

Proebstel Neighborhood Association Meeting 1/20/2009 Tuesday at 7:00pm at the Proebstel Church.

Because of the loss of Don Wastler, one of our founding members in early December. We thought it best to have an election at our upcoming meeting. The positions that are available:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Board Members

The Proebstel NA has been going for 2 yrs. And we hope to keep it going . We meet once a month (the 3rd Tuesday of every month) We have been able to make some positive changes to our neighborhood with your help we can continue. We are always open to suggestions and the information that we present at meetings is valuable to our neighborhood. This is your neighborhood association so please plan to attend and be involved. Following is the January Newsletter.....

2009 Reduce-Reuse-Recycle

A fun new site called 2 Good 2 Toss has emerged. Technically known as an online materials exchange. www.2good2toss.com is convenient way to exchange small or large quantities of used or surplus building materials and household items. The site has many free items as well. Looking in your garage/attic how many items have you held on to simply because they are just 2 good 2 toss? Now is the time!

Clark PUD

On-site visit

Energy Auditors do most of their work over the phone, but they're available to come to your home if necessary.

Because we don't sell heating and weatherization equipment and materials, nor do we do the installation, we can give you an objective opinion about which energy-saving measures can and those that probably won't save you money.

Energy counselors can help you in the following ways:

- Analyze your home energy use and recommend steps to lower your electric bill.
- Give you tips on how to winterize your home.

- Guide you through the process of installing insulation, sealing ducts and selecting a heat pump.
- Provide you with written information about conservation products, programs and practices.
- Speak to your neighborhood group, homeowners association or other organization about energy conservation and the utility's conservation programs.

If you have energy-related questions, please call us at **(360) 992-3355**

Its not over yet- Potholes are no fun!

Clean up efforts have already begun in recovering the gravel used during the snowstorm. The damage done below the snow and gravel is now becoming evident-meaning potholes. County maintenance crews are on the lookout for potholes but don't assume the pothole you have been avoiding since the storm has been noticed or is "on the list". Take time to report it. Fill out the online road maintenance request found at:

<http://www.co.clark.wa.us/public-works/operations/roadmaint.html>

To help expedite your service request, please be prepared with specific information:

- *Give the exact location
- *Be prepared to describe the size of the pothole
- *Is the pothole in the driving lane or parking lane?
- *Note whether you hear or see water in the hole.

New Septic Code detects problems, protects homeowners....

Of the 8,876 septic systems inspected since October 2007, more than 1/3 had problems that had to be corrected to prevent failures and protect groundwater. The new code has made it easier for Public Health to detect these problems early. "Early detection not only prevents health problem, it also protects property owner investments," said Jonnie Hyde, public health service manager. "As property owners work more closely with us and become better informed about their septic systems, we expect to see fewer failing systems over time. For more information on septic systems maintenance, visit <http://www.co.clark.wa.us/health/environmental/septic/maintenance/inspection.html> By linking to MapsOnline, property owners, realtors, and anyone else can view septic system info for specific properties in Clark County.

HAPPY 2009 Best wishes for a bright new year filled with family, friends, health, prosperity and good neighbors!

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