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

Upcoming CHNA Events

Annual CHNA Dessert Meeting – Monday, July 16, 7:00 pm at Homestead Park. Includes CHNA election for two-year term of: Chair, Treasurer and Newsletter Distributor (Note: current officeholders are willing to continue in their roles).

CHNA Annual Cleanup – Saturday, July 28, 8:00 am to noon at MVHS parking lot (volunteers needed) [Note: cleanup coupons are attached on page 7].

National Night Out – Tuesday, August 7

CRESA (Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency) Meeting – Tuesday, October 9, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Mill Plain Elementary library.

Note: there is no CHNA Garage Sale this year (only on odd-numbered years). See you NEXT year!

Fiscal Report

CHNA balance for April 2018 was \$2,090.97. Minus \$8.61 for copying maps for newsletter distributors, plus \$120.00 for participating in the recycling neighborhood program, leaving a balance of \$2,202.36.



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CHNA Annual Meeting Agenda so far...

- Laurel Smith; Deputy Prosecuting Attorney (Clark County Prosecuting Attorney's Office)
- Cyndie Meyer, RD; Program Coordinator/Chronic Disease Prevention, PUBLIC HEALTH
- Does our Action Plan need updating?
- National Night Out
- Election for two-year term of Chair, Treasurer and Newsletter Distributor
- Grant for planting replacement bushes in the Park

Homestead Acres Maintenance Fund (HAMF) Update

by Mark Crawford

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! HAMF is 7 years old.

Back in 2012 a few concerned Homestead Acres residents, Mark Crawford and Jay Altenhofen along with Jean Kent, met to organize around the idea that together we could marshal the financial resources to keep the periphery of our neighborhood area looking good. We began by repairing and painting most of the fence and hiring professional landscaping services to keep the perimeter trimmed and free of weeds, leaves and other debris. In lieu of an HOA, we asked residents to contribute what they could to the fund we used to pay for maintenance expenses. After 5 years or so of collections in the \$60.00 range, we suggested \$100/year from each resident.

There are challenges, like finding high quality services at a price the fund can afford as well as getting enough residents to participate. But the fact we are in our seventh year is heartening. This year we have hired a new contractor, Mr. Le's Yard Service, and so far his work is getting rave reviews.

Up to this point in the year we've had 39 Homestead Acres residents (out of 101) contribute a total of \$4,305.00. The current fund balance is \$5,824.28 (there were funds left over from last year). While that fund balance may seem adequate, we still are scheduled to pay out over \$2,600 additionally during just this calendar year.

Plus, the three Homestead Acres signs are definitely showing their age. We expect to have to spend a few thousand dollars to repair or possibly replace those signs.

Simply put – we need more Homestead Acres residents to contribute to keep the fund solvent! If you are a Homestead Acres resident, please consider the effect a nicer-looking perimeter will have on your home's value, not to mention the community pride-of-ownership factor. So, please write a check made out to HAMF and mail it to Mark Crawford, 16207 SE 19th St. Vancouver, WA 98683. Alternatively, feel free to drop it off at Mark's door (in the drop box at his front door on SE 19th St.

Clark County Prosecuting Attorney Office

by Laurel Smith and Jean Kent

The C.C. prosecuting attorney's office prosecutes all felonies that occur in Clark County (which includes the City of Vancouver) as well as all misdemeanors that occur in the county (outside of Vancouver, but including any misdemeanors in the city that were investigated by WSP or CCSO).

At our upcoming CHNA meeting, Laurel will discuss how a criminal prosecution is initiated, what her office has jurisdiction over, what citizens can do to help see a case through to prosecution, etc. She is seeking to have more contact with people in the community and she wants to be available to answer questions and concerns from the public.

NEXTDOOR.COM website

CHNA is a participant in the nextdoor.com website. Please consider joining.

Nextdoor.com now allows you to select whether or not you can read and send posts by/to nearby neighborhood's members. Go to cascadehighlands.nextdoor.com/join/

Recent topics include: "Lost dog", "Found dog", "Recommendation for Plumber?", "Moving boxes needed", "Moving boxes available for free", "Lost iPad", "iPad found" and "Gutter-cleaner-outer-needed".



Recycling 101 Class

The Class was held April 11, 2018, at the Waste Connections Offices on NE 99th St.

