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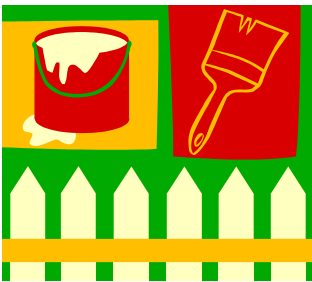
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FENCE PROJECT NEWS



By Kim Mattox

The Neighborhood Fence Committee has been actively surveying the fence owners along both Poplar Way and 39th Street during the past month. We have been going door to door equipped with a 6 foot fence board (affectionately named "Plank" by Melissa) which has been stained with three different colors of stain. We have been asking fence

owners which color they would prefer to see their fence stained and which color they think would look the best as you drive down Poplar Way.

The overwhelming color choice has been the "Cedar Tone" made by Sherwin Williams, which we can get for a 30% discount. We have also been giving out coupons for a free small bucket and paint brush compliments of Sherwin Williams, as well as the name and phone number of our personal consultant provided for us by Sherwin Williams. His name is James O'Neil and his cell number is 931-6122. He will advise you on how best to remove old stain or paint and even

come out to the job site, as he already did when meeting me, to see what the job is. Please feel free to call him with any questions.

If you are one of the 24 homes that were visited once, but you weren't home, please come to the general meeting on September 29th. I will have "Plank" there for you to see, plus coupons and other info about the fence project along Poplar Way.

We are planning on meeting on October 2nd for a fence fix-it day. This would be a way for all of us to get out there, fix any loose or broken boards with the help of some great guys with fix-it know how. Also, pressure

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THE LAST NEWSLETTER

By Ken Elmy

No more newsletter?!?! Say it isn't so!

Ok, "it isn't so" but we do have some changes coming in the way you *get* the newsletter.

With winter on its way we are going to move away from regular door-to-door newsletter distribution and

try a few other methods of getting the neighborhood news out to you.

The Lucky Few

For some of you lucky few that have "hardcore" newsletter distributors in your neighborhood nothing will change other than your newsletter may be a bit soggy than you are used to.



We have a couple of people who are willing to deliver newsletters in the freezing rain or whatever may fall from the sky. If you see someone in your neighborhood handing out newsletters this winter be sure and thank them (and if you really want to keep the newsletter coming, how about offering

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NEXT MEETING

It's back to school time! Please join us for our next neighborhood meeting in the BBC Elementary School Forum.

Our next neighborhood meeting will be on Wednesday, September 29th 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!

Please see the calendar on the back page of this issue for more meeting dates.

MEET THE OFFICERS

By Melissa Abbe

MEET THE OFFICERS

4th in a 4-part series

This month I'll introduce to you the Neighborhood Association president, John Harp. Born and raised in Portland, OR, John has led an eventful life. The son of a city cop, he made the decision to become a lawyer early in his life. However, with the Viet Nam war in full swing at that time, there was no chance of avoiding a draft and John entered the Air Force at age 17. After attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant, John left the military to pursue his dream of a higher education. John attended classes at Mt. Hood, where he obtained a bachelors degree in financial law.

John didn't just get an education at Mt.

Hood. It was there that he met his wife of 31 years, Angela. John and Angela have a 28 year old son who lives in Chicago with his wife. John says if you ever want to get him talking nonstop, just ask him about his son.

In the 70's John went through a series of jobs before landing a job with Multnomah County handling evictions, property seizures, and child custody cases. He also attended the Oregon Police Academy, and worked as a deputy for Multnomah Co. However, John had still not given up on his dream of law school. In 1984 he left his job with Mult. Co. to become a full-time student again, and eventually obtained his law degree. With his degree in hand, John set out to become a business lawyer. This was not to be, however and John instead signed on as a prosecutor for

Marion County, OR. After several years in that area, he left to go into private practice with a small firm. Things did not work out, though, and John again found himself looking for work. He decided to open his own practice, and soon had offices in both Oregon and Washington. John found that he was jeopardizing his health by pushing himself too hard, and, when fire damage forced him out of his lease he decided to re-evaluate his life. He scaled back on operations, focusing solely on criminal law, which is what he practices today.

