

The BBC

Neighborhood Association



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DID YOU MISS IT?

By Alisse Penland

**Burnt Bridge Creek
Neighborhood Association
General Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2004**

**Executive Board Members
Present:**

- John Harp, President
- Lamar Fontaine, VP
- Alisse Penland, Secretary
- Karen Sexton, Treasurer

John Harp opened the meeting at 7:00 pm by welcoming all in attendance.

The April 27, 2004 minutes were approved as written in the May 2004 newsletter.

Committee Updates:
NAP (Neighborhood Action

Plan)

John Harp described the NAP as the vision of the Neighborhood Association (NA) and its purpose is to establish short and long term goals. Once recognized by the city, the NA can be eligible for grants. The next NAP meeting will be June 7, 2004 at Karen Sexton's home.

Communication Committee
Ken Elmy, Chairperson, applauded the volunteers who distributed the newsletters. He also provided a sign up sheet (green) for any new volunteers to distribute letters in the future. Ken also requested that any information to be included in the June newsletter be submit-

ted in story form, no later



Jean Kent, a member of a local NA, answered questions about her NA's fence painting project

than June 7. Stories can be e-mailed or posted on the BBCNA website. A sign up sheet (blue) was provided for anyone interested in training on the use and navigation of the BBCNA website. Ken has offered to train small groups at his home if there is interest.

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From The President:

Great news! John Manix of the City Transportation Department will be coming to our meeting on the evening of June 21st. We will be presented with a Neighborhood Transportation Improvement Program. This is a very important step for our Association. We need everyone affected by the traffic on 49th and Poplar Streets to be at this meeting. We need your input!

- John

NEXT MEETING

By Ken Elmy

Our next neighborhood meeting will be on Monday, June 21st at 7pm. As with previous meetings it will be held at BBC Elementary in the Forum across from the gym.

Find out what you are missing by joining us!

The NAP committee will be collecting questionnaires included with this newsletter so be sure and fill them out and bring them to the meeting. Let this be a

chance for your voice to be heard!

We will also have a guest speaker from the City to talk about some improvements that are planned for our area. Read the rest of this newsletter to find out more!

Calendar

Dumpster Day	June 12
Picnic Meeting	June 15
General NA Meeting	June 21
Summer Picnic	Aug 14

Details? Visit www.bbcna.org

FENCE BEAUTIFICATION PLAN



By Kim Mattox

Your Burnt Bridge Creek Neighborhood Association has established a "Fence Committee" who have been hard at

work preparing plans for the fences that line the streets of Poplar Way and 39th Street. After checking out many options, it is our opinion that the best way to improve the look of the fences along Poplar Way is to paint them a uniform color. Many of you have done a good job of caring for your fences yourselves, although the overall appearance of all these different kinds and colors of fences is not attractive. Our committee

has been looking into many different kinds of paints and stains, as coverage of so many different kinds of existing products on these fences may be limited. We would like to submit our top choices to those of you, in particular, who live along and own these fences, for a vote of the best choice. We need to get everyone who lives along these fences involved in the process of painting them. Our plan is to schedule specific days to prepare the fences (killing weeds, trimming plants and trees, pressure washing, repairing) and paint them as a group. This way, we can all help each other with this giant project. Many residents of the neighborhood who don't even own these fences have stepped up and are ready to pitch in.

Similarly, we are planning to repaint the

fence along 39th Street, also. That project will be done first and is a little easier in that the same paint has been used uniformly and will be used again. We will be scheduling days for prep and painting on that fence as well. We need your help with this momentous project! A monetary and physical commitment is urgently needed! We will keep you updated during general meetings and in our newsletters.

If you would like to join our committee or respond to this information, please post your comments at our website: bbcna.org.

Thank you.

NEWS FROM THE N.A.P. COMMITTEE

By Melissa Abbe

The BBC Neighborhood Action Plan committee held their second meeting on May 3rd. Several items were discussed, including the neighborhood vision statement, and how to proceed with the Action Plan survey. Several members of the committee brought vision statements to the meeting and read them out loud. They were all representative of what we feel we are all striving to achieve in our neighborhood and it was decided that Melissa Abbe would take the best from each to form

the Vision Statement for the Neighborhood Action Plan. We then discussed the Neighborhood Action Plan Survey, which is a document by Kim Mattox that can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Please be sure to take a few minutes to fill this out, as the Objectives in the N.A.P. will be based on the survey results. We need input from **all** the residents in order to make this the best neighborhood it can be. The final thing we talked about was the "history" section of the N.A.P. This can be found in the beginning of a Neighborhood Ac-

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tion Plan and tells a little bit about how the neighborhood started out, how it came to evolve, and what it is like now. I'm actually having a little bit of trouble compiling this information; if anybody has any info to share regarding the background of the BBC neighborhood, or leads on who to contact, please email Melissa at gecko225@comcast.net.

