

COUNTRYSIDE WOODS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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May 2012

CWNA 11th ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Friday June 8th & Saturday 9th, 2012

8:00 am – 3:00 pm

See page 8 for details



NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP DAY

Saturday June 23rd, 2012

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

See page 7 for details

2012 Neighborhood Calendar of Events

June 8 th -9 th	Garage Sale
June 23 rd	Clean-Up
August 7 th	National Night Out
September 8 th	Picnic & Gen. Mtg.
October 23 rd	Board Meeting
December 1 st	Walk and Knock

CWNA 2011-2012 Board Members

Steve Wille, Chair.....	260-8882
Joan McConnell, Secretary.....	260-0624
Jason Erb, Treasurer.....	798-0872
Melanie Handshaw, Newsletter Editor	944-9952
Laurie Christensen, Member-at-Large.....	254-3193
Conni Pfeifer, Member-at-Large	281-5368
Skip Paynter, Member-at-Large	892-0971

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2012 (NOON-3:00)

COUNTRYSIDE WOODS
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL PICNIC & GENERAL MEETING

POT LUCK PICNIC: 12:00 P.M.

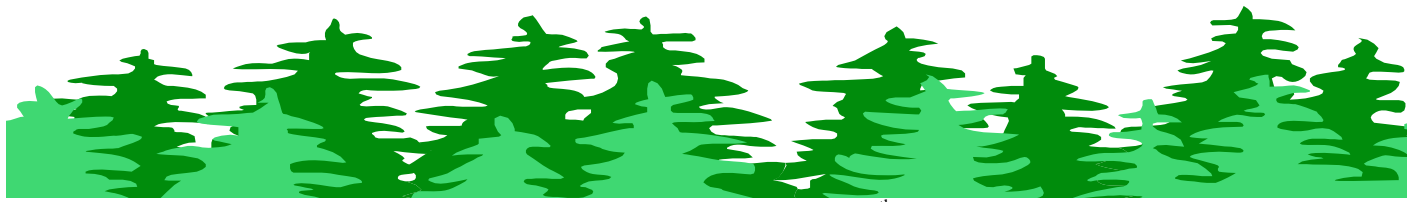
- * BRING A SIDE, SALAD OR DESSERT TO SHARE
- * BURGERS AND HOT DOGS WILL BE PROVIDED
- * CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES & PRIZES

GENERAL MEETING: 2:00 P.M.
(more details to follow)



Please call a board member if you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the newsletter.

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Neighborhood Reports

Countryside Woods Neighborhood Association General Meeting, March 14, 2012 Summary

Chair Steve Wille welcomed everyone and board members introduced themselves. Treasurer Jason Erb, Secretary Joan McConnell, Members at Large Conni Pfeifer, Melanie Handshaw, and Skip Paynter. Steve introduced Charlie Ford, our local police officer. We had two guest speakers and then a brief general meeting.

Guest speaker Leah Chisholm from the Southwest Washington Agency on Aging and Disabilities (SWAAD) shared how her agency is a resource for all of Clark County's elderly and disabled. The goal is to promote and advocate for the independence and health of seniors and adults with disabilities. The Community Service Agency works like a clearing house of assisting agencies and can be called at (360) 694-8144 or (888) 637-6060 (toll free) Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm. Their website is www.helpingelder.org. They offer a class 'Caregiver 101' in partnership with SW Peace Health Hospital.

Our second guest speaker, Aaron Halling, represented Tapani Underground Inc. the owners of Evergreen Pit (formerly Schmid Pit). One hundred thousand tons of material, gravel and dirt from the Pit is being removed to be used at the St. John's Improvement Project on SR 500 over six weeks, continuing until at least May. Tapani is working with the city to address Neighborhood concerns such as noise, dust, and potholes. In May or June a crusher will operated to break 30 tons of concrete and asphalt chunks at the site. (For more information, see related articles in newsletter.)

The pit will not be mined past 2012, and the volume will drop soon after May when the St John's project is complete. Material will be coming into the Pit as reclamation for a future buyer. The area is currently zoned R-9, meaning 9 houses per acre.

The chair thanked Mr. Halling for coming to share information and take questions and concerns from neighbors.

