



The Lamp Post

The Official Newsletter of the Old Town Battle Ground Assn.

Nola Cross, Editor

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The President's Message

Keep up the Good Work!

In 2007 OTBGA has tried to focus on the small things that could make a big impact. Things like sign toppers and hanging baskets that would be visible to the community and show that Old Town is alive and well, while requiring little time and energy from our members, many of whom are busy running small businesses. I'm pleased that so many of you have participated in those efforts, or even gone a different but complimentary direction.

As we finish out 2007 and look toward 2008, I'm looking for more opportunities like these, and would love to have your input. If you have ideas that you think could help us to shine a light on Old Town, please contact me or come to one of our meetings and take an active role in bringing about positive change in our community.

Thank you for support. Keep up the good work!

~Dan

Media Liaison Needed



OTBGA is in need of a volunteer to communicate with local media outlets when we have newsworthy items to publicize. This individual would build relationships with newspaper contacts, post news releases to web outlets and make efforts to keep the community informed of our activities. For information please contact Dan Mueller at 360-281-6366 or dan@dhueller.com.

Meeting Day and Time: The OTBGA now meets on the second Wednesday of alternate months at 7:30 a.m. at Old Town Battle Grounds coffee house, 113 E. Main St.

Next Meeting: October 10th
Subsequent meeting December 12th

Your 2007 OTBGA Executive Committee

President	Dan Mueller <i>Paper Moon</i>	666-7273
Vice President	Diane Harris <i>Old Town Battle Grounds Coffee House</i>	666-2441
Secretary	Nola Cross <i>Battle Ground Computers</i>	666-7647
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From the August Meeting Minutes

National Night Out was Fun For All

Overcast weather did nothing to discourage a large turn-out at the annual National Night Out celebration in Old Town. Great music, free food, giveaways, safety demonstrations and a festive atmosphere make the event a favorite with families, and provide many Old Town businesses with increased foot traffic and exposure.

Andersen's Dairy Mural in 2008 Plans

Local artist, Kara McGhee, is in the process of studying a collection of old photos of Battle Ground as she creates the design of the large mural that will grace the north wall of the Andersen's Dairy building. Still to be decided is how to modify the cinder block façade to allow for a smooth painting surface. Once the details are finalized, fundraising efforts will begin, with plans for a Spring 2008 project launch date.

Community Center Will Offer Great Facilities

Plans are now in place for the construction of our new Community Center with completion scheduled for Fall 2008. The 10,000 square foot building, to be located near the south edge of Fairgrounds park, will house a large meeting space and full commercial kitchen.

Darby Rural Promotes Values of Rural Living

Curtis Miller, owner of PCR Contracting and founder of Darby Rural, Inc., addressed the OTBGA August meeting, sharing the vision of his new company: "To embrace rural life values and live your rural life on purpose." Miller proposes that rural residents create a community where tools are shared with neighbors, fences are see-through, garage doors are left open and folks watch sunrises instead of TV. He announced a rural life essay contest open to all school kids in Clark County. The 100 winners will receive a newly constructed school bus shelter at the end of their driveways. For more details, visit their website at www.rurallifyourway.com.

Recycle Your Ink Cartridges to Benefit OTBGA

Don't toss that empty printer cartridge! Drop it off in the yellow bin at Battle Ground Computers, 710 East Main Street. All cartridges collected will be traded in to Cartridge World, which will pay up to \$3 per cartridge, with proceeds going to our association. To make things even easier, you can drop your empties at the East End Espresso drive-thru window conveniently located in the alley on the east side of the computer store building.

New Faces and Places

Opening mid-August at the corner of Clark Avenue and East Main Street, DiabeticSupplies.com is an internet based distributor of medical supplies for diabetics. They also retail special footwear from their store. Store hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 4:30. For more information about the supplies and services offered, contact owner Bryan Luna at 723-9001. Welcome to Old Town!

Thanks Again to Topper Supporters!

Once again, here is the list of businesses and individuals who contributed to our street sign topper fund raising drive. Don't the toppers look great?

Gold Level Supporters: (\$100)

Express Tax
Jackson, Jackson and Kurtz
Miller Insurance
Mofford Electric
Nicana Investments
Paper Moon
Value Giant

Silver Level Supporters: (\$50)

Battle Ground Computers
Bird Song
Little Cottage
Main Street Station Bar and Grill
Jim Pillsbury Insurance
Salon 402
Jane Elder Wulff, prose-maker

Bronze Level Supporters: (\$25)

Toji, Inc.—76 Station
Louise Tucker, The Write Stuff

Don't Forget To Wear Your Pin!

Members, don't forget to wear your membership pin to receive discounts from participating OTBGA members. Pins are being mailed out this month with your newsletter. The following member businesses offer their goods or services to you:

Battle Ground Computers	10% off service
Cradle-n-All	5% off
East End Espresso	Double card punch
Eileen Josephine's	10% off
Game Trader	10% off
Kidz Cloz	10% off
Little Cottage	10% off
Old Town Battle Grounds	Double card punch
Old Town Saturday Market	\$1.00 off purchase
Paper Moon	10% off





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Advertise Your Battle Ground Business Here in the October / November Issue.

Email: OTBGA@hotmail.com
with your ad copy before 10/15/2007
Approximate Publishing Date: 10/28/2007

Circulation now 200+ in the BG area!

Advertising Rates as of 1/1/2007

Business Card Size Ad	
Current OTBGA Member rate	20.00
Non OTBGA Member rate	30.00
Help-Wanted Ad	
Current OTBGA Member rate	Free
Non OTBGA Member rate	5.00

Rates include design and lay-up of one ad to run in one issue. For business-card sized ad, we can use your logo or artwork only if it is compatible with Microsoft Publisher, but we will be happy to work with you to create an attractive graphic design using clip art or other computer images. Email your questions or ad copy to: OTBGA@hotmail.com.

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