



# Fircrest Neighborhood Newsletter

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- Fircrest NHA monthly meeting is scheduled for December 3 and January 7.
- 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](http://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

## Who Will Clean Our Streets?

Along with windy, cold, rainy weather, you have probably noticed lots of leaves and pine needles in the streets. With all the budget cuts enacted over the past several years, the city has very limited resources for keeping streets cleared. This means we have some choices: complain, do nothing, or sweep the street in front of our houses! By clearing the street in front of our houses, we keep our neighborhood looking nice, and we prevent leaves and pine needles from clogging storm drains. (Did you know that in Germany it is the law that homeowners keep the sidewalk and street in front of their house swept?)

To download and print your Free Leaf Disposal Coupon, go to [www.cityofvancouver.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/public\\_works/page/958/leafcoupon2013\\_web.pdf](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/public_works/page/958/leafcoupon2013_web.pdf)

## Still looking . . .

Our Neighborhood Association is still looking for a President, Vice President, and Secretary.

## Upcoming FNA Meetings

January 7 - Speaker is Cara Kangas of the Share House.

## Let Us Know!

- \*Do you know of someone in the neighborhood whose "good works" should be recognized? If so, please email Margaret Milem ([mgmilem@comcast.net](mailto:mgmilem@comcast.net)), so we can include that information at our next neighborhood meeting and in our newsletter. Thank you!
- \*Do you know of an interesting event coming up in the near future? Email the details to Margaret Milem ([mgmilem@comcast.net](mailto:mgmilem@comcast.net)) for inclusion in the next newsletter. Thank you!

## Upcoming events:

**Dec 3: FNA Monthly Meeting at Firstenburg Community Center 7PM @ 700 NE 136th Ave. Come at 6:30PM to socialize!**

**Dec 3: Holiday Wreath Making 7pm @ Cascade Park Library**

**Dec 6: First Friday Artwalk Downtown!**

**Dec 7: Virtual Author Visit 11am-12pm & GIVE 12-4pm @ Cascade Park Library**

**Dec 8: OMSI 2-3pm @ Cascade Park Library**

**Dec 9: City Council Meeting & Citizen Forum 6:30pm**

**Dec 10: Evergreen School Board Mtg 5:30pm**

**Dec 16: City Council Meeting with public hearings 7pm**

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## School News

### Community Tour Registration Now Open

You are invited to get a first hand, inside look at all the great things happening every day in Evergreen Public Schools. The district offers community tours - which take participants on a guided tour through a high school, middle school, elementary school and one program at the Clark County Skills Center.

This year the district will also offer a tour for our Russian and Spanish speaking community members. Transportation and lunch are provided free of charge.

To reserve your spot contact Community Relations at 604.4088,

Tour dates and schools are:

- **Wednesday, January 29, 2014 (English)** Evergreen High School, Pacific Middle School, Hearthwood Elementary School, Skills Center
- **Friday, April 4, 2014 (English with Spanish Translator)** Mountain View High School, Wy'east Middle School, Marrion Elementary School, Skills Center

All tours run from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

## Upcoming Evergreen Public School Board Meetings

December 10, January 14, January 28

The School Board meets in the Tan Building at the Evergreen School District Administrative Services Center: 13501 NE 28th Street.

## City News

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

- Dec 2 4pm - 6pm Workshops  
7pm Full council meeting with public hearings
- Dec 9 4pm - 6pm Workshops  
6:30pm Consent Agenda Meeting and
- Dec 16 4pm - 6pm Workshops  
7pm Full council meeting with public hearings
- Dec 23 No Meeting
- Dec 30 No Meeting

**Additional Info:** [www.cityofvancouver.us/citycouncil](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/citycouncil)

**Phone:** (360) 487-8629

### 2013 F N A Officers

**Chair:** **Vacant**

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### City Numbers

**City Liaison, Eric Lind:**  
360-487-8446

**Vancouver PD-East Precinct:**  
360-487-7500

**Mediation Services:**  
360-334-5862

**Job Hotline:** 360-487-8417

**Animal Control:** 360-397-2488

**Code Compliance:** 360-487-7810

**Graffiti Report:** 360-487-7500

**City Operations** (water, sewer, drainage, street/traffic or parks issues): 360-487-8177



## **Around the Neighborhood**

### **Cascade Park Library**

#### **Holiday Wreath Making**

December 4, 7pm - 8:30pm

Learn to make a holiday wreath. Greens and wreath form are provided. Bring gardening clippers or needle nose pliers and any embellishments you want to add.

