Community Newsletter

March/April 2010



NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association







March & April 2010 Newsletter

Highlights for March/April are

Energy Conservation Grant – \$1m

Kids register now – Fishing Event

Hazel Dell Elementary School Events

Our Meeting Schedule for April - June 2010 is:

April 20, 2010 Clark County Operations

Center, Community Room

4700 NE 78th Street

May 18, 2010 Clark County Operations

Center, Community Room

4700 NE 78th Street

June 15, 2010 Clark County Operations

Center, Community Room

4700 NE 78th Street

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NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, March 16, 2010 7:00 PM 3rd Tuesday every month

Location: Clark County Public Works,

Community Room

4700 NE 78th Street

Meeting Agenda:

Several announcements and general information in this newsletter will be shared and discussed.

Guest Speakers are:

- John Canda, Clark County Youth Programs
- Bill Coleman, Clark County Food Bank

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THANKS TO: Burgerville USA and McDonalds

For providing refreshments for NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association for meetings and projects.

NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association Web Page

Check out our neighborhood association web page at http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/clarkco/nehdna/.

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State grants a \$1 million award in stimulus money for energy conservation effort

You may be eligible for weatherization improvements at little or no cost to you!

Clark Public Utilities and Clark County have joined together to offer a pilot energy conservation program in the Hazel Dell area thanks to \$1 million in federal stimulus funding awarded by the state. This funding is being combined with a \$1.9 million grant to provide energy conservation improvements for income-eligible participants.

Improving the way you use energy can save you money, create new jobs in our community, and protect the environment.

late-March. Starting in neighborhood volunteers will canvass the pilot area between Minnehaha Northeast Northeast 68th streets east of Interstate 5. Volunteers will share energy conservation information and schedule an energy audit, which could lead to financial assistance for weatherizing homes and small businesses of those who meet eligibility requirements.



Energy audits take about two hours and will begin scheduling in March. A Clark Public Utilities energy counselor will provide an energy conservation kit along with a complete analysis of qualifying homes and businesses. The analysis will provide a detailed energy consumption report and customized plan for efficiency improvements. The audit will identify ways to save money and energy, and include a list of available cash incentives for efficiency improvements. Among the conservation improvements are installation of insulation, duct sealing, and air sealing.

The program is open to those who have electric heat, live in the targeted area, or to volunteers that are outside of the target area and

willing to assist with the neighborhood outreach.

This program will pay for some energy conservation measures. Clark Public Utilities has weatherization and appliance rebates, as well as low-interest loans for additional improvements.

For more information, contact Clark Public Utilities at 360-992-3345 or go to clarkpublicutilities.com.

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"Growing Pains" The History of Hazel Dell

For sale by the NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association. Only \$8!!

Sample Excerpt from Growing Pains-

"There has been considerable evidence of Indian habitation in this region. Mattie and Joe Davidson found signs of underground ovens built of rocks on their property overlooking Vancouver Lake backwaters. There were a number of these ovens in a small, smooth clearing."

Call Bud Van Cleve to order your book at 695-1466!!

AARP Tax-Aide provide FREE tax preparation and e-file

AARP Tax-Aide provide FREE tax preparation and e-file for taxpayers with low- and middle- income, with special attention to those age 60 and older, is available from AARP Tax-Aide from February 1 through April 15. You do NOT need to be

a member of AARP or a retiree to use this service.

Tax law can often be confusing. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers can make the process of filling out tax returns a whole lot easier. The volunteers have gone through a rigorous training program offered in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service, and have the knowledge to prepare your return taking advantage of all the many provisions of the tax code.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers, trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, will offer help with personal income tax returns at various sites locally. In Washington, help is offered at over 200 places. And, to speed refunds, we file returns electronically.

Last year, more than 1,000 AARP Tax-Aide volunteers helped more than 56,000 Washington residents file their income tax returns. The program is offered at senior centers, libraries and other convenient locations.

