



BIGELOW HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Friendly Neighbor

AUTUMN 2020

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

BHNA CARRIES ON - SOCIAL DISTANCED, OF COURSE

Our BHNA in-person annual meeting in October is cancelled. The current board has agreed to stay on until it is safe to have the Annual Meeting required by our By-Laws for election of officers. .j

In early 2020, your board planned for an active year in the BHNA neighborhood. Then came COVID-19! After months of waiting for the pandemic to end (it hasn't), we're finding new ways to get things done. Examples: instead of house to house newsletter distribution, we'll post it on several electronic platforms & put some paper copies on our sandwich boards, distribute new walking maps from a central location, purchase a cider press, and build [Little Free Libraries](#) for our neighborhood.

The Board invites you to say hi/ask questions via **Zoom on Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30pm. Send me your email address via text (360-357-7055) or email (BHNA.506.pres@gmail.com) so I can add you to the Zoom meeting list. It will be good to see neighbors!**

My best to you all,

Melissa Allen, Board President.

BLOCK WATCH REPORT

Olympia Police Department community liaison Rebekah Ziesmer will hold the annual meeting for block watch captains October 22, 2020. Cindy Gaddis and Bob Peller will attend the virtual meeting for BHNA. If you have a specific question for Rebekah, send it to Cindy or Bob in advance.

OPD sends out a weekly report of when and where crimes occurred.

Surprisingly, some of the vehicle prowls, which result in stolen purses, laptops, et cetera, happen due to unlocked cars. Remember to lock your cars, neighbors, to prevent your car being prowled. Good news from OPD is that general thefts are down.

BHNA BOARD:

President: Melissa Allen
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Members at Large:
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Bob Peller (*blockwatch co-captain*)
Simone Boe

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HAPPENINGS

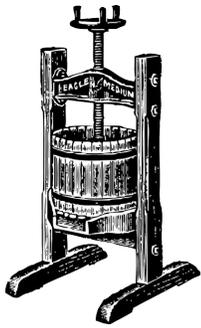
Next General Meeting
Tuesday, October 13 6:30 - 8:00
PM
via Zoom

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Have 30 minutes once a quarter and want some exercise? Contact Debbie Ingram at bhna.506.newsletter@gmail.com to help deliver BHNA newsletters.

BE IN THE KNOW

Join BHNA's Google Group - we forward news releases from the city about events and projects, and communicate with BHNA residents about items of interest between quarterly newsletters. To join, email bhna.506.pres@gmail.com.



BHNA buys a fruit press for the neighborhood!

Do you have fruit trees?

Have you ever considered pressing the fruit to make fresh juice or cider? If so, good news: BHNA has just purchased a fruit crusher and press for neighborhood use!

Last year, we held our first annual “Cider-Day” neighborhood fruit crushing event at the [Capitol Vision Community Garden](#) that was a great success. Neighbors came with apples, grapes, and even quince that were squeezed into juice with a rented crusher and press. Some neighbors picked apples from the nearby community trees and we threw them in the mix.

Due to the pandemic, we aren't having Cider-Day this year, but the new press will be on display at the Shomshor's chili and apple pie take-out on Halloween. Read on!

Daylight Savings Time Ends 11/1:



Times are changing, not only because of COVID-19, but the time-honored

tradition of switching to standard time this November 1st.

In light of both of these events and the unfortunate cancellation of our annual BHNA summer block party, **Ben and Marj Shomshor** have graciously agreed to host a Halloween (**October 31st**) take out chili and apple slab pie.

Starting at 5:00 pm, swing by [604 Garrison St NE](#) and pick up a container of homemade chili and apple slab pie.

What: Chili & Apple Pie take-out

When: Saturday, October 31 from 5pm – 8pm

Where: 604 Garrison St NE - corner of Garrison & Glass (the house with the big red barn)

BHNA Treasurer's report

Dear neighbors, our BHNA account has a total of \$2367.76. Thanks to Melissa Allen, our President, whose garage sale raised over \$400 in donations to BHNA. Annual membership dues are voluntary

We continue to have a quarterly income of approximately \$125 from [Storman's grocery store through their charity giving back program.](#)

at the suggested amount of \$10. Over the past 2 years the neighborhood board and neighbors have planned to buy a fruit press to use at our annual Fall Harvest cider pressing event. This was purchased on Sept. 18, 2020 for the amount of \$594.59. We will have more information about the next opportunity for a socially distanced fruit pressing neighborhood event. Stay safe and healthy.

