



BIGELOW HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Friendly Neighbor
JUNE 2012

Neighborhood Boundaries: Fir Street to Puget Street, Yew Avenue to 4th Avenue. If you received this newsletter, you are a member of the BHNA! Find us online: www.bhna.org

UPCOMING EVENTS – JOIN US!

SIDEWALK ART WORKSHOP:

Saturday, **June 30**, 10:00 a.m. - noon, in the driveway between 409 and 413 central (see below).

BHNA GARDEN WALK:

Saturday, **June 30**, 1:00 p.m. (see below).

BHNA GENERAL MEETING:

Tuesday, **July 10**, 6:30p.m. -8:00 p.m., at Capital Vision Christian Church, on the corner of Fir and Yew.

BLOCK WATCH MEETING:

Thursday, **July 19**, 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m., at Olympia Metro Church, on the corner of Puget and Bigelow.

ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY:

Saturday, **August 25**, 12:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m., at Bigelow Park.

THE 2012 BHNA GARDEN WALK

Saturday, **June 30**, at 1:00 p.m. Rain or shine, everyone is invited to gather in Jessicarae & Ruben Nunez's garden at 520 Puget St. NE (corner of Glass), then walk through the neighborhood to tour 10 pre-arranged gardens - all unique in style, purpose, and stage of development. We'll end the walk about 4:30 with refreshments in Jill Severn's garden at 607 Central. If you have questions, contact Melissa Allen at 360-280-7564 (cell) or melissa.allen@comcast.net.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer or not, some of us are planning to get out and be neighborly and creative. The BHNA is hosting a couple get-togethers and we invite all from the neighborhood to participate. We'd love to see as many as possible at the garden tour, and the sidewalk art project. The sidewalk art project will have its first workshop on **June 30** on Central street in the driveway between 409 and 413. We will be designing clay tile and poetry that will be embedded in the sidewalk at a later date.

We are also still working towards an image and sign for the neighborhood. The sketch above is a draft in progress. If you want to be a part of this project, now is the time to get involved! A special thanks to all the neighbors especially all those that are helping keep a look out for each other.

For more info, contact me at 705-0862. Thanks, Rus Geh

CRIME INFO/PREVENTION

There are two ways to receive info about crime events in the BHN. 1) Weekly crime stats from Olympia Police Dept. are posted on our website, <http://www.bhna.org/programs/block-watch>. 2) Join the Block Watch group that communicates via email about neighborhood crime. Next Block Watch meeting is Thurs., **July 19**, 6-8pm, at Olympia Metro Church, 618 Puget St NE, Olympia. Amy Stull, from the OPD will be present. Main topic: Residential burglary prevention.

GRAFFITI BUSTERS HAVE BEEN BUSY!

In just a few months, our 13 motivated Graffiti Busters completed a survey of tags in our area, cleaned over 109, and forged an alliance with members of the Olympia Metro Church, boys from the Touchstone home in the Northeast Neighborhood, and the city's propagation/inmate crew to have most of the BHNA tags cleaned by June 30. Thanks to everyone for all the hard work!

Help keep the neighborhood tag-free: report any you see to Linda at bhnagraffiti@gmail.com. Also, let her know if you'd like to join our Graffiti Buster team. Special thanks to Amy Stull, our OPD liaison, who won the WA State Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year Award—and rightly so!

OUR BHNA DIRECTORY PROJECT IS UNDERWAY!

With over 500 households in the BHNA area, it is hard to know everybody! This project seeks to remedy that.

The directory final product will feature the addresses and phone numbers of neighbors who want to be included in an easy to read listing. Creating the directory is the fun part! This is a process of going door-to-door, finding out how people would like to be involved in this and other BHNA projects. We are confirming publicly available information like addresses and phone numbers and asking neighbors to provide a home e-mail for the BHNA Board so we can reach people with key BHNA information, resources and updates.

For those who just aren't ready to be listed like that, we will have a little door-hanger with key information from the directory, like BHNA officer contact, BHNA meeting dates and emergency info.

We're featuring as many local businesses as we can. Insanity Shack, a graphic design firm in our area, will help us with our cover and layout.

If you are interested in talking to neighbors, please contact Simone Boe. 360-402-4283.

Bigelow Highlands Neighborhood Association Voluntary Yearly Dues Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

How I'd like to participate: _____

Return this form, along with the suggested contribution of \$10, to BHNA Treasurer Mellisa Allen 1702 Prospect Ave. Olympia WA 98506....or just bring it to a BHNA meeting