Call toll-free number, 1-888-227-7669, or visit national web site at www.aarp.org/taxaide or local website at www.aarp-tax-aide-sw-washington.org

Did you know?

911 is a well-known emergency phone number, but did you know there is another useful assistance number? 211 is the social services help line. Call 211 on the phone and the operator on the other end will provide information about food, housing, employment, health care, counseling and more. Go to the following website for more information: http://www.211.org/

Grow your own organic groceries!

Help us connect with gardeners and want-to-be gardeners who would like to grow their own organic groceries! If you or someone you know is interested, join us.



Clark County Homegrown Gardens is partnering with the Hazel Dell School and Community Garden to open 4' x 8' raised beds for community members.

A few of the fifteen 4' x 8' raised beds open to those who qualify for low income housing, food stamps, medical coupons, or free/reduced lunch are available.

Participants will receive soil, plants, tools and garden instructions at no cost. An addition bed open to general community members is also available. All garden members will have access to garden instruction and assistance from garden mentors.

In addition, Clark County Homegrown Gardens is opening 4' x 8' raised beds in Central Vancouver, Vancouver Heights, Ridgefield, Battle Ground, and Washougal for income qualified families.

There will be a planting session on Saturday, March 13, 10:00 am at the garden (511 NE Anderson Rd, Hazel Dell School). To reserve a raised bed, call Kris Alexander, 695-5627 or e-mail familygardening@gmail.com.

Hazel Dell Elementary School PTA Events Coming up

Hazel Dell Elementary PTA has two upcoming events open to the public.

The first event is our Talent Show/Art Exhibit scheduled for Thursday March 18th from 6-7pm. Doors will open at 5:15pm for art viewing.

The other event will be on Friday May 28th, were they will be holding the 2nd annual spring "Under the Sea" carnival from 5:30-8:30pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door for game booths for \$5.00 each. Game booths, food, bingo, free face painting, tattoos, raffle, and fun prizes to win. Local business names that will be sponsoring a booth will be posted as a thank you.

For more information contact Tania French at 360-695-4907.

Enrichment Fair Planned for Hazel Dell Elementary

The 22nd Annual Enrichment Fair will be held at Hazel Dell Elementary School on Thursday, March 25th from 8 AM – 1 PM. The theme of our fair this year is: "The Magic School Bus: In the World of Science". On this day, over one hundred community volunteers offer a variety of handson mini-classes for the boys and girls of Hazel Dell.

Each class is designed for nor more than 6-12 children interacting with a Presenter and 2 or more helpers. We are looking for many more volunteers to help with these classes. No experience is necessary. Please call Judy at 360-696-1331, 360-281-7270 or e-mail her at: judyheath@juno.com

American Red Cross seeking Volunteers

The American Red Cross in Southwest Washington holds

volunteer orientations twice monthly at their location at 3114 East Fourth Plain Blvd. The Red Cross is always looking for volunteers to help. The orientation is an opportunity to match skills and desires of volunteers.

Lillian Christina.

The Mission of the American Red Cross is to provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

The American Red Cross of Southwest Washington is seeking dedicated volunteers to help deliver their humanitarian mission.

To learn more about how you can help please attend a volunteer orientation. 3114 East Fourth Plain, Vancouver, WA

You make the difference!

- First Monday of each month at 12:00 PM
- Fourth Thursday of the month at 4:30 PM

For more information contact the American Red Cross at 360-693-5821 x107 www.swwashington.redcross.org

Letters To the Editor:

Watch out for Pedestrians

I have been walking my dog in the Sherwood area lately and have noticed cars speeding through this neighborhood and I am concerned about safety. At least two times a week I almost get hit by cars when crossing 99th St. It is usually dark when I cross but there are 5 street lights and the crossing is well lit in the area. I bought reflective vests for me and the dog and the first day we wore them was our closest call yet. Two of my neighbors almost hit me and the majority of the violators are coming from the south through Maple Gate neighborhood. They rolled down the window and apologized and yelled that it was

dark and they couldn't see me. I was in the street and they were less than a foot from hitting me and the dog.

