



Cascade Highlands Herald

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July 2011

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

Current CHNA Bank Balance

Current Balance - \$752.24. There has been no financial activity since the last newsletter.

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!*

Upcoming CHNA Dates

- 1) **Summer Dessert Meeting** - Monday July 18th, 7:00 pm, Homestead Park, south end.
- 2) **Bi-Annual Garage Sale** - Friday July 22, Saturday July 23, optional Sunday July 24, 9 to 3.
- 3) **CHNA Neighborhood Cleanup** - Saturday, July 30, 8 to 12:30, Mountain View H.S. parking lot, the chipper will be coming.



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CHNA GARAGE SALE SIGNUP SHEET

(Sale is July 22, 23, & 24, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

You may participate in one, two, or all three days. Please note that below.

print name _____

address _____

email address _____

phone _____

optional: select categories (max of 5) _____

All 3 days __, Fri. only __, Sat. only __, Fri. & Sat. __, Sat. & Sun. __

Categories: **A** appliances,; **B/C** babies, children; **B** books; **C** clothing (adult); **D** dishware; **E** electronics; **F** furniture/antiques; **G** general; **H** holiday; **J** jewelry; **K** kitchen; **L** linens/towels; **M** miscellaneous; **P** plants; **T** toys, **W** wedding.

The cost for participating in the sale is **\$5.00**.

_____ check for \$5.00 enclosed (made out to *Cascade Highlands N.A.*, or *CHNA*)

_____ \$5.00 in cash enclosed

Please fill out this signup sheet and mail or bring it, along with your \$5.00 to: 14902 SE Greenpark Cir., 98683. You will be put on the map if your registration is received by the deadline.

Registration Deadline: 9:00 p.m. Monday, July 18, 2011

You are responsible for signs directing people to your particular location. The N.A. will put up signs at the major intersections on McGillivray, Mill Plain, Village Loop, and 160th Ave. Each participant will be given maps of participating houses to give to garage-sale goers. Any signs you put up should be stand-alone signs, not attached to city-owned poles such as stop signs, street signs, light poles, etc.

Any comments?



Fireworks Reminders

In 2010, regulations for use of fireworks in Vancouver changed and those changes remain in effect for 2011.

The **sales** season will be seven days long, from

June 28 through **July 4**. Legal dates of **use** will be four days long, from **July 1** to **July 4**.

Legal dates and hours of discharge are:

July 1 to July 3, from **9 a.m. to 11 p.m.**

July 4, from **9 a.m. to midnight**.

Fireworks sales and fireworks discharge at any other time is prohibited (without a special permit). Please consider neighbors and pets if you decide to set off your own fireworks and remember to clean up afterwards.

July 18 Neighborhood Meeting

The next CHNA meeting is the annual summer dessert meeting in Homestead Park (south end) on Monday, July 18 at 7:00 pm. Here's a potential agenda:

Jennifer Chariarse - Energy Trust Presentation, Northwest Natural.

Paula Person - Communication Coordinator, Vancouver Police Neighbors On Watch (NOW) program.

CHNA Cleanup - July 30; need volunteers for two-hour shifts. Please sign up.

CHNA Garage Sale - July 22, 23, opt 24; fill out paperwork for participation.

National Night Out - Tuesday August 2, 2011

New Seasons Market - Danielle Halstead, manager, Fisher's Landing New Season's Market

Topics of Interest and/or Concern

Vancouver Sparkle Winners - Toni and Willy Wyfells

Sharing of Desserts and neighborly camaraderie

Disposing of Used Motor Oil on Recycle Day?

Please use a milk jug or other clear or opaque vessel with a screw-on-lid which can be seen through (like milk or water jugs), as opposed to the original fresh-oil container.

Bi-Annual Garage Sale Is This Summer

July 22, 23 and 24 are the dates for the CHNA's bi-annual garage sale. Garage sale registration/signup forms are included in this newsletter. The sale will be from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. You may participate one, two, or all three days.