At this point we will introduce a new monthly feature: *A Word From Our President*, where John, as NA president, will share some of his thoughts with the neighborhood.

AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

By John Harp

I try to follow the concept of "judge not, lest ye be judged." I try to treat everyone, young and old, with respect. To love my neighbor as myself. I've been to a lot of places, I've done a lot of things. I do not consider myself to be a great person. I try not to look down on others, and I try not to be prideful. My philosophy of management, in this case heading the neighborhood association, follows along these same ideas. If at times it seems is if I am holding back, I am. I do this to allow others to participate. I do not believe my ideas should carry any more weight than any other member of the neighborhood. It is important to hear from everyone. I enjoy hearing other's points of view. My thoughts on leadership are, put a quali-

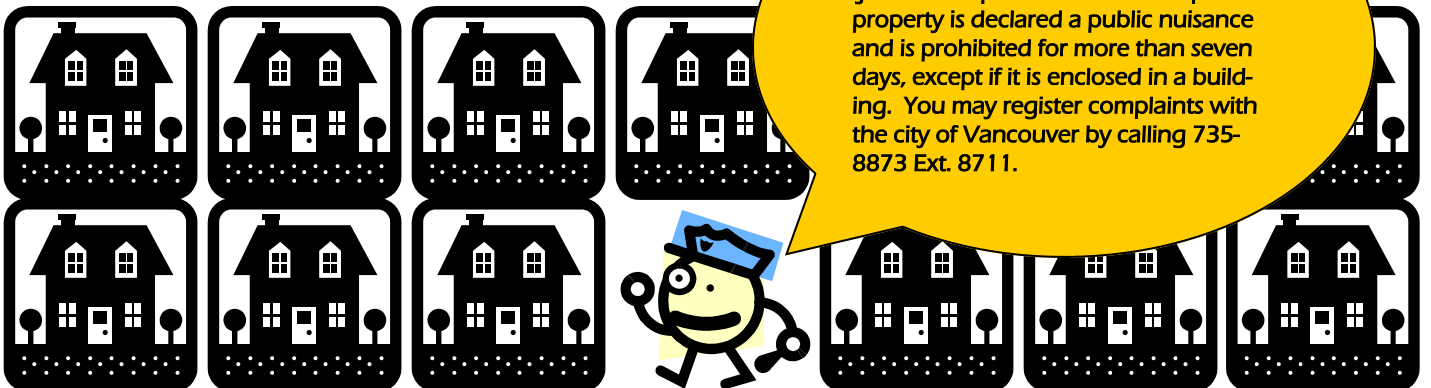
fied person into the job, then back off and let them do their job. This is what has happened with the various



neighborhood committees. I may make suggestions, but I let the committee chair do his/her job. I don't micro-manage, or push a com-

mittee in the direction I think it should go. BBCNA has great committees. I see good participation. I see things getting done. Whenever I attend meetings at the city, I am asked how it is possible we have such great participation. It makes me very proud to say we have great people, great committees with excellent chairs. I've asked them to do a job, and they're doing what I've asked of them. The real power in the BBC Neighborhood Association is the people. We must always keep that in mind. If we can do that, we'll be able to accomplish great things for this neighborhood.

The Beautification Committee would like you to know that the storage of "junk" or inoperable vehicles on private property is declared a public nuisance and is prohibited for more than seven days, except if it is enclosed in a building. You may register complaints with the city of Vancouver by calling 735-8873 Ext. 8711.



FUN PICNIC!

By Pat Kenaston, Picnic Committee Chairman

The Summer Picnic has come and gone and I would like to thank all of you who attended. The festive tables, the balloons, the children's games and the Old Tyme Fiddlers were all a part of the day's success. Many of you were lucky winners in the raffle. We were very pleased with all of the donations contributed to the raffle by our nearby merchants and also some of our very generous neighbors!

We were lucky to have Godfather's Pizza set up a booth selling pizza and cookies, thanks to our neighbor, **Terry Scutter**, and his family for providing electricity from his nearby home.

