

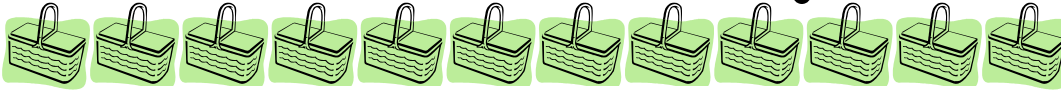
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The Burnt Bridge Creek Neighborhood Association
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PICNIC, PICNIC, PICNIC!!

By Melissa Abbe

It's finally August, and that means it's just about time for the BBCNA picnic!!!

The picnic is August 14th from 12-5 at the BBC Elementary School park (it's located on the west side of the school playground).

The BBCNA Picnic committee, chaired by Pat Kenaston, has been working hard planning events and activities for the picnic. Because the NA has been newly reactivated, there is no money in the treasury to provide food and drinks for picnic participants, so **the theme of the day is "Bring your own picnic"**, meaning you should bring your own food, beverages, and snacks to enjoy. However, Starbucks has agreed to donate coffee and cups for several hundred people, and Godfather's Pizza will be setting up a cart from which they will be selling pizza slices and soda.

Activities

Some activities will include:

- ☞ Organized games for the kids (with prizes!)
- ☞ A visit from the local fire department along with one of their engines

☞ The Old Tyme Fiddlers will be performing from 3:00 to 4:00

☞ There will be several items raffled off throughout the course of the day.

Raffle

Raffle tickets will be sold for 50 cents each. Some of the prizes include:

- ☞ A set of 4 YMCA guest passes
- ☞ 2 sets of 2 Who Song and Larry Entrée and Beverage cards
- ☞ 5 pairs of Hollywood Video rentals
- ☞ 1 large Godfather's Pizza
- ☞ 1 large Smokey's Pizza

☞ A Burgerville gift basket

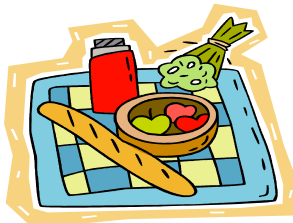
☞ 4 sets of 20 golf balls

☞ A gift basket full of beauty products.

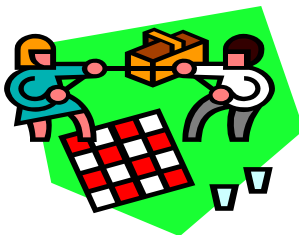
The Lions Club will also have a booth offering safety/ID booklets for children; more info about that can be found on

page 2.

This will be the first summer picnic of the Burnt Bridge Creek Neighborhood Association and we hope that it is a huge success. See you all there!



Bring your own picnic! Pack a picnic lunch and bring it to the BBC School Park!



Lots of fun activities are planned for everyone!

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BBCNA Calendar

NAP Meeting	Aug 23
Summer Picnic	Aug 14
General NA Meeting	Aug 14
National Good Neighbor Day	Sept 26

Details? Visit www.bbcna.org

NEXT MEETING

Join us for an open-air meeting during the Neighborhood Picnic in the BBC School Park!

Our next neighborhood meeting will be on Saturday August 14th as part of the neighborhood picnic.

Bring some food, a chair, and enjoy the nice summer weather with us.

The park is located on the west side of BBC Elementary School.



LIONS HELP KEEP KIDS SAFE

By Melissa Abbe

The Orchards Evergreen Lions Club will be at the BBCNA picnic on August 14 offering a special service to parents with small children. They will have a table set up where you can obtain a "passbook" of safety information. Each 3x4 booklet will have several tips on how to keep your children safe, and on opposing pages there will be space for a current picture, as well as height, weight, name, and other basic info regarding your child. There are then subsequent pages available in order to re-new info and pictures for 3-4 years to keep current changes up to date. Parents will be able to take their booklet, with a current picture of their child(ren) when they leave the picnic Saturday afternoon.

