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FINAL NAP DRAFT AT NEXT MEETING!!!

By Kim Mattox

The Neighborhood Action Plan Committee has been hard at work preparing a rough draft of our "Action Plan" to submit to the neighborhood association.

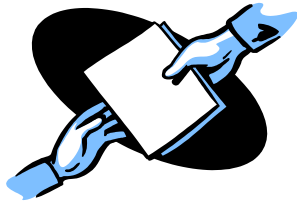
are typing this information into a template provided to us by the City and bringing it to the **next general meeting on October 20th for approval. Please plan to be**

have a chance to add to this plan! This is a 12 page document and so there is no way we can delivery this as an attachment to the monthly newsletter. The best way to

read and make your concerns known is to be present at the next general meeting.

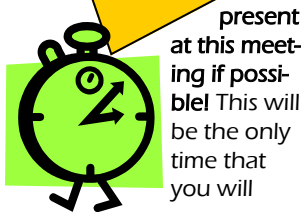
We will also make it available on our website for inspection as well.

This document will be used to apply for grants for projects needed by our neighborhood.



We used the input from the neighborhood survey, sent out to each home back in June, as the basis for the document and added other items after studying action plans from other well established neighborhoods. We

Important Announcement!
 Neighborhood Action Plan Public Review will be done at this meeting only! Please plan to attend on October 20th!



present at this meeting if possible! This will be the only time that you will



NEWSLETTER NEWS

By Ken Elmy

The newsletter is now available via pickup boxes scattered throughout the neighborhood. We have a few new locations on the west side that you will find on the map included with this issue on **page 5**.

Show your support of the

newsletter by picking up a copy at one of these location!



We currently have enough volunteer locations to test

this new distribution method but if it is successful we will need more homes to allow us to place a pickup box in your area of the neighborhood.

If you are interested hosting a pickup box on your property please let us know

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NEXT MEETING

Please join us for our next neighborhood meeting in the BBC Elementary School Forum.

Our next neighborhood meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 20th at 7pm** in the BBC Elementary School Forum. The Forum is across the hall from the gym.

Please join us to find out the latest and greatest about what is going on in *your* neighborhood!

BBCNA Calendar

General NA Meeting	Oct 20
General NA Meeting	Nov 17
General NA Meeting	Dec 15

Details? Visit www.bbcna.org

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

By Melissa Abbe

This month's "Getting to Know You" neighbor is Steve Harris. Steve is originally from Spokane, where he still has siblings, and ended up in Vancouver about 7 years ago. He went to school at Montana State and from there moved to California, where he directed the local news. California living didn't really agree with Steve and he moved to Portland because he thought he'd have better success finding a job in a large city. He did find a job, but it was in Vancouver! Its the one he has now, which is producing videos for the City. Steve says he loves his job; he has a great crew and gets to do some pretty cool things.

Most recently he produced a recruitment video for the Vancouver SWAT team. Another time he walked all through a burning house while doing a video for the Fire Department.

Steve has a beagle/basset hound mix named Corona. In addition to hanging



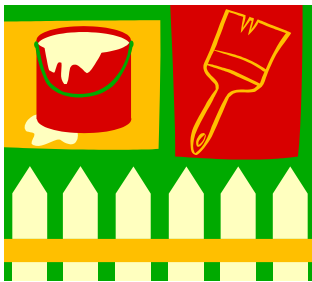
out with Corona, Steve also enjoys playing racquetball and going to movies (his favorite movie is the original Star Wars) and recently started writing a movie review column for this newsletter. However, there won't be a review in this issue because Steve just got back

from a vacation in Italy. He went on a group tour and visited 10 different cities. Steve says he loved the food and wine, and bought his first "real Italian leather" jacket there. His favorite cities were Capri and Tuscany.

