



Cascade Highlands Herald

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July 2017

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

Upcoming CHNA Events

July 21, 22 and 23, 2017 – Biannual CHNA garage sale
(see signup sheet on page 7)

July 24, 2017 – Annual CHNA dessert meeting, election of CHNA officers. 7:00 p.m. Homestead Park, south end.

July 29, 2017 - CHNA Cleanup (see coupons on page 5).

Summer Dessert Meeting Speakers

Chris Sneider, Pavement Program Manager - brief overview of the coming summer work and answering of related questions.

Erika Johnson – presentation on our area's pollinators.

Possible: Julie Hannon, Director, Parks and Recreation Dept.

Fiscal Report

Balance for April, 2017 is \$1,154.66. minus \$14.31 for copies of newsletter-delivery maps (copies should last for four deliveries), plus \$5.00 for a curb-number painting. Ending balance is \$1,145.35.



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Nominations/Elections of CHNA Officers for 2017-2019

We will be holding elections for CHNA officers again this summer, as 2017 is the end of the current term of office. All current officers are interested in continuing their positions. If you are interested in being on the executive board in one of the positions, please let us know (jeaken@pacifier.com, 896-7291 msg). THANKS!

CHNA By-Law Changes

The executive board recommends making some changes to the CHNA by-laws. As it is now, all officers' terms run for (and expire at) the same period of time.

We propose to have the Chair, Treasurer and Newsletter Distributor terms be offset one year from the terms of Vice Chair, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and Website Coordinator positions. This balancing of terms would assure that experienced officers are present whenever new-to-the-job officers are brought on board.

To carry this out, we propose that the Chair, Treasurer, and Newsletter Distributor be changed to a one-time-only one-year term. Those positions would thus be up for reelection now (July 2017) and also in July of 2018.

The city's procedure for changing by-laws is the following:

- 1) changes are announced in the newsletter (newsletter is distributed to membership no fewer than 7 days prior to the general meeting).
- 2) changes are voted on in a meeting and passed by a 2/3 vote of those attending.
- 3) changes printed up as amendments to the by-laws and signed by the current exec. board.
- 4) the changed by-law copy is sent to city Office of Neighborhoods within 60 days of the vote.

If you have any concerns or opinions regarding this change, please contact any board member (Jean, Gary, Son, Mark, Erika, or Dan).

Additional Deliverers Needed

If you're willing to deliver this newsletter to a route (usually about 35 houses) please contact Erika Johnson or Jean Kent. If you cannot commit to a regular route, would you be willing to be a substitute? We need people for when our regular distributors are unable to 'do' their route. Thank you!

National Night Out Is Coming

National Night Out (NNO) occurs nation-wide on the first Tuesday of August - this year it is August 1. NNO events provide a great opportunity to bring neighbors together to help foster a sense of community. The goal is for you get together with your immediate neighbors for as long as you want: An hour, up to the entire evening.

Every street is encouraged to plan an event. If you want, you can send information about your National Night Out event to the City of Vancouver Office of Neighborhoods, or OoN (neighborhoods@cityofvancouver.us). If you want the police to visit, the OoN will make sure the Vancouver Police are notified, and OoN will also add your event to the City Calendar of Events.

You can also register your event with the National Association of Town Watch at <https://natw.org/registration>. Registration is free and information and resources are provided.

Nextdoor.com website

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



Annual 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 29, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Mountain View H.S. north parking lot (1500 SE Blaimont).

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, mattresses, etc.
- 3) Non-working lawn mowers, rototillers, etc. (to be recycled)
- 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

Items NOT accepted at the cleanup:

- 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) Air conditioners, refrigerators/freezers, or dirt
- 4) Tires
- 5) Concrete (or fence posts WITH concrete)

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

The green coupon (page 5 of 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. 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 will accept donations of money to be deposited in our account or to be donated to F.I.S.H.

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 cleanup day to arrange for help. (896-7291 msg.)