The Lions Club started this program several years ago and for 3-4 years they had a booth set up at the Mall on Kids Days. They have been at the YMCA three times, the annual Battleground Health Fair twice, at Our Days in La Center, and will possibly be at a health fair in Salmon Creek later in August. Originally they used Polaroid cameras, but they have now updated their equipment and use computers to take and print the pictures. The purpose of the program is to give parents a booklet with current pictures and information that they can then give to authorities in the event that their child is abducted, lost, or missing. The Lions do not keep any records; all information is given to and retained by the parents.

In addition to providing this service, the Lions Club has donated over \$4000 to the community from fundraisers such as the sale of fireworks, Entertainment Books, raffles, and other events where they are able to raise money. The "passbook" program is being offered to picnic-goers free of charge; however, there will be a donation jar available to help offset the costs of supplies if you should wish to contribute.

"Remember: the Neighborhood Picnic is August 14, from noon to 5 at the BBC Elementary School Park."

GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

By Melissa Abbe

In the interest of turning the BBC neighborhood into a true community, we are starting a new feature called "Getting to Know You." Each month we will profile a new neighbor; someone who has an interesting job or hobby or does something that causes him or her to stand out in a special way. (And, we are all special, so don't think that you don't qualify for this column!) If you would like to be profiled, or nominate someone else, please contact Melissa at gecko225@comcast.net.



This month's "Getting to Know You" neighbor is Kim Mattox. We selected Kim to kick us off because, without her, the BBCNA would not be up and running like it is now. Kim lives off of Poplar, and was unhappy with the way the fences along Poplar looked. She contacted the city to see about getting

some sort of grant for repair or beautification and was told that she would need to go through her neighborhood association. When Kim discovered that, while we did have one, our NA was somewhat dormant, she took matters into her own hands and reactivated it. She contacted the people who had been involved in the last NA, asked for their help, and scheduled the first meeting. People came, were enthusiastic, and things have taken off from there. Now Kim is active with three NA committees...NAP, Picnic, and Fences.

Kim is a native of Vancouver and has 2 children, ages 10 and 15. She enjoys working in and around her house, visiting the beach, and is just starting to get into scrapbooking. Kim is a preschool teacher, and in 1999 she opened her own school, Sunflower Kids Preschool. She runs it out of her remodeled garage, in a room that is open and spacious, and has up to 10 4-5 years enrolled in each annual session. Each year Kim schedules several fun learning units, including Tropical Rainforest, Sea Life, Pet Shop, and Around Our Town. They go on field trips, have guest speakers (and animals!), and celebrate the holidays. (On a side note, both of my kids attended Sunflower Kids and loved it!) Kim is a pretty busy woman these days, but she has really been enjoying meeting all the BBC neighbors lately. Thanks, Kim, for helping to bring us all together!

BULB EXCHANGE

By Diane Eberhart

Tired of looking at those same old irises and dahlias year after year? Would you like some different flowers but you're out of space and can't quite bring yourself to throw out what you've got? Well, maybe some of your neighbors



are in the same situation. One of the ideas your Beautification Committee has been kicking around has been a Bulb Exchange where a specific day and location is scheduled (most likely in the fall) where you could bring in your bulbs and exchange them



for bulbs brought in by others. But we'd like to know if there's any interest in this type of event. Please log on to the

website, www.bbcna.org, and let us know how you feel.

MINUTES FROM THE JULY MEETING

By Alisse Penland

**Burnt Bridge Creek
Neighborhood Association
General Board Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2004**

These minutes have not yet been formally approved.

Executive Board Members Present:
John Harp, President; Lamar
Fontaine, Vice President, Alisse
Penland, Secretary, Karen Sexton,
Treasurer

John Harp opened the meeting at
Fir Garden Park at 7:00 pm by wel-
coming all in attendance.

Minutes:

The June 21, 2004 minutes as
printed in the July newsletter were
approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as of July 19, 2004: \$469

A joint bank account was opened
up at Washington Mutual under
John Harp and Karen Sexton's
name. John and Karen have sign-
ing privileges and two signatures
are required. The account will be
transferred to BBCNA once we
have obtained non-profit status.