If you wish to be placed on the map, the sign up form and your \$5.00 fee must be received by Jean Kent by 9:00 p.m., Monday July 18. You may mail or bring your form to 14902 SE Greenpark Cir, 98683, or bring it to the annual dessert meeting in Homestead Park, July 18th and turn it and your fee in then.

The form gives you the option of specifying what categories of items you are selling. One or two days before the sale, you will be given 1) one, two or three sets of three balloons to post out front of your house, 2) 15 sale-location maps to give to your customers, 3) a large number to post with your balloons 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 future sales.

You will need to post your own specific direction signs to your house as the N.A. is responsible only for the 8 big signs posted on 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 3:00 p.m.).

We will put an ad in the *Columbian* and on Craig's List. Questions? 896-7291



National Night Out

We strongly urge you to get together with your immediate neighbors on National Night Out evening, August 2 (the first Tuesday in August) to promote neighborliness and familiarity with your neighbors. If you would like to set up a *Map Your Neighborhood* focus, please contact Jean Kent (896-7291 or email) and she will get you the DVD and paperwork. This is a hugely worth-while program which will be a boon to you and your participating neighbors.

*** * 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 30, 2011

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.*

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.

Mountain View H. S. Parking Lot (1500 SE Blairmont)

VALID: Saturday, July 30, 2011

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
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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 30th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Mtn. View H.S. north parking lot (1500 SE Blaimont).

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. (these will be fixed up and reused if possible)
- 4) selected items for Goodwill - The Goodwill Industries truck will take: shoes, wood, books, linens, cardboard, glass, electronics, 'hard goods' (picture frames, kitchen items, pots and pans, wood decor, metal decor, toys, tools, etc.), and clothing.
- 5) bicycles for the Community Cycling Center (\$5.00 donation with each bicycle)

Please, no hazardous waste - no paint, aerosol cans, automotive fluids and oil filters, cleaners and polishes, fluorescent light bulbs, fuel/propane tanks, household batteries, lawn and garden chemicals (pesticides or fertilizers), mercury thermometers, sharps or any container with the words poison, corrosive, combustible, caustic, volatile, flammable, danger, caution, or warning written on it.

Also, please do not bring garden pots, as they can be recycled in your blue recycling cart.

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, please ask a neighbor for unused ones.

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 items as well.

We need volunteers to work two-hour shifts at the cleanup. Jobs are: greeters, unloaders, and recyclers for each shift. We also need pickup drivers to help us with the event. Please call 896-7291 (or email jeaken@pacifier.com) to sign up.

Maintaining Homestead Park

We met with Tim Buck and other parks and city personnel regarding maintaining Homestead Park to its past standards of care. At this point (mid-June) the city has already performed the landscape pruning, the raking out the landscape beds and the putting down of pre-emergents. Thus the only service level reduction in the park this year would be no irrigation (and thus reduced mowing). Mr. Buck put together the cost to restore that service and wrote in an email:

We estimate we will mow once a week if we irrigate and every other week if we shut off the water.

To maintain last year's watering and mowing schedule would cost the following:

Water	\$1,800.00
Irrigation maintenance	\$1,000.00
Added mowing 2X month 7/1-9/30	\$1,600.00
Total	\$4,400.00

If we want our park maintained as it has been in the past, we need to raise \$4,400.00 by the end of July. The Parks Foundation will set up an account to which you may donate, and you will receive a tax receipt for your donation. That donation will not be refundable. If we do not raise the total amount by July 31, the money will be held for next year's maintenance if we can raise the amount by July 2012. If you want a tax receipt, do not send your donation to CHNA because we cannot arrange for you to receive a tax receipt. If 88 CHNA neighbors paid \$50.00, we'd have the \$4400.00 to maintain the park.

The Parks Foundation can be reached at:
Parks Foundation of Clark County • 610 Esther Street, PO Box 2397, Vancouver, WA 98668-2397 • 360-487-8370,
<http://www.parksfoundation.us/>

Please specify **HOMESTEAD PARK MAINTENANCE FUND**.

