



East Minnehaha & Roads End Neighborhood Associations

HAPPENINGS



Next Neighborhood Meeting



4 March, 7:00-9:00 pm
Walnut Grove School

MEDIA ROOM
6103 NE 72nd Ave, Vancouver, WA
98661

Agenda

- 7:00 Conducting Sue Lintz
- 7:10 East Minnehaha Elections –
 Candidate Names Accepted for all Board Positions
- 7:30 Shaffer Park transfer to City Julie Hannon
 Parks & Recreation Director
- 7:40 58th Street Sidewalks Scot Brantly
 Project Manager, CC Public Works
- 7:50 Crime: burglary, auto break-ins, graffiti Sheriff Chuck Atkins
- 8:30 Counting of Ballots – Election Outcome Sue Lintz
- 9:00 Closing Remarks Sue Lintz

"Could we extend the annual meeting? I still have a lot of complaining to do!"

NE 58th Street Sidewalk

Clark County Public Works has hired consultant HDJ Design Group to complete several alternative sidewalk layouts/analysis based upon existing conditions, right-of-way, costs and impact to neighboring properties

HDJ Design Group has suggested we infiltrate the water (required to do when pervious material, soil, gravel, etc. and put in hardscape, concrete, etc. is removed). The design being considered has a layout where the sidewalk will be located on the north side of NE 58th Street from Andresen Road west to NE 66th Avenue. At this location it would cross NE 58th Street and the remaining sidewalk would run west on the south side.

As the first step of the sidewalk process a letter was sent to residents living on NE 58th Street notifying them on 15-16 January a geotechnical investigation is scheduled to determine if soil conditions and structure will support infiltrating.

Once the geotechnical report is completed the design and engineering process will begin by surveying the NE 58th Street and County owned right-of-way. Completion date of the working design is scheduled for March 2015. Once a design is complete and impacts (such as mailbox relocations, water valve boxes/meters) are identified CC Public Works will meet with individual property owners and provide an update at a Neighborhood Association meeting. *[Scot J. Brantley, Project Manager, Clark County Public Works]*

Sheriff Chuck Atkins

Come and take this opportunity to congratulate Sheriff Atkins on his election as he shares his perspective about how the Sheriff's Office will serve our neighborhood in the future. **Please take advantage of the occasion to share your perceptions and ask questions.**

Neighborhood Crime.

[Theresa Miller, CC Sheriff's Office]

Security Company Representative: Get the name of the individual and the company. Immediately call 911 to report this might be suspicious activity so that a deputy can come by and check it out

Graffiti: The CC Sheriff's Office policy is for the property owner to (1) take a picture of the graffiti, (2) complete an on-line report and (3) clean it off as soon as possible. The sooner it is removed the more likely that it will not happen again. **Access brochure:**

<http://www.clark.wa.gov/neighborhoods/documents/graffitibrochure2014.pdf>

On-line form - www.clark.wa.gov/sheriff or info: 360-397-2104

Did You Know ????

The Board of County Councilors (BOCC)
Tuesday meetings are open to the public?

While many of us are employed working during the day and cannot attend the daytime meetings the BOCC holds, but we can't get away from work to do so. However, a goodly number of EMNA/RENA residents have more flexible schedules and could certainly make an occasional appearance to let the BOCC members know that you care about what they are doing and deciding – and what we need in our neighborhood.

Many things which affect all of us have been discussed and decided at the **Tuesday 10:00 a.m.** public meetings (1300 Franklin Street, 6th Floor Hearing Room). On the **first Tuesday** the meeting occurs at **6:00 p.m.** Those Clark County residents who work during the day can take advantage of this alternative meeting time to see and participate in the BOCC meetings.

Check Clark County website for BOCC agendas for: public hearings and work sessions.