By-Laws Committee Chair Melanie Handshaw explained changes to the by-laws to address terms limits, delete keeper of records (fold that into secretary), create an officer position for Newsletter Editor, allow for absentee nominees, and address audits of financial records. The board voted for the changes

October 5th, 2011, and the changes became official with a unanimous vote by general membership.

Neighborhood activities were announced (see calendar, pg 1) and general questions were taken.

Full meeting minutes can be found on the website at: http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Countryside_Woods

Friends of Trees Planting in Countryside Woods

By Steve Wille

As a result of hard work and great enthusiasm, the Saturday morning of March 17th had over 85 street and yard trees planted in the Airport Green, Burnt Bridge Creek, Countryside Woods, First

Place, Image, Landover-Sharmel, North Image, Parkside, and Parkway East neighborhoods of NE Vancouver. A veritable army of cub scouts, girl scouts, community service workers, high school students, parents, and neighbors showed up in the early morning at Hearthwood Elementary School to get their shovel assignment for the day from a team of workers from Friends of Trees



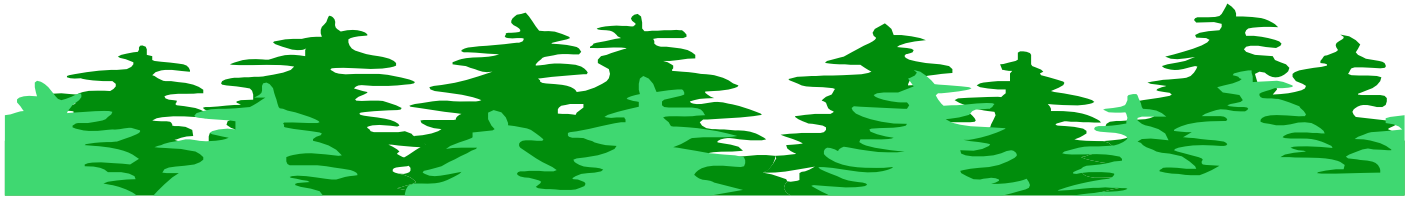
It was hard work; if you've ever dug a hole in your yard in this neighborhood you know what I'm talking about. But, with lots of helping hands, a couple of pick axes, and the promise of a warm potluck luncheon back at the school when done, all the trees were in the ground by noon. The folks with Friends of Trees were happy with the participation and outcome. If enough people are interested there's no reason we couldn't try another neighborhood tree planting next spring. Thanks to everyone in the neighborhood that participated to make this a successful event.

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Executive Board Meeting Summary of Minutes

April 10, 2012 Present were Steve Wille, Chair, Conni Pfeifer, Member at Large; Melanie Handshaw, Member at Large, and Joan McConnell, Secretary, Jason Erb, Treasurer. Laurie Christensen and Skip Paynter both were absent (excused).

Correspondence Steve shared correspondence from the City of Vancouver, regarding the mining extension for Evergreen Pit.. The board discussed the issue of a large pothole on 155th, near 18th. The city made a temporary fix and Steve will contact Tapani to see if they can fix it and ask when they will be putting up an information sign with a contact phone number.

The Chair also reported that he attended a Neighborhood Leadership Training class offered by the city. The entire Executive Board can attend any and all of the 3 remaining leadership classes.

The Chair announced that eleven (11) people bought trees through the Friends of Trees (FOT) last month. The newsletter appeared to be effective in getting the word out for FOT. One N.A. had received a grant for trees (half price) and if there was enough interest the Chair would like to look into that for next year, and possibly add trees/shrubs to the green space between 12th Street and 10th Way/160th Ave and 155th Ave and/or other neighborhood parks.

Treasurer's Report: As on 3/30/12 the balance at the Columbia Credit Union was \$2,105.22 – no change since the General Meeting.

Old Business

Vancouver Sparkles Nominations – It was agreed a short article asking for nominations will be placed in the May Newsletter. Deadline to be agreed upon at a later date.