Steve got involved with the neighborhood association when he received a flyer announcing a general meeting several months ago. He attended the first meeting, liked what he heard, and came back for another. At that meeting officers were elected and committees were formed. Steve joined the NAP (Neighborhood Action Plan) committee, and ended up volunteering to act as the chair for that committee. Putting the NAP together has been a long process, but Steve is up for the challenge. Steve says he loves living in the BBC neighborhood and thinks that he has some "really great neighbors". I'm sure they feel the same about you, Steve!

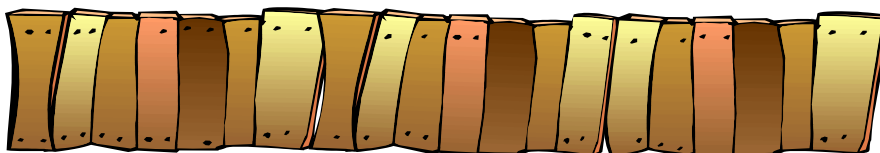
FENCE PROJECT NEWS

Thank you to all of you who got out there on Poplar Way and worked on your fences! I did see a few of you out pressure washing, staining or trimming back trees from your fences. We had scheduled October 2nd as the official day for such activities, but I have seen a few residents working on them since that day! If you haven't heard through the website or last general meeting, the most popular color picked by the residents along Poplar Way, as the color they would like to have their fences stained is "Cedar Tone". It is a warm, golden color of stain that will add a natural glow to the street. When we eventually get those planting areas along the sides of the street, it should add a nice backdrop to the look of the trees planted there. Most of us were hoping to get everyone on board with the same color, as that



appears to be the best way to beautify the street, but it has come to my attention that some of the residents would like to "do their own thing". I was contacted by a very nice man, who called to say that his neighbors had already

decided to paint all of their fences white. This area is within the block where the white vinyl fence is located. Their thinking is that it will look odd to have one fence of white stand out from the others, so they would like to paint all of them white. I am not sure if this will look good or not, but it seems that their minds are made up. I hope others don't decide to "do their own thing" and put us back at square one. A lot of work has already gone into this huge project, even if it doesn't show yet! As long as the weather holds up, let's keep working on our fences!



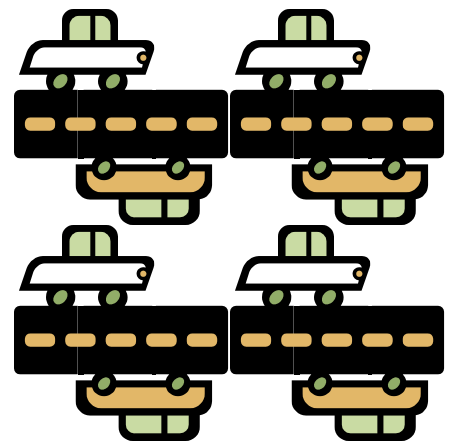
POPLAR STREET IMPROVEMENT

By Ken Elmy

The final striping plan is now available on our web site at the URL: <http://bbcna.org/poplar.htm>

The Transportation Department is still trying to get the striping in this month but it may not be until November, weather permitting.

This project is not dependant on the Poplar/162nd Ave intersection being complete.



GOT A MINUTE?

(MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER'S MEETING)

BBy Alisse Penland

**Burnt Bridge Creek
Neighborhood Association
General Board Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2004**

These minutes have not yet been formally approved.

John Harp opened the meeting at Burnt Bridge Creek School at 7:00 pm.

Minutes:

The August 14, 2004 minutes as printed in the September newsletter were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance	\$590.00
Additions (Collected from Picnic)	\$ 133.00
Expenditures (Reimburse Lamar Fontaine for picnic supplies)	(\$ 61.25)
Ending balance	\$661.75

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Picnic Committee:

Pat Kenaston reported, the Raffle brought in \$133. There were many donations from business and neighbors. All members of the committee have agreed to work together on next year's picnic. The first meeting for the 2005 picnic will be in January.

Traffic Committee:

Herb Wilkins reported that the traffic committee is still pushing for changes and has not given up on many of the concerns the Association has voiced. Herb's address is 14914 NE 51st.

