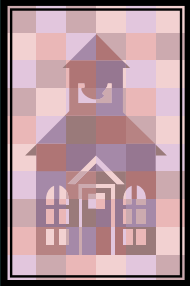


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## WHAT IS THE **49<sup>TH</sup> STREET ACADEMY?**

*By Ellen Townsen*

**One item on the agenda** for the next BBCNA meeting on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> is that **At-Risk** junior high and high school students will be placed in the old Special Services building next to the BBC Elementary School. Jean Anthony, Director of Special Education for the Evergreen School District, will be present at this meeting along with the BBC Principal, Jan Davey to present information regarding this change.

## One More Time! No – Make That Two!!

*By Sue Tucker*

We saw so many happy smiles when we notified you terrific neighbors of your yard achievements – we decided to place your previously nominated addresses again in the random drawing box! Not only that, but there will be two drawings at the next meeting, held on June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Burnt Bridge Elementary School!!! We are accepting additional nominations until May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Please send your nominations to [scs5443@aol.com](mailto:scs5443@aol.com). **In order to win, you must be present** because we want to see others applaud you for your efforts! We are having the double drawing because of the generosity of our last winner; Mr. and Mrs. Dunn who felt they wanted to contribute their prize back to your BBCNA for more fun! **So a huge thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Dunn for this donation.** Please be present at the next meeting at 7:00pm sharp to applaud the lucky winners! Thanks so much for your interest in the project! PS. It's a great prize!

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## Fire Escape Drills - Do You Have a Plan?

On the average, a home fire in the U.S. breaks out once every 52 seconds.

Unfortunately, many families are not prepared to take calm, appropriate action if a fire does strike in their home. That's why it is necessary for everyone to design and practice a fire escape plan with their family. Making a plan and holding regular fire drills will give each household member the confidence and knowledge to act quickly in an emergency. This month's safety tip will help your family develop your plan.

- Draw a floor plan or a map of your home.

Show all doors and windows.

- Mark two ways out of each room.
- Mark all of the smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be in each sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- Pick a family meeting place outside where everyone can meet. Remember, practice your plan at least twice a year!



## Speakers at the upcoming meeting...

*Neighbors on Watch (NOW) and Firgarden Park will also be discussed at the meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2010. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm at BBC Elementary School.*

## Welcome to new attendees...

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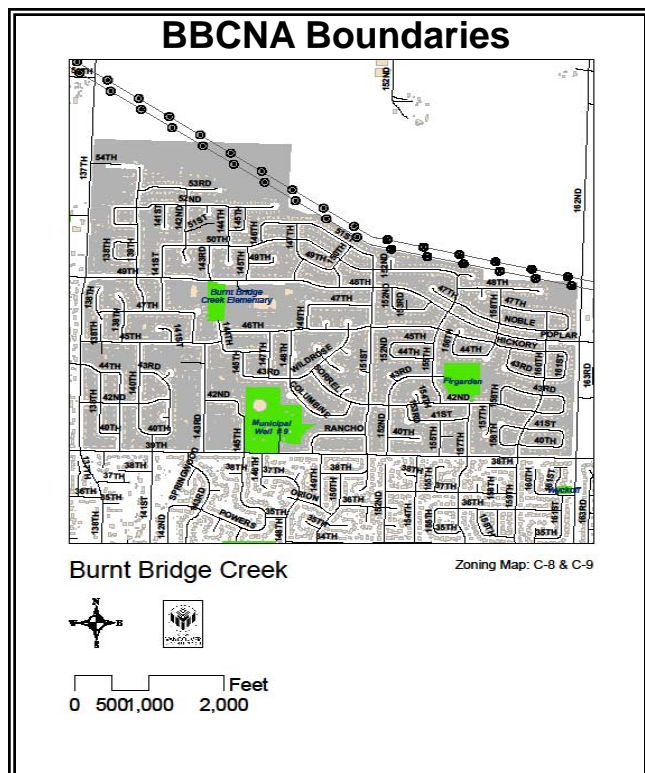
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Cindy and Matt Stevens



# DUMPSTER DAY!!!

By Brandy Neuleib



Tired of not parking your car in the garage?  
Unsightly junk clogging up space in your  
side yard? Well, it's your lucky day!  
BBCNA's Annual Dumpster day is near!!!!

**Saturday, June 12, 2010 from  
9:00—2:45**

**BBC Elementary parking lot**

**\$5.00 donation requested**

As usual, we need some volunteers to help  
unload vehicles and direct traffic. If you can  
help from 9-12 or 12-3, or come at the end  
to help clean the lot, that would be MUCH  
APPRECIATED! Call Brandy at 896-2989.

## Accepted:

Furniture  
Yard Debris  
Bulky items  
Junk  
Doors  
Carpet  
Lumber

## Not Accepted:

TVs/monitors  
Computers  
Laptops  
Large appliances  
Household trash  
Chemicals/paint  
Hazardous waste  
Roofing

*Call Waste Connections at 892-5270 to find  
out how to dispose of items that cannot be  
placed in the dumpsters. **See you then!!!***

## Got a problem? Who do you call?

**Do you have a street light out in your neighborhood? Or, a pothole in the road? Who do you call?**

The City of Vancouver Public Works Operations Center takes care of these and other public maintenance concerns. They are dedicated to providing quality customer service. To report these situations simply go to the [online reporting form](#) on the city's website. On the form you can select the type of service you need. It is good to provide as much detailed information as possible. These reports are reviewed daily and prioritized for proper response, within the available resources. Another way to report problems is to call the Operations Center at 360.696.8177.



Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, the Department of Public Works is making sure our community has the services it needs. They get the job done through the divisions of Construction Services, Engineering Services, Operations Center, Solid Waste Services and Water Resources Education. For more information go to [Public Works - Departments - City of Vancouver, Washington, USA](#).

# Transportation Plans for 137th/138th Avenue

By Steve Townsen

For those of you who may not know, the City of Vancouver Transportation Services is working on designing an upgrade for NE 137th/138th Avenue between NE 28th Street and NE 49th Street with construction planned to begin in the Fall.

Approximately 13,000 vehicles per day currently use the corridor between NE 28th and NE 49th streets. That number is projected to double by year 2030. The recommended road design configuration will help safety and capacity keep pace with this growing volume through access management and the use of roundabouts.

The project will upgrade the roadway to current Minor Arterial standards to provide enhanced safety, improve access to the fronting properties, and minimize traffic delays. Features of the project include roadway widening construction, streetscape improvements, drainage improvements, pedestrian facilities, bicycle facilities, utility upgrades and relocations, right-of-way needs evaluation, and environmental evaluation. Improvements will also benefit the NE 49th Street, NE 39th Street, NE 18th Street, and NE 28th Street corridors.

Several "Open Houses" were held to gather feedback, share concerns and ideas, and learn about the project timeline and next steps. The design, which places roundabouts at NE 32nd Circle, NE 39th Street, and NE 44th Streets, is based on the alignment that minimizes the impacts on adjacent properties while enhancing capacity and safety for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

The recommended improvement for the NE 137th/138th Avenue Project includes

roundabouts at NE 32nd Circle, NE 39th Street, and NE 44th Street. Among their many benefits, roundabouts will provide turn-around options to minimize out-of-direction travel for drivers prevented from making left-hand turns along the corridor improvement area. In terms of safety and efficiency, roundabouts reduce many of the safety hazards associated with traditional intersections and lower overall vehicle delays, which reduce emissions and add capacity. They increase safety by limiting vehicle movements to right turn only. Eliminating left turns across traffic, common in traditional intersections, reduces the frequency and severity of collisions. Roundabouts planned as part of the project include:

- **NE 32nd Circle:** This single-lane roundabout (originally planned for NE 34th Street) will provide a turn around to minimize out-of-direction travel for drivers prevented from making a left turn elsewhere on the corridor.
- **NE 39th Street:** This two-lane roundabout would accommodate corridor traffic and traffic from NE 39th Street. The second lane would begin 300 feet from the roundabout and extend 325 feet past the intersection.
- **NE 44th Street:** This single-lane roundabout would provide a turn around to minimize out-of-direction travel.
- **NE 49th Street:** This existing roundabout will be more fully developed with approach and departure lanes to the south similar to the new NE 39th Street roundabout.

For more information the City's link to the project is: <http://www.cityofvancouver.us/streetprojects.asp?menuid=10465&submenuID=10530&itemID=45031>



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## SAVE THESE DATES!!!

- June 8th, **General meeting** held at BBC Elementary School at 7:00 pm. Jessica Antoine from the City of Vancouver's Urban Forestry division scheduled to speak about the Firgarden Park Planting... and Neighbors on Watch (NOW)...and 49th St. Academy
- June 12th - **DUMPSTER DAY!!!!!!!** 9:00 AM - 2:45 PM
- August 7th - **FREE NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC** - noon to 4:00 PM - WE STILL **NEED SOMEONE TO HEAD THIS** IN ORDER TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.

**ANY VOLUNTEERS?**



## **GIVE AND TAKE AT DUMPSTER DAY!**

By Judith Burley

There will be an area where articles that still have life in them will be available for new homes.

So... if you have something that someone else could use, please see that it goes to the Give and Take area. **These items might be: 2x4s, PVC pipe, bricks, furniture, flower pots, tools, bikes or ???.**

We hope that this will keep "to good to throw away" items out of the landfill.

A donation jar will be available if you want to donate to BBCNA as you take something away (completely optional).

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# 2010 Fireworks: *Keep it legal in the City of Vancouver!*



**NOTE CHANGES IN 2010:** The shortened fireworks **DISCHARGE** season is four days long. The **SALES** season is seven days long.

- **DISCHARGE:** July 1 to July 3 from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. & July 4 from 9 a.m. to midnight
- **SALES:** June 28 to July 4.

Fireworks use at any other time is prohibited without a special permit. Buyers must be at least age 16. Fireworks may not be used in public parks.

**FINES:** In the City of Vancouver the fine for a single violation for unlawful sale, use or possession of legal fireworks is \$250, or \$500 for illegal fireworks. There may be additional civil or criminal consequences for injuries or fires caused by irresponsible use. (Outside Vancouver, the Clark County Fire Marshal and other law enforcement agencies have authority to cite violators.)

## ***Be Prepared, Be Safe, Be Responsible***

- ◆ **BE PREPARED:** Only use fireworks available at licensed stands. Store them and matches and lighters out of children's reach. Keep pets safe indoors. Choose the area to discharge fireworks carefully.
- ◆ **BE SAFE...** Only adults should light fireworks. Outdoor use only... use eye protection... never relight a dud... always keep water handy... do not throw fireworks or hold in your hand.
- ◆ **BE RESPONSIBLE...** Soak used fireworks in water and clean up all fireworks debris. Please be a considerate neighbor.

**LEARN MORE:** Visit the City of Vancouver Fire Department web site at: [vanfire.org](http://vanfire.org) or [wsp.wa.gov/fireworks](http://wsp.wa.gov/fireworks)