



# Kevanna Park Neighborhood Association

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## Kevanna Park Neighborhood Meeting

### Guest Speaker:

**Neighborhood Officer**

**Cpl. Mark Hochhalter**

**(360) 772-5887**

**Please attend with any questions you may have.**

### Date:

**Thursday**

**December 18, 2008**

**Time: 7-9 PM**

### Place:

**NW Baptist Convention Center**

**3200 NW 109th Ave Van,**

**Wa 98682**

**Coffee, tea and hot cocoa will be provided.**

**Please Bring the Kids for a Holiday Movie with popcorn in the play room.**

### Officers:

**City Liaison: Deputy Chief Joe Molina  
(360) 735-8792**

**[Joe.molina@ci.vancouver.wa.us](mailto:Joe.molina@ci.vancouver.wa.us)**

**Chair: Heather Allen**

**Co -Chair: David Allen**

**[Kevannaparkneighborhood@yahoo.com](mailto:Kevannaparkneighborhood@yahoo.com)**

**Treasurer: Open**

**Secretary: Kathy Arnold**

**Newsletter Distribution: Jay Getsfrid**

**[jay.getsfrid@ci.vancouver.wa.us](mailto:jay.getsfrid@ci.vancouver.wa.us)**

**Newsletter Editor: Open**

**Business Rep and Volunteer Lead: Bill Weber**

**Neighborhood Watch: Charlie Johnson**

## Message From the Chair

Doug Ross from the City of Vancouver for Code Compliance Supervisor was our guest speaker at our last meeting in November.

Doug explained how code compliance helps reduce crime in neighborhoods and improves property value. One of the things he touched on was the "Broken Window Study" If one neighbor has a broken window and does nothing about it, and does nothing to help anybody about it, it shows as a neighborhood

we don't care. Burglars look for these types of neighborhoods that make it easy to find a target. He also explained that the City will help organizations that need help but can't afford getting help such as a temporary dumpster delivery services and leaf disposal boxes. Doug also touched on promoting property management. One very simple thing that we can do is make sure our garbage and

recycle bins are picked up after they're emptied and placed out of street view (behind house, in garage). We also had out City Liaison Deputy Fire Chief Joe Molina attend and went over some fire safety concerns within the neighborhood and how to look for ways to prevent fires. If you would like to speak with him he will be attending all of our future meetings.

## Kevanna Park Clean Up Day a Huge Success

Clean up Day on November 22 was a huge success with 29 households taking part and participating at Kevanna Park.

Kevanna Park had one truckload of bulky items weighing 5.63 tons and three drop boxes of yard debris totaling 7.63 tons. The disposal cost for the bulky items was \$458.14 and the disposal cost for the yard debris was \$380.89. 1 truck load full of crap metal and 1 truck load of items taken to goodwill.

A special Thank You to our residents who went out of their way to help disabled neighbors clean up their yards. Good Job!

THANK YOU TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUR HELP:

Bill

Kathy

Adam and Laurie

Ann and sons

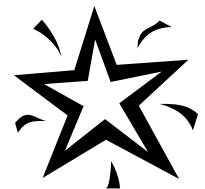
David and

Our Waste Connections helpers Bob and Casey for staying all day!

Without all your help we couldn't have had such a successful day!

If I haven't mentioned it before, let me shout very loudly here ~~

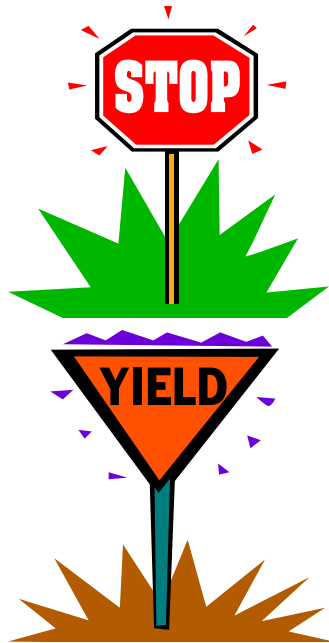
THANK YOU !!!!!!!



## SLOW DOWN

Kevanna Park is becoming a thorough way for traffic to enter Kevanna Park Neighborhood from 55th St to 110th through to 109th St and to Burton. This is a safety concern because of the speed people are traveling through here with children whether it be waiting for the bus, getting off the bus, walking to and from the park, or just playing in their front yard. We should not have to worry about our safety in the community anymore due to traffic coming from other neighborhoods and passing through or lingering in front of peoples property. If you see a lingering car that you have no idea who they are Call 911 Immediately. If you do live or work in Kevanna Park Neighborhood then Please, Please Watch Your Speed.. We have seen a lot

## 25 MPH Or Slower



## WATCH SPEED

of trucks not stopping at stop signs, or not even stopping on a road that has no Stop Sign but has oncoming traffic. Please this is very concerning if you are a neighbor that lives in Kevanna Park. Right now we don't have enough stop signs we need to find 5 main points that need them, 25 mph speed limit signs implemented in the neighborhood, and slow signs.

If you would like to get involved please contact us at the next meeting in Thursday December 18th at the Baptist Center on 109th.

### Kevanna Park Newsletters Distribution

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out distributing all the newsletters to our residents, businesses etc.. We really appreciate all the hard work that has gone into making Kevanna Park a community again. It is a great incentive to get outside the house. If you can help, Jay Getsfrid 909-0745 or jlgetsfrid@comcast.net

### New Year's Eve All Nighter:

**Wednesday, December 31, 2008**

*New Year's Eve All Nighter: Parent's Getaway*

Firstenburg Community Center

8 p.m. - 8 a.m.