BBCNA PICNIC

By Melissa Abbe

Summertime is picnic time, and the Burnt Bridge Creek neighborhood is no exception. The BBC Neighborhood picnic will be held on August 14, 2004, from 12-5, so make sure you mark off that date on your calendar. In last month's newsletter it was stated that the picnic would be held at Fir Garden Park; we have since changed the venue to the park at BBC school (Burnt Bridge Park) as there is more adequate parking available, and the location of the school

is pretty much known to everyone in the neighborhood. The BBCNA Picnic committee has been hard at work, lining up entertainment, prizes, donations, etc to make this the best neighborhood picnic we've had yet!! At this point we have a firm commitment from the fire department to have an engine come out (barring an emergency, of course) for the kids to get a close-up look at. We are also working on a few



other surprises. The theme of the picnic will be "bring your own picnic", as we don't have a budget in place to provide food for the neighborhood at this point. However, Starbucks has made a commitment to provide coffee and cups. Several volunteers have donated services and prizes, and we are going to sell raffle tickets for these items for 2/\$1 in order to raise money for the BBCNA's accounts. There will be small goodies for the children, though,

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MINUTES FROM THE MAY MEETING

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Another sign up sheet was provided for anyone interested in being an area leader (red).

Picnic Committee:

Pat Kenaston, Chairperson, announced the picnic would be held at Fir Garden Park on August 14, 2004 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. [Note: this has been changed to BBC Elementary School Park] Donations are being solicited for door prizes.

Currently, the picnic committee has obtained Who Song & Larry gift certificates, free massages, and free haircuts. The fire department will have a fire truck at the park. Other members of the committee are providing a trailer for transporting picnic tables. Who Song & Larry's will also be providing chips and salsa. The committee is still trying to determine if they will provide food through donations or if it will be "bring your own picnic".

The next Picnic Committee meeting is Tuesday, June 1, 2004. Suggestions were made by the group to contact the sheriff's department to have a representative attend, and to contact the Orchards Evergreen Lions Club for donations.

Traffic Committee

This committee has not yet met however the City of Vancouver wants to meet with them to discuss options for Poplar. Many people in the audience tonight offered to help.

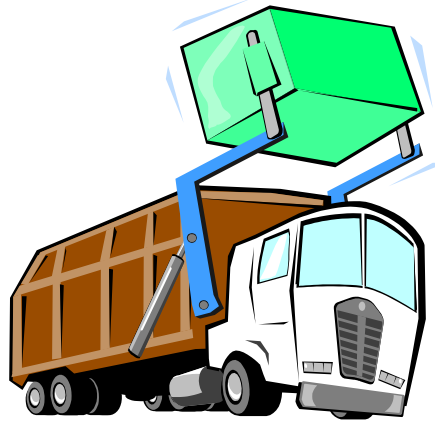
Beautification Committee

Vince Gorski, Co-Chairperson, has been contacted by an Urban Forester who wants to meet with the NA regarding trees in our neighborhoods. Dumpster Day has been scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 2004 from 9:00 to 1:30. Volunteers are needed to be present and help unload. A sign up sheet has been provided.

Fence Committee

Kim Mattox, Chairperson, updated progress on the committee. The first meeting was May 11, 2004. Eleven people

were present. The committee is investigating the best products to use on the fences. Some boards may not hold up to pressure washing. Alternatives to painting were discussed by the committee but were determined to be too ex-



Dumpster Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 12!

pensive. The first project will be the fence along 39th Street. The committee will be distributing a form to the owners of the fences on 39th to inform them of what they plan to do.

Break

There was a ten minute break to give the group an opportunity to meet their neighbors and sign up for volunteer duties. At the end of the break, the group all agreed that the break was very worthwhile.

An envelope was circulated by the treasurer for donations for the NA.

Presentation

Jean Kent, a member of a local NA who was directly involved in a fence painting project similar to that being taken on by BBCNA attended the meeting. A question and answer session took place with Jean regarding her experiences with this kind of project.

Jean suggested contacting Metro, in Portland to obtain paint for the fences. Jim Mansfield is the county contact. She also suggested using 3 different but complementary colors for the fences to prevent "tunnel vision" while driving

down Poplar. And, if possible move your fence back 2 or 3 feet to plant foliage which will break up the monotony of one long straight fence line. Jean offered her services when we are ready to begin painting.

The following additional recommendations were made:

- Spray bleach water on the fence about 1 week prior to painting.
- Letters to the neighbors should say something to the effect of "you or your neighborhood representative will paint your fence".
- Roll or brush paint instead of spray painting.
- Don't paint while the sun is shining

New Business

- John Harp's new phone number is 883-6181
- The Traffic Committee will meet June 7, 2004 at Herb's home at 6:30 pm
- Next General Meeting is at BBC, Monday, June 21, 2004 at 7:00 pm
- The July meeting may be held in Fir Garden park since BBC will be closed for the summer.
- Beautification Committee will meet immediately after this General Meeting.
- Lighting is coming to BBC [Elementary School] park.
- John reminded all present to be sure to sign in on sheets up front. This information is required by the school as well as being good information for the BBCNA.
- Lamar stated there are numerous guest speakers that would like to come to our meetings. We will schedule them as time allows.
- Lamar also suggested that the committee chairpersons hold a meeting before the next general meeting.