<http://www.clark.wa.gov/bocc/hearings/public.html>

Learn More: Check out Clark County News & Events –
Items below found 1 Jan 2015 -- <http://www.clark.wa.gov/index.asp>

- Block foam and old electronics collection set for Saturday, Jan. 3
- County adopts balanced budget for 2015-2016 with no new taxes
- 2015 Clark County Road Atlas is now available for purchase
- Arts commission seeks artists, works to mount 2015 exhibitions
- Board of Health extends application deadline for Mosquito Control Board
- County seeks volunteers to serve on Clean Water Commission
- Board seeks applicants to serve on Clark County Arts Commission
- Applicants sought for one Animal Control Advisory Board position

EYEWARN/Clark County Amateur Radio Club

EYEWARN is a new program, providing simplified visual reporting in areas where damages or emergencies may exist. The group is activated by the Clark Regional Emergency Service Agency (CRESA) and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). EYEWARN is sponsored by the Clark County Amateur Radio Club, and it is open to all licensed radio operators in Clark County. More Info: John Gaynor, eyewarn@eyewarn.net

Shaeffer Park

Vancouver City now owns Shaeffer Park. The Vancouver Parks & Recreation has a development plan in the works. Come to hear about the future of Shaeffer Park and ensure your voice is heard in its design and benefit to the neighborhood.

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Panhandling Ordinance Approved

On **November 18th** the Board of County Commissioner unanimously approved a new panhandling ordinance. The ordinance went into effect immediately and the Clark County Sheriff's Office is in the process of a three-month education period. Basically, the ordinance prohibits anyone from soliciting any kind of transaction that would require vehicles to stop in the traveled portion of the roadway. It makes no difference if the vehicle is standing legally at the time due to a traffic control signal or sign. The law will be enforced on those attempting to generate a transaction, rather than the operators and occupants of the motor vehicle. Improperly stopped motor vehicles will be managed through existing state laws related to traffic enforcement.

This ordinance **Will Not** affect people twirling signs for businesses, waving campaign signs, fund raising efforts where the transaction will take place at a nearby parking lot or business, or similar activities where the transaction will not take place in the roadway. Lemonade stands in neighborhoods will be exempt as well since it is legal to park on neighborhood streets.

If you have any questions about the new ordinance, please feel free to contact Sgt. Randon Walker of the Sheriff's Office at randon.walker@clark.wa.gov.

Did You Know Effective 5 Dec 2014?

What is the Washington State's Department of Licensing's (DOL) role in Initiative 594 – "Background Checks for Gun Sales and Transfers"?

DOL's role and Firearms Program in the implementation of Initiative 594 is limited to record keeping requirements as noted in RCW 9.41 which is the Law Relating to Firearms and Dangerous Weapons. They are responsible for maintaining many of the state's firearms records, including:

- firearm dealer licenses,
- alien firearm licenses,
- concealed pistol licenses,
- ineligible to possess a firearm, and
- public or licensed pistol transfers and sales.

They cannot provide legal advice or help the firearm dealers interpret the firearms statutes found in RCW 9.41 or I-594.

They will provide guidance to the public and licensed firearms dealers about forms for pistol sales and transfers. They also provide guidance on the process to notify us if you acquire a pistol upon the death of the prior owner.

Rather receive a copy of this newsletter via e-mail?

Send an e-mail to tonysuel@aol.com (EMNA) or for Roads End to bemur@comcast.net and include in the title "Add to Newsletter e-mail Distribution list."

BE SURE: In the body of the e-mail include (1) your name and e-mail address to receive the electronic version of the newsletter as well as (2) your mailing address (street, city and zip code)

Your Newsletter can be seen on-line at <http://www.co.clark.wa.us/neighborhoods/weeklyupdate.html>

Voters Approved the Charter Now What??

Commissioner Now Councilor

Clark County no longer has a Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). Under the new charter it is the **Board of County Councilors** and members formerly known as Commissioners are now addressed as Councilors.

Acting Clark County Manager Appointed

County Administrator Mark McCauley became acting county manager when the home rule charter took effect in January. Under an agreement approved by the Board of County Councilors. McCauley will handle duties assigned to the acting county manager until a five-member county council is seated and can act on the appointment early in 2016, in keeping with the charter approved by voters in November. The board set McCauley's salary at \$163,100 for 2015.

McCauley became county administrator following the retirement of Bill Barron in September 2013. He also has served as the county's director of general services and administrative services manager for Public Works, after joining Public Works as finance manager in 2001 and later becoming a certified public accountant.

