



# Cascade Highlands Herald

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April 2025

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

## Upcoming CHNA Events

**April 12** - Green Bag Food Pickup

**April 19** - Neighborhood Cleanup, 8:00 a.m. to noon (coupons on p.3); No chipper this year, but there will be a yard debris box

**June 27, 28, 29** - CHNA Garage Sale (signup form on p. 5)

**July 15** - Annual meeting, 7:00 p.m. Homestead Park south end

**August 5** - National Night Out

## Annual Meeting Agenda (So Far)

- Jeanne Bennett, Executive Director, Columbia Play Project
- Celebration of New Play Structure - Melody Burton and Omar Guzman
- Election of Officers (Vice Chair, Secretary/Newsletter Editor and Website Coordinator)
- Reports by Exec. Board
- Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) – Jordan Rasmussen (new officer to CHNA and District 4)
- Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle
- Home Share Clark County – Deanna Eichler

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## The Annual CHNA CLEANUP

The City of Vancouver is sponsoring a neighborhood cleanup for us on April 19.

For efficiency, we will again be combined with the Mountain View Neighborhood Association (MVNA).

We will have: packer trucks for junk, a debris box for yard trimmings and debris, a box for metal (we get 1/2 of the money from the sale of this metal), an area set aside for bicycles for Wheel Deals, an area set aside for small engine machines, a temporary area set aside for "Too Good to Toss" items, and we will be collecting food and personal care items for F.I.S.H. of Orchards.

The cleanup is scheduled for **Saturday, April 19, in the Mountain View H.S. parking lot**, from 8:00 a.m. until noon. We will need four volunteers as MVNA is also providing some volunteers: Two unloaders, one yard debris monitor, and one greeter. Shifts go from 7:50 a.m. until your replacement volunteer shows up at 10:00. We also need a pickup and driver to transport the bicycles (to 1204 Jefferson St. after the cleanup is over). We already have a pickup to transport the food to the food pantry.

If you're willing to volunteer or drive the bikes, please let chair Jean Kent ([jeaken@pacifier.com](mailto:jeaken@pacifier.com)) know.

**The green coupon attached to this newsletter (on page 3) 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 theirs. 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 something to donate as well.

We will accept donations of money to be deposited into our account or to be donated to F.I.S.H. of Orchards.

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. (360-896-7291 v.m.) Please keep in mind that last year the three packer trucks got full before the noon-close time so people who arrived at the cleanup close to twelve were unable to dump their stuff.

We're trying something new this year: Too Good to Toss. That's a misnomer, because if anything is left at the end of the cleanup it WILL be 'tossed' into those packer trucks, but before that, if you see anything you like which is in that area, you're free to take it.

## What Is Accepted at the Cleanup

### *Bulky Items*

Broken or worn-out items that are too large to fit in your garbage cart at home such as a rug, kiddie pools, small appliances, broken furniture, brooms, broken plumbing items, kitchen sinks, mattresses, rotten deck boards, etc.

### *Scrap Metal*

Metal BBQs, lawn furniture, car parts or small engines (drained of all fluids, please) metal appliances (no Freon containing items – no fridge, freezers or AC units), metal pots and cans, etc. Mowers and other small engines will be set aside for a lawn mower specialist.

### *Yard Debris*

Branches, grass, leaves, vines, bramble, arborvitae, juniper, bamboo, yard and garden trimmings.

### *Bicycles*

Donated to Wheel Deals.

### *Small Engines*

Lawn mowers, edgers, etc. fuel removed, please.

**\* \* 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, April 12, 2025**

**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.

**\* \* 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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## What Is NOT Accepted at the Cleanup

- No Household trash
- No Contractor waste
- No Large or heavy quantities of concrete, cement, rocks, sod, or dirt
- No Home project/remodel debris (i.e. flooring tiles, drywall, large amounts of fencing, etc.)
- No Roofing shingles or roofing materials
- No Hazardous chemicals, cleaners, paints or stains
- No Fluids like gasoline or oil
- No TVs, computers or electronics (recycle for free at Goodwill)
- No CFL or fluorescent tube lights (recycle for free - visit [www.LightRecycle.org](http://www.LightRecycle.org) for locations)
- No REALLY LARGE items like boats and hot tubs - they should be hauled directly to the transfer station.

