

Fircrest Neighborhood Newsletter

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- Fircrest NHA monthly meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2010.
- 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 newsletter is now available on Fircrest's very own website! Check out <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Fircrest/home> for great community communication tools and to upload YOUR profile today!



Celebrate the Season!!

On the FNA Agenda

John Deeder, Superintendent of Evergreen Public School District, will be at the **January** membership meeting to talk about the school levy going on the February 2010 ballot. More info on page 2.

Jesse Batty with Urban Forestry/Friends of Trees will be at the **February** meeting to discuss the Fircrest Tree Planting scheduled for March 2010. Get your tree orders in ASAP. More info on page 3.

Carlos Garcia from Community Housing Resource Center (www.homecen.org/) will be at the **March** meeting to offer financial and housing tips.

More Police Please

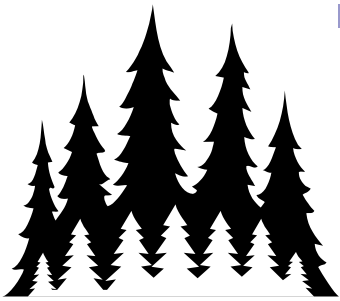
Ralph P. is drafting a petition to deliver to City Council requesting greater police presence in east Vancouver. If you're interested in signing and/or helping gather signatures, please email FNAnews@gmail.com.

Upcoming events:

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

Jan 23 & 30: FREE Love & Logic parenting class at the EHS Admin Offices @ 13501 NE 28th St. Call 604-4082 for more info.

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



School Levy on February 9, 2010 Ballot

The Evergreen Public Schools will place a two-year replacement levy on the February 9, 2010 ballot to replace the voter-approved four-year levy which will expire in 2010. The levy helps fill the gap between what the state funds and what it actually costs to maintain the current education programs.

Levy funds allow the district to pay for part or all of a variety of instructional services such as: Approximately 200 instructional staff; textbooks and supplies; extracurricular activities; 140 clerical, maintenance, and campus security staff, transportation, EXCEL program, English Language Learners and Special Education programs, secondary electives, library materials, maintenance costs and classroom technology.

The levy will cost \$40.8 million in 2011 and \$41.5 million in 2012. The impact on your individual taxes will depend on whether your home increases or decrease in value. Regardless of whether property value assessments go up or down, the district is only allowed to collect the set amount of levy dollars.

If the levy fails, all of the items listed above will be considered for reduction.

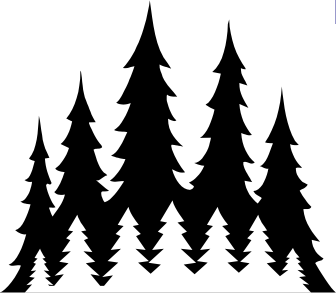
Please come to the January 4 membership meeting at Firstenburg Community Center to hear more

Sidewalk Update

A neighborhood committee has reviewed the plans for the sidewalks on 9th Street. The group recommended deleting the proposed median between the street and the new sidewalk and suggested a six-inch extruded curb separating the sidewalk from the street. Transportation has responded that they will install the curb but need the median for drainage. The committee will pursue the issue further. Watch for an update here!

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Join the Fircrest Neighborhood Tree Planting!

In partnership with Friends of Trees, the Fircrest neighborhood is planning a tree planting project for March 20, 2010! Join us on Saturday morning to help plant trees and create a healthier community!

Planting a tree in your yard or parking strip creates long lasting benefits enjoyed by everyone! Did you know that trees remove pollutants from the air? A typical tree absorbs 10 pounds of pollutants, cleans 330 pounds of carbon dioxide, and creates 260 pounds of oxygen each year! Trees also help intercept and retain 760 gallons of rainwater each year, which help keep our rivers clean and help save us money on stormwater fees! Trees can cool our homes in the summer and shade our city which helps us stay cool all summer! Trees raise the property value of your home by up to 20%. Also, unlike many other things, trees appreciate in value each year! And by planting trees now, we can keep our city green into the future. Trees don't last forever, but it is easy for us to keep planting to ensure a "green" future.

Next winter, Vancouver Urban Forestry is teaming up with Friends of Trees to offer homeowners trees for their yard or parking strip for \$46.99. The cost will include a site inspection by the Urban Forestry Department to ensure you choose the right tree for your home, hole digging, help with planting your tree, stakes, mulch, ties, labels, follow-up monitoring, and information on proper tree care techniques! For more information, please visit www.friendsoftrees.org.

Planning has begun for the this Tree Planting Event, so contact Jesse at (360) 619-1127, or email jesse.batty@ci.vancouver.wa.us to order trees and to get involved with this great event!

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