Many neighbors stayed and enjoyed the entire day....hopefully winning at least a little something in the raffle. The weather was great and people lounged and ate, watched the kids play the games, visited and mingled meeting people in the neighborhood they had not met before. At the end of the day we all enjoyed the OLD TYME FIDDLERS giving the picnic an "old country" flavor.

Our Picnic Committee...

We had quite an energetic and fun committee! So much so that all who participated have signed on for next year's picnic! But we can always use more help so anyone interested please contact me. We will be having our first meeting in January.

Thank you so much to, Sharon Pevey (Co-chairman), Melissa Abbe, Kim

Mattox, Debbie Brent, Lamar Fontaine, Jennifer Tucker and Judy Meade. A special thanks to John Hart for attending all our meetings and for all his help. Also, thank you to my husband Doug, he was a big help (and has a lot of patience).

Many Thanks for all the donations. These merchants and neighbors really



Lots of games and prizes for everyone!

helped make our picnic a success!

Thank you to our Neighbors for their donations!

- 👍 **Terry Scutter**...electricity to run the pizza booth
- 👍 **Sharon Pevey** – Expressions Salon... assorted beauty items for the raffle
- 👍 **Kim Mattox** – Sunflower Kids Pre-School...toys for the kids games prizes
- 👍 **Betsy Kent**...large gift basket

👍 **Fran Gladden**...Pampered Chef pitcher

👍 **Jack Robins**...Lion's Club Child Safety packet

👍 **Picnic Committee**

Thank you to the many Businesses in the area that contributed!

👍 **LIONS CLUB**

👍 **STARBUCKS COFFEE**

👍 **GOLF ETC. – HERITAGE SQUARE**

👍 **SMOKEY'S PIZZA**

👍 **GODFATHER'S PIZZA- HERITAGE SQUARE**

👍 **HOLLYWOOD VIDEO – HERITAGE SQUARE**

👍 **WHO SONG & LARRYS**

👍 **BURGERVILLE – HERITAGE SQUARE**

👍 **APPLEBEE'S**

👍 **COSMIC GOLF**

👍 **JAMBA JUICE**

👍 **CLIPPER CUTS**

👍 **YMCA – ANDREA ARNDT**

👍 **MOUNTAIN VIEW ICE ARENA**

👍 **PAPA JOHNS**

👍 **OLD TYME FIDDLERS**

WHEN HAVING FUN IS MORE IMPORTANT! (MINUTES FROM AUGUST'S BRIEF MEETING AT THE PICNIC)

By Alisse Penland

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

These minutes have not yet been formally approved.

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

John Harp opened the meeting at Burnt Bridge Creek School Park during the Summer picnic. He welcomed all in attendance

Minutes:

The July 19, 2004 minutes as printed in the August newsletter were approved.

The next meeting date and location will be determined at a later date.

There being no other issues, the

meeting was adjourned.



Kim Mattox discussing stain options

GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

By Melissa Abbe

This month I'll be profiling two neighbors: Pat Kenaston and Sharon Pevey. Pat was the chairperson of the summer picnic committee, and Sharon was her number one assistant. The two of them were amazing when it came to getting donations, arranging for everything from the pizza vendor to the entertainment, and basically making the first BBCNA picnic the success that it was.

Pat and her husband, Doug, have been in Vancouver for the last 20 years. They have been married for 18 years (they have the same anniversary as John and Angela Harp) and have a blended family of 5 children and 5 grandkids. They also have a yellow lab, Molly, who loves to go for walks at the local dog park. Doug is retired and Pat works part time for Great Western Malting.

Sharon lives next door to Pat, and owns a beauty salon in Portland. She keeps

pretty busy, since it's a one-person shop, and she attends trade shows in order to stay current with the latest trends. Sharon does not have any children of her own, but she does have 3 God-sons that she is very proud of.



In addition to having the shared interests of gardening and attending concerts and plays, Pat and Sharon were also featured in an episode of the Lifetime Network show, Be-

yond Chance, hosted by Melissa Etheridge. Turns out they were both friends with the same woman, Kathy, at separate times in their lives. Pat was talking to her, and Kathy indicated she'd like to find her old friend Sharon. Things started falling into place, Pat and Kathy were amazed to discover that Kathy's friend was living right next door to Pat. Pat's niece contacted the network, and in a short time a film crew was dispatched to cover their story.