Message from Brian Carlson, Director of Vancouver Public Works and Pete Mayer, Director of Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation

Dear Neighborhood Residents;

We're reaching out to the community to encourage all who use Vancouver parks, trails and ball-fields to help keep things clean and also be prepared for less mowing, watering and litter pickup. Likewise, public medians and rights-of-ways within Vancouver are likely to be a little more grassy and a lot less green this summer.

These changes, which are becoming more visible in the landscape this June, are the result of the significant staffing cuts that have taken place over the past few years which have been part of the citywide effort to manage Vancouver's ongoing budget deficit.

Since 2009, Vancouver's staffing for keeping public areas mowed, pruned, cleaned, watered and more, has been cut by about 56 percent, from 32 to 14. However the amount of ground the crews care for hasn't changed. The remaining 14 employees are responsible for the same 83 parks (517 acres); 10 open space properties (48 acres); 57 special properties such as city facilities, water stations, fire stations and air-park (205 acres); 3 cemeteries (70 acres); 72 miles of trails and walks; and 577 center-line miles of streets with rights of way on each side and many with medians (103 acre total). That also includes 108 acres of shrub beds and an estimated 13,058 trees.

Parks, trails and ball fields within the City of Vancouver are planned, developed and administered by Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation, and maintained by the Grounds Maintenance Operations division of the city's Department of Public Works. The city also uses Corrections Crews to the extent possible, but the total work which needs to be done is still more than funding can cover.

The community can play a big part in creating solutions. Neighborhoods have told us they would like to help. Times such as this are opportunities to put in place creative ideas that will help bridge the gap between existing resources and how we would all like our public areas to look.

Efforts are currently under way to engage interested volunteers to a much greater degree throughout Vancouver. The goal is to ensure citizens can play as big a role in caring for their parks and public areas as is practical.

More opportunities are expected to be announced in the coming months. In the meantime, volunteer opportunities – such as parks cleanup, rose garden maintenance, trail stewardship, litter pickup and more -- are already available to neighbors, organizations, businesses and park users by contacting Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation at 360-619-1124 or by visiting the [Parks and Recreation website](#) and clicking on the [Make a Difference](#) link.

Money for maintenance and operations is being focused on high priority tasks, such as ensuring restrooms in the most popular parks and recreation areas are open and clean. High-use turf areas, such as sports fields, are being watered and mowed to retain the green infrastructure and ensure participants' safety. Community gardens also are considered high priorities for watering. However, mowing and watering has been reduced in areas where landscape material is well developed or the space is not as actively used. There are more weeds in shrub beds and medians, and pruning is being done less frequently.

Grounds Maintenance crews are currently making their way across the city, mowing medians and rights-of-ways. The orderly progression allows them to spend more time cutting grass and brush and less time traveling to sites.

Citizens who wish to report specific sites where vegetation on public rights of way may be impacting site distance can call 360-696-8177 or visit the [Public Works Service Request page](#). Please include an address or identifiable location, so that the site can be evaluated and addressed in order of priority. Vegetation that is on private property and not in public rights of way should be addressed by the private property owner. To reach the city's automated Code Compliance line, please call 360-487-7810.

Here are some contacts for further information: Tim Buck, Operations Superintendent for Streets and Grounds, Department of Public Works, 360-696-8177 or tim.buck@cityofvancouver.us; or Jane Kleiner, Parks Manager, Vancouver-Clark Parks &

Recreation Department, 360-487-8313 or
jane.kleiner@cityofvancouver.us.

Thank you for taking an active role in helping
our community!

Brian Carlson and Pete Mayer

Recycling Plastic Bags and Plastic Film (but not camera film!)

Did you know you can recycle more plastic-bag-type materials than just those plastic bags you get to carry your groceries or other products home from the store? You can recycle newspaper bags, dry cleaning bags, bread bags (please shake out all the crumbs), toilet paper, napkin and paper towel wraps, furniture wrap, electronic wrap, plastic retail bags (with the hard plastic and string handles removed), zip lock bags (please remove the hard plastic components), cereal box liners, Tyvek (no glue, labels or other material), diaper wrap (packaging), plastic shipping envelopes (remove labels), case wrap (of snacks, water bottles, etc.) and all clean, dry bags labeled #2 or #4. These bags/film can go into the plastic bag you take to Fred Meyer or WinCo to recycle in their plastic bag bin. Note: these bags do not go in the blue recycling roll cart.