Ken Elmy attended the NTSA (Neighborhood Traffic Safety Association) meeting. The NTSA is a public review board for neighborhood traffic safety projects such as stop signs and speed bumps. It is also the governing board for the funds that are available. Ken explained the importance of having the NA's become members of the NTSA and he subsequently passed out a Traffic Safety Management Form. Herb needs these forms returned no later than 6:00 pm Sunday, October 4, 2004. They can be delivered to his home address or mailed.

Ken went on to explain that the types of traffic safety projects we want to address in the coming year(s) should be very specific in the NAP (Neighborhood Action Plan).

Communications Committee:

Ken reported the committee will be trying a different way to distribute the newsletters by installing fence boxes in certain designated locations for NA members to pick up instead of personally delivering house to house. Those that would like to continue delivering the newsletters just need to let the committee know and they will put together the packets. There will be approximately 6-8 boxes paid for by the NA at a cost of \$7 or \$8 each.

Articles for the newsletter need to be submitted no later than 10/9/04. The next meeting date is October 20, 2004 at 7:00 pm.

Beautification Committee:

Vince and Carrie Gorski reported the committee meets the 1st Wednesday of each month. They have discussed how to address neighbors with neglected yards and are compiling a list of volunteers and/or kids that want to earn some money to help out.

The committee is planning a chipper day next spring and possibly a neighborhood yard sale. Also, they may have a presentation about tree planting and expect to have trees available for \$15 to \$20. An appliance pickup day in April or May is also being considered.

Committee membership has dwindled somewhat and any other volunteers for the committee would be welcome as well as any feedback from the general membership.

Fence Committee:

Kim Mattox was ill so John Harp gave a general update. The fences on 39th street were power washed and painted. Numerous people helped. Fran and Ron Gladden spearheaded the work.

For Poplar Street, Kim, Melissa, Marc, Stephanie, Ken, Joe, and Gina have gone door to door talking to homeowners about the color of stain and encouraging the owners to repair their fences and work on staining them. There will be two weekends of prep work for Pop-

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A MEMO REGARDING...

POCKET BIKES (MINI MOTORCYCLES)

(Thanks to the Fircrest Neighborhood Association for this article)

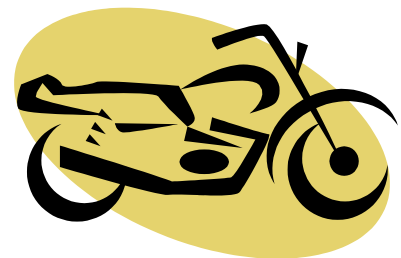
From Josephine C. Townsend, Vancouver City Prosecutor

The Law Department is drafting legislation on restrictions for motorized foot scooters. The devices are described as:

- Two wheels 10" or smaller and handlebars.
- May stand or sit upon

- Vehicle license not required
- Driver's license not required
- Insurance not required
- May access highways to same extent as bicycles
- May not be operated from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise without approved reflectors.

The devices are not currently regulated



further by the City of Vancouver, however, legislation is going to be enacted in the near future.

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TRAFFIC SURVEY

By Ken Elmy

The City of Vancouver Transportation Department has put together a nifty little worksheet for us to use to docu-



ment traffic issues throughout our neighborhood.

Do you have a dangerous intersection or other traffic issue you would like to document and bring to the City's atten-

tion? Stop by the web site and print out a copy of the traffic survey form. It can be found at www.bbcna.org/traffic. Fill it out and mail it to Herb Wilkins, Traffic Chair, at 14914 NE 51st Street, Vancouver, WA 98682 or bring it to a BBCNA meeting and talk to Herb in person!

While it may be too late to have your project influence this year's NAP it's never too early to start planning for the next NAP. Also the more people that document the same issues the more likely they will receive attention and get addressed.



NEWSLETTER

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(Contact Ken Elmy; Phone:260-6945, e-mail: ken@elmy.us).

