



Cascade Highlands Herald

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

Upcoming CHNA Events

July 25 (Monday): July Annual CHNA Dessert Meeting

7:00 p.m. Homestead Park, south end. Asst. Police chief Mike Lester and Assessor residential manager David Stewart are possible guest speakers.

July 30 (Saturday): Annual CHNA Cleanup

8:00 am to noon, Mountain View High School east parking lot.

August 2 (Tuesday): National Night Out

Grant Awarded to Complete Parkcrest Curb Cuts

CHNA was awarded \$80,000 for our Curb Ramp Traffic Calming project to complete constructing curb cuts on the intersections south of 15th St. on the east side of Parkcrest. The work should be completed late this summer.

CHNA Fiscal Report

Initial balance as of February, 2016 \$1,021.13 with zero activity since then. Final balance as of June, 2016 \$1,021.13.



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N.A. 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 30, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Mountain View High School east parking lot (1500 SE Blairmont).

Items accepted at the cleanup include:

- 1) yard waste (the chipper/shredder will be present) - large yard debris, clippings, leaves, branches, bushes, small stumps, grass clippings, etc. NO plastic bags, rocks, or inorganic items, please.
- 2) junk - kitchen sink, play sets, broken patio furniture, rotten fencing, deck boards, plumbing items, filthy sofas, etc.
- 3) "dead" lawn mowers, rototillers, etc. (to be recycled by Gary)
- 4) bicycles for the Community Cycling Center (please bring a \$5.00 donation for each bicycle)
- 5) other recyclables - metal, computers, TV's, cardboard, electronic items. We are segregating these items for recycling. The Goodwill truck will have large cardboard boxes (called melons) in which recyclable items will be sorted.

We are NOT collecting block foam, shingles, or concrete (or posts with concrete).

Other 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).
- 3) appliances (air conditioners, refrigerators/freezers)
- 4) tires
- 5) concrete (or fence posts WITH concrete)
- 6) dirt

The green coupons attached to this newsletter will be required for each type of load (only one coupon each per load type). Please sign and address coupons before you arrive at our

welcome area. If you need more coupons perhaps you could talk with your neighbor and use his/hers; after all, this is a neighborhood project and we like promoting neighborliness. Although, if you're transporting your 'junk' in a small car, we can make allowances for you to make multiple trips on one coupon.

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 (shifts are 7:50-10, 10-cleanup about 12:20). Jobs are: greeters, unloaders, yard-debris monitors, and recyclers. Please call 896-7291 (or email jeaken@pacifier.com) to sign up. We also need two (2) pickups for the bicycles.

If you need assistance getting your items to the dumpster/shredder on cleanup day please call in advance of the day to arrange for help. (896-7291 msg.)

Save Metal for 2016 Cleanup (July 30, 2016)

We raised \$90.00 for the neighborhood account last year by recycling the metal dumped off at our cleanup. If you have the space, please consider setting aside your 'tin' cans, fixtures, scraps, bent screws, stripped or headless bolts, unusable socket parts, rusty tools, squished aluminum cans, etc. for our cleanup.

National Night Out is Coming

The first Tuesday in August, August 2nd this year, is National Night Out, where we promote and encourage neighborliness and spending time with our immediate neighbors. If you want, a police officer will stop by to answer questions and talk with your get-together for a bit. Let Judi Bailey know your plans if you want a police officer to come. (neighborhoods@cityofvancouver.us).

159th Pl. Streetlight is IN!

In Mid-March, a full year before we expected it, the city was able to install our replacement streetlight on SE 159th Pl. Thank you, City of Vancouver! Since the installation occurred, the 'curve' of 159th by the park is much better lit.



Homestead Park Maintenance

We were informed by city staff person Carrie Vogelzang that Parks and Recreation Director, Julie Hannon, said that Homestead Park will in fact be part of "phase one" of the pledge to re-irrigate parks throughout the city. While it doesn't look like the work to restore the sprinklers to usable condition will occur this year, hopefully next year our bushes and trees will not die from lack of water. Our park is also supposed to get a top-coat on the paved path. Although we've asked when this work will occur, we've not received a response at this writing.

Have you Recently Planted Trees?

Any trees planted within the last 3 years should be watered for 30 minutes once a week. Turn the hose so that the stream of water coming from the end is the diameter of your little finger. This type of watering promotes deep root growth so that once the tree is established it can find sufficient water all on its own.

NTSA Report by Dan West

For the National Traffic Safety Alliance (NTSA), this year thus far has been somewhat a repeat of last year. We've completed the awards for non-infrastructure ("signage & striping") traffic-calming projects, and just finished the presentations for infrastructure traffic calming projects for which we will begin the evaluation process in the fall.

I also represented the NTSA in a panel regarding the City's 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), which has been updated to incorporate anticipated proceeds from the formation of a Transportation Benefit District (TBD). The TBD will be funded by a council-approved \$20/vehicle license surcharge that becomes effective for all new licenses and renewals on July 1st of this year.