He earned a master's degree in business administration from Syracuse University and a bachelor's degrees in business & accounting from WSU. He settled in the county's unincorporated area near Ridgefield after serving 20 years in the U.S. Army.

Celebrate New Year's on 19 Feb

Chinese New Year is an annual celebration marking the start of the year according to the Chinese lunisolar calendar.

Chinese New Year always falls in the months of January or February, and each Chinese New Year is represented by 1 of the 12 creatures of the Chinese Zodiac – 2015 is the year of the Sheep or Goat. Chinese New Year is also known as the Spring Festival and in pre-modern times it would signal to farmers in China that they must begin preparation for the sowing of their fields.

NextDoor.Com

Nextdoor has proved to be a great way for neighbors to communicate with each other regarding events occurring in the neighborhood, contribute experiences, ask for help and share advice. Take an opportunity now to join if you are not already a member.

Comment below is from one of our neighbors regarding recent illegal activities in East Minnehaha.

Steve Milford, East Minnehaha: "With all the reported activity here about criminal activity everyone needs to be alert so that we watch out for each other. United we stand, divided we fall. I want to thank everyone for their vigilance! Above all, be safe! And let's make 2015 even better."

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It's a green thing

Friday, March 13, is your lucky day! The annual Parks Foundation St. Paddy's for Parks adult-only event is back! Hosted by Shorty's Garden and Home on Mill Plain the event promises to be another leaping leprechaun night of fun with entertainment by Five Guys Named Moe, the Vancouver Fire Fighters Pipes and Drums, and the Molly Malone Dancers. Doors open at 5 p.m. with Irish food, beverage and entertainment available throughout the evening.

Tickets on sale now online at Ticket Tomato. Advanced tickets: \$25, At door: \$30. Each ticket includes one drink token. Tables can be reserved for \$100 (tickets sold separately). Tables are picnic style and on average seat 6-8 comfortably. Get in on the luck, buy your ticket now.

One 2014 BOCC Decision That Affects YOU

PARKS PROGRAM CHANGES -- Inter-Local Agreement (ILA) Dissolution: In 2014, the Board of Clark County Commissioners (BOCCC) implemented dissolution of the Inter-Local Agreement (ILA - 1997) – between City of Vancouver and Clark County -- to save approximately \$800,000/year. The BOCCC created new parks department in Clark County – Public Works. The Parks Advisory Board meets 1-3:30 p.m. on the second Friday of each month. Agenda Items: the comprehensive growth and parks plans; new parks program criteria and standards (acres/population); Park Impact Fees (PIFs) Real Estate Excise Tax (REETS); and strategic plans for the new Clark County Parks Department.

Effect on You: The City of Vancouver now charges higher fees for use of recreation facilities and programs for people living outside of the city limits. Luepke Center activities, clubs, and 50+ Travel program welcome County residents, *(Check out trips to the opera, mountains, beaches, and events for a slightly higher price to those residing outside of the city limits.)*

Fort Vancouver Run -- 1 March 2015

Don't not wait for the Shamrock Run – We are kicking off the year First: in Vancouver! Come join us for our annual Fred Meyer Fort Vancouver Run on March 1, 2015. Rain, Snow or Shine . . . we will be there.

This will be our 7th successful year of organizing a fun family filled event that runs 1000 plus participants along the Columbia River and passes through one of the most historic areas: The Fort Vancouver, the Largest National Park on the West Coast. A portion of the proceeds supports the Fort Vancouver National Trust.

The Fort Vancouver Run has something for everyone . . . short distance, long distance, kids run and plenty of activities! Plus a cold beer at the Rock Wood Fired Pizza (our longtime sponsor who loves this race) and so will you!

- **When: 1 March 2015**
- **Time: Registration opens: 6:45 am**
- **Where: Fort Vancouver National Park (1001 E 5th Street, Vancouver)**
- **Admission: \$20-50**

More Info: <http://energyevents.com/fortvancouverrun>

Seniors & Law Enforcement Together (SALT)

There is a free newsletter geared toward seniors called SALT Times

If you would like to receive this newsletter call the Clark County Sheriff's Office Outreach Unit at 360-397-2211 x3380.