I had the pleasure of working with both Pat and Sharon on the picnic committee, and think they are both terrific. The rest of the committee members were so impressed with the two of them that we convinced them to act as co-chairs of the picnic committee when we start planning for next year. If you want to be involved in a fun neighborhood activity, I urge you to join the picnic committee when it starts up again next year.

Do you have kids who are willing to volunteer or work for a small wage by helping with yard work in the neighborhood? Do you need help getting your yard work done due to physical restrictions or special circumstances? The Beautification Committee is trying to determine the supply and demand for these types of services. If you are willing to volunteer or are in need of help call the Beautification Committee at 253-7123 or send an e-mail to carrie_renee@yahoo.com.



STEVE'S MOVIE REVIEW

By Steve Harris

"Candidate" Gets My Vote!

As a preface to this review...I thought it might be fun to have a movie review column in the newsletter. I'm an avid moviegoer and enjoy seeing all types. Family and friends use me as a sounding board to find out if a particular movie is worth seeing. I will surely review different kinds of movies to break it up a bit. So, here is the first review!

The Manchurian Candidate – a remake, well sort of. I haven't seen the original, but as I understand it, it is quite different than this one with Denzel Washington and Meryl Streep. This movie was released in good timing as it deals with politicians running for office. It starts out fairly slow and takes awhile to build momentum – but once it gets going....this flick takes off!

The plot goes something like this....without giving anything away.....guy is in the service, something happens to guy and his troop, guy has to prove to the world that something in fact did happen to him while in the service. That's a pretty

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TRAFFIC ACTIONS

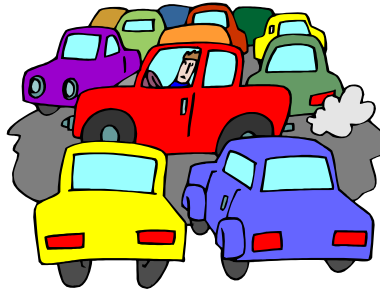
By Herb Wilkins

Do you have problems with traffic in your area? Want something done about it? Then take some action!

We've been talking with other neighborhood associations about traffic calming and how they've approached it. Here are a couple facts that you should know if you are interested in calming traffic in your area of the neighborhood.

1. Neighborhood Associations (NA) need to work with the Vancouver/Clark County Transportation Department (DT) to implement traffic calming techniques.
2. Obtaining traffic calming tools such as speed bumps and stop signs is not an easy task. **It can take years** to develop a plan, get it approved, and get it installed.
3. The first step is to develop The Transportation Plan (TP) to be included in our Neighborhood Action Plan (NAP). We have a better chance of getting funds for traffic projects if they are identified in the NAP.
4. The plan should identify specific problems and recommend solutions. This information need to come from you and be representative of the entire neighborhood.

5. Once the NAP (and the TP) is approved we can apply for funds for transportation projects.
6. Our NA should hold several open houses on the subject, during which the city would get positive feedback from the citizenry, which would give the TD the information they need to go ahead with the plan or portions thereof.



How can You help?

- ☞ Document the problem traffic area in your neighborhood.
- ☞ Take pictures and be descriptive of what the problem is and what you think needs to be done to fix it.
- ☞ Takes some stats of violations, write down license plate numbers, get data to help your cause.
- ☞ Get your information to the Traffic Committee! Bring it to an NA meeting so we can include it in the NAP.
- ☞ Attend Traffic Committee meetings! Help us turn your ideas into reality by participating.
- ☞ Vote! Use your right to vote to elect people into office that you feel will help improve infrastructure problems in our city and county.

POPLAR STREET IMPROVEMENT

By Ken Elmy

The City Transportation Department has almost finalized the striping layout for Poplar Street. When complete the striping plan details and drawings will be published on the BBCNA web site at the URL: <http://bbcna.org/poplar.htm>

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



MOVIE REVIEW

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broad explanation I know, but to really tell the plot is spilling the fun of this movie. Suffice it to say that Denzel comes through once again as a believable character fighting his way to prove something happened to the soldiers under his command in the service. As the title suggests, he has to prove his point right in the midst of election time and one of his soldiers is running for office. That candidate's Mother is Meryl and she does an outstanding job of someone you wouldn't want to meet. She plays a nasty upper class citizen accustomed to the political life and will do anything to get her son into office. If her role doesn't give you the creeps, I don't know what will.