I was wondering if there had been any accidents there and if the County was planning to make any safety improvements? I have heard of a few really bad car accidents, but nothing about pedestrians. This morning a school boy crossed before me and he was almost hit. He shook his head like it wasn't the first time.

My letter is to remind people driving about the pedestrian laws regarding cross walks and to keep an eye out for those of us on foot.

Thank you.

Kathy Maple Gate Neighborhood

Group formed to oppose Transmission Line

BPA has proposed building a new high voltage transmission power line through Clark County. One of the proposed routes goes right through our neighborhood association and, if built, would impact many property owners along this route. We recently learned that a group has been formed that opposes routing the new line through this area and that group is called "Citizens Against the Towers". For more information, contact Erna Sarasohn at lesernal@yahoo.com.

To learn more about the proposed transmission line visit BPA webpage at http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/i-5-eis

Kate & Clarence LaLonde Neighborhood Park Update

February 26, 2010

A summary of the comments received from neighbors about the

type of playground equipment that may be used in the park is now available on the project Web page: www.clarkparks.org/projects/lalond e.htm.

Parks Staff is currently working to finalize the design and permitting in anticipation of possibly starting construction later this year.

Support Local Businesses in Hazel Dell

Small and locally owned businesses mainstay the our community's economy. The owners of these businesses live and work in our community and have a vested interest in our community's quality of life. Local businesses provide jobs, are a key source of tax revenue to support public services, support our schools, our parks, and are instrumental to the quality of life in our community. They have a vested interest and provide important goods and services to all of us living here in Hazel Dell.

From time-to-time we feature Hazel Dell businesses in our neighborhood newsletter. We want you to know who your local businesses are and what they have to offer. We urge you to do business with them, support them and in so doing support your local community. Everyone benefits from a strong and solid local economy. Your neighborhood association supports local business and we hope you will, too.

For more information about local businesses, contact the Hazel Dell-Salmon Creek Business Association at http://www.hdscba.org/ or Stockford Village Business Association at 10000 NE 7TH AVE STE 105, VANCOUVER, WA

Maple Gate Neighborhood Garage Sale – May 1st

Kick off this spring with one of the neighborhoods biggest garage sales around the county. There is a wide assortment of great stuff for sale at bargain prices. Maple Gate Neighborhood, across from Gaiser Middle School on NE 32nd Avenue, will be having their annual neighborhood garage sale on Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Over 40 homes are expected to participate this year in a traditional annual event that kicks off the garage sale season in Clark County. Everything sells quickly, so come early.

Neighborhood Association Officer/ Board Nominations accepted in April

Nominations for new officers and Board Members will be taken at the April 16th meeting. Officers and Board members will be elected at the May Neighborhood Association meeting per our bylaws. If you are interested in serving on the Board or would like more information, contact Doug Ballou at 573-3314 or dballou@pacifier.com.

78th Street/WSU property community garden lottery held and winners selected

Individuals or families wanting to plant and tend a garden at Clark County's 78th Street/WSU property submitted their names, by March 5th, to a lottery to determine gardeners for dozens of available plots. Drawing for the lottery was held on March 8th and winners have been notified.

For more information contact Sunrise O'Mahoney at (360) 397-2370 or sunrise.omahoney@clark.wa.gov

Free Tax Preparation Programs available at IRS Website

Make sure you go to the official IRS website to check out Free File.

IRS Website www.IRS.Gov

In the lower left corner is a section called "Free File". It walks you through multiple choices for tax preparation programs that fit your needs.

Click there to see if you can use one of the popular tax programs like Turbo Tax for free. It will generally cost you to file electronically though.