Clark County WA Sheriff's Sex Offender Advisory

What: Sex Offender update

2.751 miles from [East Minnehaha]Home Address

When: Dec 17 2014 1:25PM

Where: 1900th block of Z ST, VANCOUVER, WA

Agency: Clark County WA Sheriff's

Offender: STEVEN PROUDFIT

The profile for the Sex Offender above has changed. If you have any questions, please contact Clark County WA Sheriff's. This information comes from the State or County Sex Offender Registry.

Under the provisions of state law, this information is provided for general public safety. A person is authorized to use this information only to protect him/herself or a child who may be at risk. The release is not to punish the offender. It is illegal to use this information to commit a crime against a registered sex offender or to engage in discrimination or harassment against a registered sex offender. Committing a criminal act against another person is subject to criminal prosecution and/or civil action. This Advisory is powered by AlertID

Vancouver iTech Preparatory A School for 6th - 12th Grade Students

You are invited to join Superintendent Steve Webb on Friday, **January 23**, as he hosts a free tour of Vancouver iTech Preparatory, a school for sixth- through 12th-grade students who are interested in science, technology, engineering and math..

The tour offers a chance to see how iTech Prep combines STEM and the liberal arts by integrating art and design principles into students' research and learning. You also will discover the technology-rich environment in which iTech Prep's project-, problem- and practice-based learning takes place. Finally, you'll hear how opportunities to earn college credit and partnerships with businesses prepare iTech Prep students for higher education and employment.

The tour includes both the middle school campus, located at the Jim Parsley Education, Family and Community Center, and the high school campus, located at Washington State University Vancouver. Transportation will be provided.

The tour will begin and end at the Bates Center for Educational Leadership, 2921 Falk Rd. The tour starts at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 1:00 p.m. After the school tours, a delicious lunch prepared by Vancouver culinary arts students is available for \$4 per person.

Everyone is welcome, so please plan to attend and invite your co-workers, friends, neighbors and family members. Registration is required for this free tour. Visit vansd.org/PatronTours or call Sue Knable at 360-313-4720 to sign up **today**. Space is limited.

Residents established the East Minnehaha and Roads End Neighborhoods to unite the common interests and promote the welfare of the area. The association is involved with a variety of matters, which affect the livability of the neighborhood and community in general. All residents within the neighborhood association boundaries are welcome to attend and participate in the association. Any questions, please contact one of the officers or board members listed on this page. The EMNA and RENA do not subscribe to any religious affiliation or political party.

Mission: work together for the common good of the neighborhood in which we all live.

Neighborhood Association newsletters are copies free of charge by the Clark County Public Information and Outreach Office. The information and views expressed are solely those of the Neighborhood Association and not Clark County Government or the Public Information and Outreach Office.

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Evergreen Habitat for Humanity Explains What's In It For All Of Us

Guest Speaker at a recent NACCC meeting was Heather Cochrun, Community Outreach Coordinator for our local Evergreen Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit that depends on the generosity of our community to build safe and affordable homes. She talked about how people donate not only their time, but also land for future home sites, building materials, tools and in-kind or cash donations for construction efforts.

Additionally, A Brush With Kindness is their new program which helps to eradicate sub-standard housing in our local community one home and family at a time. Rehabilitated lots and houses add a sense of home pride, neighborhood appeal, and community involvement. Local churches, businesses and individuals partner with our faith-based organization as volunteers and donors.

Families and volunteers receive useful training in home repair that they can use to fix up their own homes. Brush and junk removal and recycling help reduce pollution. Donations and reusing materials helps cut down on cost for the homeowners. A no-interest loan helps space out the material costs.

Volunteers perform minor exterior repairs such as:

- Window repair (screen, glass, glazing)
- Scrape, paint, caulk
- Door replacement
- Minor siding and trim repair, landscaping (pruning, trimming, weeding, reseeding)
- Brush and junk removal
- Board replacement in porch or stairs
- Ramp and soffit or fascia replacement

The local Habitat for Humanity Restore is located at 10811 SE Mill Plain Blvd and sells used building materials, also a great way to help support EHH goals.

