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BIG TRAFFIC MEETING

By Ken Elmy

Thayer Rorabaugh, the head of City of Vancouver Transportation Services will be our speaker for our September meeting. Thayer will be presenting upcoming road constructions projects and answer any questions you might have.



The meeting will be on Tuesday, September 27th at 7 PM in the BBC Elementary School Forum (across from the gym)

△ What is going to happen to the intersection at 49th St. and 137th St?

- △ Are they really going to put a round-a-bout in our neighborhood.
- △ When is construction to begin on 49th St?
- △ What impact will Wal-Mart have on traffic in the area?

OCTOBER MEETING...

We're still working out the details on the October meeting. Please keep checking the web site for an announcement of what & where it will be! We may have a big surprise in store for you...

△ How am I going to get to work with all of this construction?

Find out answers to these questions and more by attending the meeting!

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GOOD NEIGHBORS, GOOD FUN

By Pat Kenaston

The BBC Association sponsored the second annual picnic in August. On behalf of the Neighborhood Association and the Picnic Committee I would like to thank everyone that attended. The attendance was more than we anticipated what a wonderful surprise!

The Committee really worked hard this year and businesses and vendors throughout the area were very generous in their contributions.

The Raffle, again, was a big success!

There are so many to thank and if I left someone out please be sure that your contribution WAS greatly appreciated. I hope many of you will support these

businesses as they have helped to support us!



THANK YOU TO :

The City of VANCOUVER - Office of Neighborhoods and also the maintenance crew!

Who Song and Larry's - Russell Brent, the manager

and also a neighborhood member, was more than generous, donating several gift certificates for dinners, Tee shirts and also collaborated with Ewing Irrigation to set up the misting system.

Starbucks - for providing free coffee for all.

The Vancouver Lions Club - Thank you Jack Robins (also one of our Neighbors)

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**Help a local family...
 Please read "A Friend
 in Need" on page 5**

BUILDING A BETTER 'HOOD

By Kim Mattox

Do you know a Good Samaritan? One of those people who do nice things for people, even if they don't have to. Well, I happen to know of at least one and I am going to tell you about him. He is a Good Samaritan for our neighborhood and his name is Mike Brallier. Mike and his wife Joyce have been living on N.E.



155th Ave. for about 11 1/2 years. They say they really like living here and want to keep our neighborhood looking nice. Mike had a series of three strokes in March of 2004. In spite of temporary vision loss in one eye, he returned to work after only two months and vowed to change his life-style with the help of Joyce.

He started by changing his diet and exercising more. This means daily walks along Poplar Street. (This is where the Good Samaritan part comes in.) As he was taking his walks, he noticed that people were throwing out lots of garbage along this street. So he started carrying a kitchen garbage bag along with him each day and says he collects between a half to a whole bag of gar-

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PICNIC

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and Lions Club members for setting up the picture I.D. Booth for the children.

Lindsey Liebert – Thank you for the Face painting! Lindsey was one of the hits of the day! Another one of our neighbors,

donating all of her supplies, time and energy.

Dentistry for Children – Thank you for the \$150.00 donation to the Association.

Burgerville – Heritage Square! A GREAT gift basket!

Clark County YMCA – They not only donated gift certificates but ALSO gallons of drinking water.

Mc McMinamins – a great coupon for dinner

Sherry Franke – Two beautiful gift baskets, thanks again Sherry!

Expressions Salon - located in Portland for the many gift baskets created and donated by owner Sharon Pevey, another of our neighbors and Co-chairman of the Picnic Committee.

Amy and Dan Smith - for the nice gift basket & Star Wars toys.

Vicki Shaw – A great Avon gift basket
Fred Meyers – for the \$25.00 donation

Teriyaki Noodles - donated a huge plate of Yakisoba Noodles for all to enjoy

Gillespi's Dentistry - Dr. Paul Richards donated an Electric Toothbrush!

Casey's Independent Auto - 2 lube, oil and filter change certificates

Hems In A Rush - Gift Certificate

The Postal Annex - \$25.00 Gift Certificate

Cosmic Golf - Gift Certificates for rounds of golf

Subway - 3 Gift Certificates

Family Affair Hair Care - Hair cut and Products Certificate

Fantasy Cuts and Colors - Hair Cut and Products Certificate

Midnight Technologies - Laser Paper and Memory Drive

Shanghi Restaurant - 12 - \$10 certificates and 12 - \$5 certificates

Curves - 2 months Membership

Great Clips - Gift certificate and hair care products

Wendel Family Dentistry - Great Gift Basket

Bucks Pizza; Elegant Images; Ron's Automotive; Papa Murphy's; Figaro's Pizza (@ 162nd and 28 st); Godfathers Pizza; The Barber's on 162nd Ave; Espresso Villa; and Crosley Bowling Lanes all contributed gifts certificates!