Financial Support Needed

We need your continued financial support more than ever. To send out this newsletter to those on our mailing list each month costs about \$55 in postage alone. Please consider providing financial support to your neighborhood association.

Yes, I can help with the mailing costs of this newsletter and other miscellaneous administrative costs associated with operating a Neighborhood Association!

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Vancouver, WA 98665

Kids' Fish-In Event



Klineline Pond

Vancouver, Washington April 10, 2010

LIMITED TO FIRST 1,200 KIDS

Registration Fee is only \$5.00

Includes: Zebco Rod & Reel

Fishing Kids T-Shirt

Kids Ages 5-14 years old only

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS APRIL 2, 2010

See back of this form for rules and guidelines

CHILD'S NAME		Age
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Child's T-shirt Size (Circ	ile)	Vancouver, WA 98661-4624
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I waive and release all rights and claims that might be held against GoPAW, "Kid's Fish-In," the City of Vancouver and Clark County, Lions Club, LC Walleye Club, Oregon Panfish Club, Vancouver Wildlife League, it's hired or contracted producers, and any other person(s) for any injury or losses suffered because of my participation or my child's participation in this event. I further understand that falsifying information on this form may disqualify me from any/all prizes and awards. Permission is also granted to photograph my child(ren), and myself and for GoPAW and WDFW, or their nominee, to use in conjunction with the promotion of the GoPAW or WDFW Youth Sportfishing Program.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Youth Suicide HOTLINE!

360-696-9560 or 1-800-626-8136

Child Abuse

Main telephone number: (360) 397-6002 Fax: (360) 397-6003 Bob Kanekoa

Vanc. Clark Co. Housing Rehab Program 397-2130 & TDD 397-6065

Sheriff Liaisons 397-2211 Deputy Dolly Warden, x5311 dolores.warden@clark.wa.gov

Deputy Bryan Skordahl, x5371 bryan.skordahl@clark.wa.gov

Fire District #6 – 576-1195

Clark Co. Commissioners

Email: boardcom@co.clark.wa.us Dist #1 Tom Mielke North (Hazel Dell) District #2 Marc Boldt (East) Dist #3 Steve Stuart (South Co.) 397-2232

Community Development – 397-2375 **Public Works** – 397-6118 Community Services - 397-2130 <u>Superior Court</u> – 397-2150

<u>Clark Regional Wastewater District</u> <u>Board of Commissioners</u>

L. Neil Kimsey, Norm Harker & Denny Kiggins: 750-5876

Code Enforcement 397-2375 x4184

Report Street Lights That Are Out 992-3000 Report Power Outages 992-8000

Animal

Code Violation 397-2488 Reporting Dead Animals 397-2488 Licensing 397-2489 Nuisance Complaints 397-2488 Missing/Found -VHS 693-4746 Fish & Wildlife 902-2200 Game Poaching: 1-800-477-6224 Livestock Info WSU Coop 397-6060 x 7714 Humane Society 693-4746

West Columbia Gorge No Kill Humane Society, Bonnie Harding, Shelter Director Washougal 835-3464

Transportation

C-Tran 397-0123 Traffic Signals 397-6118 x4444 Traffic Tickets (District Court) 737-2424 Accident Reports 397-2229

Voter Registration Auditor-Elections, Absentee ballots 397-2345

Garbage

Composting & Yard Debris: 397-6118 x4352 Hazardous Waste: 397-6118 x4352 Recycling (Curbside): 892-5370

Wells (SW Wash Health Dist) 696-8428

Letters To The Editor

The Columbian: Editors@columbian.com NEHDNA Newsletter: dballou@pacifier.com

Parent Trust

Family Help Line - 1-800-932-HOPE (4673)

or families could call 360-695-1325 ext 4221

State Schools

The Blind 696-6321 - The Deaf 696-6521

Blood Donations 693-5821 Red Cross Be A Pal To A Child or Teen being Treated

with Chemotherapy 2-4 hrs/mo-Sue Best (503) 244-3141 sbest@e-cca.org

Parks & Recreation Stephen Duh: 360-619-1115 Parksrec@cl.vancouver.wa.us

Restraining Orders

Anti-harassment or domestic violence protection orders: 397-2411 (District Court)

YWCA SafeChoice Program-

Advocates who will listen, discuss individual situations, & provide options & resources to domestic violence victims. 24 hr hotline! 695-0167.