Suffice it to say that the ending is somewhat predictable but does have a bit of a twist. But the fun of this movie is seeing how the plot literally unfolds for the audience. All of the characters in this movie did a great job, very well cast.

I give this movie an A- and recommend seeing it. Enjoy! And see you at the movies!

Do you know what CC&R's are? In a subdivision, the Conditions & Covenants of the subdivision are known as the declaration of the Restrictions or CC&R's. When property is sold, the deed that transfers ownership can have conditions and covenants included. CONDITION- a restriction that can cause a person to lose the property if not followed.

COVENANT- a restriction on the use of the property. Breaking a covenant does not cause the owner to lose the property, although he/she may suffer monetary damages.

— Patricia Whitaker

THANK YOU NEWSLETTER CREW!

By Ken Elmy

I just wanted to thank everyone again involved in the newsletter production and distribution. We have over 45 people involved in everything from writing articles, layout, editing, and the most important job: distribution.

The newsletter is the most visible representation of the BBCNA and is critical in not only getting the word out on what the community is doing but more importantly serves as an important form of glue to our organization and to our community. Through the newsletter

and the people of the BBCNA we can be more than just individuals that own houses in the same area. We can be neighbors.

With that in mind I hope that everyone involved in the newsletter realizes as big or small of role they have in getting the newsletter put together and distributed they are the pillars of the BBCNA. I wish I had more than just "thanks" to offer all of you; hopefully you've seen the same kind of goodwill that I have seen when handing out the newsletters and appreciate how important you are.

We'll keep plugging away at the newsletter over the winter. We may not make it to every doorstep but we'll always be available at the web site (www.bbcna.org)

If you are interested in writing stories, being one of our "hardcore" distributors (like the mailman delivering the newsletter in the rain, sleet, or driving snow), or have some other idea for the newsletter please let me know (e-mail: ken@elmy.us, phone: 260-6945).

Thanks again to all of the newsletter volunteers.



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them a cup of joe?)

If you want to join the hardcore delivery



crew please contact me at 260-6945 or e-mail me at ken@elmy.us.

Newsletter Pick-up Boxes

For the October newsletter we are going to test a pick-up box method for distributing newsletters. Basically the idea is this: we will install real-estate style literature boxes at a few locations in the neighborhood, load them up with newsletters, and you will go there to get the latest issue of the newsletter. For each new issue we will change the color on the front of the box so you will know there is something new.

We are trying to put these pick-up boxes on main streets where it will be easy for you to stop and pick up a copy on your way home from work, on the way to the store, etc. We also are trying to avoid placing these boxes in locations that will cause traffic issues. A map of the pick-up box locations has been included on page 7 of this newsletter.

Unfortunately only four residents have volunteered to have these boxes placed on their property and they all are in fairly close proximity to each other. Would you like a pick-up box closer to where you live? Is your house on or near a main street in the neighborhood? If so please volunteer to have a box placed on your property! It's the easiest way to help without having to do a thing.

As we add more pick-up box locations we will update the map and include it in each issue of the newsletter as well as on the web site.

Please keep in mind we are just testing this distribution method.

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 newsletter.

Why Not Just Mail It?

We would love to be able to afford to mail the newsletter each month! Unfortunately the postage costs are just too high for the association to afford. We have about 2000 homes in the BBC neighborhood. Postage alone would be anywhere for \$500—\$700 for each month's distribution.

Getting sponsors such as local businesses to cover these costs might solve this problem but it creates another: sponsors want advertising which is a violation of our free printing arrangement with the City of Vancouver. That means the sponsor would have to cover the printing costs of the newsletter as well.

That said, are you or your business interested in sponsoring a mass mailing of the newsletter? If so, please contact me

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to discuss this in further detail.

How About E-mail?

As much as we would like to believe that everyone has access to e-mail the cold, hard fact remains: many people do not have Internet access nor e-mail. If we are going to keep the BBCNA going it is really important to involve the entire neighborhood and not just those with e-mail.

