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**Community Garden Meeting  
 Sunday, January 22, 7:00 pm**

Thinking of ways to lower your food costs and get fresh local produce? Join our garden! Having a garden is a fun activity for the kids, and a great way to understand how to grow your own food, plant starts, and watch the life cycle of a garden. Interested in having an individual bed at our forthcoming site? We are presently working with the board to obtain some space at the water tower area for a larger, permanent community garden. We are looking at have individual beds. some want a larger communal space. We are hoping to get 6 beds from GRUB. We are looking for more interested partners in the garden. If interested, please come, or contact Bruce Hargraves @789-1921, or Bettina Binder @ 866-1377.



**CBHA Polar Bear Dip, New Year's Day, 2012**



*Polar Bear Dip, January 1, 2012, Photos by Wayne Kritsberg*



**Qi Gong, now on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays**

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**Dog Park News**

The Dog Park is looking good and the last two items in the Park's initial plan are progressing! On November 15<sup>th</sup> the Board, after much input from Ted Cohen and other Dog Park Team and Community Garden volunteers, decided to install a water tap just outside the water tower fence for the use of various CBHA parties. The plan approved was one for a short underground line ending in a frost-free tap in an area covered with paver bricks for good drainage.

At the same meeting the Board approved usage of the old Westwind reader board in construction of the Dog Park Bulletin Board. Dog Park volunteers installed that reader board frame on some new posts in December. A third Bulletin Board work party (date yet to be set) will involve revamping the message surface(s) and building a roof.

The next indoor Dog Park meeting is Wednesday, January 11 at 7:00 pm at Lisa Krupp's house. Call Lisa at 866-1198 or myself for more information.

If you have given a completed dog park form to the Dog Park committee or office but haven't heard anything, don't despair. We do not plan to contact you again until such time as locks are installed on the Large and Small Dog Parks' gates. Meanwhile we thank you, as it is very important to our Homeowners Association that you saw and signed-off on the waiver information. We want you to be safe!

*Coral "Cory" Hilby*, Dog Park Committee Chair, 867-4004

P.S. If your children are smaller and/or you want to take your dogs along, when it snows you might try sledding down the gentle hill in the Dog Park. I've been there for that and it was fun!, besides being in a very beautiful place, even more so with snow.

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**RECYCLE STYROFOAM AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Have any huge chunks of #6 polystyrene foam (aka Styrofoam<sup>TM</sup>) left over from Christmas unwrapping? Dart Container Corporation in Tumwater accepts clean Styrofoam packaging material and clean Styrofoam food service items. Just take it down to Dart's containers outside their plant at 600 Israel Road SE, which is about a block away from where Tumwater Boulevard crosses Capitol Boulevard at the NW corner of the airport. Go east on Israel Rd until the road ends at the Dart CC plant.

There is a large container there by the entry and a garbage can full of clear empty bags. Take a bag, wrap your Styrofoam in it, drop in the appropriate part of the container, and voila! No more trying to cut big Styrofoam chunks in pieces small enough to stuff into your trash can!

The Thurston County "Talkin' Trash" newsletter also mentioned last Christmas that holiday light strings could be recycled free of charge at two locations. Wilson Recycling in Shelton will accept all types at 2278 Brockdale Road; phone 360-462-4444. The other is at Point Defiance Zoo in Tacoma. There are bins there, and in other Metro Parks locations. Money gained from selling Christmas light strings to a recycler goes into a zoo species conservation and green initiatives fund.

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**EVENTS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES 2012 COMMUNITY POTLUCK DATES**

Please clip and save this list, and post to your new 2012 calendar. Don't miss the fun!

- January 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00
- February 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00
- March 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00
- April 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00
- May 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00
- June 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00
- July 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00
- August 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00
- September 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00
- October 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00
- November 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00
- December 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00



Santa, 2010, Photo by Wayne Kritsberg



Christmas Party, 2010



Kids' Crafts Party, December, 2011, Photo by Wayne Kritsberg

**Kids' Crafts**

On the 11th of December the Events Committee sponsored the KIDS' CRAFTS Party. The kids made crafts and gifts to give to family and friends or keep for themselves. It was fun to see grandmothers and mothers interact with the little ones. Many thanks to all who volunteered their time and supplies to help and to all who donated treats for the event. This is an annual event which we all anticipate.

Please think of us when you discard anything useable for crafting. I would like to start collecting plastic coffee creamer bottles and lids for next year. Feel free to call me if you have craft making supplies to donate. (866-1594)

I would like to send a big THANK YOU to Joyce Dupont for starting and taking charge and donating her time these past few years. The kids have enjoyed it and we will continue with it.

Sharon Harris, Events Committee Member, 866-1594



Joyce Dupont, Art Teacher, THANK YOU! Photo by Wayne Kritsberg

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**KIDS' SANTA PARTY**

On December the 18th the Events Committee held the KIDS SANTA PARTY. It was a whole lot of fun for the kids and adults that brought them. We were really fortunate that Santa was able to take time from his really busy schedule and spend time with us. Santa gave each child a Christmas pencil and a candy cane, also each had their picture taken with Santa and took it home with them.

A big THANK YOU goes out to all that volunteered their time and that donated treats for the party. We had beverages and lots of cookies. We also send a great big THANKS to Santa, we couldn't have done it without him, and since he knows all that goes on I know he will see this. Thank You!

John and Colleen (last name I can't recall) donated their time and equipment to take the pictures, Thanks!

Nell did a wonderful job of putting the party together so another THANK YOU. Much fun was had by all and it was very well attended.

*The Events Committee*



Kids Club, Craft Fair, 2011



Craft Fair, 2011



Goodies, 2011, Photo by Wayne Kritsberg

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