



Fircrest Neighborhood Newsletter

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- Fircrest NHA monthly meeting is scheduled for March 5
- 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 John Laws at 487-7539.
- The newsletter is online! Check out <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Fircrest/home>. Go to the "Newsletter" link on the right side of the page under "Our Info" to access current and past newsletters. Roam the site to find meeting agendas and discussion boards to advertise garage sales, look for babysitters and more...

From the Fircrest NA Vice-Chair, Lee K.:

Note to all neighbors--If you have something of interest or importance or a special recipe you wish to share with your neighbors, please send it to one of our officers. As you can see we are in need of a secretary. If you like to write, e-mail, and meet some nice people, please contact Larry Kennedy, Margaret Milem or Sally Wray or better still just come and join us at the Firstenburg community center on the first Tuesday of each month @ 7 PM. See you there.

We are asking all of our neighbors if you would like to have a neighborhood picnic. We have had them in the past and it was a lot of fun. The Fire Department showed up with their fire trucks for the kids to see. We've had face painting for the kids as well as games for kids and adults. We will have a BBQ--usually hotdogs and burgers or better still if you would like to show off your BBQ prowess, we would like to have you share your recipes or maybe a cook-off just to see who's the best in the "west" partner. However, we need to hear from you as to when and where. We were looking at Hagen Park or Fircrest Park. The possible date would be perhaps the week after school gets out in June or in mid-August. But, we need to know from you ASAP so we can reserve the park and a porta-potty. Well, what do you say? Yes or no we still want to hear from you.

At the last Vancouver City Neighborhood Associations meeting at City Hall there was some discussion of augmenting the NOW (Neighbors On Watch) program with a block watch program or something where a retiree or a person who is at home during work hours can keep an eye out for any suspicious activity. Again we would like your input on this idea by contacting one of your board members listed in on page two of this newsletter.

***Do you know of an interesting event coming up? Email the details to fnanews@gmail.com for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Upcoming events:

Feb 26-27: AARP Tax Help 12-4pm

March 4: City Council Meeting 7pm

March 5: FNA Meeting at Firstenburg Community Center 7pm Come at 6:30pm to socialize!

March 11: City Council Consent Agenda Meeting 6:30pm

March 26: Evergreen School Board Mtg 5:30pm

March 14: State of the County Address 4-6pm Prairie High School 11500 NE 117th Ave

March 16: Fircrest Friends of Trees tree planting

March 18: City Council Meeting 7pm

March 20: State of the City Address Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way

March 25: City Council Consent Agenda Meeting 6:30pm



IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Middle School Dances at Firstenburg Rec Center

March 16, 2013

Time: 7 AM to 10 AM

Fun, supervised dances for middle school students. Please wear non marking shoes as the dance is in the gym. Please bring your middle school picture ID or a parent to verify your age. There's limited space so sign up early!

Dances are every 3rd Saturday of the month.

Cost: \$8 in advance/ \$10 at the door

Ages: 6th, 7th and 8th grade students

Location: Firstenburg Community Center

Address: 700 NE 136th Ave

Email: arlisa.hinton@cityofvancouver.us

Phone: 360-487-7014

Cascade Park Library

Colleen Burner Art Display

Daily

View explorative collages hand-made by artist and writer Colleen Burner. Check out her website at: frenchforgluing.com.

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

March 9 (3:00 - 4:30pm)

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with us by making Seuss-inspired crafts.

Board Game Extravaganza

March 16 (2-5pm)

Bring your own board games or play games provided by the library. Make new friends. Participants will be entered in a drawing for prizes.

"Community Reads" - The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

Join in the celebration of the opening of Evergreen Public Schools' new Henrietta Lacks Health and Bioscience High School next fall by being a part of the community wide reading of the book "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot

Free copies of the book will be available beginning March 1 at the Cascade Park Community Library, the Vancouver Community Library as well as at several schools in the Evergreen district.

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Animal Control: 360-397-2488

Code Compliancy: 360-487-7810

Graffiti Report: 360-487-7500

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State of the City Address

Save the Date! **Wednesday, March 20** is the State of the City Address, at the Water Resources Education Center, 4600 S.E. Columbia Way. Mayor Tim Leavitt will deliver the address, sharing the accomplishments of the last year and a vision for our community's future. This will be a public event, and RSVPs will be requested.

Home Fire Escape: Plan & Practice

Does your family know what to do in case of a house fire? The Vancouver Fire Department wants you and your family to be prepared. This form will help you to create your [Home Fire Escape Plan](#). Here is how you do it:

- Draw a floor plan or a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Mark two ways out of each room.
- Mark all of the smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be in each sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- Pick a family meeting place outside where everyone can meet.
- Remember, practice your plan at least twice a year!

See the end of this newsletter for a blank Home Fire Escape Plan you can use to be sure your family is prepared.

State of the County Address

Commissioner Steve Stuart, Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, along with commissioners Tom Mielke and David Madore, is scheduled to present the 2013 State of the County address on **Thursday, March 14**.

The free event will be open to the public 4 - 6 p.m. at Prairie High School, 11500 NE 117th Ave. Light refreshments will be available in the school commons at 4 p.m. Auditorium doors will open at 4:30 p.m., with formal presentations at 4:45 p.m. The commissioners will speak about public issues after they recognize volunteers for extraordinary efforts in 2012.