For more information contact Evergreen Habitat for Humanity at www.ehfh.org or (360) 737-1759



Crime Prevention Warning

The Vancouver Police have a crime prevention warning for people with residential alarm systems. Recently police took a report from a resident who reported that a male went to their door representing himself as a technician from their alarm company (they have a sign posted outside showing the company they have the alarm through) and requested to check the alarm panel.

The resident let the man into the home, the male with to the panel, pushed several keys and then left. It is unknown what he did to the panel, but in following up, the actual alarm company did not have a representative in the area. If you have an alarm and have not requested service from your company do not let anyone into your home.

Needles In Your Yard??

Individuals will throw needles out car windows or toss them while walking, etc....If you find needles, put them in a coffee can or pop bottle making sure that they are secured and throw container into the trash. Alternative - take needles to the Waste Management Company for bio hazard disposal. [CC Sheriff's Office]



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Comprehensive Growth Management Update

Clark County is updating its Comprehensive Plan. The current plan, adopted in 2007, covers 2007 to 2024. The update will extend the current plan's growth outlook from 2015 to 2035. We expect to complete the update project in June 2016.

Updates will refresh policies and elements of the plan with an eye toward population and employment growth over the next 20 years. With this growth comes potential for increased demand for residential, commercial and industrial land, parks, schools, services, utility facilities and roads. The 2016 update focuses on future land use needs in unincorporated urban areas, but has links to planning in cities, rural areas and the Town of Yacolt.

Part of the comprehensive plan update requires the county to study land use alternatives (options) for accommodating the projected population and employment growth over a 20 year period.

Three proposed alternatives have been developed and are available for review.

- **Alternative 1:** No action. The county adopts the map as it is with no new changes.
- **Alternative 2:** County-initiated actions. The new planning assumptions, policy direction, changes in land use/zoning, and principles and values defined by the commissioners were used in this alternative. This option supports job and population growth, acknowledges development trends and cleans up map inconsistencies.
- **Alternative 3:** City-initiated actions. The cities of Battle Ground and La Center are considering expanding their urban growth areas to support job growth.

INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES

Open houses were held in 2014 to share more about the alternatives and offer residents an opportunity to ask questions.

Important Dates: The draft supplemental environmental impact statement is scheduled for completion in **January 2015**.

The joint Board of County Commissioners and Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for **February 2015**

The final supplemental environmental impact statement should be completed in **May or June 2015**.

To learn more about what the proposed alternatives are and how they may affect you or others in the County check:

<http://www.clark.wa.gov/planning/2016update/alternatives.html>

For more information: Oliver Orjiako, or Gordy Euler, Gordon.euler@clark.wa.gov

Did You Know About PREVENT??

The Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Clark County

PREVENT! Is a local substance abuse prevention coalition working for a healthy, thriving and drug-free Clark County, Washington. Check out: <http://preventclarkcounty.org/>

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Welcome to
Clark County Quilters



<http://clarkcountyquilters.org/>

Clark County Quilters is a non-profit corporation whose purpose is to contribute to the growth and knowledge of quilting techniques, patterns and history; to provide educational meetings, fun and friendship and to sponsor and support quilting activities; to encourage quilt making and collection; to promote the appreciation of fine quilts; to perform community service by participation in quilt related projects and to provide assistance to charities of our choice focusing on Clark County and the Pacific Northwest.

Meetings: 6:00 pm 2nd Thurs each month Sep - June

Keep Up-To-Date on Your Neighborhood

Nextdoor.com – If you have not joined the private social network for neighbors in East Minnehaha & Roads End, you are missing out on a great opportunity to know what is happening. To join and set up an account go to: nextdoor.com or for East Minnehaha go to <https://eastminnehaha.nextdoor.com/login>

Neighbors On Watch

Another Way to Be Involved

NOW is looking for qualified individuals to join our Neighbors ON Watch (NOW) Citizens Volunteer Program. NOW patrols as a two man/woman team in personal vehicles or on foot as a non-confrontational eyes and ears only volunteer group with the Clark County Sheriff's Office.

This is an opportunity to make a difference in your community and help make a safe and secure environment for all residents.

