



NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association



The NE Hazel Dell, West Hazel Dell, North Salmon Creek and Felida Neighborhood Associations, Clark County Sheriff's Office and Clark County Fire District 6 present the 12th annual

COMMUNITY YOUTH HOLIDAY EVENT

**December 16, 2010
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Sarah J. Anderson Elementary
2215 NE 104th St.**

Gifts for children
Win a decorated tree
Photos with Santa
Face painting and Crafts
Win a bicycle
Refreshments

Donations of cash and gifts are needed to help make this a magical evening for the kids in our community. If you can make a donation or would like to volunteer, please contact Bud VanCleve at 695-1466 or bsvanc@aol.com.
*Donations of new socks and underwear for the foster kids program can be dropped off at the party or at Burgerville on Hwy. 99/NE 99th St.

Many thanks to our generous community partners!

Hewlett-Packard
Burgerville
McDonald's

Altrusa Organization
Yard N Garden
WalMart

Hazel Dell/ Salmon
Creek Business
Association

Vancouver School
District
Sarah J. Anderson PTA

Donations needed for COMMUNITY YOUTH HOLIDAY EVENT

The 12th Annual Community Youth Holiday Event is on December 16th from 6 to 8 PM at Sarah J. Anderson Elementary School, 104th Street and NE 23rd Avenue. Area neighborhood association's in the Hazel Dell and surrounding area in association with Vancouver School District, Clark County Sheriff's Department, Clark County Fire District # 6, and local businesses are sponsoring a holiday event for youth and their families in this community. But we cannot do this without your support.

Last year there were over 600 kids and their families packed into the gym/cafeteria at Sarah J. Anderson elementary school. Fortunately, last year we had enough wrapped gifts for all who showed up but we never know how many kids will be there. All are welcome and we would never turn a kid away.

To help make this event a success we need your help. Both cash and in-kind gift donations are accepted. If you chose to make a wrapped gift donation please indicate gender and age group appropriateness.

Please let us know how you can help. Contact one of the following individuals:

NE Hazel Dell NA - Bud Van Cleve, 695-1466; bsvanc@aol.com

West Hazel Dell NA - Ila Stanek, 573-7376; ilastanek@hotmail.com

Felida NA - Milada Allen, 573-4030; gaudeamus@earthlink.net

North Salmon Creek NA- Barbara Anderson, 573-2240 barbara.anderson@msn.com

THANK YOU

Santa's Posse kicking off holiday giving

Santa's Posse needs your help!

This is the 13th year that Santa's Posse has provided food baskets and gifts for families in need within our community. This event is a partnership with the Clark County Sheriff's Department, Rotary clubs of Clark County, Fire District 6, Alpine Autobody and Kindercare Learning Centers. Each year we receive hundreds of requests for assistance. What started with delivery of food, gifts and personal care items to 43 families has now expanded to serve over 400 families. We provide Christmas for over 1,200 children in our community. They cannot do this without the help of many volunteers.

In addition, we will be accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages, nonperishable food, toiletry items, and cash donations from November 15th until December 10th. These donations can be dropped off at the Clark County Sheriff's Office Headquarters, Central or West Precincts, any Fire District 6 station, Alpine Auto Body, 7631 NE Hwy 99 or Kindercare Learning Center locations throughout Clark County. For more information contact CCSO Sgt. Kevin Allais at (360) 397-2020.

**Christmas Ships sail for 56th Year**

2010 marks the 56th year for the Christmas Ship Parade on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers in Portland, Oregon. Go to their website for a complete schedule with route details including viewing locations and times for restaurants, hotels and outdoor viewing.

The Christmas Ship Fleet averages about 55 to 60 boats between the two Columbia and Willamette River fleets. Both fleets will be out every night for two weeks beginning December 9, 2010 and running through December 21, 2010. They are an all volunteer organization and not all the boats make it out every night. Christmas Ships, Inc is a non-profit organization.

For schedule and location see this web site:

<http://www.christmasships.org/>

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/](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/clarkco/nehdna/).

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street, city and zip code to receive
the e-mail through US postal
service.

No e-mail address? Send this
information to 3109 NE 96th
Street, Vancouver, WA 98665.

"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 !!