The commissioners urge those attending to bring non-perishable food items for local food banks, continuing a practice in place for the past few years.

For those unable to attend, the program may be viewed later on CTV (Clark-Vancouver Television) Channels 21 and 23.

New Phone Number for City Operations Center

Do you need to report a problem with City of Vancouver water, sewer and drainage services, streets and traffic controls, and/or public parks? The phone number has changed, it is now **360-487-8177**.

This number accepts calls during regular office hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for City of Vancouver holidays. [Service Requests](#) may also be made through an [online reporting form](#). In case of a life-threatening emergency, please call 911.

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AROUND TOWN

Second Saturdays at the Water Center: So Much Fun!

March Second Saturday at the Water Center: Celebrate Water
Saturday, March 9, 2013, 1 - 3 p.m.

Observe World Water Day at the Water Resources Education Center's Second Saturday event and learn more about international water cooperation. Kids and families can participate in a Walk for Water and enjoy fun, hands-on activities about the Columbia River and other major international rivers. Join us from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, at the Water Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way, and discover more about water through interactive activities. Please note: Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Call 360-487-7111 or visit www.cityofvancouver.us/watercenter for more details.

Autodeask Oregon Regional FIRST Robotics Competition (Finals)

March 9 (8:30am - 5:30pm) at Memorial Coliseum

"FIRST" stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology."

Come see robots in competition -- shooting Frisbees and climbing jungle gyms! The Evergreen High School Robotics Team will be competing! Great, FREE, event for all!

Opening ceremonies begin at 8:30am. Matches begin at 9am.

It is all free, and you can come at any time!

For more information, check out the website of our local team, The Green Wrenches
www.evergreenrobotics.org or email the team advisor at margaret.milem@evergreenps.org

Ka Lei Maile Ali'i: The Queen's Women

March 17, 2013

Time: 2:30 PM

The Ke Kukui Foundation presents an interactive reenactment of the 1897 anti-annexation petition drive held by the women of Hui Aloha 'Aina, the Hawaiian Patriotic League, who successfully opposed the US Treaty of Annexation of Hawai'i. Library events and programs are free and everyone is welcome. Registration is not required.

Location: Vancouver Community Library

Address: 901 C Street

Phone: 360-906-5106

And More!!!



City Council Meetings

Upcoming City Council Meetings (at 415 West 6th St. (2nd floor):

March 4 4pm - 6pm Workshops

7pm Full council meeting with public hearings

March 11 4pm - 6pm Workshops

6:30pm Consent Agenda Meeting

March 18 4pm - 6pm Workshops

7pm Full council meeting with public hearings

March 25 4pm - 6pm Workshops

6:30pm Consent Agenda Meeting

Additional Info: www.cityofvancouver.us/citycouncil

Phone: (360) 487-8629

Feb 5th Neighborhood Meeting Recap

We had two guest speakers at the February 5th meeting. Judi Bailey, acting City Liaison, brought us up to date on the Chief of Police search and on the two new SUV's for the fire department. Also, the cost savings vs. sending out a fire truck as first responder to accidents, heart attacks, strokes, etc. They will have some lifesaving and first aid equipment like a fire truck or ambulance. They will be roaming about during peak hours (6 AM to 6 PM) and will be at a fire station during off hours ready to roll out.

We also had Joyce Scalice who is in training to be a school principle. She brought us up to date on Crestline school needs and where the Crestline students will be attending school in the interim before Crestline is rebuilt. She stated that the community turnout was phenomenal and a big thanks to all the businesses who participated in collecting items and cash for the kids' school needs.

On the Agenda

Want to know something about registration of sex offenders in Clark County? Come to the next Fircrest Neighborhood Association meeting on March 5th and listen to staff from the Sex Offender Registration Unit of Clark County Sheriff Office. The sex offenders unit has the responsibility to register and monitor individuals just released from the Washington State Department of Corrections. Individuals released from county jails and on probation must also register with the sex offender unit.

The sheriff office works with Vancouver Police Department and other county law enforcement agencies. Vancouver's police department has a tracking unit and also carries out home visits to confirm information provided by offenders.

Come to the Firstenburg Recreation Center on March 5th at 7:00 p.m. with your questions and get the answers.



Nominate Your Tree Hero for a Mac Award

The Mac Award recognizes individuals, organizations, and businesses that have made a significant, positive impact on Vancouver's urban forest. Activities worthy of recognition include organizing a tree planting project, educating others about the benefits of trees or proper tree care, preserving trees during land development, donating time and/or funds to advance the mission of the Urban Forestry program, developing creative partnerships in community forestry, or any other activity that inspires community stewardship of the urban forest.

The Mac Award is named in memory of a lifelong volunteer, Gordon MacWilliams, who joined the Urban Forestry Commission in 2002. He continued to forge new partnerships within the community and spearheaded the revised Street Tree Ordinance. Gordon devoted much of his time to protecting and preserving trees throughout the community. Gordon's loving wife, Sylvia, strongly supported Gordon's love for trees and was with him every step of the way. Gordon and Sylvia are true tree heroes through their many contributions to our community, especially their impact on Vancouver's Urban Forest.

The annual Mac Award is given by the [Urban Forestry Commission](#) during the second Wednesday of each April at the City of Vancouver's [Arbor Day celebration](#).

[Submit nominations](#) by **Monday, March 18, 2013** for consideration.

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