Applicants must:

- Be over 21 years old and pass a background check
- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Live in Clark County
- Attend a 24 hour training academy - (once a week sessions)
- Volunteer at least four hours per month
- Coordinate with other volunteers
- Wear provided uniform
- Use own vehicle

Further info can be obtained by calling (360) 397-2211 ext 3380 or e-mail - sheriffcommunityoutreach@clark.wa.gov

Did You Know?

Learn how the Clark County Jail Reentry Program assists a released inmate with transitioning back into the community. *INTERESTED: Check Out this resource:*
http://www.co.clark.wa.us/sheriff/documents/ReentryNews_Vol1_Issue3.pdf

On-Line Security

One of our neighbors James Hanset, shared this great advice on NextDoor.com

Good afternoon all. Just a quick note. Clearly this forum is a great place to discuss lots of different topics ranging from strangers taking photos, to graffiti, stolen cars and robberies. A suggestion to all is to be very careful how much information you give out. While I am sure this forum was designed with good intentions, it does ask for plenty of personal information. Simple things such as favorite activities or what kind of pets do you own, as trivial as it may sound can give a perpetrator an upper hand against you.

There have been a rash of burglaries lately and there really is no way of knowing if what you have for security measures will be enough to stop an intruder. That being said, be careful with offering up the type of security you have. Camera systems are nice if they are functional, record clear video and are out of reach of an intruder. The problem is I have read a few posts from people that explain, sometimes in great detail what they have for security including how many cameras, where they are located, how many dogs they have, and certain parts of their property that are a little less secure.

There is no verification to sign up to be a part of this forum so basically anyone can be a part of our neighborhood, as well as be active in other neighborhoods. They create a fake profile, and then wait for people to provide information which makes it easier for them to target you. If you tell a stranger you have two dogs and 3 cameras, an intruder now knows to bring dog snacks and wire cutters, as well as knowing they only need to disable 3 cameras then nothing is stopping them. All I am saying is maybe edit your profiles to limit how much you tell complete strangers. Hopefully this makes sense. Keep safe

Thinking about attending Clark College?

Looking for more information to make your decision?

For links to options below check out:

<http://www.clark.edu/future/index.php>

- **Apply Now** will take you directly to our online admissions application.
- **Request Information** will take you to an online form to submit the information you would like to request from Clark.
- If you would like to take a campus tour with one of our Student Ambassadors, visit **Schedule a Campus Tour**.
- The **Welcome Center** is the first point of contact for all prospective and new students at Clark College. Learn about what services our office offers.
- **Student Ambassadors** are current students who can help answer any questions you may have about what it is like to be a student at Clark College. Check out their biographies and blog!

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Are You Prepared For The Winter Or Inclement Weather?

- A. Perform the annual Family Safety Checklist: review fire escape plan, rid the home of old newspapers and cardboard, test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, etc.
- B. Place the Winter Emergency Kits into each family or personal vehicle: Flashlights, candles, matches, battery (or crank) powered radio – especially a NOAA radio or two-way radio – 2 or 3 blankets, bottled water, protein bars, hand shovel, pencil and note pad.
- C. Check and restock the 7-day food and water supplies in the home. (10-day outages may be possible.)
- D. Regularly uncover south-facing windows to let in radiant sunlight. Close thermal blinds once heating has occurred.
- E. Remind everyone to not use space heaters unless closely supervised, in the middle of a medium-to-small room, for a short duration only.
- F. If a radiator is used, expand its influence by using a rotating fan to move heated air elsewhere.
- G. Only heat the portions of the home that area actually used and close closet doors (unless there are pipes needing to be heated inside that space.)
- H. Dress in layers and remember that if feet are warm the rest of the body will feel warmer too.
- I. Cover the exterior Air Conditioner with tarp or pre-made cover to prevent drafting into the home.
- J. Inspect and refresh the 72-hour kits (1 kit for each member of the family) and replace items as necessary.

- K. Place straw bales around the foundation of the home, which will also aid in blocking drafts and insulate.
- L. Drying laundry in back-to-back loads uses less energy plus it heats the surrounding area.
- M. Baking (not microwaving) can be a simultaneous source of nourishment and heat.
- N. Eating hot foods – soups, stews, oatmeal, grits – help heat bodies from within.