Community or legal advocates 695-0167.

Domestic Violence Intervention Unit

397-6079 DVIU website: http://www.co.clark.wa.us/sheriff/inter/comminf o/dvinfo/dvinfo.htm

County Crisis Line for Depression/Mental Health Issues: 696-9560

Domestic Violence: Detective Bill Roberts Clark Co. Sheriff's Office 397-2108

Victim Assistance 397-2008

Work Permits For Minors

896-2300 (Bureau of Labor & Industries)

Don't Know Who To Call? 694-8899

If you need help locating health and human services in Clark County, 2-1-1 is an easy-toremember telephone number that helps connect people in need with the community resources available to help meet those needs. http://www.211info.org/

Everything You Want To Know About Clark County: www.clark.wa.gov/

Boys & Girls Club of SW Washington 360-567-1153

Who Represents Hazel Dell?

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Toll-Free Legislative Hotline: 1-800-562-6000; The western neighborhoods of Hazel Dell are in the 18th district and are represented by Herrera, Orcutt, and Zarelli.

Vancouver Housing Authority

2500 Main Street 98660 360-694-2501 www.vhausa.com

Report Airplane Noise-

Call Anne Mitchell 503-460-4837 or 800-547-8411 ext. 4837 or email micha@portptld.com or visit www.PDXNoise.com

TDD Numbers

For the hearing & speech impaired. Board of Commissioners (360) 397-6032 Community Development/Public Works (360) 397-6057 Community Services (360) 397-6032 Superior Court (360) 397-6172

Griefshare

Dealing with the death of a loved one? Find support and encouragement. Griefshare meets Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM, at the First Church of God, 3300 NE 78th Street, Vanc. Call 574-1611 ext. 6904 to sign up.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

(NAMI) Clark County 317 E 39th St. Vancouver, WA 360-695-2823 www.nami-clark.com

Clark County Food Bank List

Faith Center

2533 NE Andresen Rd., Vancouver Tues. 4:00-7:00 Service area: Clark Co.

Fish - Orchards

6008 NE 110th Avenue, Vancouver M-F 10:00-12:00 & 12:30-2:45 Serving Areas: 98682, 98864, 98662

Fish - Vancouver

14th & Franklin Street, Vancouver M, T, Th, F 10:00-3:00

Serving Areas: W. of Andreson from downtown to Ridgefield.

Interfaith Treasure House

91 "C" Street, Washougal M-F 9:30-5:00; Sat 11:00-3:00 Serving Areas: Camas & Washougal McLoughlin Church of God

903 Winchell Ave., Vancouver Wed. 4:00-7:30 Service area: Clark Co.

Trinity Mission Cupboard

6700 McLoughlin, Vancouver Food bags/hot lunches last Friday of the mo. 11am-2pm - Serves ALL of Clark Co.

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Neighborhood Association Mission:

The residents of the Hazel Dell area established the NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association (NEHDNA) in order to unite the common interests and promote the welfare of the area. The association is involved with a variety of matters, which affect the livability of the neighborhood and community in general.

All residents within the neighborhood association

boundaries or neighboring areas not within an existing neighborhood association are welcome to attend and participate in the association.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact one of the officers or board members listed on this



N. E. Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association Boundaries

page. The NEHDNA does not subscribe to any religious affiliation or political party. Our desire is to work together for the common good of the neighborhood in which we all live. You don't have to live in the area to be a member or to come to the meetings! All are welcome.

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