Important Note About Pick-up Boxes

Home owners offering to have these boxes on their property are not offering



to become the local information booth for the BBCNA. Please do not disturb these homeowners who have so generously allowed you to have a place to get these newsletters.

Thanks again for your understanding and you continues support of the BBCNA newsletter.

Volunteers Wanted

Not afraid of a little liquid sunshine? We are still accepting volunteers for door-to-door delivery of the newsletter. Would you be willing to deliver newsletters in the rain or other inclement weather? If so please contact us!

VEHICLE GIVEAWAY!

By The Lipsons

Want to get rid of that old car, boat, or RV? Donate it to charity! Call one of these numbers and they will pickup your old vehicle. The best part is you can write it off on your income tax!

There are just a few of many charities that would be willing to take your vehicle for a good cause.

Charities:

- ☞ **1-800-Charity** (This is a 100% non-profit organization.)
- ☞ **National Next Day Pick Up:** 1-800-427-2535
- ☞ **America's Car Donation Center:** 1-800-513-6560
- ☞ **Full Deductible Vehicles:** 1-877-505-5775



OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOODS

By Ken Elmy



Want to know what's going on outside our grand neighborhood? The City through the Office of Neighborhoods has

many activities each and every month that you are welcome to attend.

Please visit their web site at:

www.ci.vancouver.wa.us/neighborhoods for a complete list of events, training seminars, etc.

Get out & get involved!

ON THE WEB

By Ken Elmy

If you haven't been on the web site this summer you've been missing out! Come join the conversations going around the neighborhood! See what's going on "under the hood" in the BBCNA.

Active Topics include:

- ☞ The Fence Project
- ☞ The NAP
- ☞ BBC Elementary PTO Projects
- ☞ Dog Park Info
- ☞ Mt. St. Helens Memories
- ☞ And much, much, more!

Have you lost something in the neighborhood? We've opened a new forum just for that! Post a message in the "Lost & Found" forum with details of what you are missing. If you have a digital picture of the item, pet, etc. feel free to post it in the album. Maybe your neighbors can help you out!

Got something to sell? Got a service to offer your neighbors? Post a message in the "Garage Sale" or "For Hire" forums.

The forums are all public and open for your use. Feel free to join in!

Thanks so much to everyone who has

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Having a great neighborhood starts with you!

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MINUTES

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lar, beginning October 2, 2004. Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

Dave Moss, an NA member and experienced fence builder was invited by Kim Maddox to speak at this meeting. He offered his phone number and expertise to anyone interested. His number is 260-1234.

NAP Committee:

The committee has had two meetings and have discussed the numerous issues that were brought up by the survey they conducted.

The top 12 items of concern derived from the questionnaire:

1. Non-working cars parked on streets
2. Speeding traffic
3. Poplar fences
4. Additional stop signs
5. Unkempt yards
6. Overgrown trees

7. Motorcycles in field
8. Cars parked in backyards
9. Speed bumps
10. Year round garage sales
11. Garbage in neighborhood
12. Parking along streets

The following are the headers for the objectives based on the list above:

Community Appearance

1. Traffic & Safety
2. Noise & Nuisance
3. Parks & Recreation
4. Community Involvement

The rough draft of the NAP is expected to be presented at the October general meeting and the final plan to be submitted to the City in November for approval.

The next NAP meeting will be at Kim Maddox's October 12, 2004.

The General Meeting was adjourned.

POCKET BIKES

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Pocket Bikes, also called mini motorcycles, are not motorized foot scooters, and it is the opinion of the law department that they are motorcycles and all laws that apply to motorcycles (helmets, registration, motorcycle endorsement, etc) apply to these devices.

Due to the fact that pocket bikes do not have vehicle identification numbers they cannot be registered at this time, therefore their use on city streets would be prohibited, as would their use on sidewalks. The only place pocket bikes can be lawfully used is on private property with the permission of the owner. The average height for a pocket bike is 21 inches high and they can reach speeds of 40-60 mph.

For specific questions on enforcement, call Josephine Townsend at 360-619-4116

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