You can get the latest information regarding important news from Clark County Government.

You can find it at this website, including newsletters for neighborhood associations from throughout Clark County. <http://www.clark.wa.gov/neighborhoods/weeklyupdate.html>

Questions or more info Joni McAnally, Admin Assist, CC Public Information & Outreach, (360) 397-6012 joni.mcanally@clark.wa.gov

DID YOU KNOW?

Target Zero: Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Washington State averages nearly 500 fatal traffic accidents every year. Target Zero is a project to reduce this number to zero by 2030. It identifies Washington's traffic safety needs, helping to guide investments to achieve significant reductions in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.

Why a Goal of Zero?

The goal - of zero deaths and serious injuries in 2030 - is about the "one"...the individual. It's about the Washington State Trooper struck by a truck. It's about the child who went through the front window of a car because she wasn't buckled in. It's about the recent high school graduate who left the road and hit a tree. It's about our colleagues, friends and family. How many of them are we okay with being killed or seriously injured in a crash? The answer is obvious: zero. So our goal, for every citizen the state of Washington, is zero.

You can help toward this effort by not driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, not driving over the speed limit, wearing your seatbelt, and practicing defensive driving habits. It is illegal in Washington to use a handheld cell phone while driving unless you are contacting 911 for an emergency. It is also illegal to text while driving.

More Information: <http://www.targetzero.com/>

See Video Produced by the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, featuring Regional Sheriff's of the Portland Metropolitan Region <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=icgYQUwVkw8&feature=youtu.be>

FAMILY ECO-FAIR
CELEBRATION FOR
EARTH DAY



Earth Day - 19 April

Since 1999, the StreamTeam has coordinated a large scale community celebration for Earth Day. Each year, hundreds of people join the team to plant native trees along our waterways, protecting local water quality and quantity.

The StreamTeam celebrated its 15th annual event on Saturday, April 19, at the Salmon Creek Greenway.

Volunteers celebrate Earth Day by planting native trees and enjoying the EcoFair with free children's activities, live music and entertainment. More than 300 volunteers came together to celebrate Earth Day last year. Here are the ways volunteers and families were involved in the Stream Team's Earth Day Celebration:

More Information about volunteering at the next event,
e-mail: StreamTeam@clarkpud.com or call 360-992-8585.

Film Plastics

In an effort to recycle as much as possible, many people mistakenly put their plastic bags in their recycling carts. Unfortunately, plastic bags and other types of film plastics do more harm than good when disposed of in this way.

Plastic bags, shrink wrap, bubble wrap and other types of "stretchy" film plastic easily tangle in the machinery that is meant to sort recyclables into separate categories. This slows efficiency of the facility, as the machines have to be shut down to allow workmen to climb in and cut out the bags with box cutters. This material accounts for at least a 25% reduction in efficiency.

So what should I do with them? First and foremost, try to eliminate plastic film from your life as much as possible by taking your own reusable bags to the grocery store, reusing bubble wrap, and trying to reduce the amount of plastic film you buy in general. Reuse and Recycling: Plastic bags can be reused in your home (e.g. as waste basket liners or doggy poo scooper bags.) Any bags you don't reuse can be properly recycled by placing them in the receptacles found near the front of most grocery stores. This ensures they will be recycled with other materials of the same kind and not have a chance to choke recycling sorting machinery. More info: wcnorthwest.com

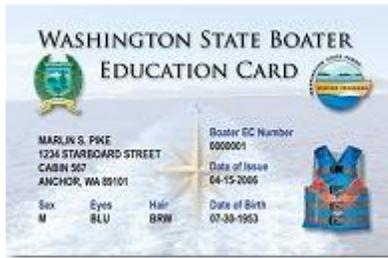
Garbage & Recycling

Announcing the RecycleRight App!

Get a clean start on 2015! Out with the old stuff. In with the new RecycleRight App!

The City of Vancouver, Clark County and Waste Connections of Washington have teamed up to provide residential customers with a new on-the-go resource for recycling, reusing and disposing the right way. Download the free RecycleRight App for your smart phone or tablet, or use the Recycling A-Z wizard on our website. It's free and easy to use

<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/publicworks/page/garbage-recycling>



Thinking about Getting the Boat Out?