This year to add a little "County Flavor" to the picnic we had **BLUE GRASS** musicians! This group was great! Thanks to the strummings of **Gary Nabors; Jacob Battan and Phylis Einsberger.**

Karl Kanthak's Karate for volunteering to demonstrate and the wonderful job he did in including the children at the picnic!

Thank you also to the Vendors, **PIED**

PIPER PIZZA and **SIMPLY DELICIOUS CATERING** the food was great.

And, again as last year, thank you so much to **Kathleen** and **Terry Scutter** for donating their electricity making a lot of the activities possible!

We also added a neighborhood information booth this year and our President **Ken Elmy** and Vice-President **Tammi Lockard** were busy throughout the day answering questions and supplying neighbors with information. Boy, they sure did a great job!

And last but definitely not least I want to thank the Committee Members **Sharon Pevey, Kim Mattox, Amy Smith, Melissa Abbe** and **Debbie Brent**. These people along with myself, **Pat Kenaston**, worked very hard to provide lots of fun and activities for the neighborhood to enjoy. Many hours were put into getting donations for the Raffle, planning the activities for the kids, booking the entertainment, the food vendors and setting up the park.

We also had lots of help from some of the husbands, **Doug Kenaston, Russel Brent, and Ed Abbe**. You guys were great and we really do appreciate you! Thank you also **Brandi Bazaruto**, one of our neighbors, and **Adrean Arndt** (of the YMCA) for assisting Debbie in the children's games and activities.

I am in hopes we will have more volunteers for next year. I will be stepping down as chairman and I know we will be needing additional volunteers for the Committee, so if anyone is interested please contact either myself or one of the Neighborhood Officers! See you at next years **SUMMER PICNIC!**



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bage each week. He told me he has noticed a pattern in spots of the same kind of cigarette packs, etc. being thrown out in the same spots weekly. He has even found such awful stuff as dirty diapers and rotten fish along the road. (He came back with a shovel and cleaned up the fish.) And when Mike saw "Dumpster Day" going on last June, he went home, drove to the store and brought back a big box of donuts and two cartons of orange juice for the volunteers to enjoy while working. After the Fourth of July fireworks, I wondered how the city got out there so quickly to clean up the street. Then I saw Mike a couple of days later, cleaning up.

Mike has shown us that anyone can take a little bit of time to make a big difference. I hope more of us can follow Mike's example and help make our neighborhood the best it can be!

P.S. If you are one of the litter bugs that Mike picks up after, please stop!

GOTTA GRIPE?!!

By Neighborhood Enhancement Committee

The new BBCNA e-mail "hotline" about property concerns and acknowledgments has been pretty quiet! The email address is bbcnahomes@yahoo.com. If you have a concern about a property in our neighborhood or would like to acknowledge significant improvements in the appearance of a home, email the address and details to us.

In the case of complaints, our group will view the property and determine if a letter to inform the owners of their re-

sponsibilities needs to be sent. If action isn't taken, code enforcement officials may be called if appropriate. BBCNA does not have the authority to enforce or regulate properties in our neighborhood. However, there are certain City of Vancouver codes that must be followed such as, no junk cars visible on your property, all weeds, grasses, and brush kept under 12 inches, and fences maintained in a structurally sound manner.

To use the city's **Code Enforcement Complaint Hotline** call **735-8873 Ext. 8711**- you are able to leave a message 24 hours a day with the details.



DONATE THAT



By Neighborhood Enhancement Committee

Do you have an extra car (or two or three) that you would like to get rid of, but don't think it's sellable, salvageable or worth the hassle? Did you know you can donate it for a 2005 Tax Deduction? Most of the agencies take care of the paperwork for you, will come and pick it up for free and take your motorcycle, RV, boat or car if it is running or not (restrictions apply). Give one of the following agencies a call!

Goodwill: 503-238-6178

Volunteers of America: 503-239-7944

Cancer Fund of America: 800-321-3023

Oregon Council for the Blind: 800-708-7742

Paralyzed Veterans of America: 800-799-2538

FROM OUR CORNER OF THE HOOD

By Tammi Lockard



who has since moved away. The neighbors bring out some grills, tables and chairs, and of course, their appetites. Everyone brings their own meat, a side dish to share, and some drinks. The highlight of this event is the provided dessert, Ellen's homemade ice cream. She starts making the ice cream many days in advance and has her standard vanilla (good) and chocolate (the best ever!) and a different flavor every year (yummy peanut butter this year!). Even our group of devout Weight Watchers has to sample the

dessert.

