
HUDSON'S BAY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



Spring greetings to all Hudson's Bay residents, landlords, employers, employees, friends, visitors, and neighbors! This April, 2008, edition of our HBNA Newsletter is chockfull of information about neighborhood doings, with a particular emphasis, this month, on ways we can all help ourselves, each other and the planet by attending to the 3 Rs: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Here's hoping you enjoy!

Our **APRIL 8** General Meeting will feature 2 speakers with 2 great takes on how we can avoid tossing aside perfectly good materials and people!

- We'll welcome Kelly Adams from the Council for the Homeless to talk about Project Homeless Connect (PHC), a one-stop, same-day resource fair for people without homes. This event, to be staged at Hudson's Bay High School on April 26, will offer medical care, dental exams, legal advice, info about employment, housing and tax refunds, plus haircuts, and wheelchair repair, and animal care services to those down on their luck. Impressive, huh? At our meeting, we'll also be collecting good business attire and grooming supplies to donate to this PHC, so how about donating those suits, blouses, and shoes you no longer need? Or how about those unopened toothbrushes in your bathroom drawer—those extras your dentist gives you at every cleaning? You might also consider tossing an extra deodorant, shampoo, nail clipper, or pack of razors into your cart the next time you're at the store. If you can bring any such items to our April 8 meeting, we'll get them to folks who currently need a helping hand to turn their lives around. If you can't make the meeting but want more info, or to volunteer, you can call Kelly Adams direct at 993-9571.
- Also at our April 8th meeting, a representative from Waste Connections will talk about recycling, including some new systems being tested for home collections.



More Upcoming Meeting Notes

Our **June 10** General Meeting will be our always popular pre-Independence Day meeting.



Speakers from the Fort Vancouver Historic Reserve will talk about the upcoming Fourth of July festivities including the Fireworks Show. If you're new to the neighborhood, you'll want to make this meeting for sure. Vancouver's huge and hugely popular Fireworks Display has a big impact on our neighborhood, a prime viewing location for people from all over the Portland/Vancouver area. The good folks from the Reserve come every June to share tips and

get our feedback on issues and problems related to this event, and again in August to hear what went right and what went wrong, so plan to show up and speak your piece!

Our General Meeting is held the 2nd Tuesday of every other month at Harney Elementary School cafeteria at 7 pm. Turn by the Igloo drive-in and follow the road around behind the school to the back parking lot. Look for the sign and enter through the double doors.

See you there!

CALENDAR IN A NUTSHELL:

- April 8, General Meeting, 7pm, Harney Elementary
- May 17, Neighborhood Clean-Up, 9am to 2:45pm, Crosley Bowl
- June 10, General Meeting, 7pm, Harney Elementary



NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP!

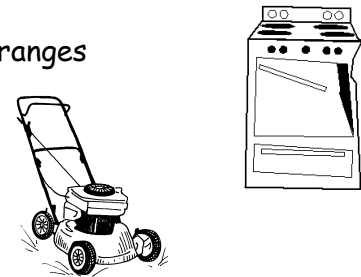
The annual Hudson's Bay Neighborhood Clean-up will be held this year on May 17 from 9:00 am till 2:45 pm in the Crosley Bowl parking lot. Please bring a utility bill or driver's license as proof of address. Please do not leave any trash or items at the site before May 17. A small donation (\$5 to \$10) per truckload for the Neighborhood General Fund is appreciated. A BIGGER DONATION is appreciated even more!



Acceptable items:



- Furniture such as couches, chairs and beds
- General household trash
- Small appliances such as vacuums, microwaves, and lamps
- Four automobile tires per household
- One large appliance per household such as washers, dryers & ranges
- Empty paint cans with dried paint and lids off
- Three railroad ties per household
- 1/2 truckload of lumber or 1/4 truckload of concrete
- Logs, branches, leaves and similar yard debris
- Car parts and scrap metal
- Lawn mowers and garden equipment



Not acceptable:

- Refrigerators and air conditioners—but see p. 4 if you've got a fridge
- Chemicals, chemical waste, and cans of unused paint
- Large amounts of concrete, dirt or rocks
- Roofing tear offs

★ FREE STUFF!!! ★

Back by popular demand, we will also have a "One Person's Trash Is Another Person's Treasure" pile. Leave re-usable items you don't need, take home items that others have left. Everything still in the free pile at day's end will go into the garbage truck.

Finally, we're also collecting broken pottery, tile, marbles, small special stones, etc. for a neighborhood project. See page 5 for the juicy details!



Neighbors helping neighbors: If you have a truck, please consider checking with your neighbors to see if they need help. To volunteer, or if you have questions, call Kathy Nelson at 696-9413. It's a fun day, lotta laughs, nice warm fuzzy feeling. See you there!

Are you interested in a HUDSON'S BAY NEIGHBORHOOD



“Trash-to-Cash” Event?



In our official capacity as neighborhood reporters, we've been busy eavesdropping on various local conversations, and have caught more than a few Hudson's Bay folks discussing a possible neighborhood flea market or yard sale to be held later this summer.

Two possibilities have occurred to the HBNA board. For a flea market, we would all bring our goods (and display tables) to a central location and sell from there. The pluses of doing it this way include: bargain-hunters can focus on one location, and also we neighbors have a chance to get to know each other a little bit better. The big minuses: we would need a central location—anybody out there got any ideas about that? Also, it can be difficult to bring larger items to sell.