Annual Events

The PICNIC budget was approved at \$250. This would include all items: food, supplies, prizes, games, Sno-Cone machine, face painter (maybe). The City will provide a free Port-a-Potty for the day and 10 Firstenburg swim passes (for prizes). Jason, Skip, and Laurie comprise the Picnic committee

Conni and Joan presented a proposed budget for the upcoming GARAGE SALE in June to include basics such as newspaper ads and balloons. The Executive Board approved a budget of \$80 + \$2 per entrant be the budget for the event.

Steve reported that we have confirmed the church parking lot and the garbage trucks for CLEAN-UP day. A Bicycle Shop is willing to take the bikes. The Executive Board discussed and approved a survey to be taken at clean-up to get feedback from members.

NATIONAL NITE OUT on August 7th is not a neighborhood sponsored event, but Kathy Baghdanov has volunteered to coordinate it at Countryside Park.

WALK & KNOCK, December 1st is not a neighborhood sponsored event, but Joan McConnell has volunteered to coordinate it for our neighborhood again this year.

New Business

Melanie was appointed Newsletter Editor, since she currently produces the newsletters. She would like to recruit a new editor for next year and return as a member at large.

A recent article in The Columbian noted how some N.A.s have successfully used a FB page to better neighborhood communications, The board agreed by vote that a FB Page be created, but will be closed to postings by all but the Executive Board. Jason Erb was appointed as the administrator.

Full minutes can be found on:

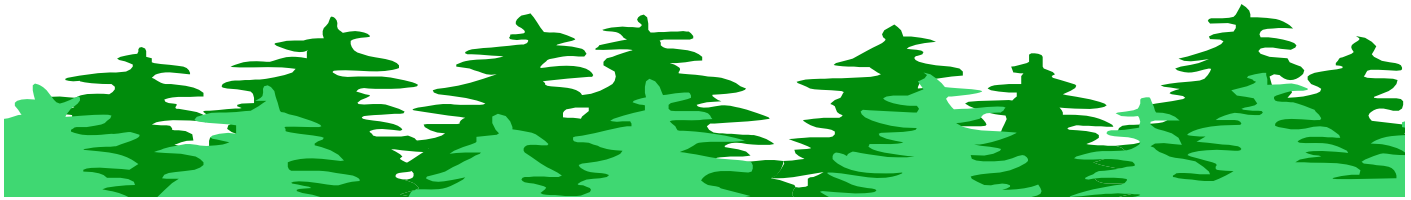
http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Countryside_Woods

Hi Neighbors!

- Consider joining the Executive Board by appointment.** Current vacant positions include: 1st Chair, 2nd Chair, Parliamentarian, and Member at Large
- Nominate yourself or encourage your neighbors to attend the picnic and volunteer for an Executive Board position for next year.** We had two new board members join last picnic.
- Attend the neighborhood general meetings,** which are usually held twice a year. Come meet your neighbors and hear the latest news. Do you have an idea for the neighborhood? Come share and see how CWNA can help.
- Volunteer to help with neighborhood events or to deliver newsletters**



Contact any board member to find out more about helping our neighborhood association thrive.



Local Events and Information

Nominations are now being accepted by the Executive Board for the 2012 Vancouver Sparkles Award for Countryside



Woods Neighborhood. This annual awards program, sponsored by the City of Vancouver, provides an opportunity to give neighbors a pat on the back for exhibiting community pride. Whether it's maintaining a beautifully-kept yard and garden, or picking up litter in the neighborhood, or helping a neighbor with yard work. Vancouver is filled with people who help keep it "sparkling".

Nominees must be within CWNA boundaries. The City will provide the award winner with a special certificate signed by Mayor Tim Leavitt and City Manager Eric Holmes, a reusable Vancouver Sparkles bag, a special window decoration and your choice of: a Vancouver Sparkles T-shirt, or a garden flag (while supplies last). The names and nominations of the award winners will be posted on the City website, and provide a special recognition in the [Office of Neighborhoods Weekly Update](#).

More information is available at <http://cityofvancouver.us/vancouversparkles>

Please submit your Sparkles nominations (at least an address) to a Board Member by June 30th. The Executive Board will vote and select a Sparkle Award winner. It will be announced at our Annual Picnic on September 8th!