Where You CAN Discard Items Not Accepted at the Cleanup

Concrete - Cemex, H&H Wood Recyclers, City Bark

Asphalt Roofing - H&H Wood recyclers, West Van Material Recovery Center, Central Transfer and Recycling Center

Cooking oil - Central Transfer and Recycling Center, West Van Materials Recovery Center

Fluorescent Lights - Central Transfer and Recycling Center, West Van Materials Recovery

Household Hazardous Waste - Central Transfer and Recycling Center, West Van Materials

Recovery (HHW is aerosol cans filled with chemicals, automotive fluids, oil filters, cleaners, polishes, fluorescent light bulbs, fuel/propane tanks, household batteries, lawn and garden chemicals, paints, solvents)

Major Appliances - Appliance Recyclers, Brush Prairie Appliances, Central Transfer and Recycling Center, West Van Materials Recovery, Clark Public Utilities (frig or freezer only), Five Corners Appliances, JACO Environmental, Pacific Coast Shredding, Waste Connections (892-5370 - one per year free, charge for additional appliance(s))

Some History of CHNA Area

Prior to 1900 (but after the first settlements were established) the whole section (including CHNA) was set aside as school land. Later, the area was sold off as "Mill Plain Homestead Lots" most of which were around 20 acres each. The area just east of what is now SE Blairmont Drive was developed in 1979 and was called Cascade Highlands. Next came Mountain View High School (1981), and Morningside (which is just north of McGillivray, in 1984): Then the apartments on Parkcrest (Trader's Green, 1986), Homestead Place (1988), Homestead Acres (1989), and Fisher's Mill Apartments (1991). The commercially zoned property located between SE 160th Ave. and SE 164th Ave. in the northeastern part of the association has now been completely developed.

New Distracted Driving Law Will Be in Effect Starting July 23

New smart-phone-driving rules take effect soon. New rules include:

1. No hand-held devices (phones, tablets, laptops, games, or other devices)
2. Do not watch a video while driving
3. You may use a hand-held device when:
 - a. contacting emergency services
 - b. while parked, or out of traffic flow

4. Hands-free use (such as Bluetooth) is allowed, single-touch is allowed also

5. First ticket will cost at least \$136.00. A second ticket within 5 years costs at least \$234. All violations will be made available to insurance companies.

Stop Mosquitoes from Breeding and Biting You

Start by eliminating mosquito habitat around your home:

- * Drain standing water from old tires, flower pots, plastic tarps, wheelbarrows and anything else.
- * Change water in bird baths, ponds, wading pools, pet bowls and animal troughs twice a week.
- * Repair leaking faucets and sprinklers; clean clogged gutters.
- * Properly maintain swimming pools.
- * Check for containers or trash in hard-to-see places, such as under bushes
- * To report standing water, call the Mosquito Control District at (360) 397-8430.

Prevent mosquito bites:

- * Use EPA-registered insect repellents, including those with DEET, picaridin, IR3535 and/or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Use repellents especially at dawn and dusk.
- * Install or repair screens on windows and doors.
- * When practical, wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, shoes, socks and hats outside, especially in wooded areas.
- * Place mosquito netting over infant carriers when outdoors.

For more information, contact the Mosquito Control District at (360) 397-8430 or visit <https://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/mosquito-control-district>.

*** * DUMPSTER/RECYCLE 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 29, 2017

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 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/YARD DEBRIS COUPON * ***

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Good for drop-off of large yard debris, clippings, leaves. No plastic bags nor wood, please.

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Leaf-Drop Box Scheduled Fall 2017

Our leaf-box is scheduled for two weekends, Nov. 11 & 12 and Dec. 9 & 10. The location will be the same as last year, the northern stub of SE Briarwood Drive, north of SE 12th Street. In 2018, we will locate the box for one weekend at the Briarwood location and the other weekend at the prior location on SE 19th, which is more convenient for the Homestead Place and Homestead Acres folk. Here's a big thank you to the city of Vancouver for sponsoring this!

Another Leaf-Related Request

Please rake up leaves that fall from your trees before they blow into your neighbors' yards. Thanks: neighbors appreciate this courtesy!

Street Sweeper Refuse Disposal

from Julie Gilbertson, City of Vancouver

Street sweeping is a service of Vancouver Public Works' Operations Stormwater team. When the sweeper comes through an area, the truck sweeps up much of the debris. The debris is taken to a special site, called a decant facility. At the facility, a processor is contracted to separate out the trash from the organic material. The sweeper debris gets sorted into organic waste, rocks, sands and fines, and trash. If the organic material is clean enough to reuse, then the contractor will blend it with other soils and use it in their projects.

When recyclables are mixed with the roadside trash, they are often too contaminated and damaged to market for recycling. It may be possible to sort metals, but it's not common to sort beyond that. The trash debris goes to the landfill.

If there are large items, like a car part that's in the right of way, then the adjacent property owner is responsible for removing the item. If the item is in the City's right of way, then Public Works Grounds and Streets crews take the lead on picking it up. If a dead animal is reported, then Animal Control will come out to pick it up. Oftentimes after a significant car accident,

police crews or dispatch will call out a sweeper to help clean up debris.