Singing Christmas Tree

Get into the spirit of Christmas at
the 38th Annual Singing Christmas
Tree, a blend of drama and music
that will appeal to all ages. Tucked
within a gigantic Christmas tree, an
80-voice choir retells the reason for
the season, December 10, 11 & 12
at 7:30 p.m. plus a matinee
showing on Saturday and Sunday at
3:00 p.m. Admission is free.
Canned food donations are gladly
accepted. More information at
Tree.vanfcog.org or (360) 574-
1611. Performances at First
Church of God, 3300 NE 78th St,
Vancouver, WA.



Support Local Businesses in Hazel Dell

Small and locally owned businesses
are the mainstay of 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

The dark days of winter

As our days get darker there are a
lot of things we forget about and
often overlook the changes we can
make that will make our lives
easier and safer.

Starting with our autos, slow down
during the dark and dim times and
in the rain turn your car lights on.
Safer neighborhoods are the ones
that are better lit. Turn your porch
lights on earlier or put them on a
timer and or consider a motion
light. Watch for people walking
and bikes. Too often the walkers
and bikers will have dark clothing
and without any kind of lights or
reflective clothing.

Do not leave your garage door open
and do not leave your garage door
opener visible in your parked car.
In a car prowler it is easy to get your
name and address and if the garage
door opener is taken the thief now
has an entry into your home. Even
if the home is locked, if a person
has a way to get into your garage
they can usually get into the home
thru the crawl space. If you live in
a duplex or connected town house
they can easily get into other units.

Let me also remind you to not leave any packages visible in your car while shopping. Keep packages out of sight or at least cover them up with something.

This is just a little reminder to do some things a little different during the dark days and especially during the holiday season.

Discuss these reminders with your family.

Bud Van Cleve
President, NE Hazel Dell NA

The Kids Cooking Corner set to open in East Hazel Dell

The Historic Padden Home will house Vancouver Washington's only culinary school for children.

One of Vancouver's oldest houses will be home to a brand new business, with a very young clientele.



The Kids Cooking Corner opens its doors on December 1, 2010. With Home Economics no longer offered in public schools, The Kids Cooking Corner will offer a valuable service to busy local parents. The school will teach kids of practically all ages how to be safe, comfortable and creative in the kitchen.

Heidi O'Connor is the entrepreneur whom is bringing The Kids Cooking Corner to life. A local mother of three, Heidi was inspired

to create the school by her own children. "Young people no longer have the opportunity to learn Home Economics in school," said Heidi. "Parents these days are so busy it's tough to find the time to teach kids how to function in the kitchen. What we hope to accomplish with The Kids Cooking Corner is to let kids experience first-hand how much fun cooking can be."

Students at The Kids Cooking Corner will be instructed according to age and skill level. Parents can enroll their kids as young as three years old for the Assistant Chef Program, where they will learn the basics of safety, stirring, mixing and cleanliness, with a major focus on fun. As kids learn, the classes get more challenging, with students in the Junior and Senior Chefs programs preparing and serving full meals to their families.

The Kids Cooking Corner will also offer regular sessions for autistic and other special needs children.

The Padden Home, located at 5206 NE 78th Street, was built in 1902 by the Padden Family. At one time, the Padden Dairy was Vancouver's largest dairy farm.

Today, numerous businesses in the Hazel Dell & Orchards areas carry the historic Padden name.

For information and a complete class schedule, log onto www.thekidscookingcorner.com

Contact: Heidi O'Connor (503) 381-0933

StreamTeam Update

Check out the attached edition of the StreamTeam newsletter for more folks making a difference, including the StreamTeam Volunteer of the Year, the 2010 Salmon Stars and donors!

<http://www.clarkpublicutilities.com/ourenvironment/streamTeam/stNewsletter>

Did You Know? The average American household adds large amounts of biodegradable food scraps and yard debris in landfills each year. Over a fifth of your garbage (22.6%) is compostable. When we put biodegradable items such as food, leaves and lawn clippings in the trash they do not break down as fast as they could because they are buried away from light, air and water. Our landfills are filling up with compostables. Start your compost now to reduce landfill space, help the soil retain moisture and return nutrients into the soil. For local compost classes, check this out!