Community Mediation Services Is Here To Help

It's been just over a year since we became a non-profit and we've already had over 500 requests for service! Community Mediation Services ("CMS") provides Clark County residents with an informal, private way to improve communication and resolve disagreements. We offer dispute resolution services, mediation, facilitation and training. Our services include neighbor-to-neighbor, landlord-tenant, small claims, business and consumer conflicts, and workplace conflicts.

Mediation is a voluntary process that helps you discuss difficult issues and develop your own solutions. Mediators listen to your concerns and can help you understand your needs and explore your options. Some situations can be handled on the phone while others require face-to-face meetings.

Contact Us: (360) 334-5862
cms.clarkcounty@gmail.com

You Can Help Wipe Out Graffiti – RECORD, REPORT and REMOVE

Graffiti is done without permission and is considered vandalism. If left alone, graffiti will attract more of the same and create a perception that the area is unsafe. **If you see someone engaging in or have information about a suspect call 9-1-1 and state you are a Vancouver resident with a graffiti report.**

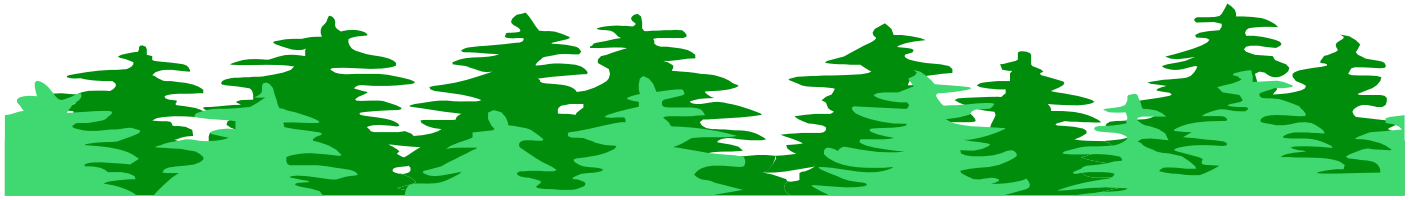
If you spot graffiti in our neighborhood without a suspect, call the **Vancouver Police Department (VPD) East Precinct a 360-487-7500** or use the VPD [Online Reporting System](#).

If graffiti is located on:

Public Property – call the City of Vancouver Operations at: 360-696-8177 during regular business hours.

Electrical Boxes – call Clark Public Utility District at: 360-992-3000 during regular business hours.

Bus Stops or Buses – call C-Tran at: 360-695-0123 or 360-696-4494 and leave message.



Tapani Underground Summary

After several evenings of hearings and public testimony, the City Council approved a three year extension of a development agreement allowing the Evergreen Pit to be mined until December 31, 2012, followed by two years of reclamation work. Based on concerns expressed at public hearings on February 27 and March 19, the City Council included a number of limitations and conditions on the mining use.

We have summarized them for our newsletter, as follows:

1. No excavation, grading, mining, reclamation or associated activity including arrival or departure of trucks shall occur on Sunday or between the hours of 7pm and 7am, Monday through Saturday; except that such activities will be allowed on Sundays between 7am and 7pm if needed for work occurring on Sundays at the St. Johns/SR 500 interchange project.
2. Measures to control dust and erosion including use of water trucks on all haul roads, maintenance of the wheel wash to city standards, and the use of high efficiency street sweeper trucks on adjacent streets shall be employed during any hauling on or off-site related to mining or reclamation-related activities.
3. All interior unpaved travel surfaces shall be improved with an approved gravel surface no later than May 15, 2012 and shall be maintained in good condition throughout the term of the agreement.
4. In addition to any reclamation requirements imposed by WA DNR, the Property Owner shall ensure that the topographic contours within 125 feet of the south, west, and north lot lines are sloped less than 25 percent at the time the reclamation activity is complete.
5. The west access road into the pit shall be posted with a Max 10 mph sign at its northern and southern end no later than March 31, 2012. Owner shall enforce posted speed limits with haulers using the pit.
6. Owner agrees to repair damage to City streets caused by trucks hauling material to or from the gravel pit. The locations of this work will be directed by the City Public Works Director and shall be limited to 1,500 square feet of pavement repair on NE 155th Avenue. The repairs shall be completed prior to the end of active mining of the pit.
7. Owner agrees to provide written updates not less than once every month regarding the status and schedule of the mining and reclamation activity to the presidents of the following city recognized neighborhood associations: Burton-Evergreen, Cimarron, Countryside Woods and First Place.
8. Owner agrees that as soon as rock from the pit is no longer being delivered to the St. Johns/SR-500 project, the number of trucks that access the pit will decrease from a maximum of 840 per week to no more than 500 per week, not to exceed 1,300 per month.