## Garage Sale Information

Yes, since 2025 is an odd-numbered year, this is a neighborhood garage sale year. **Dates are June 27, 28, and 29.** You may participate on one, two or all three days. It costs \$7.00 to get yourself put on our map which is distributed to all sellers.

Ads are put on Craig's List, in the *Columbian*, and on Nextdoor.com. The signup form is on page 5 of this newsletter. It is due back to me, Jean Kent, by 9:00 p.m. Friday, June 20. The \$7.00 can be in cash or in a check made out to CHNA.

Note: if anyone is willing to be in charge of this neighborhood event going forward, please contact me (Jean Kent).



## Election of Vice Chair, Website Coordinator and Secretary/ Newsletter Editor

Since this is an odd-numbered year board members for vice chair, secretary/ newsletter editor, and website coordinator will be open for nominations. If you wish to be on the CHNA board in one of these positions, please let a board member

know. Thanks! At this time, the vice chair and secretary/newsletter editor are both willing to serve again.

## Home Share of Clark County

Home Share of Clark County is a group attempting to coordinate available housing with those who need a place to live. Their target audience are folks with a spare room to rent or some space to rent/share.

They are also looking at ways renters could combine their resources to afford a space together.

The group can help folks looking to rent get a free background check. Many home-sharers ask this of renters, so this is a plus to have a current one at the ready.

We will have a presenter from this group speak at our annual meeting.

## Here's a HUGE THANK YOU

To those who scraped snow off your sidewalks during our snow event in mid-February! Thank you for recognizing your community responsibility and carrying it out.

## Recycling 101: Learn the Basics, Earn \$ for CHNA

Learn the basics about what to recycle curbside, why recycle them, and where items go after they have been picked up. If you are unsure if certain items can be recycled, bring those questions to this class.

Signup:

<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/events/recycling-101-learn-the-basics-10/>

If you attend you can earn the amount for the neighborhood of the premium we pay for insurance.

## There are also: Composter Workshops

You can increase your knowledge of composting, green cleaning and sustainable lifestyle habits with Clark County Composter Recycler program's free workshops.

<https://clarkcountycomposts.org/workshops>

## CHNA GARAGE SALE SIGNUP SHEET

(Sale is June 27, June 28, June 29, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

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

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

All 3 days \_\_, Fri. only \_\_, Sat. only \_\_, Sun. 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; **C/S** craft supplies; **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; **V** vintage/collectable; **W** wedding.

The cost for participating in the sale is **\$7.00**.

\_\_\_\_\_ check for \$7.00 enclosed (made out to *Cascade Highlands N.A.*, or *CHNA*)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$7.00 in cash enclosed

Please fill out this signup sheet and mail or bring it, along with your \$7.00 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. Friday, June 20, 2025**

**You are responsible for signs directing people to your particular location.** The N.A. will put up signs at the nine 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 or allow 'goers' to photograph. 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.

Thanks, and good luck with your sale!

Any comments?

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## Special Flower Area Around our Homestead Park Sign

Deb has volunteered to maintain and care for the special area around our park sign on 160th Ave. This area has experienced excellent care and creativity for years thanks to Pat, Loretta, and Tanya. We appreciate Deb assuming the task and wish her well.

## 1st St. Reopen Delayed

Here is the email we received from Ryan Lopossa, Transportation Manager for the City of Vancouver, in late February regarding the reopening of 1st St.:

*We had a slight setback with SE 1st Street. One of the retaining walls that supports the cut slopes where the road was lowered had to be redesigned at the last minute due to unforeseen field conditions. That redesign is now complete and wall construction is currently underway. However, that has created about 30-days of delay in getting the road reopened to traffic. The current estimate for re-opening is late April.*

## What Our Food Pantries Need

Non-Perishable Food

Canned meat & fish such as tuna, chicken, salmon

Canned or dried beans

Whole-grain foods such as breakfast cereal, whole-wheat pasta, brown rice

Shelf-stable milk

Soups, chilis & stews (preferably with reduced sodium and reduced fat)

Foods high in nutrients such as canned fruits and vegetables – preferably with reduced sodium or reduced sugar

Peanut butter

As a neighborhood we donate over one thousand pounds of food for food pantry F.I.S.H. of Orchards every even-numbered month. If you would like to participate in this project please contact Jean Kent.