The BBC Neighborhood Association

Having a great neighborhood starts with you!

The BBC Neighborhood Association is a volunteer, non-profit organization comprised of neighbors that want to improve our neighborhood and bring a sense of community through neighborhood improvement projects and other social activities.

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These phone numbers & e-mail addresses are for BBC Neighborhood specific business only. Please do not abuse them. They are not substitutes for city functions such as traffic control.

BUNCO PLAYERS WANTED!

Are you a killer bunco player looking for a group, or just someone wanting to learn how to play? Brenda Wallace is looking to put together a bunco group, either all women or couples. If you are interested you can get more information at the BBC web site, www.bbcna.org. Go to the "Off Topic" forum, and then look for "Bunco".

MEET THE OFFICERS

By Melissa Abbe

In the last newsletter the names of the newly elected officers were announced. Now its time to "meet" the people who will be representing the neighborhood for the next 12 months. We'll start with our treasurer, Karen Sexton. Karen and her husband Bob moved to Vancouver, to the BBC neighborhood roughly two years ago, from Kelso, WA. They just celebrated their 14th anniversary, and have two grown step-children, and 5 grandchildren. They also have a four-legged child, an Italian greyhound named Charlie.

Karen works full time (60 hours a week, she says) as a licensed property manager in Portland, handling the budgets for multi-family housing units. She has a bachelor's degree in industrial psychology, with a minor in business administration, so you can rest assured that she knows what she is doing with the BBCNA's budget! When asked why she decided to run for a BBCNA office Karen stated, "I wanted to take on some of the responsibility for keeping the neighborhood safe and livable. I've seen some of the scary neighborhoods in NE Portland, and I didn't want to see that sort of thing happen over here." Karen is also a member of the Neighborhood Action Plan committee, and has been very generous in hosting N.A.P. meetings at her home each month. As if her job and volunteer duties with the NA weren't enough, in her spare time Karen enjoys fishing and reading. Welcome to the board of officers, Karen!

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

BBCNA PICNIC

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and prizes for games, etc. If you are interested in participating in the picnic in any way, whether it's by donating a prize for the raffle, providing entertainment at the picnic, setting up a face-painting booth, or whatever else you can think of, please contact Melissa at

Poplar/49th Street Improvement Project

City of Vancouver Transportation Services' staff will present information regarding a proposed Neighborhood Transportation Improvement project along **Poplar/49th Street from NE 137th to 162nd Avenue** at the upcoming Burnt Bridge Creek Neighborhood Association Meeting. Signing and striping are proposed for Poplar/49th St to better delineate and narrow travel lanes, make the street safer for bicyclists and slow traffic.

MEETING

When: Monday, June 21, 2004 ~ 7:00 PM
Where: Burnt Bridge Creek Elementary
14619-A NE 49th Street
Vancouver, WA 98682

At the meeting, residents can view design plans, ask questions and comment on the project.

Please come share your ideas with us!



TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
Contact: John Manix, Project Manager
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PUBLIC MEETING

Burnt Bridge Creek
Neighborhood Association
Questionnaire

Your Neighborhood Association has established a "Neighborhood Action Plan" Committee to obtain information about the goals and vision plan for our neighborhood. This plan is essential to becoming a recognized neighborhood association, eligible for future grants and other perks from the City of Vancouver. We have been gathering information from you via the website, sign-in sheets and suggestion box at the general meetings and by word of mouth. We have put this information together in the form of this questionnaire and are distributing it throughout our entire neighborhood to give everyone the chance for the final input. Please take the time to fill out this form so that you can have a voice in the future of our neighborhood. Please return it to the association no later than June 30th, either by handcarrying it to the meeting on June 21st or by mail to:

Kim Mattox
C/O BBCNA
15805 N.E. Noble St.
Vancouver, Wa. 98682

Please rate your concerns using the scale of 1 - 5 with 5 as the most concerning.

CONCERN	1	2	3	4	5
Appearance of fence on Poplar Way	_____				
Appearance of fence on 39th Street	_____				
Speeding traffic	_____				
Speed bumps	_____				
Additional stop signs	_____				

CONCERN

1 2 3 4 5

Abandoned houses _____

Cars parked in backyards _____

Non-working cars parked on streets _____

Cars parked along streets _____

Trailers parked in yards _____

Motorcycles driven in back field _____

Scooters _____

Barking dogs _____

Noisy neighbors _____

Soundwall on 162nd _____

Unkept yards _____

Overgrown trees & yards _____

Eliminating wasps _____

Garbage cans left out _____

Walkways through neighborhood _____

Lights in Fir Garden Park _____

Improved baseball field at park _____

Year-round yard sales _____

Garbage in neighborhood _____

Development of neighborhood _____

"Shady looking people" roaming streets _____

Other concerns: _____

Other concerns: _____

Other concerns: _____

Thank you from your NAP Committee.