A noticeable increase in truck traffic will occur until the end of May because of high demand for the gravel for the St. Johns/SR 500 Overpass Project. The increase will be temporary and efforts to control dust and other impacts will be adhered to as described. By mid-summer the pit will be mostly "mined out" and reclamation work will begin. Once the final elevations are established, the exposed soil will be vegetated.



Tapani Underground Summary (continued)

The owner also indicated the existing pile of concrete and asphalt in the pit will be crushed and taken off-site in the next couple of months. While this may increase the level of noise to nearby properties, they have committed to constructing a berm around the rock crusher machine to reduce the noise that leaves the site.

In addition, a sign with a contact name and number for Tapani Underground will be placed near the job shack on NE 155th Avenue in case there are any concerns or questions from neighbors.

BELOW IS THE LATEST LETTER FROM TAPANI TO THE CITY OF VANCOUVER



TAPANI UNDERGROUND, INC.
PO Box 1900 • 1901 St. 6th Place • Battle Ground, WA 98604
(360) 687-1148 • (360) 687-7958 FAX

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EVERGREEN PIT UPDATE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

MAY 2012

RE: Status and Schedule of Mining and Reclamation Activity for Evergreen Pit

The Evergreen Pit is continuing to supply large quantities of aggregates to the State Highway SR500/St. Johns project in Vancouver. By mid-May the volumes will decrease by half and are expected to remain at the reduced volumes all summer.

Starting the first week of May, Tapani Underground will be operating a jaw in order to recycle the concrete pile on site. This operation is expected to run 1 month.

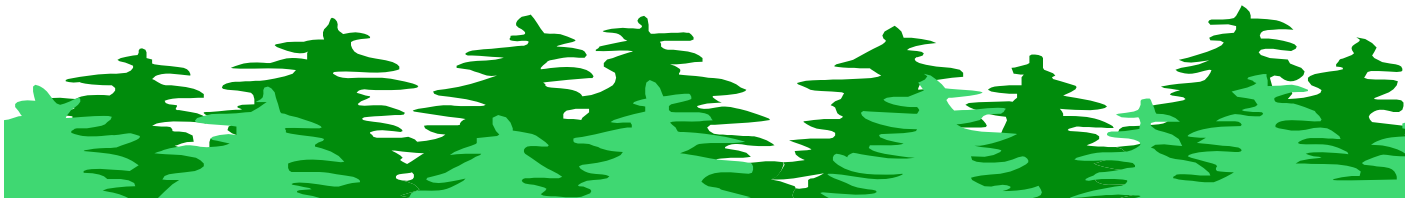
Tapani Underground is planning to repair the asphalt on 155th Avenue this month once there is a break in the weather to allow for it.

No major reclamation work is expected until this coming fall.

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MAYOR
CITY OF VANCOUVER



NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP DAY

Saturday, June 23, 2012

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

East Park Community Church parking lot, 15815 NE 18th Street.

Please **do not** leave any trash or items at the site before June 23rd. Vehicles larger than a pickup are welcome after noon only. A money donation is appreciated to go toward the neighborhood picnic in September and our general fund.

Acceptable Items:

- ☐ Furniture such as chairs, couches, and beds.
- ☐ Small appliances such as vacuum cleaners, microwaves, and lamps.
- ☐ Four Automobile tires per household.
- ☐ One large appliance per household (washers, dryers, ranges).
- ☐ Empty paint cans with dried paint and lids off.
- ☐ Three railroad ties per household.
- ☐ Half-truckload of lumber.
- ☐ Logs, branches, leaves, and similar yard debris.
- ☐ Car parts, small engines, and scrap metal.
- ☐ Lawn mowers and garden equipment.