Learnings from the Recyclingest Neighborhood Class:

1. Don't squish milk jugs before putting them in the blue recycle roll cart (we used to flatten them). Please rinse first.
2. Remove lids from glass containers (and rinse the containers) (also please remove corks from wine bottles) before recycling in the separate 'glass' box
3. On plastic items ignore the 'chasing arrows' logo. Those symbols just communicate the type of plastic in the item, not its recyclability
4. Biodegradable bags can NOT be recycled.
5. What are the worst types of items for the sorting machine to deal with? VHS tapes, then hoses and Xmas lights, and the most common, plastic bags! Do not put these items in your blue recycling cart.
6. If you put the wrong item in the blue recycle roll cart it will end up in the garbage, but it will take longer to get there. Help out by putting 'wrong items' in the garbage to begin with. [Items such as: pizza boxes, plastic bags, anything packaging food, coffee cups, cold-drink cups, shredded paper, paper that was wet or that was around a refrigerated item, anything smaller than your fist, any lids (from yogurt or cottage cheese cartons).] "Wrong items" cost time and money to deal with. Help out by putting 'wrong items' in the garbage to begin with.
7. Keep the cap on an un-squished plastic water bottle so the sorting machine won't 'think' a squished water bottle is a piece of paper.
8. If it's smaller than your fist, put it in the garbage.

Are Egg Cartons Still Recyclable? 5 Things to Know

By Shareefah Hoover

Vancouver solid waste staff and partners hosted their first-ever Recycling 201: Beyond Basics class in May, and your eager-beaver neighbor was there to get the scoop. From changes in

egg-carton recycling to the availability of free waste-reduction help for your next party, here are five things to know:

1. Egg cartons are off the list. Bummer: Egg cartons are no longer accepted for curbside recycling in the blue cart – at least for now – because market demand for their low-value, end-of-life fibers has sunk. The good news: They can be used as compost feedstock, seed-starter containers, organizers and crafting material.

2. Plastic bags keep showing up. Despite repeated public outreach, plastic bags are still appearing in recycling carts, where they don't belong. Not in Cascade Highlands, though – right? Remember, many local grocery stores take clean plastic film packaging, bags and wraps. Better yet? Reduce and reuse 'em, or switch to permanent bags instead!

3. Drug take-back options are expanding. In a nationwide first, Washington has enacted legislation requiring drug manufacturers to implement a statewide drug take-back program, allowing folks to drop off leftover medications at designated locations. Once up and running, the new program will greatly expand current take-back options.

4. No-waste parties just got easier. Waste Connections offers a lending library of durable dishware, food-waste pails, cleaning kits and other free resources to help you seriously reduce waste at your next celebration. You can even return the compost pail filled for free composting. Their website offers a no-waste planning guide, an equipment reservation form and contact information. Nice!

5. You can be an MCR, too. Did you know some of your neighbors – including yours truly – are master composter recycler volunteers, helping folks across the county clean green, build healthy soil, prevent waste and sustainably manage their household materials like a boss? If that inspires you, consider joining the class of 2019 – The 10-week course is free! – by applying online today.

Learn more about curbside recycling; current, local medication take-back options; the MCR Program; and no-waste events at www.RecyclingA-Z.com, www.ClarkCountyComposts.org and www.wcnorthwest.com/specialevents.aspx.



Heritage Tree Program

Vancouver's Heritage Tree program was established in 1998 and aims to preserve and recognize the significant trees in our community. The City of

Vancouver believes that by preserving our natural resources, we can preserve a vital link to our past.

How many of Vancouver's Heritage Trees have you seen? Which is your favorite? Join Urban Forestry for a tour of Heritage Trees by bicycle each June.

There are benefits to having a tree be listed in the Heritage Tree Program. Those benefits include:

- 1) Providing a way for people to save significant trees on private property where a tree removal permit does not apply.
- 2) Protection from unnecessary removal and aggressive maintenance actions because review and appropriate approval of all activity done to the tree is required by the Urban Forestry Commission.
- 3) Heritage trees have plaques with their designation located on or adjacent to the tree. The Urban Forestry Commission and City of Vancouver strive to create partnerships with local tree-care companies or tree sponsors for the care and maintenance of Heritage Trees. All Heritage Trees will be inventoried with all relevant information and photographs for interested parties to research. A current Heritage Tree inventory is available on the city website.

You can nominate a tree to be considered a Heritage Tree. If you have or know of a special tree (or a grove of trees) that might be considered for Heritage Tree status, please review the program criteria listed below and, if the tree meets any or all of the requirements, contact the Urban Forestry Program at (360) 487-8332, or return the Heritage Tree Nomination Packet (pdf) to Vancouver Urban Forestry.

The Heritage Tree selection process is on-going. To be nominated, a tree must be in good condition and have the consent of the property owner. Consent is binding and will apply to all future property owners, successors, or heirs. Tree nominations are reviewed by the Urban

Forestry Commission with a focus on:

- 1) Size - a diameter of at least 36 inches
- 2) Special site location
- 3) Relation to an historical event
- 4) Unusual species for the area, or exemplary example of the species

A grove may be considered if it meets any of the following requirements:

- 1) Mature and contains trees that are distinctive due to size, shape, species, or age
- 2) Associated with an historical event
- 3) Relationship with a natural resource (i.e. stream bank)

See City code chapter 20.77.120 - Heritage Trees.

