming Clinic Remains

On SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 the NTSA MEETING: 7 - 7:30 p.m., Transportation Office, 4400 NE 77th Ave, 3rd floor will feature the final (of three) Traffic Calming Clinic.

**SAFE STREETS CLINIC 3:** Twenty-two Benefits of Urban Street Trees, 7:30 - 9 p.m. 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.

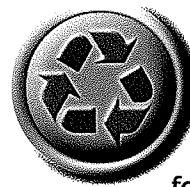
## Do You Know What is Hazardous Waste in Your Household?

The easiest way to determine if a household product is hazardous is to read its label. Look for the words "Poison", "Danger", "Warning": or "Caution". "Poison" and "Danger" indicate the highest hazard levels. "Poison" means that a product is highly toxic and can cause injury or death if ingested, inhaled or absorbed through the skin. "Danger" means that a product is highly toxic, flammable, or corrosive. Products containing the word "Danger" could be poisonous, cause serious damage to skin or eyes or easily cause a fire. Look for the word "Danger" on cleaners, polishes, paint strippers, and pesticides.

Products like these should not go in the garbage at home or at a neighborhood clean up. Instead, they should be taken to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection. Empty containers can go in the garbage. All three transfer stations have certain days when household hazardous waste can be brought in for no charge.

## E-Cycling (Electronic Equipment)

As of January 1, 2010, our garbage hauler (Waste Connections) is prohibited from accepting computers, monitors, TV's and laptops as garbage. This is because of a new Oregon law banning the disposal in landfills of old electronic equipment (our garbage goes to Oregon). You can dispose of your old electronic equipment at Goodwill on SE 160th Ave, or you can save it for our cleanup and dispose of it there, not in the W.C. truck, but in the special box in the Goodwill truck which will be at the cleanup.



## Save Metal for Ralph

Instead of tossing unneeded metal objects in your big blue bin for recycling (or throwing it in your garbage can to be buried forever), consider saving it for our cleanup. Ralph will take all metal disposed of at the cleanup and will recycle it. You can save your metal all year for Ralph!

## Street Sweeping Schedule Summer Changes

There has been a temporary change to the residential street sweeping schedule during these summer months. Because of seasonal road maintenance and compounded by a reduced level of city staff, the focus of the crew will be to take care of asphalt related maintenance. This will decrease residential sweeping to a seven week turn around instead of a four week schedule. Thank you for your patience as the city fixes roads "while the sun shines."

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](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/vancouver/cascadehighlands).

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## **\* \* 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** (1500 SE Blairmont)

**VALID: Saturday, July 31, 2010**

**8:00 a.m. to 12:30 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.*

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signature

street address

Please bring these/this **coupon(s)** and some canned, non-perishable **goods**, 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.

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