NOT Acceptable:

- ☐ Refrigerators and air conditioners.
- ☐ Chemicals, chemical waste, cans of unused paint, dated pharmaceuticals; take to the local Hazardous Waste drop off site: Central Transfer & Recycling Center, 11034 NE 117th Ave Phone 360-256-8482
- ☐ TV, computers, microwave ovens. Go to www.recyclingA-Z.com & www.empowerupnow.org for information.
- ☐ Roofing tear-offs.

Bicycle Corral—Drop off your old bike and if another neighbor doesn't want it, it will go to a local cycling center (Wheel Deals) to be properly re-cycled back into the community.

“One man's trash is another man's treasure” Pile—Leave reusable items you don't need or take home items that others have left. Everything at day's end will go into the garbage truck.

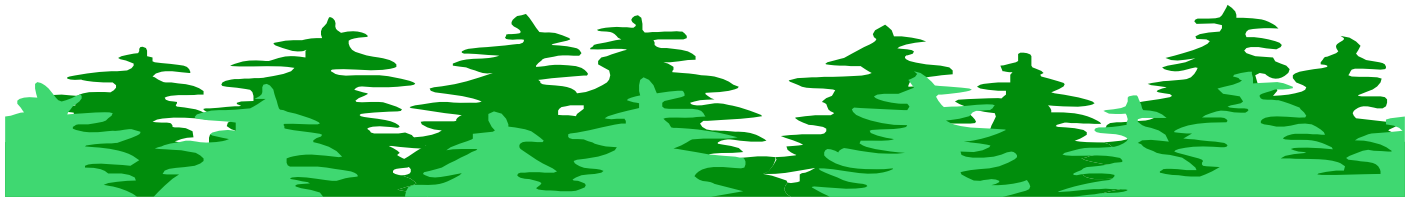
IN AND OUT FAST TIPS:

Yard Debris: Those who used a tarp liner under the yard debris in their truck were able to empty things faster and cleaner and what a difference that made.

Categorize Trash: Separate material for garbage truck, yard debris, treasure pile, or metals.

Have a truck? Please consider checking with your neighbors to see if they need help.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with Cleanup Day. Call Cleanup Day Coordinator Steve Wille at 260-8882.



CWNA 11th ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

JUNE 8th & 9th

8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Our annual garage sale attracts many customers from all over the Portland/Vancouver area. We place advertisements in the local newspapers and signage all around the entrances to the Countryside Woods Neighborhood. We also have surrounding neighborhoods that are having sales this weekend. The more people who sell, the more customers we attract.

As a participant, you will receive a mylar balloon, garage sale sign (if you need one), and maps with your and other participants addresses on it. To participate in our popular sale, complete the participation form on **PAGES 9-10** of this newsletter. The sign-up fee is only \$5. So sign up today! Be sure to include your top three items that are on sale and mark your location on the map provided. Remember the map will be provided to shoppers so they can find your sale. Mail or bring your payment and form to one of these addresses no later than May 31st Make checks payable to CWNA.

Joan McConnell
15719 NE 12th Street
Vancouver, WA 98684

OR

Conni Pfeifer
604 NE 156th Ave
Vancouver, WA 98684

Helpful Garage Sale Tips

- Categorize items: Baby, boy, girl, men's, women's, tools, household, garden, etc.
- Price items: group items by price (ex. 25¢ for anything in this box), have price tags on each item (purchase pre-priced stickers),
- Keep it clean: no one wants to buy a dirty or broken item.
- Start right: have plenty of smaller bills and coins to make change.
- Have enough: get together with neighbors to make a larger selection.
- Boundaries: clearly mark the sale boundaries so everyone knows what is and is not for sale.

ALL FORMS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY, MAY 31st TO BE INCLUDED ON THE MAP.



2012 Annual CWNA Garage Sale Participation Form

Form and \$5.00 must be turned in May 31st to Conni Pfeifer or Joan McConnell.

(Name and phone number WILL NOT be printed – for our questions only.)

Name _____ Ph # _____

Street Address _____

Which days do you wish to participate (circle one or both): Friday Saturday

What are your top three items to list on your garage-sale map?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Please mark the location of your house on the
map on the opposite page of this form.