CHNA Vancouver Sparkles Winners

Toni and Willy Wyffels took it upon themselves to borrow a utility trailer, pick up all the sycamore leaves which had fallen on the east side of SE 160th Ave. south of 18th St., and pack those leaves tightly into their trailer. Additionally Toni obtained a leaf-coupon from Solid Waste Services and she and Willy hauled and unloaded all those leaves to H&H.

Willy has trimmed the bushes impinging on pedestrian comfort and safety on the corner of SE 160th and Village Loop. Toni has called in dumped-off tires and arranged for them to be picked up, gathered up trash along 160th and Village Loop, and helped pick up the leaves on 160th north of 18th.

We appreciate the initiative and positive energy this couple has repeatedly demonstrated, and admire their willingness to help the neighborhood be safe and appear maintained.
Thank you Toni and Willy!



Fines for Unlicensed Dogs and Cats to

Increase July 1

Dog and cat lovers can save themselves time, money and energy by licensing their pets now. Starting Friday, July 1, 2011, the fine for having an unlicensed dog or cat in unincorporated Clark County and the cities of Vancouver and Yacolt will rise from \$25 to \$100 per animal.

Licensing dogs and cats is mandatory throughout Clark County. Only licensed dogs are allowed in dog parks. Animal control officers will be at the parks to enforce the law.

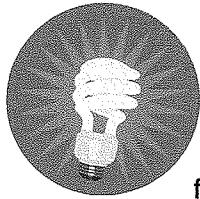
If an owner who receives a citation licenses the animal within 10 business days, the fine will be reduced by half. But a second fine will cost \$200 and third will cost \$400. Failure to pay a fine could create a lien against the owner's property.

Also beginning July 1, pet owners who move to unincorporated Clark County, Vancouver or Yacolt must license their dogs and cats within 30 days. Pet licenses from other locations will not be honored.

For information on licensing fees – which will stay at current levels – the licensing application and annual renewal form, where to send or drop a payment, and a list of licensing agents throughout the county, go to
<http://www.clark.wa.gov/development/animals/index.html>.

License tags help return lost pets to their owners. Licensing fees help pay for spay/neuter programs and animal control officers who protect animals and people by responding to thousands of calls annually. Approximately 19,000 dogs and 6,000 cats are licensed in the county, but officials estimate those numbers represent only small percentages of the animals kept as pets. For more information contact Paul Scarpelli, Animal Protection and Control, 360-397-2375 ext. 4705, or
paul.scarpelli@clark.wa.gov.

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.



Compact Fluorescent Lights handling and disposal

Switching to compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs is good for the environment because they use less electricity and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. CFL bulbs use about 75 percent less energy than conventional incandescent bulbs and last up to 10 times longer.

Clark County encourages you to use care when installing or replacing CFL bulbs to prevent the release of potentially harmful mercury vapor. Always screw or unscrew the bulb using its base, not the glass, and never forcefully twist a bulb into a socket.

The bulbs contain tiny amounts of mercury (an average of 4 milligrams per bulb). In comparison, older thermometers contain about 500 milligrams of mercury.

Tips for how to safely clean up a broken CFL bulb or fluorescent tube are available on the [Environmental Protection Agency's website](#). Burned-out CFL bulbs can be easily and safely recycled to prevent mercury releases. The following sites accept CFL bulbs and other household hazardous waste in Clark County:

Central Transfer and Recycling Center
West Van Materials Recovery Center
11034 N.E. 117th Ave.
6601 N.W. Old Lower River Road
(360) 256-8482
(360) 737-1727
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Washougal Transfer Station
4020 S. Grant St., Washougal
(360) 835-2500
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. third Saturday of the month.

Household hazardous waste collection events are held in Clark County throughout the year. For additional information, contact Jim Mansfield, Waste Reduction Specialist, Environmental Services, (360) 397-2121 ext. 4016 or Jim.Mansfield@clark.wa.gov; or visit: RecyclingA-Z.com.

