

Fircrest Neighborhood Newsletter

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- Fircrest NHA monthly meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2009.
- Know what's going on in YOUR neighborhood! Last 90 days of criminal activity. Map dots indicate criminal incidents. The pie chart indicates property crimes per 1000 population. Go online: www.vanpolice.org and click on Fircrest or contact Vancouver Police Analyst Rachael Souza-Lowe 487-7353
- The City of Vancouver Urban Forestry program and Friends of Trees has selected Fircrest as a neighborhood for the 2009-2010 planting season! Volunteers are needed to coordinate and help with tree plantings to increase our canopy! Contact fnanews@gmail.com

YOU'RE INVITED and 2010 FNA Nominations

Every month, on the first Tuesday, each and every resident receiving this newsletter is personally invited to attend your neighborhood association meeting. For those unaware, the Fircrest Neighborhood Association is comprised of *all* residents and businesses located between Mill Plain Blvd to the south, 18th Street to the north, 1-205 to the west and 136th Avenue to the east.

You are a part of the membership of Fircrest Neighborhood merely by virtue of your address; absolutely no dues required. Your forum to express your neighborhood concerns and suggestions is our monthly membership meeting, held at Firstenburg Community Center every 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm. We are thrilled to welcome you to each meeting and value your input. Our current bylaws stipulate that you need to have been present at two out of the last three meetings to be able to vote on issues.

2010 elections are currently underway, with nominations having just been announced at the October meeting. Those nominations are as follows: Jesse Magaña for Chair, Larry Kennedy for Vice-Chair, Margaret Milem for Treasurer and LeeAnn O'Neil-Ocampo for Secretary. As of this printing each of these positions is running unopposed, but there's still time and we welcome new volunteers with open arms! Specifically we are hoping to find a co-secretary or newsletter coordinator to add to our board. Please come to the next meeting or contact any current board member for more information. (See page 2 for contact info.) See last page for other agenda items scheduled for the December meeting.

Upcoming events:

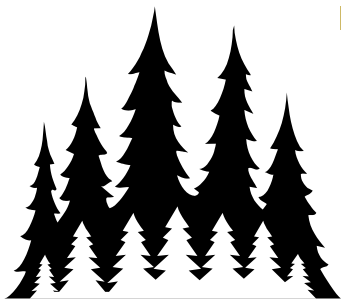
Dec 1: FNA Monthly Meeting at Firstenburg Community Center 7PM @ 700 NE 136th Ave. Come at 6:30PM to socialize!

Dec 5: Evergreen School District Coffee & Conversation meeting 7:30AM Covington Middle School @ 11200 NE Rosewood Rd

Jan 5: FNA Monthly Meeting at Firstenburg Community Center 7PM @ 700 NE 136th Ave. Come at 6:30PM to socialize!

Jan 28: Evergreen School District Coffee & Conversation meeting 12:00PM Wy'East Middle School @ 1112 SE 136th Ave

Thank you to neighbor Jeanne G for her donation to the Fircrest Neighborhood Association. Jeanne G made the donation in thanks to Ralph P's help with minor household repairs. Thank you Ralph!!



NOW Details....

Kelly Mott, the Volunteer Coordinator for the Vancouver Police Department, shared information regarding the NOW (Neighbors on Watch) Program and other volunteer opportunities with the VPD at the November Fircrest Neighborhood Association. There are many options for volunteering with the VPD, including data entry, gang unit volunteers, courier services, helmet fitting and child car seat safety courses.

The NOW program provides an opportunity for Vancouver residents to personally help keep their neighborhoods, and the city, safe. NOW volunteers are required to be over 21, be a city resident, to pass a background check and successfully complete a training academy. Academies are held twice a year. Upon graduation, volunteers go out in two's to act as eyes and ears in their community. The minimum hourly requirement for volunteering is 4hrs a month. Volunteers receive a shirt, hat and car decal with the NOW symbol on them as well as a radio and flashlight. They have direct contact with the police and simply report on activities they see; they do not interfere. They are a highly visible crime prevention tool.

In 2010 cyclist volunteers will be added to the NOW force for downtown Vancouver.

The next Academy is scheduled for Spring 2010 and the background check process takes several weeks so get your application in today! Contact Kelly Mott at 360-694-9646 for more information or to be mailed an information packet and application.

That's a Lot of Recycling!!!

Having problems filling that new roomy recycle bin? Or moving it? Or storing it? The large ones we were all recently given are 95 gallons. If you're finding you don't need that much room, there are 65 and 48 gallon bins available. Simply call Waste Connections at 360-892-5370. The new bin will be delivered on your next scheduled pick up date.

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Citizen Advocate: 360-487-8611

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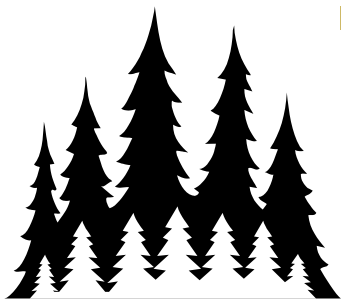
Job Hotline: 360-696-8128

Animal Control: 360-397-2488

Vancouver PD-East Precinct:

360-487-7500

Citizen Advocate: 360-487-8611



Results and Implications of Recent Lawsuit

The FNA board members attended the court date for the recent lawsuit that arose out of the Annual Clean-up this past May. We were sued for over \$1700 but ordered by the judge to pay only \$460.

Our budget has never needed to include monies for lawsuits or insurance premiums before but it looks as if we will be holding a fundraiser soon to begin collecting for the judgment and the apparent need for coverage for our volunteers that the unfortunate event has highlighted. The Vancouver Office of Neighborhoods is looking into helping Vancouver city neighborhood associations get the coverage we apparently need to carry. Please don't let this situation dissuade YOU from volunteering... its not going to stop *us* from helping our neighbors in every way we can

Need Volunteer Hours for School Credit?

If you are a middle school or high school student, or the parent of a student, that needs volunteer hours for school credit, we have opportunities for you! We always need help delivering newsletters, bodies at the spring time Chipper Day and Clean-up as well as ivy pulls, parks clean-ups and other events. Contact a board member or FNAnews@gmail.com for more info. Don't wait until the last minute, let us know you're available soon!! We can help you meet your volunteer credit hour requirement while you make a difference in Fircrest!

Agenda for December Meeting

Currently, the following items will be discussed at the next Fircrest Neighborhood Association at Firstenburg Community Center on December 1st at 7pm. We meet at 6:30 to socialize.

- Joe and Gail of Joe's Farms will be coming to give us an update on the 18th Street Project and the proposed impact on their farmland.
- Elections will continue; come in and let us know where you feel you can make the most impact. Votes will be cast at the January meeting.

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