Correction to May 2017 article

We printed an error in our last CHNA newsletter and apologize for any confusion. This is in regards to the Curb Ramp Upgrades article, in the final paragraph. The redo of the three curb cuts (Parkcrest at Greenpark, Park Crest at McGillivray, and McGillivray at Village Loop) are NOT part of the ADA ramp upgrade project; All of the ramp upgrades and/or installations are on Park Crest, 160th, and Briarwood because those three streets are being resurfaced and there's a regulation which states that if you do work on a road, the related ramps have to be upgraded.

The three redo-curb cuts are financed from a different pot of money and are related only to the fact that they are being fixed near the same time as the work on Park Crest, Briarwood, Village Loop, and 160th. These three curb cuts were not installed correctly from the very beginning. Two were financed from a grant we earned from the city recently and the Village Loop ramp was put in when the intersection was upgraded years ago. Hopefully they will be replaced this summer, which will fix the drainage problem.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact chair Jean Kent.

One addendum to the replacement Village Loop/McGillivray ramp is that right now the asphalt right 'in front' of the curb cut is a total mess - wash-boardy and disintegrating into gravel. That particular area will be resurfaced in a quality manner when Village Loop is resurfaced later this summer.

Remember: only RAIN down the street DRAIN

Please dispose of car-washing solutions in your toilet or in your sink so those fluids can be treated by the city sewage treatment facility. Please do not dump liquids in or on the street as they go directly, and completely untreated, to the river.

CHNA GARAGE SALE SIGNUP SHEET

(Sale is July 21, 22, and/or 23, 2017, 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 _____

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

optional: select categories (max. of 5) _____

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

The cost for participating in the sale is \$6.00.

_____ check for \$6.00 enclosed (made out to Cascade Highlands N.A., or CHNA)

_____ \$6.00 in cash enclosed

Please fill out this signup sheet and mail or bring it, along with your \$6.00 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. Sunday, July 16, 2017

You are responsible for signs directing people to your particular location. The N.A. will put up signs at the 9 major intersections on McGillivray, Mill Plain, Village Loop, 164th, 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.



Treatise on Caps on Plastic Bottles

by Erik Hegg; Waste Reduction Specialist for Waste Connections

Caps on the bottle are recyclable and they do not impede recycling the plastic bottle.

The recycling industry has changed over the past 30 years and has come up with more advanced technology, but the basic premise is the same: materials need to be separated by type. For example, the plastic bottle cap is usually made from high density polyethylene (HDPE) and polypropylene (PP), whereas bottles are made from polypropylene (PET). In the past, the technology was not there to separate these materials when combined together, today it is.

-False: bottle caps left on plastic bottles prevent them from being recycled.

-True: plastic caps are acceptable to plastic processors when attached to plastic bottles. The plastics industry and processors of reclaimed plastics are able to separate these two different types of plastic.

What types of bottles should I leave my cap on?

Bottles with caps on include a variety of container types beyond beverage bottles. Additional examples include laundry detergent and other cleaning products, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, as well as condiment, snack, food, and drink bottles.

-True: loose bottle caps are not recyclable in a curbside recycling system because they are too small to be recovered from curbside material and become "litter" in the recycling facility. [New Seasons has outside bins which accept caps and tops.]

-True: plastic lids, like those on yogurt tubs, are not recyclable in a curbside recycling system because they do not stay on the container. Unlike caps, which twist on and remain securely on the container, lids pop off effortlessly. As loose material they become "litter" and often float with paper or cardboard, where they

become a contaminant. [New Seasons will accept these tops/caps.]

-True: curbside recycling is confusing!

Please remember - NO PLASTIC BAGS (or film) IN THE BLUE CART! Thanks.

House Number Painted on your Curb Out Front?

We encourage you to have your house number easily visible from the street. This is for your own safety.

If you want, we will paint your house number on the curb in front of your house. At \$5.00/curb address this is meant to be a money-raising opportunity for the CHNA kitty, but if you are unable to pay anything we'll be happy to paint your house number for free. Please contact chair, Jean Kent.

Mediation Services Available

Do you have a disagreement with a neighbor, landlord, tenant, or local business? Community Mediation Services is a local low-cost dispute-resolution center with a sliding-scale fee program. The organization's goal is to foster a more peaceful community by empowering people to find positive solutions to conflicts. If you're interested in learning more, please contact them at 360-334-5862 or at www.mediationclarkcounty.org.

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