<http://www.columbiasprings.org/mcr/classes.html>

For more information contact:
Lisa Beranek, StreamTeam Coordinator, Clark Public Utilities
Phone: (360) 992-8585

Fire Safety Message

As temperatures drop outdoors, residential fires rise as people try to stay warm in their homes. During the last cold spell, Fire District 6 crews responded to two chimney fires.

In both incidents, there were no injuries and minor damage to the homes. But heating equipment, including fireplaces, is a leading cause of residential fires and fire deaths each year.

Fire District 6 recommends that you have your chimney inspected annually by a professional and cleaned as often as inspections suggest; use only wood that is properly seasoned to reduce creosote buildup. When enough creosote is present, it only takes a spark to ignite and cause a chimney fire.

Also, take the following steps:

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- Install a tight-fitting fireplace screen and never leave your fire unattended.
- Keep combustibles at least 3-feet away
- Use caution when disposing of fireplace ashes. Allow them time to cool completely before placing them in a metal container.

For further information contact:
Dawn Johnson, Public Information
Officer Clark County Fire District
6 Cell (360) 356-6040
Dawn.Johnson@ccfd6.org

SALT Times Newsletter

There is a free newsletter geared toward seniors called SALT Times (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together).

If you would like to receive this newsletter call the Clark County Sheriff's Office Outreach Unit at 360-397-2211 x3380.

What is a Neighborhood Association?

Every community has something that makes it special and sets it apart from any other area. A community is made up of a collection of neighborhoods and they are each unique and reflect the interests, concerns and the make up of that area. Each shares a common bond that brings them together to work on issues that impact the quality of life in their area. Typically Neighborhood Associations form around a single issue, like community safety, but can also mobilize to address other issues of concern to the people who live within their boundaries. The leaders of the Neighborhood Association are all volunteers and elected by their members. Some dedicate a lot of time to their association, while some give what time that can to work on a specific project or issue. Some Neighborhood Associations meet every month and some meet once a year, while others may meet three

or four times a year. Some publish a newsletter like this one, while others may publish only periodic flyer meeting notices.

Neighborhood Associations vary in size. In the City of Vancouver there are some that have less than 300 people living in a small geographic area while in the unincorporated Clark County there are two associations each with over 15,000 people who live in a fairly large geographic area. For example, NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association is 4.2 Sq. Miles and contains 17,054 people.

Most Neighborhood Associations are primarily composed of residential areas, but NE Hazel Dell, Salmon Creek and others also have large commercial districts, therefore the issues that surface will vary from the norm. Neighborhood Associations work closely with the Clark County Sheriff's Department using Community Policing to help make our community safer.

Neighborhood association leadership has a wealth of knowledge and experience working on a variety of community issues. They try to keep informed and knowledgeable about important happenings which includes residential development, commercial development, Traffic, road conditions, schools, parks, public issues, senior issues, youth activities, litter pick up, sewer district issues, Fire Department and Paramedics support, safety issues, environmental and ecological issues, clean water, design standards, codes and code enforcement. Neighborhood Associations reach out to build partnerships with local business, local government, non-profit groups, clubs and other organizations and individuals to achieve objectives that can't be done by any one group.

Neighborhood Associations work closely with local government, city and county, on a variety of issues impacting the livability and quality of life of our community. They serve as a direct information source and are available to help neighbors in need when they don't know where to turn for assistance.

To be a member of a Neighborhood Association you must live, work or own property within the boundaries. Meetings are public and open to anyone. They never turn down volunteers to help on projects, even if they are from the other side of the river.

Neighborhood Associations are non profit organizations, have bylaws and are recognized by local government. They depend on donations and fund raising projects to pay for the costs to operate the organization. Most of the operating costs are for postage (mail newsletters), office supplies and miscellaneous expenses. Those that serve their neighborhood associations get a lot of personal satisfaction from helping people in their community and seeing the fruits of their labor through community projects make a difference in their community that will last for generations to come (for example the Metro Park District).

There is a large need for community volunteers. There are many ways to help your community and everyone has something to offer. Your Neighborhood Association is a good place to start no matter where you live.

To find out more about Neighborhood Associations in the City of Vancouver call (360) 696-8051. For information about Clark County Neighborhood Associations please call (360) 397-6012 ext. 2.

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.