Summary

The newsletter is not going anywhere but you may have to go somewhere to get it. As better weather returns and we get more volunteers for door-to-door newsletter distribution we will resume this service.

Don't forget!: each and every issue of the newsletter is always available on the BBCNA web site at www.bbcna.org. You will find it under the "Links" section of the home page.

FENCE

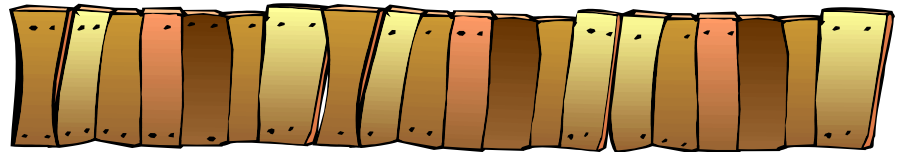
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washing will be going on on this day as well. I am working on a deal with Parkrose Hardware to get a discount on rental of their pressure washers. I will have the details at the meeting on September 29th. Please try to get out there to get this project started! We will plan another day later in October to stain our fences, weather permitting!

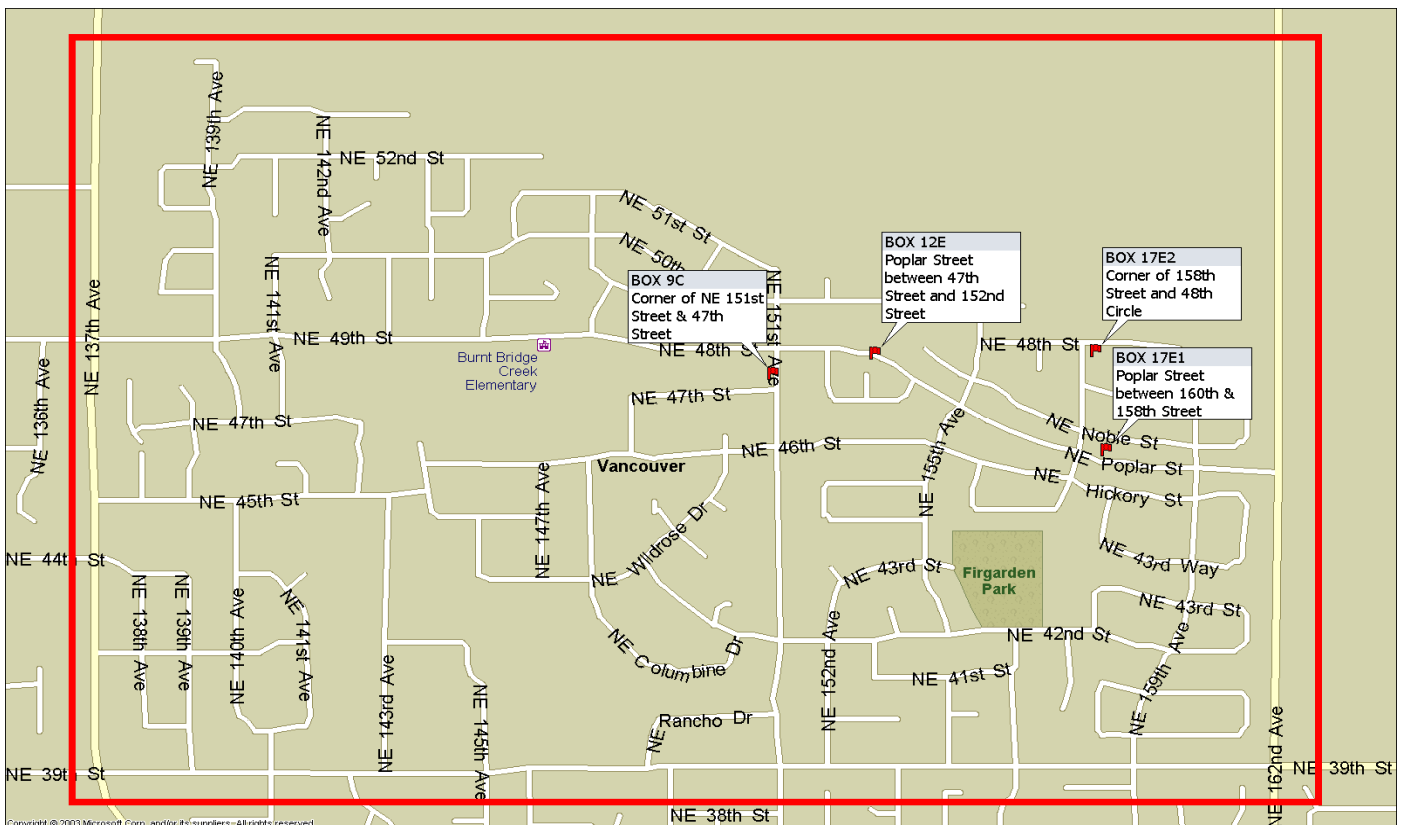
Fran has been going around to the neighbors along 39th Street in order to get those fence owners organized to prepare and paint their fences. Since they already know they want the fence to remain white, they can skip the surveying process and are already planning a day on Sunday September 19th