Under revised state law, city council will be able to enact an additional \$20/year vehicle license surcharge in 2 more years and amend the project list to be funded by the TBD. Part of this transportation funding will go for improved road maintenance and some will provide additional funds for neighborhoods through the NTSA. "Big ticket" projects to be funded include NE 18th Street widening east of the new I-205 interchange, SE 1st Street widening from 162nd

Avenue eastward to 192nd Avenue, and other projects.

House Number Painted on Your Curb?

Would you like your house number painted on your curb out front? Police and Fire staff would really appreciate it if everybody had their curb number painted! Call or email Jean Kent to schedule the work. We'd like a donation for the neighborhood, but will do the work for free if you cannot or are unwilling to donate at this time.

Leaf Box Delivery

We're happy to report that we will again have a leaf-box dropped in our neighborhood for one weekend in November and one weekend in December. Tentative dates are: Nov 12 & 13 and Dec 10 & 11. We are considering changing the location to be on the west side of the park as it only seems fair to allow the west-side residents to travel the closer distance. The boxes have been on the east side of the park since we started getting the boxes a few years ago. This helpful service is paid for by Vancouver Solid Waste.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

All city residents who dispose of household hazardous waste at any of the transfer stations in Clark County from April 1 through Oct. 31 can enter to win a \$20 gift card.

Also, seven local paint stores accept used or leftover paint (all are in Vancouver):

- Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 10811 S.E. Mill Plain Blvd.
- Miller Paint, 14300 N.E. 20th Ave.
- Miller Paint, 9609 N.E. 117th Ave.
- Miller Paint, 2607 N.E. Andresen Road
- Parkrose Hardware, 16509 S.E. 1st St.
- Rodda Paint and Décor, 7723 N.E. Fourth Plain Blvd.

For more details, see www.clark.wa.gov/hhw.

Do You Have a Sidewalk in Front of your House?

Please remember that you are responsible for maintaining the brush and trees which abut 'your' portion of the sidewalk. Please be certain that people can use the sidewalk unobstructed by foliage. THANKS!



Recycling 101 Neighborhood Training - Recap

On March 30th we attended the 1.5 hour recycling training put on both by the City of

Vancouver Solid Waste services and Waste Connections, our garbage, recycling and yard debris hauler. If you are interested in attending a future training please contact Julie Gilbertson at julie.gilbertson@cityofvancouver.us as there are additional training sessions available during this calendar year.

- Wednesday, July 20, 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Saturday, September 10, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Topics covered included: programs offered for City of Vancouver neighborhood associations and residents (cleanup events, spring and fall pickups coupons, non-working appliance pickups), and what to do with 'wet-strength' or 'treated cardboard' - that is paper and cardboard packaging around any items that go in your refrigerator or freezer, including pop and beer cardboard, frozen food boxes, ice cream cardboard, etc. (it goes in your garbage can, not your blue recycle cart).

Waste Connections shared photos of the collection process for garbage and recycling: in Clark County, we fill one 40' long shipping-container full of garbage every 30 minutes, each weighing 30 to 31 tons – that's 5 Asian elephants. We also learned about used motor oil recycling (set out in 'clear' jugs with a screw top only), various online tools and apps to help you (check out the 'Recycle Right' smart phone app), and opportunities to connect, including the master composter/recycler course, recycling events, eco-fairs and festivals, and the Clark County Green Business program.

Also presented was information on plastic bags and film, which does NOT go into your blue cart. If you gather together your recyclables in a plastic bag, please do NOT put the entire bag into your blue cart; dump your recyclables into your blue recycle cart and either reuse or recycle the plastic bag at your grocery store plastic bag collection barrel. (Look for another article about plastic bags, wrap and film packaging after this article). We received pamphlets on the following topics: medication disposal, sharps disposal, recycling fluorescent,

CLF and HID bulbs, Recycle Right app, recycling done right flyer, plastic bag and film packaging recycling, old paint recycling, and the Clark County Recycling Directory. If you are interested in obtaining one or more of these pamphlets/sheets, contact chair Jean Kent (jeaken@pacifier.com, 896-7291 msg.).

Film Plastics - How to Recycle or Dispose Of

In an effort to recycle as much as possible, many people mistakenly put their plastic bags in their recycling carts. Unfortunately, plastic bags and other types of film plastics do more harm than good when disposed of in this way.

Plastic bags, shrink wrap, bubble wrap and other types of "stretchy" film plastic easily get tangled in the special machinery which is meant to sort recyclables into separate categories. This slows the efficiency of the facility because the machines have to be shut down to allow workmen to climb in and remove the bags with box cutters. This is a waste of time for the employees and, once removed, the bag shreds are unrecyclable and must be put in the garbage.

So what should you do with plastic film?

First and foremost, try to eliminate plastic film from your life as much as possible by taking your own reusable bags to the grocery store, reusing bubble wrap, and trying to reduce the amount of plastic film you buy in general. Plastic bags can be reused in your home (e.g. as waste basket liners or doggy doo scooper bags.) Any bags you don't reuse can be properly recycled by placing them in the receptacles found near the front of most grocery stores. This ensures they will be recycled with other materials of the same kind and not have a chance to choke recycling sorting machinery.