Resurfacing Park Crest

The portion of Park Crest Avenue south of Blairmont/15th St. is being 'preserved' this summer. This type of maintenance is in contrast to what the more northerly portion of Park Crest received last year which involved removing most of the existing pavement and applying new asphalt. This year's treatment on the southerly portion is called microsurfacing. *[Microsurfacing begins as a coarse liquid application of dense-grade aggregate, asphalt emulsion, water and mineral fillers. The quick-setting emulsion allows traffic to begin using the new surface in a short period of time, as little as an hour depending upon conditions. As the product cures, the surface becomes smoother. The finished sealant forms a thin shell over the street's existing asphalt surface, extending the life of the underlying pavement. Microsurfacing applications are generally applied on arterial and higher volume streets.]*

Before the microsurfacing could occur, any locations where tree roots had buckled the pavement, or there were old-style or non-existent curb ramps, had to be upgraded. We received ramp-work on three corners of this street (at Sunpark, at Meadowpark, and at Greenpark).

Help Deliver Newsletter?

If you're willing to help deliver a route (usually about 35 houses) please contact Erika Johnson or Jean Kent. We also need substitutes when regular distributors are unavailable: thanks!



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 28, 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, dirty sofas, mattresses, etc.
- 3) "dead" lawn mowers, rototillers, etc. (to be recycled as metal, we cannot find a 'small motor' person to take these any longer, so please remove all liquids before bringing the machines to the cleanup - NO items with gas, oil or other liquids inside will be accepted).
- 4) bicycles for Bike Clark County
- 5) Again this year we cannot get the Goodwill truck to come to our cleanup since donations are so plentiful elsewhere. Feel free to take all your recyclable items and all electronics to our local Goodwill store on SE 12th St. as they will accept them there, free of charge.

Items NOT accepted at the cleanup:

- 1) liquids of any kind (please remove any liquids from small engines)
- 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 attached to this newsletter (on page 7) 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, and yard-debris monitors. Please call 360-896-7291 (msg.) (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.)

Objects NOT Accepted at our Cleanup that you can discard locally

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

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

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

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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))

Two other sources of information you can consider using to find out where to rid yourself of objects not listed here are: 1) free mobile app (RecycleRight) where you can look up disposal options for hundreds of items in the Recycling A-Z Directory, or, 2) online at www.RecyclingA-Z.com.

Consider taking the 6-Hour, No-POWER Challenge

1. Choose a 6-hour block of time for you and your family to practice your "Reddi"-ness skills.
2. During those six hours, do not use:
 - a. electricity
 - b. water from the tap
 - c. your cell phone (unless there's an emergency)
3. During those six hours:
 - a. prepare and eat a meal
 - b. play a board or card game
 - c. check in with two of your neighbors. Tell them what you're doing and talk with them about being prepared to help each other in a disaster-situation
 - d. talk with your family about other things you should think about and do to be more prepared for a disaster
4. If you want, take a photo and post it on social media with the hashtag: #IamReddi.

House Number Painted on Curb?

We encourage you to have your house number easily visible from the street. This is for your own safety if emergency workers have to find your location. 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.

New Seasons and Homestead Park

Perhaps you've noticed all the work which has gone on for our neighborhood park since the winter time. Thank you New Seasons for adopting our park and for your regular work parties. It's looking really good where you have put in the time.

Remember: Please, only RAIN down the DRAIN

(Note: article amended 7/15/18)

Washing your car? Protect our river and other water resources by taking it to a car wash that captures, treats and recycles water. If you do wash your car at home, the leftover soapy car wash water is ideally disposed of on a grassy area. Do not dump this or other liquids in or on the street, where they will flow directly, and completely untreated, into the river and drywells.

Leftover car-wash cleaner in the bottle and other household cleaners that you no longer need should be dropped off at the transfer stations' Household Hazardous Waste sites. Get the RecycleRight app for answers to these and other questions:

www.cityofvancouver.us/recycleright.

Crawl Space Vents Need to Vent

Having under-house vents blocked keeps air from circulating under your house. That allows radon gas to build up and seep into your living quarters. Clark County requires ventilated crawl spaces because our county has high levels of radon in the soil. Radon is a colorless, odorless gas emitted by soils rich in granite. As radon decays, it emits atomic particles that damage living cells. Today, radon is the top cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers. According to the EPA there is no safe level of radon. Leaving your under-house vents uncovered allows the radon gas to blow away and not get into your house and maybe make you sick.

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*** * 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 28, 2018

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 * ***

Cascade Highlands Neighborhood Association Cleanup

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

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