New Water Main to be Installed on McGillivray and SE 164th Ave.

Starting soon, a new 24" water main will be installed in the east bound bike lane on McGillivray (we've been assured that the bike lane surface will be left in excellent condition after all the work is completed and the repaving is finished) starting from SE 136th Ave. It will connect with a new 18" pipe to be installed on northbound SE 164th from SE 15th St. to SE 34th St. There may be some night time work done on 164th, but none will be done on McGillivray. When completed, this project will insure that residents and businesses on the east side of town will have sufficient water.

Do We Get It?

- by Lee Rafferty, Executive Director, Vancouver's Downtown Association and Southcliff Neighbor

We have all had to think very carefully about how we spend our money in recent months. It seems like every penny counts more than ever. Has your family even had the extra stress of one or more members being unemployed? Our area has been especially hard hit with unemployment reaching over 13 percent.

Recently, a group of local business leaders representing all of Southwest Washington (Southwest Washington Association of Business Leaders - SWABL) have asked us to think about how our spending habits directly affect the potential for employment for over 5,500 of our friends and neighbors. Each year, the residents of Southwest Washington spend \$915 million in Oregon. Often, this is done out of habit. Often, this is done without thinking about how the same items being purchased are available at a neighborhood store. And, often, we don't think about the stimulus that the Oregon purchase is giving to schools and infrastructure that are not our own.

SWABL's message is that if we consciously support our friends and neighbors FIRST, significant economic impact can be felt. Every man, woman and child in Southwest Washington spends an average of \$5.91 daily in Oregon. Savings? Forty-eight cents. Two gum-balls. The question that has to be asked: Do We Get It?

More can be learned by going to <http://www.dowegetit.com/>. Here's a link to a Youtube video that tells the story. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-o-ONXFBb3Y&feature=youtube_gdata_player.



Recycle your Foam and Electronics

Since April 1, residents of Clark County and its cities have been able to recycle clean block foam, along with unwanted computers and other electronic materials, at no charge for five days a week.

Empower UP, a nonprofit organization that recycles electronics and offers computer training, has partnered with Clark County and the City of Vancouver on a pilot program for block foam. The material will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at Empower Up's donation center, 5000 E. Fourth Plain Blvd.

By making it convenient to drop off block foam five days a week at a fixed location, county and city officials aim to increase recycling of block foam. The pilot program is scheduled to last through the end of 2011.

Recycling block foam packaging, or Styrofoam®, from electronics and other purchases saves space in garbage carts and reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills. Total Reclaim, a Portland recycling business, grinds and melts block foam into ingots, reducing the foam's volume by roughly 98 percent. The ingots are shipped to other processors and turned into pellets. The pellets, which have the same quality as new plastic, are used to manufacture picture frames, office products and other items.

Block foam dropped off at *Empower Up* can be any color, but it must be clean and bagged or boxed. No plastic-wrapped yellow urethane foam or spongy polypropylene foam, no hot tub covers, no packing peanuts, and no foam with cardboard, tape or metal attached will be accepted.

Only Clark County residents can drop off block foam. All participants must remain on site until staff has accepted the material. Unacceptable foam will be returned. Businesses can bring in small loads – no bigger than what will fit into a passenger or cargo van – at no charge. Larger business loads should be taken to Total

Reclaim's site at 5805 N.E. Columbia Blvd., Portland, during the company's regular weekday business hours.

Empower Up will continue to collect unwanted computers and other electronic materials. *Empower Up* prefers working electronic equipment that is no more than five years old. However, nonfunctioning and obsolete equipment will be accepted. No televisions, computer monitors or microwave ovens will be accepted. For a list of free e-waste disposal sites that will accept those items, go to RecyclingA-Z.com.

For more information, contact Clark County Environmental Services at (360) 397-2121 ext. 4352 or the City of Vancouver Solid Waste Services at (360) 619-4120.

Call Before you DIG!

Before digging for that fence post or sprinkler pipe, please remember to call 1-800-424-5555. Personnel will use water-soluble paint on lawns, sidewalks, or driveways to mark utility, city, and company owned underground equipment. The paint will wear away in about two weeks; Red = electric power lines; blue = water; yellow = natural gas; and orange = TV or phone lines.