Committee Updates:

Fence Committee

Kim Mattox, Chairperson, updated
the audience on the status of the
Fence Committee. The committee
would like to send a letter to the
homeowners on Poplar asking
them if they are willing to take a
more active role in the work and
cost involved in staining the fences
rather than organizing a group of
volunteers to do all the work.

The City would like our input on the
types of plants we would like to see
on Poplar.

Picnic Committee:

The picnic is August 14, 2004 from
noon-5:00 pm at Burnt Bridge
School. Fiddlers will be there as well
as the Lions Club and possibly a

pizza wagon where you can buy
pizza by the slice.

NAP (Neighborhood Action Plan)

Steve Harris reported that the sur-
vey results will be completed and
discussed at the next meeting on
August 14.

Communication Committee

Ken Elmy, Chairperson, thanked
Melissa Abbe for all her hard work
on the newsletter. She has been a
great help to the committee. The



We have a new Neighborhood Liaison! Please welcome
Brent Bogart to the BBCNA family.

next newsletters will go out Friday,
August 6.

Saturday, July 31 is the last day for
articles for the August newsletter.
Ken passed around a sign up sheet
for all to note whether they can
help distribute this month or in the
future.

Ken discussed his concerns for the
website since only 6 people have
been doing all the posting on that
site. He wanted to know if people
were interested in keeping the web-
site up and running. There was
much positive feedback.

Traffic Committee

Ken Elmy gave an update on the
traffic committee since Herb is in
the hospital.

A slurry seal has been applied to
Poplar Street. The City is waiting for
the BBCNA to tell them what strip-
ing method has been agreed upon.

Beautification Committee

The meeting was at Vince and Kari

Gorski's home. The committee
spent time looking at what went
right for dumpster day and what
could have gone better. Next year
they would like to have more
crusher trucks and, volunteers to
help those that do not have trans-
portation. A Fall bulb exchange is
also being discussed.

Presentation:

John Harp introduced Brent Bogart
who is an attorney and the BBCNA
Neighborhood Liaison. Brent has
been with the City of Vancouver for
5 ½ years. He came from Bellevue.
His more recent claim to fame was
as the attorney for the Rosemere
Neighborhood Association.

Brent's role is to be a liaison to the
City as well as to direct the NA
through the proper channels for
any issues we may have.

New Business:

John Harp passed out a handout
that he received when he attended
the budget meeting for the City of
Vancouver. The handout included
graphs on different revenue sources
and expenditures for the City. John
noted that the City puts out less
money for police than most other
areas in the state. He also directed
the NA to the City of Vancouver's
website where there is a question-
naire soliciting our input on where
we feel revenue dollars should be
spent. There is another question-
naire soliciting feedback from the
citizens on where they feel the city
could obtain more revenues (utility
fees, b & o tax, etc).

The next NA meeting will be during
the picnic on August 14, 2004.

Be A Good Neighbor!

Don't forget after you have a ga-
rage sale to take down your signs!
Let's all do our part to keep the
neighborhood and surrounding
areas neat and clean!

POPLAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

By Ken Elmy

The Poplar Street striping project is getting closer to reality. The slurry seal has been applied to Poplar and we are now awaiting the application of new road striping.

What Are You Talking About?

For those of you not familiar with this project here is a refresher:

In response to residents' input on speeding on Poplar Street the City is going to install striping in an attempt to narrow the roadway and slow speeding. Striping alone will not address this problem completely; however, we could see as much as a 10% decrease in speeding. Additional measures such as the installation of medians and curb extensions can also reduce speeding.

In the June general neighborhood association meeting John Manix of the City of Vancouver Transportation Department discussed speed calming options and presented us with two suggested plans:

Option A — Favors striping for future planting boxes as curb extensions. This option directs traffic to the center of the road. If the planting boxes are ever installed it will be easier to care for them as they will be accessible from the sidewalk. Also the plants can serve as a cover for Poplar's famous "fence ally."