The 2nd possibility would be a neighborhood-wide yard sale. In this case, each household would sell things from their own garage, porch, apartment, and so on. Benefits: less packing and loading and re-packing and so on. However, some of us might not get as many buyers, especially for those who turn out to be the only participant on their blocks.

In either case, HBNA would ask a small donation per household, like \$3 to \$5, for advertising, signs, and in the case of a yard sale, for the printing and distribution of maps showing the address of each participant. If you want to weigh in and vote on a preference, have other ideas, or might want to help out with this fun neighborhood

event, please call Kathy Nelson, HBNA Chair, 696-9413, or Jozie Rabyor, Communications Coordinator, 699-6311. You can also email Jozie: jozierabyor_at_comcast.net. (Replace “_at_” with @ when you email). We look forward to hearing from you!

STILL MORE CLEAN-AND-TIDY NEWS:

Remember way back on page 3, where we told you that you can't get rid of that old fridge at our Neighborhood Clean-up Day? Well, don't despair! During the month of **April** the City of Vancouver offers **free curbside appliance pick up** to residents in recognized Neighborhood Associations. This only happens once a year, so call 735.8842 and get on the schedule to take advantage of this service. The rest of the year there is a fee to have appliances picked up. Time to do Spring Cleaning!

Your neighborhood association needs you!

If you have a burning desire to see your byline in print, this could be your lucky day! Neighborhood legends, memories, interviews, tips, histories, secret treasures, hidden goodies, or ????. Get in touch and let us know what you'd like to write for the newsletter! We'd love to include your work.



Or maybe you've always wanted to see yourself in the funny papers? If you can draw or cartoon, or would like to try, why not submit something for these very pages?

And remember the paragraph about saving broken pottery on the Neighborhood Clean-up page? Here's the deal—the HBNA board is trying to negotiate with the various powers-that-be to get concrete benches for one or two of our bus stops along Evergreen. Our goal is to decorate with mosaics of some sort. We figure we'll collect pottery, broken ceramic dishes, tile, marbles, etc. for a year (bring your qualifying stuff to Clean-Up Day). Then

we'll make Bench Creation a neighborhood project in the summer of 2009. If you can help us make this happen—if you know how to do a mosaic, or would like to design one—or if you have materials like grout or tile or even benches to donate—get in touch. This will be a venture for many willing hands, including yours, if you want to participate in ways large or small!

Finally, the HBNA has bought the Internet domain names hudsonsbayneighborhood.com and hudsonsbayneighborhood.org. Now what? If you know where we go from here to get an online presence up and going, please give Jozie Rabyor a call at 360-699-6311, or email jozierabyor_at_comcast.net (changing `_at_` to `@`). We might be able to pay you a little something for your generosity.

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Earth Day Planting Celebration April 19

Earth Day Planting Celebration will be held **Saturday, April 19**. Please come celebrate Earth Day with the StreamTeam and Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation! The day will consist of an environmental fair from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. The tree planting and exotic plant removal will start at 8:45 a.m. and wrap up at 1 p.m. If you are interested in planting trees or the exotic removal, you must register beforehand because space is limited. After the planting there will be a **free B-B-Q lunch** for volunteers. Non-volunteers can enjoy lunch for a small suggested donation. There will be over ten local environmental organizations with children's activities during the day. You do not need to register to enjoy the environmental activities. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy while learning how to make every day Earth Day! For more information, please contact Lisa Beranek at (360) 992-8585 or StreamTeam@clarkpud.com.



Graffiti-What Can We Do?

Graffiti detracts from safe, enjoyable neighborhoods. It degrades the physical and built environments of communities. The longer graffiti stays, the more it “grows” and leads to increased vandalism and other criminal activities. But we can all do something to keep it out of our wonderful Hudson’s Bay Neighborhood.

Efforts are underway by the City to create a comprehensive approach to the issue of graffiti vandalism. A multi-departmental Graffiti Task Force has been established to determine how current graffiti prevention and abatement efforts can be improved.

Methods being used include:

- Improved internal reporting system and database
- Requests for voluntary compliance from businesses to restrict access to graffiti materials and not sell graffiti materials to persons under the age of 18
- Neighborhood Police Officers will be talking with neighborhoods and businesses on the proper way to report graffiti; our officer **Duane Boynton** can be reached at **(360) 487-7359**
- School Resource Officers will work to educate students and school districts about the issue.

What can we – in our neighborhoods – do? Graffiti often goes unreported and as a result, at this time the City does not have valid statistics on the number of incidents of graffiti. The City is relying on residents and business owners to diligently report every graffiti act they notice as soon as possible. They need to know where it is happening and its frequency in order to address it effectively.

Not only is it important to report it, there is a process for doing so. When you observe an incident of graffiti, please follow the three Rs: **REPORT, RECORD AND REMOVE**. When you see a crime in progress or if you have information about a suspect, call 911. Otherwise, please report graffiti to your appropriate police precinct. Our precinct, West Precinct, is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 487-7355 or go online to <http://vanpolice.org> to file a crime report of a graffiti incident.

It is then important to record the graffiti if you can. Recording is simply taking a picture and noting the date, time and location of the graffiti. This information should be included in the report given to the police. If graffiti appears on private property, the property owner should attempt to remove it within 24 hours if possible. The most common methods of removal are “paint over”, washing with water and cleaners, and pressure washing.



By working together, the neighborhoods and the City can reduce the amount of graffiti, expedite the removal of graffiti and improve tracking of graffiti incidents.

Thanks for pitching in and doing your part!

Editor’s final comment—as Earth Day approaches, I invite you to ponder this old Chinese proverb:

When you drink the water, remember the spring.