Safely return Medications

The problem: Storing unwanted medications at home increases the risk of accidental poisonings and drug abuse. Flushing or putting them in the garbage can cause serious harm to humans, animals and the environment.

The solution: You can safely dispose of your unwanted medications at numerous collection sites throughout Clark County. Controlled substances can be taken to local participating law enforcement agencies (Sheriff Offices). Non-controlled substances, and only non-controlled substances, can be taken to local participating pharmacies.

For a complete list of participating law enforcement agencies and pharmacies and their collection hours visit Medications at RecyclingA-Z.com. If you have any questions please call 360-397-2121 ext. 4352 or e-mail jim.mansfield@clark.wa.gov.

Newsletter Attachments

There are three attachments to this newsletter:

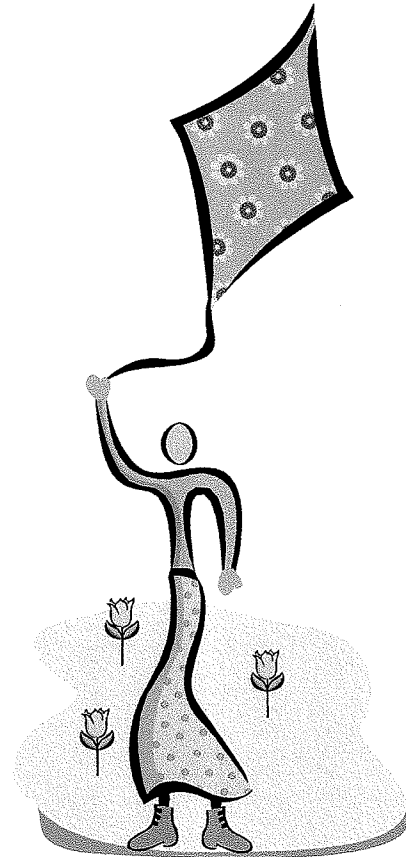
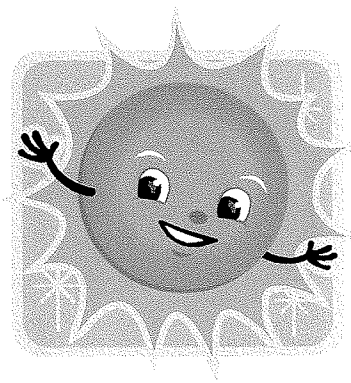
- 1) The registration form for the **garage sale** (deadline July 18 at 9:00 p.m.)
- 2) The **coupons** for the **cleanup** (July 30). We need volunteers for 2-hour shifts for the cleanup. Please call 896-7291 or email jeaken@pacifier.com to sign up.
- 3) The third attachment regards the return of unwanted/needed medications to pharmacies and the take-back program for controlled substances (drugs) to the Clark County Sheriff's office.

Moving to Electronic Newsletters?

We, the executive board, have been considering moving to an email or website distribution of the *CHNA Herald* rather than the physical printing and hand distribution of the newsletters. There seems to be two methods to doing this: one is to gather everyone's email address and email the newsletter, and the other is to have each resident find the Cascade Highlands website's URL (or the city's) and take initiative to read the newsletter.

Changing to electronic newsletters presents a few problems, of course: what about those people without internet access? How can we keep the email address updated with changes, move ins and move outs? Just who would remember to consult the website in order to access the information in the newsletter? How would we make certain that everyone who wanted to participate in the cleanup would receive a coupon? On garage sale years, how could we insure that everyone would be able to sign up? And what would the lack of paper distribution do to the feeling of community and neighborliness the newsletter provides and encourages?

If you have opinions, suggestions, or ideas regarding this situation, please let us know! However, at this time we have decided to continue with the printing and personal distribution of the printed-on-paper newsletter but at a less frequent rate, and hope that your needs as a member of the CHNA are met. We are here to help the neighborhood and to facilitate making Cascade Highlands a great place to live. Thank you!



CHNA wishes you a great summer!

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