Option B — Favors striping for planting medians in the center of the roadway. This option directs traffic to the sides of the roads. If trees are planted in the medians they can help develop a canopy further adding beauty and a calming effect to traffic. Maintenance of the planted medians may be more difficult as you must cross traffic to get to them.

Additional facts from the post-presentation discussion include:

☞ While the striping diagrams include medians and curb extensions the City is just proposing striping. The medians and curb extensions are

ideas only and up to us to pursue as a neighborhood association. Striping may begin in the fall (September/Octoberish).

- ☞ The striping will narrow the roadway to roughly 10 foot lanes and hopefully cause drivers to slow because of the limited travel in the roadway.
- ☞ The striping will also help prevent accidents as there will be a clear center line.
- ☞ Crosswalks can be installed but require more regular maintenance as they wear from road traffic.

Did You Miss Something?

A summary of this project as discussed at the June meeting can be found on our web site at:

<http://bbcna.org/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?t=158>

It also includes links to larger versions of the road design diagrams presented on page 5

- ☞ Stop signs do not slow speeders. Studies show that speeders are going as fast or faster a few hundred feet from leaving the stop sign. Stop signs **do** help reduce accidents in areas where collisions are commonplace.
- ☞ Be careful where you place speed bumps! They can unintentionally divert traffic from main collector streets to side streets where you live!
- ☞ Speed cushions are a new, preferred method for traffic safety over speed bumps. (Speed cushions are essentially speed bumps with tracks cut out for vehicles to drive through. They force drivers to slow down in order to line up with the tracks and avoid the bump.)
- ☞ Another option for beautifying Poplar would be to add art such as murals on the fences, statues, and other art to dress up the street.

☞ Speed limit signs do not necessarily help in slowing traffic but they do help in enforcement as they reduce the excuses the speeder can have.

Option Selected

The Traffic Committee met with John Manix of the City of Vancouver Transportation Department on Thursday August 29th to finalize the selection of a striping plan for Poplar Street. Input to both the neighborhood association and the department of transportation varied greatly and there was no clear winner. It was decided to use the design of Option A as it was the safest to maintain any future plantings, provided some cover for the fences on Poplar, and keeps the traffic in the center of the street and further away from homes. John also listened to other suggestions such as a crosswalk on 155th or 158th streets to provide access to Fir Garden Park for those living on the north-side of Poplar.

Schedule

This project is in the top five of John's project list. Striping is still slated for the fall. No firm date as been selected.

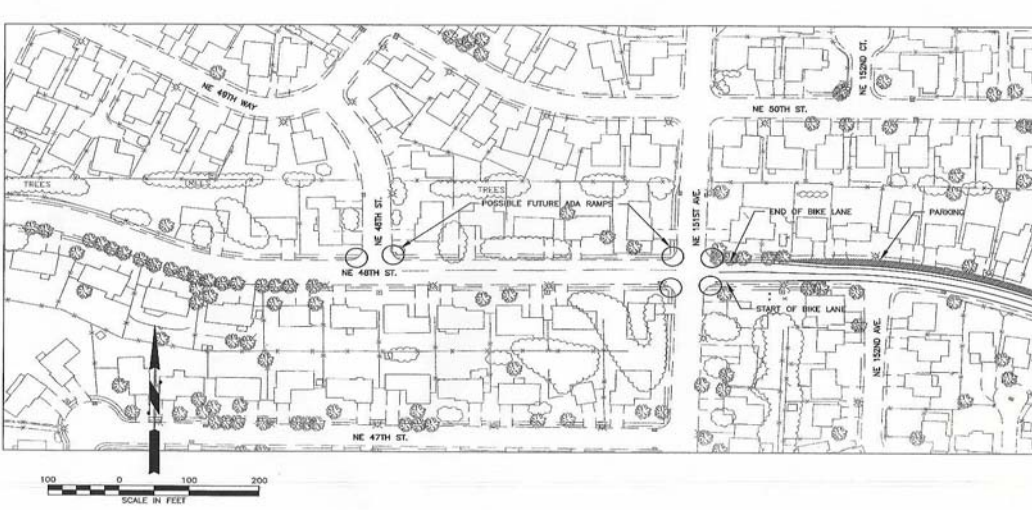
Medians, Curb Extensions, Etc.