Enclosed is my gift of \$_____ to help cover mailing costs. I cannot make a monetary contribution, but can make an in-kind donation for use at your Kid's Christmas Party or other events throughout the year. I have _____ that I would like to donate. Please call me to arrange for pick-up.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Please mail this form with your donation to: NE Hazel Dell Neigh. Assoc. 3109 NE 96th Street, Vancouver, WA 98665

GROWING GROCERIES MENTOR PROGRAM

Now seeking mentors for 2011!



IF YOU:

- Have an interest in organic gardening...
- Want to promote healthy lifestyles...
- Want to help others grow food...
- Believe in promoting community...

...then become a food garden mentor!

Sign up for the program today!

The training course will cover a range of topics, including:

- Selecting a garden site
- Vegetable gardening
- Small-space gardening
- Harvest and healthy recipes
- Working with community groups
- Growing food cooperatively

Training: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Bring a sack lunch, coffee and snacks provided

January 8, 2011

February 12, 2011

March 12, 2011

April 9, 2011

Location: The Portal Cafe

2007 E. 12th St.

Vancouver, WA 98661

Cost: \$50 to cover the four training sessions and introductory course materials. Scholarships are available.

To Enroll: Register online, <https://ocrs.wsu.edu/Signup/?eventid=667>



For other formats, contact the Clark County ADA Office
Voice (360) 397-2000, Relay 711 or (800) 833-6388,
Fax (360) 397-6165, E-mail ADA@clark.wa.gov.

For more information, contact:

Caitlin Arnold
AmeriCorps Garden Coordinator
(360) 397-8000, ext. 7388
Caitlin.arnold@clark.wa.gov



Free Leaf Disposal

For Vancouver and Clark County residents only

With this coupon

October 1 - December 20, 2010



Sponsored by:



Prevent street flooding - Don't place leaves in the street.

Instead, use this coupon for free leaf disposal at:

- H & H Wood Recyclers, 8401 NE 117th Ave., 360-892-2805
8 am-5 pm Monday - Saturday; 9 am-4 pm Sunday (closed Thanksgiving Day)
 - West Van Materials Recovery Center, 6601 NW Old Lower River Road, 360-737-1727
6 am-6 pm Monday - Friday; 8 am-4 pm Saturday (closed Sunday and Thanksgiving Day)
- This coupon must be presented at the drop-off site and is for **leaves only**. Yard debris or mixed loads will be charged at the regular price. Leaves must be emptied from plastic bags.

Please complete the following information:

My street address _____ Zip Code _____

City of Vancouver residents: Funding for your participation in this program is provided through your garbage rates.

Clark County residents: Funding for your participation in this program is provided by Clark County Public Works and Environmental Services.

Youth Suicide HOTLINE!

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

Child AbuseMain telephone number: (360) 397-6002
Fax: (360) 397-6003 Bob Kanekoa**Vanc. Clark Co. Housing Rehab Program**

397-2130 & TDD 397-6065

Sheriff Liaisons 397-2211Deputy Dolly Warden, x5311
dolores.warden@clark.wa.govDeputy 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**Superior Court** – 397-2150**Clark Regional Wastewater District****Board of Commissioners**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
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Fish & Wildlife 902-2200
Game Poaching: 1-800-477-6224
Livestock Info WSU Coop 397-6060 x 7714
Humane Society 693-4746West 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) 397-2424
Accident Reports 397-2229**Voter Registration** Auditor-Elections, Absentee
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Hazardous Waste: 397-6118 x4352
Recycling (Curbside): 892-5370
IMS Electronics Recycling: 750-8883
www.ims-electronics.com**Wells and Septic Systems**
(Clark County Public Health)
(360) 397-8428**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**

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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: 397-2424 (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?** 694-8899If you need help locating health and human
services in Clark County, 2-1-1 is an easy-to-
remember 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**
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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) 397-2292**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 10:00-3:00Serving 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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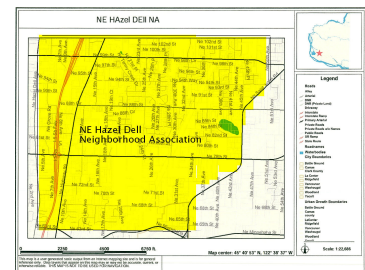
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Neighborhood Association Mission:

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 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.