#### **Virtual Author Visit with Meg Rosoff**

December 7, 11am - noon

Join us online for a live, streaming author visit with Meg Rosoff, author of *The Brides's Farewell* and *What I Was* for adults, "Meet Wild Boars", "Wild Boars Cook", and "Jumpy Jack & Googly" for children, and "How I Live Now" and several other titles for teens. She writes books for all ages, and recently had a movie version of her book, "How I Live Now" released in the U.S. This is a free, online event. You may submit questions for the author in advance by emailing [AuthorQuestions@fvrl.org](mailto:AuthorQuestions@fvrl.org).

#### **GIVE**

December 7, noon to 4pm

The library is accepting donated goods. A list of needed items will be available at the Cascade Park Library.

#### **Library Closed**

December 24 and 25

#### **OMSI: Electrifying Science**

December 8, 2 to 3pm

Learn all about electricity. Where does it come from? Is it all the same? Can you make your own?

#### **Weird Science**

January 18, 3pm - 4:30pm

Kids! Do you love science? Are you ready to learn something new and fun? Then come to the Cascade Park Library, where we will have experiments, displays, and puzzles. Science Rocks!

## **Around Town**

Go to [www.cityofvancouver.us/calendar/month/2013-10](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/calendar/month/2013-10) to find out what is on the Vancouver calendar for the month of December & January

For example:

#### **First Friday Artwalk**

December 6 and January 3

Every first Friday of the month throughout the year, participating art galleries, merchants and restaurants in downtown Vancouver open their doors to celebrate opening night of various art exhibits. Live music and citywide receptions welcome all!

Visit the Vancouver Downtown Association's website for more information and a downtown art gallery list and walking map.

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## **Around Town cont...**

### **Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr**

November 29 - December 8

Washburn Performing Arts Center - 1201 39th Street Washougal, WA 98671

"**THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE**" is a high-spirited musical romp that has all of New York dancing the Charleston. It's the zany contemporary 1920's musical that took Broadway by storm!

For more information, go to [www.journeytheater.org](http://www.journeytheater.org)

### **Vancouver Winter Beer Fest**

December 13th = 3pm to 10pm

December 14th = 12pm to 10pm

December 15th = 12pm to 8pm

Esther Short Park

20+ Breweries will be pouring their favorite Winter Brew for you. Taste, have a Pint or just hang out with friends. The festival will include food vendors, music and more!

For more information, go to [www.vancouverwinterbrewfest.com](http://www.vancouverwinterbrewfest.com)

### **Volunteer: Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend of Service**

January 18 - January 21

Clark County Public Works and the City of Vancouver will join forces with Clark College, WSU Vancouver and numerous community agencies to provide a variety of service projects throughout the city and the county. Please stay tuned for details as we get closer to the weekend, January 18-21, 2014.

## **Recognition of Good Works**

Thank you to the volunteers who deliver newsletters to the over 1000 homes in our neighborhood! Fircrest is one of the largest Neighborhood Associations in the city of Vancouver and we're one of the few neighborhoods who deliver paper newsletters almost every month. This is a huge task and it absolutely could not be accomplished without the help of Dave C. Autumn R. the Wray family, the Wade family, Beth C. Sandy F, LaNell N and family, the Hardy family, Vincent L, Lou M, Carolyn M, Sally W and Larry K. Thank you to each and every one of you!!



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