John also mentioned that the City has diverted some tax money into a special program for neighborhood street projects. The program will start in or around December of this year. We may be able to apply for funds from this program to add the medians and curb extensions included in the striping plan.

Traffic Survey

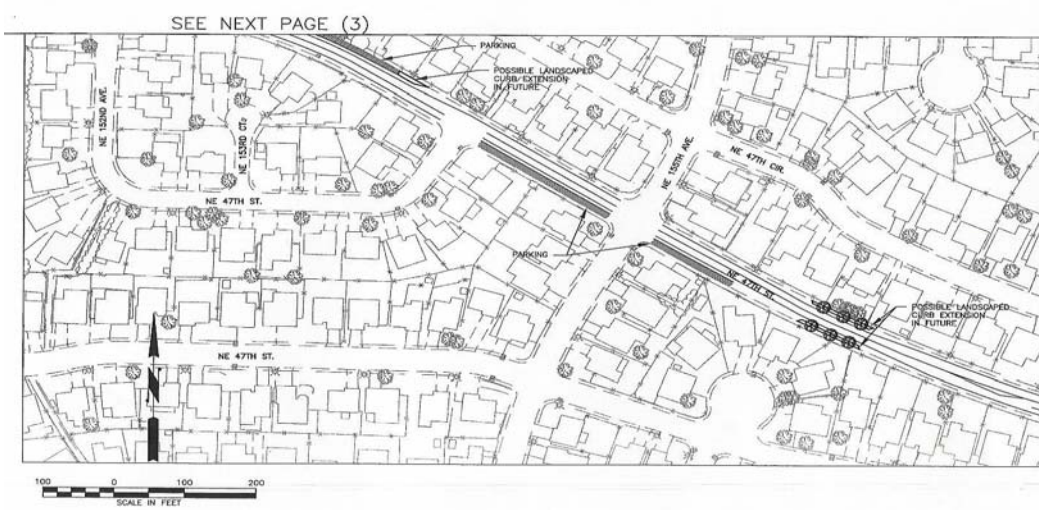
A traffic survey of Poplar Street was taken in December 2002. This survey helped direct the City in the development of this striping project. Another study will be performed after the striping is installed and will be used to assess the success of the striping project. We plan on posting these surveys on our Web site as the City makes them available. Keep an eye out for them as the results may surprise you!

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OPTION A – STRIPING WITH FUTURE LANDSCAPED CURB EXTENSIONS
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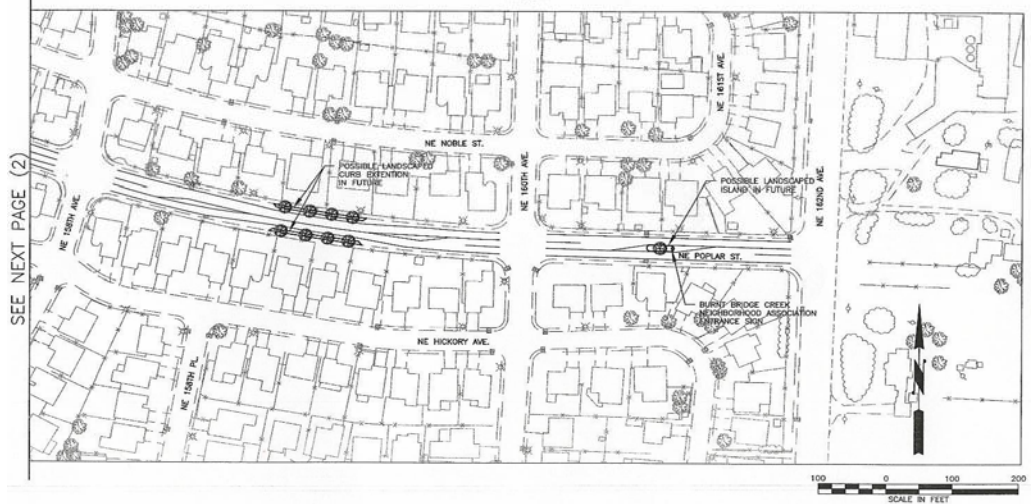
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POPLAR STREET STRIPING—OPTION A