## February Green Bag Food Donation Report

The morning of Saturday, February 8 had no rain, no wind, no 32° or under temperatures and thus no snow, just lots of food and personal care products from our generous CHNA donors. 1,098 pounds and \$115.00 were donated to F.I.S.H. of Orchards with the help of Pat, his sturdy canopied pickup, and Paisley, champion packer. If you were wondering, that is twenty-five banana boxes worth of donations for the food pantry. We welcomed a few new donors and grieved the deaths of two faithful past donors.

If you would like to participate in this excellent program, send me an email or call me and I'll get you enrolled.

Jean Kent, CNFP coordinator

## Utility Work to Occur in CHNA

Sometime during the next calendar year fiber cable will be installed within CHNA boundaries as well as throughout Vancouver. Ziplly Fiber has received permission from the city to bring their services to Vancouver. Ziplly is owned by Bell Canada, a private company. In turn, Ziplly Fiber contracts out the actual installation work.

Most of the work involves under-surface, lateral directional boring. The ends of the underground pipes will be contained in boxes similar to sprinkler-system control boxes. For every two hundred or so users, hubs will be installed on concrete pads. These will look similar to the green utility boxes we currently have.

The city has access to the utility right of way (ROW) of six feet on the 'back' (inside) side of the sidewalk. This is the area where the cable will be inserted (underground). There is a possibility that, with the installation of the hubs in particular, some residential foliage will be removed. As for the rest of the work, there is a 2-year restoration guarantee for any foliage damage. If you have questions or concerns, you can email [newfiber@zipllyfiber.com](mailto:newfiber@zipllyfiber.com), call 1-855-950-0779 or you can go to: [zipllyfiber.com/constructioncleanup](http://zipllyfiber.com/constructioncleanup).

## Financial Report

by Maureen Humbert

The last finance report indicated the association's balance was \$7,519.42. A donation of \$200 was received for a replacement battery for the leaf blower for our neighbor who regularly clears the pathway in Homestead Park, a \$6,000 check was written to the City of Vancouver for our two new benches, and a reimbursement check of \$325.01 was written for the leaf blower battery. Our new balance is \$1,394.41.

Just a note about the cost of the two new benches. The actual cost of the benches was \$7,228.55. The estimate the city gave us was \$6,000, and so the city covered the additional \$1,228.55.

If you haven't done so already, stop by and sit a spell on the new benches and enjoy Homestead Park!

## Curb Number Painted (or repainted)?

If you'd like your curb number painted, please contact chair Jean Kent. She has the equipment and will get to your curb when the weather cooperates and she has time. There is no charge for this service.

## Clark County Mosquito Control District (CCMCD)

Each year you pay a little bit through your property tax for the Clark County Mosquito Control District (CCMCD). First of all, you need to know what a biological 'vector' is (according to Google): it's an organism, typically a biting insect or tick, which transmits a pathogen, disease, or parasite from one animal or plant to another.

The CCMCD's mission is to efficiently manage the risks from vectors and vector-borne diseases, to protect public health and the quality of life in Clark County. The CCMCD serves over half a million citizens throughout Clark County, eight cities and towns, and 503,311 citizens.

The district is 41 years old and has been monitoring and controlling mosquito populations since 1984. Nineteen (that's 19!) species of mosquitoes have an established presence in Clark County, each with varying habitats and periods of activity.

The mosquito season is from April to September each year.

A few historical notes:

1982 -- A group of citizens and private industry representatives organized to set up a mosquito control "district" to the Clark County Board of Commissioners.

2003 - West Nile virus is vectored by mosquitoes which feed on an infected bird. While West Nile virus is detected each year in WA state, there have been no positive cases found in Clark County.

2022 - A DJI Air 2S photography drone was introduced to scout for larvae-breeding sites. A different drone was added a year later to aid in aerial applications in environments where helicopter applications are not feasible.



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