This year we added a back yard tour to our BBQ. This was an opportunity for neighbors to get to see each others' back yards. In our area we all share similar growing conditions (tall fir trees and extremely rocky soil). It was nice to be able to get ideas from each other and see all the possibilities. It was amazing to see all the variety that we have seen in a cul-de-sac as small as ours.

Many of the yards are in a major transitional mode due to additions to the houses. We saw a rock fire pit and dry stream bed in the making in one, and a yard with a pool, hot tub, trampoline, play structure and other amenities that succeeded in making us all envious and ready to house-sit whenever needed. However, with all the accolades I could heap on everyone's yards,

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IS THERE GOING TO BE A BBCNA IN 2006?

By Ken Elmy

As we come to a close this year we need to begin planning for 2006. As January through May are our most productive months for planning events for the year we want to get officer elections and projects selected for the year in our January 2006 meeting. That



means we need to begin the officer nomination process and start discussing what projects we want to take on for next year soon. In our November meeting we're planning on conducting officer nominations and nominating projects we want to work on for next year. In our January meeting we will vote on officers and projects for 2006. This will give us more time to prepare for large events like the Summer Picnic, Dumpster Day, etc.

Sounds simple right? Well while we have had some great successes this year **we are falling short on members willing to take on leadership and management roles in our organization.**

Our officers and committee chairs have really done a great job in putting together events, communicating community issues, representing our needs with City government, and in general trying to make our neighborhood a more closer knit community. **Many of these same officers, committee chairpersons, and other key people have been working hard for the BBCNA for the past two years and need a much deserved break.**

In the past two years we as an organization have gained a wealth of experience that we can share with whomever would like to step up and take on any of these roles. **It would be a tragedy if the experience and momentum we**

have gained over the past two years would be lost.

Over the past two years we have gone from a virtually non-existent neighbor-

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one stood out the most.

Chris and Ed Cavaness have without a doubt one of the most beautiful decks and yards outside of a Sunset magazine. I would book tours of their back yard if they would let me. They have put in lots of time and effort and it really shows. Their yard was a great finale for our 2005 picnic and left me excited about all to see next year.

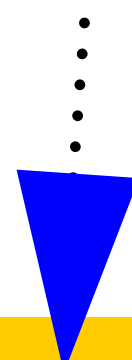
THANKS YMCA!!

By Debbie Brent

We wanted to extend a big thank you to those great people over at the Clark County YMCA - namely Andrea Arndt, the new Total Health Director - for opening up their doors to us for a 2 hour period on Thursday, August 11th. They offered free day care, swimming, rock wall climbing, open gym play, and a group exercise class.

My only regret is that either more people weren't aware of it, or just didn't take advantage of it. If there is any interest in seeing if they will host another one, please email me at DebbieL-Brent@yahoo.com or call me at 256-6685. Also, if there are any suggestions on how we can make it more successful or more widely taken advantage of, please let me know that also.

Thanks again YMCA for supporting our neighborhood association!



WANTED!!

Quilting for a good cause!

If you like to quilt or sew (even a beginner who wants to learn) or want to help with a worthwhile cause please contact Jeanne Laviollette at 892-0686. I have lots of donated fabric, thread, batting, etc and 2 Elna sewing machines. I just need extra helping hands.

These quilts and other smaller non-quilted items are made for children going into foster care in Clark County, Head Start kids or Hurricane Katrina refugees. I am not concerned with how well you can sew or quilt; if you just want to help piece things together it would be a big help. I can help you brush up your skills. We also have some take home projects. We met in my quilting room at home (4610 NE 138th Place) from 12:00-3:00 pm on all Tuesdays except the 2nd Tuesday of the month. You may come for all or part of that time. Call me at 892-0686 or email at jmlaviollette@comcast.net. This can be a fun, creative way to help others in need while meeting neighbors.

CARDS ANYONE?

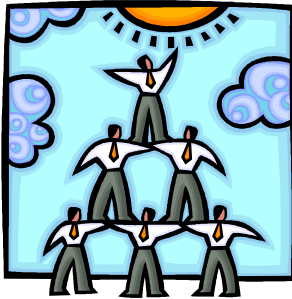
Martin LaViollette is looking for at least 3 pretty good Pinochle players for 1 afternoon a week in his home at 4610 NE 138th Place. Call him 892-0686



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hood association to one that has accomplished some pretty great things:



- △ Conducted two wildly successful **Dumpster Day** events.
- △ Sponsored two incredibly fun **Summer Picnics**.
- △ Written a **Neighborhood Action Plan (NAP)** for improving our neighborhood, have been approved by the City, and are now eligible for City grant funding of these projects.
- △ Worked with the City in selecting the design for the **Poplar Street striping project** and pushed for the projects completion.
- △ Obtained **membership in the NTSA** (the public review board for neighborhood traffic safety improvement projects).
- △ **Painted the fences** on 39th Street and began getting residents on Poplar Street to come to some conformity on fence color.
- △ **Applied for grants** for ADA curb extensions, Poplar Street improvements, and remove the maze gate at the BBC School Park (the latter of which we won and was performed by the City this year).
- △ Helped resident Alex Lockard push for **lights in the BBC School park** (which were installed last year).
- △ Published a **bi-monthly newsletter** keep you in touch with what is going on in the neighborhood.
- △ Put together a very useful **neighborhood web site** where community issues are discussed, upcoming events published, and

A FRIEND IN NEED

By *Kim Mattox*



At first glance, they seem like your typical American family. The dad works full time to support the family. The mom does home daycare to help supplement their income. They have

three boys and a dog. They own their own home right here in BBC. But, upon closer inspection, there is more to this family than meets the eye. They are a close knit bunch. They actually **DO** things together. They eat dinner together and go to church together. They



needs for services made.

- △ Held many **public meetings** with fantastic speakers ranging from a sneak peak at the Furstenberg Center to Q&A sessions with Councilwoman Jeanne Harris,
- △ **Obtained discounts** for members with local vendors.
- △ Established a **bookkeeping system and reimbursement process** for managing our funds.
- △ **Built weather-proof sign boards** to help remind residents of upcoming events.

Both our Summer Picnic and Dumpster Day events have almost doubled in size each year we put them on! It would be a shame if all of the work and knowledge gained from these past two years would be lost. **So how can you help?**

- △ Run for an officer position.
- △ Volunteer to chair a committee.
- △ Become a project leader.

We've worked hard over the past two years establishing ourselves so the hard work has already been done for you. If no one steps the BBCNA may be taking a hiatus for many years to come.

If you are interested in being a leader please attend our general meetings and get involved! Don't let a good thing go to waste. Volunteer today!

even invite the neighbor kids to tag along. They help others who need them.

They are the Krahn Family. The parents are Steve and Julie and their boys are Tyler, 21; Anthony, 17 and Joey, 15. They have many friends and neighbors who adore them. They are **GIVERS**, something not many of us can claim to do.

Over the years, I have known of them through my son, Jason. He has been friends with their boys for about 10 years, now. As a matter of fact, he used to spend quite a bit of time over at their house and I used to hear lots of funny and touching stories about what went on over there.

Julie, who is outnumbered four to one by the males does a good job of fending for herself and her boys always seemed to respect her.

Steve is every boys' dream dad. He spends time with his kids, taking them to card shops, skate parks, amusement parks, church outings and the such, while hauling along as many other neighbor boys as he can fit in the van. He doesn't mind if they get soaking wet at Bullwinkle's Bumper Boat ride and then sit on his car seats on the way home. He doesn't care if they don't take showers for a few days on camping trips or cuss a little. He is kind of like a big kid himself, and the boys really love that about him.

Steve was kind of a surrogate father for my son over the years, as he hasn't really had a dad. I guess we moms don't quite understand that "guy thing" that goes on between men and boys, so I was always thankful for such a man to be in my boy's life.

Now, at only 44 years old, Steve has been diagnosed with genetic ALS, better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. He has the most aggressive form which affects his upper body half. He was just diagnosed last April and had to quit work last May. True to the Krahn family philosophy, the first thing they did was plan a family vacation. The whole family went to Mexico for 11 days and had a

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Having a great neighborhood starts with you!

FRIEND

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wonderful time just being together.

The family is currently surviving on Julie's daycare income and AFLAC benefits and will soon be eligible for SSI. But, I understand there will be a lapse in benefits during the month of November when one will end and other won't begin yet. Further, Julie will be quitting daycare to take care of her family and Steve full time now. I know that their church, Evergreen Bible Church has been instrumental in helping the family, but I would like to appeal to our neighborhood to do whatever we can to help this family, also. It may be a donation of time or money. It may be supportive words or a silent prayer. It may be "Paying it Forward" like Steve and his family do. Thank you.

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BBC Neighborhood Calendar		
EVENT	SPONSOR / SOURCE	DATE
General NA Meeting	BBCNA	Sept 27
General NA Meeting	BBCNA	Oct 24
Veterans Day	BBC Elementary	Nov 11
Thanksgiving Break	BBC Elementary	Nov 23–25
General NA Meeting	BBCNA	Nov 29
General NA Meeting *TENTATIVE*	BBCNA	Dec 13
Winter Break	BBC Elementary	Dec 19–Jan 2

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