

# Fircrest Neighborhood Newsletter

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- Fircrest NHA monthly meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2009.

- Fircrest Neighborhood Association Elections are coming soon. Come to the next meeting for more information and to see what areas might be a good fit for you. Nominations will be held at the Nov. meeting. Voting will occur at the Dec. meeting.

- Watch for an update coming soon regarding the Fircrest Tree Planting. We're working with City Urban Forestry and Friends of Trees.

- This newsletter can be found online at [www.neighborhoodlink.com/Fircrest/home](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Fircrest/home)

## Vancouver Police Recruiting Volunteer Citizen Patrollers for Next Training Academy

Assisting with a felony arrest, recovering a stolen car, distributing flyers to neighbors in an arson investigation, reporting a suspected drug deal in progress, and observing suspicious activity in a Vancouver neighborhood are all recent actions performed by specially trained volunteers in the Vancouver Police Department's Neighbors On Watch (NOW) program.

NOW volunteers patrol their neighborhoods on foot, bike, or vehicle and act as additional "eyes and ears" for the police department. Citizen patrollers report their observations as part of this crime prevention program. Volunteers receive specialized training in observation skills, police radio communications, criminal law, crime detection and prevention, patrol procedures, first aid, CPR and AED, among other relevant topics.

Come to the November meeting to hear Kelly Mott, Vancouver Police volunteer coordinator, and a NOW volunteer talk about the citizen patrol program and provide details to Fircrest neighbors on how to apply for the next training academy. If you can not make the meeting and would like information, call Kelly at the Vancouver Police Department, 487-7467.

## Keep Fircrest Safe

In response to increased nocturnal activity, we've asked our Neighborhood Police Officer, Corporal Ford, to come give us a presentation on gangs and activity in Vancouver at the next meeting as well as the NOW presentation. Come, fortify your understanding of criminal activity facing our area and see what you can do to help keep Fircrest safe.

### Upcoming events:

**10/24: Community Health and Wellness Fair 11am-3pm @** Community AME Zion Church, 3605 E 13th St. (See pg 2)

**10/29: Community Open House 4-8pm @** Westfield Mall. (See pg 2)

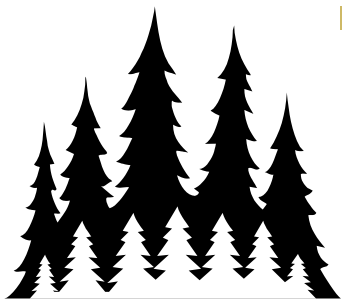
**11/3: FNA Monthly Meeting 7pm @** Firstenburg Community Center, 700 NE 136th Ave. Come at 6:30PM to socialize! (More info on this page)

**11/14: MVHS Holiday Bazaar 9am-4pm @** 1500 SE Blaimont. (see pg 3)

**12/15: Library Grand Opening 4-8pm @** 600 NE 136th Ave., next to the Firstenburg Community Center. (See pg 3)

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## Community Open House and Information Fair

The city of Vancouver will host a Community Open House and Information Fair from 4-8pm on Thursday, Oct. 29th, at the Westfield Vancouver Mall (lower level between Nordstrom and Macy's). Attendees will meet representatives from all city departments and chat with City Council members about the issues that matter to them. This open house is an opportunity to talk with city employees face-to-face, ask questions about city programs and services and learn about what's going on in your community. Information will be available about the new recycling cart program, the new 112th Safety Corridor project, and many other new or changing programs.

Children of all ages are welcome, and will be treated to face painting by the Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation department among other activities.

Everyone is welcome. If special accommodations are needed, please call (360) 487-7060. For more information, call or email City of Vancouver Special Events at (360) 487-8630 or [events@ci.vancouver.wa.us](mailto:events@ci.vancouver.wa.us).

## Community Health and Wellness Fair

Take action for the health of yourself, your family and your community. Get info and on-site services from many community groups in one place!

- Free HIV Testing
- Free-Low Cost Medical Coverage for Children
- Free-Low Cost Medical Resources
- Food Assistance Applications
- Free Massage
- H1N1 (Swine Flu) Information
- Head Start Info
- Healthy Snacks Provided!

If you are a senior citizen or family with a service-man or woman serving our country overseas and you need help with small home maintenance or repair work at no charge, please call Ralph Peabody at 892-3891.

Call Community AME Zion Church at (360) 693-4566 for more info.

### **F N A Officers**

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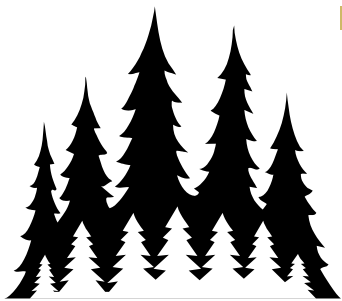
**Vancouver PD-East Precinct:**  
360-487-7500

**Citizen Advocate:** 360-487-8611

**Community Mediation:**  
360-619-1140

**Job Hotline:** 360-696-8128

**Animal Control:** 360-397-2488



## **Cascade Park Community Library to Hold Grand Opening December 15**

*Final day at current library will be November 7*

The Grand Opening Celebration for the new Cascade Park Community Library, located at 600 NE 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue next to Firstenburg Community Center, will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 4:00-8:00 p.m. The event will include speeches by dignitaries, refreshments and entertainment.

The schedule for closing the current library and opening the new facility is as follows:

- **Monday, October 26** – Cascade Park Community Library will no longer be a pickup location option for new holds placed on books. Patrons placing holds will need to choose an alternate pickup location such as Vancouver Mall Community Library or Vancouver Community Library on Mill Plain Blvd.
- **Saturday, November 7** – Last day of operation for the current library at 301 SE Hearthwood Blvd. The building will close to the public permanently at 6 p.m. During the following weeks, staff will be busy moving books and preparing the new building for opening.
- **Books left on hold at Cascade Park Community Library** will be transferred to the Vancouver Mall library after November 7.
- While the Cascade Park Community Library is closed, patrons are encouraged to visit other **FVRL libraries in the area**, including Vancouver Mall Community Library on the second floor near JC Penney at Westfield Vancouver Shopping Mall; and Vancouver Community Library at 1007 E. Mill Plain Blvd. Library hours and additional locations are available at [www.fvrl.org](http://www.fvrl.org).
- The catalog and many library services are available 24/7 at [www.fvrl.org](http://www.fvrl.org), or you can call (360) 695-1566.
- Book-return boxes at the old location will be open to accept returned items until Saturday, Nov. 14. The old book drops will be emptied and locked early that day at about the same time the book-return slot at the new library is opened.

For more information, call Cascade Park Community Library at (360) 256-7782 or visit [www.fvrl.org](http://www.fvrl.org) and click on the Building for the Future graphic.

## **Support Mountain View HS Band Boosters**

Homemade gifts and goodies are fun to share during the holidays, but finding the time to make them is another matter. That's where area artists, craftspeople and bakers come in -- their handiwork will be available for sale at Mountain View High School's 29th Annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 14th, 2009 from 9am to 4pm at Mountain View High School (1500 SE Blaimont, Vancouver, WA). Featuring over 150 tables, it is one of the largest bazaars in the area. As you shop for gifts and decorations you can pick up something to satisfy your hunger too, there will be concessions and baked goods for sale as well. For table rental information, please call Kristie Neshyba at (360) 936-9484 or email [kneshyba@comcast.net](mailto:kneshyba@comcast.net).