For a larger, more readable version of these diagrams please visit our web site at www.bbcna.org. They can be found in the "Traffic Committee" section of the Photo Album.

The BBC Neighborhood Association



Having a great neighborhood starts with you!

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Thanks Round-up Man!

Have you noticed that some of the weeds along your neighborhood streets are mysteriously dying or disappearing? If so, you may want to credit the "Round-Up Man"! Yes, we have a neighbor amongst us who has been carrying around a big bottle of Round-Up when he and his wife go for walks around the neighborhood, and spraying those pesky and unsightly weeds where they grow! I for one, would like to thank him for doing this for us. But, as many of you know, Round-Up isn't cheap, yet he asks only that the rest of us take the hint by spraying our weeds along curbs and sidewalks near our own homes. So, let's all take a tip from the "Round-Up Man" and get rid of those ugly weeds! Thanks!

- Kim Mattox

MEET THE OFFICERS

By Melissa Abbe

MEET THE OFFICERS

3rd in a 4-part series

This month we'll introduce you to our NA Vice President, Lamar Fontaine. Born in Houston, TX, Lamar lived all around Texas and Pennsylvania while growing up. He attended the University of Pittsburgh at night, and worked at a foundry during the day. Upon graduating, Lamar returned to Houston to look for work. In 1982 he was hired by Procter & Gamble and was transferred to Oregon in 1984.

There he met his wife, Rosie, who is a native of the Pacific NW. They lived in Beaverton for 5 years and transferred back to Texas for a few years. However, the Pacific NW kept calling to them, and they moved back to this area about 9 years ago and have been here ever since.

Lamar and Rosie have 2 children; Alison, 11 and Tom, 5. Lamar enjoys biking, scuba diving, and building custom furniture, or "expensive firewood," as he puts it. Rosie is an excellent gardener,

Girl Scout leader, and housewife.

Lamar has traveled all over the US and parts of Europe, and says he really likes the Northwest and the community that he lives in now. He wanted to participate in the Neighborhood Association in order to make this a quality place to live for everyone. He looks at it as a chance for him to put something into the neighborhood, stating "Life is what you put into it." It's great to have Lamar representing us in the BBCNA!

We're on the web!
www.bbcna.org

NAP NEWS

The next Neighborhood Action Plan (NAP) meeting will be held on Monday, August 23rd at 7:00pm at Kim Mattox's house. Please check the web site (www.bbcna.org) or call Steve Harris (882-2089) for more details.

FENCE NEWS

By Kim Mattox

The Fence Committee met on July 13th at Kim's house. Five people were in attendance, where we discussed a plan to get homeowners along Poplar Way more involved. Our committee members will be coming around to talk to each of you fence owners and get your opinion on stain colors and whether you will be able to prepare and stain your fence yourselves or if you will be needing the help of the committee. Many people have come forward and shown a willingness to comply once they know what color to paint their fences. I would like to take this as a positive sign that we can get a lot of cooperation from homeowners to improve the look of Poplar Way. I ask that neighbors be courteous to those coming around to talk to you about your fences. We are also hopeful that the curb extensions tentatively planned to go along the sides of Poplar Way with trees and shrubs will help camouflage the variety of fences as well. We will keep you posted on how the homeowners have reacted to our visits.

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