For more information, go to wcnorthwest.com

Homestead Place Hedge Trimming

The city has hired another crew to provide maintenance services to ROW (right of way) areas, such as the medians on 159th Pl. and McGillivray. As a result, we have been assured the city will do the trimming of this challenging landscaping area most likely in September.

New Dog Park?

Dog lovers have an opportunity to help create a new off-leash area where dogs can run and play in east Vancouver.

The Board of County Councilors approved an agreement with Dog Owners Group for Park Access in Washington (DOGPAW) to develop a dog park on a county-owned parcel at Northeast 192nd Avenue and Northeast Ninth Street.

The 10.8-acre property is west of the Humane Society for Southwest Washington and south of the Harmony Sports Complex.

DOGPAW will be responsible for developing the site with fencing, a double-gated entry and other amenities, as well as providing ongoing maintenance of the site.

DOGPAW does not have a firm timeline for making the necessary improvements and opening the area for public use. The group is accepting contributions to defray costs.

Donations can be made by contacting Mark Watson at [\(360\) 896-4341](tel:3608964341) or mwatson676@yahoo.com.

Information about existing off-leash areas in county parks is available on the [county's website](#)

Please Take Note of This Proposed Parking Change

A few proposed changes were identified during the 2014 parking code reorganization as tools to improve the efficiency of the City's parking management program. These two changes have pertinence to CHNA residents:

- 1) Limit vehicle on-street parking to no more than 24 hours. City staff can cite and potentially tow a vehicle, including abandoned and/or stored cars with expired tabs.
- 2) Parking in a bike lane. Don't do it – the fine is \$30.00 and it endangers bicyclists who must bike in traffic to pass a vehicle parked in the bicycle lane.

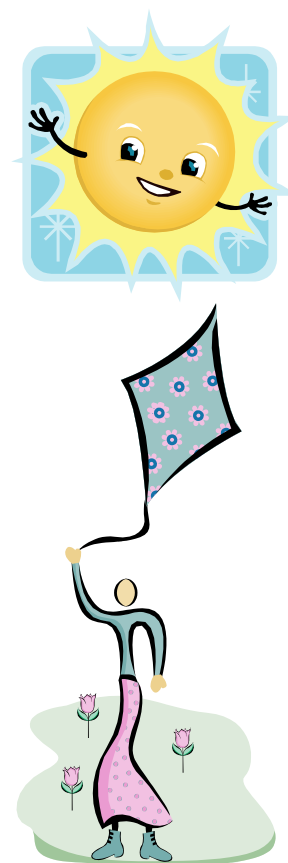
C-Tran Changes to Affect CHNA

Unfortunately, our input objecting to the C-Tran changes regarding bus # 80 was not sufficient to offset what C-Tran thinks will be gained by implementing the route changes. Thus the westbound bus #80 will travel on McGillivray and not turn north on Blairmont (where the high school is located) as it currently does but

will continue west on McG. until turning north on 136th Ave. The eastbound bus will reflect the same route change.

NEXTDOOR.COM website

CHNA is a participant in the Nextdoor.com website. Please consider joining. [Homestead Acres has its own and separate account.] Nextdoor.com now allows you to select whether or not you can read and send posts by/to nearby neighborhood's members. cascadehighlands.nextdoor.com/join/ Common posts have topics like "Found cat", "Lost dog" and "Good plumber recommendation?"



CHNA wishes you a great summer!

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Warm Weather Crime Prevention Tips

Vehicles:

It only takes a second for a thief to break a window and steal an item from inside.

- ◆ Always keep your car locked and never store valuables inside your vehicle.
- ◆ Sports complexes, trail heads, and restaurant or hotel parking lots are prime places for auto prowlers to look for cars with valuables inside.
- ◆ 'Hiding' items under the seat is the first place thieves look, please don't store valuables in your vehicle.

Home:

During hot weather it's tempting to leave the windows open to let in air, but it's often an open invitation for a thief to burglarize a home.

- ◆ Always lock and secure all doors and windows.
- ◆ It only takes a thief a few seconds to remove or cut a screen and then access your home through the open window.
- ◆ At night, use dowels in windows and doors if you must sleep with a window open a bit.

Yard work safety:

Yard work season is a great time for thieves to really clean up.

- ◆ Keep garage doors closed, even when you are just in the yard. Open garage doors are an invitation for a thief to steal tools, bikes or other valuables, or to access the house through the garage.
- ◆ Keep gates closed and locked; a thief may enter the back yard unnoticed and access the home from the back door through an open or unlocked gate.
- ◆ Make sure sheds and outbuildings are locked and secure.

Vacation safety:

If you are going on vacation make sure to let a trusted neighbor know so they can keep an eye out for anything suspicious.

- ◆ Have mail and newspapers held so they don't pile up.
- ◆ Wait until you are back in town to post your great vacation photos on social media.



*** * 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, 2016

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 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 this/these **coupon(s)** and some **canned**, non-perishable **goods**, household cleaning, or **personal care products** to **donate**. Thank you!

ONE OF EACH COUPON TYPE 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, in the chipper,
please.

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

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