Do you have the “Boater Education Card”?

To operate a motor-driven boat of 15 horsepower or greater, a person must be at least twelve years of age or older and complete a boating safety course that is accepted by both Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission.

Beginning January 1, 2008 and as phased in by age, boat operators 12 years of age or older, on boats with 15 HP or more, are required to have a Washington State issued Boater Education Card indicating that a boating safety education class or equivalency exam has been successfully completed by the card holder.

By January 1, 2016, all boat operators meeting the requirements must have an education card. To get your card, fill out this application (click to download) and send it along with a copy of your certificate of course completion to Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission.

Boaters can take an education course in a classroom, online, or at home. If you are an experienced boater and have a good working knowledge of navigation rules and Washington laws, you may opt to take a 75-question equivalency exam with no reference material.

More Info: <http://www.parks.wa.gov/442/Mandatory-Boater-Education>

What Do YOU Know About The Parks Foundation of Vancouver of Clark County?

The Parks Foundation serves to provide resources in support of parks, trails, and recreational programs throughout Clark County.

Parks Foundation of Clark County, in conjunction with the Vancouver Parks and Recreation, invites you to join us at Esther Short Park for a day of planting. Volunteers are needed to plant the large planters and flower beds around the Propstra Square. No experience necessary, simply a desire to add beauty to your park.

Propstra Square Annual Spring Planting - 17 May 2015

Volunteer at the annual Propstra Square Spring Planting,

When: Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m

Where: SE Corner of Esther Short Park, 6th & Columbia Streets

More Info and to pre-register http://www.parksfoundation.us/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/PropSq_032814.pdf

Volunteer with the Parks Foundation

We need your help. The Parks Foundation can only run as smoothly as it does with the assistance of volunteers like you. We have something for everyone; office duties, events, and of course planting of every nature.

More Info: Cheri Martin—610 Esther St., PO Box 2379, Vancouver 98666; 360-487x8370, cheri.martin@parksfoundation.us

Online Paddle Sports Safety Course! (FREE)

The Washington State Parks Boating Program invites boaters to try an online course for paddlers. The free, online paddling course is being offered by BoaterExam.com. The course is approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, a nonprofit organization that works to develop public policy for recreational boating safety. The course covers the basics for your first adventure on the water...a must for anyone looking to start paddling. Whether you have a desire to learn the sport for the first time or improve your skills as a paddler, the course will provide you with basic boating knowledge and sharpen your skills. [BoaterExam.com]

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More Info: <http://www.dol.wa.gov/licenseexpress.html>

CERT Training Begins 19 February

Spring CERT training that will be held at Clark County Fire District 6 beginning in February. Please share this with any friends, family or neighbors who may be interested in CERT.
More Info: Eric.Frank@clark.wa.gov

East Minnehaha – Roads End Neighborhood Associations

East Minnehaha Neighborhood Association

President: Sue Lintz [693-9153] tonysuel@aol.com
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(Sending a note: Please put Minnehaha or Roads End your subject line to ensure it is read and not "junked, trashed, or deleted")

Neighborhood associations are volunteer groups and not agents of Clark County government. Newsletter information and views are solely those of the neighborhood association and not of Clark County. Clark County Public Information and Outreach Office support these volunteers by printing and distributing their newsletters

Elections

Please come to this IMPORTANT and very interesting meeting on **March 4th**. It's VOTE time.. All officer positions on the board will be open. Are you interested in becoming involved in **YOUR** neighborhood? This is a great way for you to get to know your neighbors and what is happening in your County. Offices to be filled by one of you: President, Secretary, & Treasurer

Come prepared to volunteer and to support those who serve you. Pick exactly how you want to help. You must be in the boundaries of East Minnehaha to vote but anyone, from anywhere may attend meeting.

Do You Know Your Sheriff Liaison Deputies?

Our appointed neighborhood Clark County Sheriff's Office Deputies' mission is to provide assistance and answer questions. They can also "keep their ear to the ground" at the county regarding issues that may affect you, or help coordinate partnership projects with your organization and the county. See their names and contact information listed above

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