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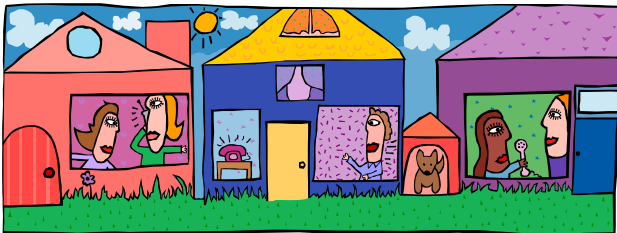
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Please Attend
~ Neighborhood Meeting ~

Wednesday, September 1st
AME Zion Church Meeting Room
3605 E 13th St

Our own Will Vinson will share Recycling Information learned at a recent Waste Management Community Training.



Worried about crime, loss of home value and neighborhood livability? We encourage each household to send one member out to see how you can be involved in making Harney Heights one of the greatest Vancouver neighborhoods!

July Meeting Highlights

Thanks to everyone who came out to July's meeting—we had an amazing summertime attendance which brought about very good discussion and interaction!

4th Plain Revitalization Program. General discussion of the program and the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) proposed down 4th Plain. Public comment was encouraged. Questions about the proposed light rail and changes were discussed. Council member Hansen participated in this discussion and invited all of the neighbors down to Council meetings during citizen communications.

Urban Abundance. Warren Neth, the program coordinator for Urban Abundance, shared some information with the neighbors about registering their fruit trees with them. If the neighbor has excess fruit, Urban Abundance will arrange for fruit pickers to harvest the fruit so that the fruit can be donated to the Food Bank. Interested folks can contact him at warren@myurbanabundance.org

Recycling. Co-Chair Will Vinson reported on a recycling seminar he attended on behalf of the HHNA and shared the information with the group. Call Waste Connections with any questions about what can and cannot be recycled. Plastic tubs (cottage cheese containers, etc...) can now be recycled, but not the plastic lids that go with them. Metal can lids must be clamped down inside of the can – don't want them to get loose and mix in with the recyclable papers. Plastic sacks are

recyclable in the grocery stores, not curbside. Compact fluorescent lights can be taken to Clark PUD and a new one will be switched out for free – but there is a limit. Contact Clark PUD for any particulars. Batteries and antifreeze/oil can be recycled curbside as well. Paint goes to the transfer station or to Restore (if it is still useable).

St. Helens Park. Continuing problem with vandalism. Trees have been damaged, tagging has been found, picnic tables damaged, vehicles parking and driving on the grass.

Mill Plain and Brandt. Update was given. Transportation has requested more traffic enforcement in that area. The number of accidents is very low, but the neighbors complain that several vehicles have left the road and hit a fence/house.

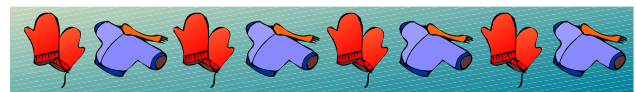
Neighborhood Livability Issues: Neighbors complained of some “home improvements” that are unsightly and possibly in violation of the city code. They will call in to lodge their complaints.

Other neighbors complained of landlords renting to drug dealers and users (meth). They were told to contact the police if they witnessed any illegal activities. They were also told about the potential of a landlord having real property forfeited if he/she knowingly rent to tenants trafficking/involved with illegal drugs.

There were other complaints about bad neighbors who have barking dogs and play their stereo too loud. The neighbors have tried to discuss this with the offending neighbor directly, but to no avail. Neighbors are now calling the police and code enforcement.

There is some gang activity in the area of 17th/Norris. Neighborhood Police Officer Boynton and VPD have been actively working on that issue. The neighbors appreciate the work everyone has been doing for the neighborhood.

Sex Offender sleeping in vehicle. There is a Level II sex offender sleeping in a van parked near the street/right of way. Boynton has already been made aware of this issue.



Westside Firefighters Help Needy Kids Year Round

Vancouver Firefighters from Westside Fire House #2 are making plans to enlarge their successful winter coat distribution effort. They are asking the community to help them gather basic necessities for needy kids at two schools in their westside service area.

"I talked with the school resource officers and learned that many of the kids are homeless, move often and most qualify for free or reduced price meals based on family income," says Station Capt. Duane Schuman of the City of Vancouver Fire Department. "We want to take decisive action to help these kids from very low-income and homeless families stay in school."

Some of the children lack basic needs such as tooth brushes, soap and other toiletries, school supplies and new shoes. The firefighter drive will focus on Washington and Hough elementary schools.

Schuman says his station's firefighters will launch a community collection program similar to their annual coat drive, and redistribute the items to the school children. In recent years firefighters from the Westside Fire House have collected and redistributed thousands of coats and blankets to help needy people during the coldest winter months.

Residents may drop off items at the station located at 400 E. 37th Street any day of the week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Direct questions about donations via email to Capt. Schuman at duane.schuman@ci.vancouver.wa.us, or Vancouver Fire Department PIO, 360.418.5429 (pager).

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