as their prep day. They will keep us posted on their progress.

If you or someone you know would be interested in pressure washing for hire or staining for hire, please let us know. We have been told by several residents who own fences that they would be happy to fix up their fences if only they had the time, equipment, etc. So, if you want to line up a pressure washer and set up days to do it with people, I think you could make some extra money. A couple of people have expressed an interest, but I have not heard anything else about it. We will post an announcement if you want to do it. Or come to the meeting and we will let people know there.



NEWSLETTER PICK-UP BOX LOCATIONS (SEE THE LAST NEWSLETTER)



The BBC Neighborhood Association

Having a great neighborhood starts with you!

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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.

BBCNA Calendar	
NAP Meeting	Sep t 20
National Good Neighbor Day	Sept 26
General NA Meeting	Sept 29
General NA Meeting	Oct 20
General NA Meeting	Nov 17
General NA Meeting	Dec 15

Details? Visit www.bbcna.org

CAT RESCUE MISSION

By Kim Mattox

I just wanted to share a story about neighbors helping neighbors in the Burnt Bridge Creek Neighborhood.

Last Friday, I was walking back from the school bus stop after putting the kids on the bus, talking with my neighbor, Melissa, when my other neighbor, Meghan, came running in her bathrobe, with a small child on her hip, saying "Can you help me?" (Meghan is quite pregnant, so my first fear was that she was going into labor.) Of course, we said yes, ran over to her house and she led us to the backyard where we heard a horrible howling noise.

We walked around the corner and saw a terrible sight. Meghan's cat had gotten his hind leg caught in a chain link dog kennel fence and was dangling, with the leg twisted backwards. Melissa immediately tried to get it out, but we soon found out that the cat was really freaked out and scratched and bit at her viciously.

Since the cat was high up, we decided to enlist the help of our other neighbor,

Matt, to help. Poor Matt was roused out of bed by his wife, Kelly, threw on some clothes and came out to see what was going on. We got him some big, long leather gloves to wear to try to get that cat down, but poor Matt was being attacked viciously by that cat, biting and scratching him badly. But, the cat's leg would not come loose.

Finally, Melissa and Matt had the good idea to get a cat carrier and try to put it in that before we got the leg out. It worked! She held the cat carrier up with the cat inside, while Matt worked to pry the chain-link fence posts apart and finally was able to free the cat's leg.

But, the cat was not going to stay in that carrier, no way! She tried to jump out just as Matt caught her and boy did she bite and scratch him then! Melissa came around with the carrier and they fought to finally get her in and snap the door closed.

We couldn't believe we had gotten her in after a half hour of working with her. Poor Meghan was so relieved, she started to weep. Her husband came home a short time later, took the cat to



the vet and we were told they would try to save the leg, even though it had been dislocated at the hip and the leg bone snapped. If they can't set it, the leg will be amputated. So, if you see a three-legged cat running around near Noble Street, you will know the story of how Matt and Melissa saved this poor animal, even though they were scratched and bitten. Ouch! Thanks neighbors!

If you have a goodwill, humorous or interesting story to tell about your neighbors or neighborhood, please let us know.

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