Ages 6-11 (older siblings allowed)

\$40/child

Please check your speed  
when driving through  
Kevanna Park  
Neighborhood!!



Vancouver Landing at Terminal One  
Waterfront Park [ West of I-5 ]

Hayden Bay is on the north side of  
Hayden Island  
(Private marina)

Marine Park  
SE Marine Park & Columbia Way,  
Vancouver

James M Gleason Boat Ramp, Large  
Parking Lot ( River Patrol's Office) NE  
42nd/Marine Drive, Portland. Ships  
can be seen here at 7:00PM

Viewing is also good in areas along  
NE Marine Drive from NE 29th to  
42nd St

### Christmas Ship Parade

#### 2008 Columbia River Schedule

Dress Warm for the Weather!

- Wed., Dec. 17th 7:00PM I-5 Bridge, Hayden Bay
- Thur, Dec 18th 7:00PM James M Gleason Boat Ramp/WA shoreline, I-5 Bridge (late this night)
- Fri, Dec. 19th 7:00PM North Portland Harbor

- Sat., Dec. 20th  
**Both Fleets 5:00PM Lake Oswego**
- Sun, Dec. 21st  
**Both Fleets 5:00PM Downtown Portland, St Johns area**

All viewing from Columbia Blvd  
can be seen in these locations



## Firstenberg Community Center Senior Activities

Address: 700 NE 136th Avenue Vancouver, WA 98682

- Holiday Dinner with Loaves & Fishes: Friday, Dec. 19.

Elvis will perform.

- Financial Clinic: Monday, Dec. 22, 10-11:30 a.m. Free one-on-one consultation with a financial planner. "Will I outlive my money? Can I lower my taxes?" Call 487-7015 for more information or to sign up.

- Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)  
201 NE 73rd ST. Suite 101

Vancouver, WA 98665  
360-694-6577  
hscinfo@hsc-wa.org

**S.A.L.T. aims to prevent crimes against seniors**  
**For further information, contact Strunk at 360-834-4151.**

For Events and more fun activities  
Please Check out this email or telephone:  
<http://>



[www.cityofvancouver.us/seniormessenger.asp](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/seniormessenger.asp)

**Curfew's from 10PM- 6AM**  
**Please respect your neighbors with revving engines, bumping load music within this time frame. KPNA**

### \* Vancouver Firefighters Kick Off Winter Coat Drive \*

For the fifth consecutive year, Vancouver Fire Department firefighters are collecting coats for needy people. **The drop-off site is Station 86 at 400 E. 37th St. (adjacent to the Safeway parking lot on Main).**

Last year this effort collected more than 1,000 coats for needy people. According to Capt. Duane Schuman, the city firefighters are looking for donations of clean, usable coats in all sizes. "Anybody who wants to donate a coat can bring it to the station," he urges.

**Drop-off times are every day of the week, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Jan 1st 2009.**

### NOTE TO RENTERS: Renters Insurance –Why Buy?

Renters Insurance is designed to cover anyone who rents a home, be it a house or an apartment. Your landlord's insurance generally only covers the building in which you reside, not your personal belongings or your liability.

#### Reasons you should consider buying renters insurance:

- It will provide coverage for your personal belongings such as clothing, furniture, computers, sports gear and all other items.
- The cost is very low and combined with your auto policy may also reduce your auto policy premiums.
- The policy can protect you and your family against bodily injury, personal injury, and personal

damage claims and litigation up to the limits you select.

- If a visitor is injured on your property, or injured by you or a member of your household your policy may pay all covered medical expenses, up to the limit you have selected.
- Most people's belongings are worth more than they realize. That makes Renters insurance all that more valuable.

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## Addressing Trees, Shrubs and Bushes

Several people in the neighborhood have mentioned the overgrown trees, and shrubs that are either on a business property's, homeowners associations and homeowners property's. They are blocking our street lights, power line poles and power wires, street parking signs. We would like you to please check your property to see what needs to be trimmed back before more winter storms appear. If you cannot do your own work or need some help. Send us an email to [Kevannaparkneighborhood@yahoo.com](mailto:Kevannaparkneighborhood@yahoo.com), call 891-5541 or attend a our next meeting Thursday Dec 18th at 7PM. These can be a real danger and very hazardous for the neighborhood during this time of winter. Especially downed power lines mean power outages no electricity, no heat, no gas, no phone, sparks could cause fires, trees could fall on houses and on cars causing more money and pain later. So we ask that you take a look and make sure you cut these trees back and if you have a property that is at the end of a street, shrubs are becoming a clearance problem for drivers, sending cars to stick out to oncoming traffic. So to prevent tragic accidents let's help one another and take care of what is important. We can work together to make a more viable and happier place to live.

### *Word from the Chair*

### *Note From the Treasurer*

We are happy to announce The City of Vancouver has awarded us for our awesome numbers on clean—up. To start our neighborhood off to a great start \$150 will be put in our bank.

We are also going to try a new neighborhood member system out, to see who wants to volunteer and donate, any ideas please bring to the meeting.

## Neighborhood Website

If you are online and wish to have access to the neighborhood.

**Email:** ([kevannaparkneighborhood@yahoo.com](mailto:kevannaparkneighborhood@yahoo.com))

**Check out our Website:**

<http://neighborhoodlink.com/clarkco/kevanna/>

**Any and all Emergencies and Suspicious activity don't hesitate to Call 911**

### *Note From Newsletter Distributor*

A special thank you to all the helping hands for distributing the newsletters out to folks. The board appreciates all the dedication, and hard work, since we know it's not easy during this cold season!

Thanks Again!!!!!!



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

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