



The Lamp Post

The Official Newsletter of the Old Town Battle Ground Assn.

Nola Cross, Editor

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The President's Message

Moving Forward into 2008

As we move into the new year, I'm excited at the opportunities that lie before us. As an organization we're the healthiest I've seen in my 2+ year tenure and I expect that to fuel some first class projects that will make a difference in Old Town.

We're operating on the divide-and-conquer principle for 2008 and I want to invite you to participate on one of four committees we've formed to support our key initiatives. Following is a brief description of each:

Spring Event – We want to build on last year's success with our flower basket project by promoting more baskets, planters and other color. We'll couple that with a one-day retail sale/open house event to bring the community out.

National Night Out – A recurring event held in Old Town, we want to coordinate businesses to not only offer sales but to provide a fun outreach to attendees. This may take the form of a scavenger hunt or some other event to engage the community.

Holiday Lighting Contest and Open House – Both were a success this year and we simply want to plan further in advance as well as coordinate better for maximum participation.

Mural Committee – Our plans for a mural in Old Town continue to develop and we need your support in raising funds, developing budgets and promoting this great project.

Each of these committees has a core team already assigned but the more input and support we can obtain from you, the more effective these projects will be. Please contact me if you can participate on one of these committees and I'll connect you with the rest of the team.

Thank you for making a difference and for your support

~Dan

From the December Meeting Minutes

Holiday Lighting Contest Winners Announced

Although we were disappointed in the advance press we received about the contest, we did have quite a few Old Town businesses that chose to light up their storefronts in December. On the other hand, only two Tukes Mountain residents entered our contest. Next year we plan to advertise more widely and earlier in the season! Here are this year's winners and the cash prizes they won:

Old Town Business Entrants:

First Place Bird Song (\$100)
Second Place Hopper's Martial Arts (\$50)
Third Place Uncovered Ruby (\$25)

Tukes Mountain Residential Entrants:

First Place Mike Ciraulo (\$100)
Second Place Raymond Hill (\$50)



Community Events Center Ground Breaking Held

On December 20th an eager crowd witnessed the ground breaking ceremony for the new Community Events Center building in Fairgrounds Park. The stone and beam structure, patterned after a community building in Boise, will have a main room with a capacity of 200, a commercial kitchen and smaller meeting rooms. Opening is planned for August 2008. To view architectural renderings, visit the City website at: www.ci.battle-ground.wa.us and click on the link on page one.

Clark County Chamber Helps Business Succeed

Donna Owen from the Clark County Chamber of Commerce attended our meeting, reminding us that we as business owners are always welcome at their weekly meetings. Their aim is to help Clark County business succeed. For meeting times and locations and other information about what they offer, visit their website at www.ClarkChamber.com.

OTBGA Officers Re-Elected for Another Year

Following open nominations and election by secret ballot at the December meeting, the following OTBGA officers were re-elected to another one-year term:

President Dan Mueller (Paper Moon)
Vice President Diane Harris (Old Town Battle Grounds Coffee)
Secretary Nola Cross (Battle Ground Computers)
Treasurer Judy Ost (Express Tax)

Membership Cards are in the Mail

We've already received 2008 dues from 35 new and renewing members, a great response! Membership cards are being mailed out with this newsletter. If you did not receive your 2008 card, please email Nola Cross at otbga@hotmail.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: February 13, 2008
Subsequent meeting April 9th

Your 2008 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
Treasurer	Judy Ost <i>Express Tax</i>	666-8002

New Faces and Places

John Hopper is the new owner at 604 E. Main Street, in the former location of Battle Ground Martial Arts. Now called Hooper's Martial Arts Center, the center is open from 5:00 to 9:00 pm offering a number of classes. Instructor John has been studying martial arts for over ten years and specializes in a mixed style called Northern Kajukenbo Tum Pai. This style emphasizes a balance of internal and external training. You can reach the center at 241-0461 or visit their website at www.hopperskungfu.com.

Thanks Again to Topper Supporters!

One last time, here is the list of businesses and individuals who contributed to our street sign topper fundraising 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 Member Discounts!

Members, don't forget to show your 2008 membership card to receive discounts from participating OTBGA members. The following member businesses offer their goods or services:

Battle Ground Computers	10% off service
Cradle-n-All	5% off
East End Espresso	Double card punch
Game Trader	10% off
Hopper's Martial Arts	20% off monthly dues
Kidz Cloz	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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www.battlegroundhistorybook.com

Advertise Your Battle Ground Business Here in the February / March Issue.

Email: OTBGA@hotmail.com
with your ad copy before 2/15/2008
Approximate Publishing Date: 3/1/2008

Circulation now 200+ in the BG area!

Advertising Rates as of 1/1/2008

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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