

EAST MINNEHAHA and ROADS END Neighborhood Associations Newsletter

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members of the Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County

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The East Minnehaha Neighborhood Association Boundaries are:

North, Minnehaha & 63rd.....East I- 205.....South city Limits, 52nd St., & 51st St.,.....West ST Johns.....

East Minnehaha Treasury Report: Last reported balance \$141.50. Expenditures office supply's, \$12 gas \$8, donated 0. Balance \$121.50

Roads End Board Members:

VICE PRESIDENT; Barbara Murray

Roads End needs board members if interested call Barbara.

PHONE 694-1689.....5513 NE 40th St.

Roads End Neighborhood Association Boundaries are: 49th St.....SR 500.....54th Ave.....66th Ave.....

Next meeting

**MARCH 2, 2011 AT WALNUT GROVE SCHOOL, MEDIA ROOM
7PM-9PM, Meet our neighborhood's sheriff's deputy, Jesse Henschel**

SPEAKERS; Bonnyview Power Lines Project,
Energy Trust Rebates Program,
Community Health Plan of Washington



Freezing bank accounts with social security checks, info go to www/regulations.gov

Christmas Partys

Some of you have attended the annual Kids Christmas Party at Sarah J Anderson School, sponsored by the PTA and NE Hazel Dell, Felida and Salmon Creek Neighborhood Associations. We would like to start annual Christmas parties at Walnut Grove School if you would like to help get the events started call Sue at 693-9153.

Columbian article dated Sunday January 30, 2011 (internet site) but Appeared in Wednesday's paper

East Minnehaha-Sue Lintz can thank her great, great, great, great, great grandfather for her right to take an oath of membership in the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in January. Lintz is a direct descendent of Capt. Thomas Jarnigan, who resided in Washington County, North Carolina, during the American Revolution. He served under Gen. Shelby at the Battle of Kings Mountain and also served under his father, Col John Jarnigan under the direct command of Gen. George Washington. Lintz is the president of the East Minnehaha Neighborhood Association.

ELECTRONIC PICKPOCKETING

In this high-tech age, pickpockets could use a new device to steal your credit card information without ever touching your wallet or purse.

A new technology that's come out in the last few years might soon make magnetic strips extinct. Several bank cards come with a chip that allow you to pay for purchases by holding your card close enough to a card reader, but "contactless" cards have not caught on as fast as experts thought, because of fears of being electronically pickpocketed

The scan and go technology helps speed up transactions, thanks to an electronic chip placed in newer cards, but the downside to radio frequency identification (RFID) is that it's also ideal for tech savvy pickpockets.

Thieves can buy a credit card reader on line for \$100. They can scan your purse without you even knowing it and access your information.

Special card sleeves are available to block pickpocketers from accessing your card. If you don't want the newer card tell your bank and they will give you the old fashion magnetic strip card. At least for now.

Thank you S.A.L.T for this information

50's plus travel program

If your 50 or over and haven't tried the many programs offered by the Parks Department through the Luepke Marshall Center your missing out. For example they offer many trips to various places. Escorts and bus or van drivers are provided by the Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) For most trips you can register or get information by calling 487-7100 or Nancy Olsen at 487-7053.

Try the LUNCH WITH PAT JOLLOTA trip. Pat is a Clark County historian and author. Meet with her for lunch at Farrar's Bistro in Felida. Liston to history and stories about the area. \$64 includes van ride from Lupke Senior Center, 1 book and lunch. Feb 26 1pm-4pm.

DANGEROUS FUN

Toni Eby coordinator, Clark County Meth Action Team Clark County Sheriff's office warns us about K2. We found more info on a USA Today internet site. [Http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2010-05-24-k2_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2010-05-24-k2_N.htm)

Spice/K2 is an herb that has been sprayed with a chemical. The herb is smoked, producing a high the manufacturers claim is similar to marijuana. Currently the substance is legal, and sold in smoke shops in Oregon and Washington. It is also sold online and is usually marketed as incense. It appears to be very popular in youth of Vancouver. And isn't detected in any drug test. The Drug Enforcement Administration considers K2 a "Drug of concern" and are in the early stages of trying to figure out just how potent it is. Poison centers throughout the us have reported 352 cases. Patients present with rapid heart rate, dangerously high blood pressure, and sometimes hallucinations and paranoia.

"Special K" (ALSO FOUND ON THE US TODAY WEBSITE)

Long term abuse of the "recreational" drug ketamine, often called Special K or Vitamin K is now linked to a heightened risk for pelvic pain and incontinence. Ketamines intended purpose is a veterinary anesthetic for use in animal surgery. It is chemically related to Angel Dust and functions as a hallucinogens and can prompt euphoria, numbness, delirium and a sense of being disconnected from time and space. It can also disturb motor function. Trigger high blood pressure and instigate respiratory distress.

BUY A BRICK \$100

East Minnehaha Neighborhood Association newsletters

Commemorate your love with a brick at Ester Short Park. Mail your payment and the following information

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

PAYMENT check # _____ credit card # _____ exp _____ code _____

BRICK INSCRIPTION (18 characters, includes spaces) _____

Mail to; Parks Foundation, PO Box 2397, Vancouver, WA 98668

A ST PATRICKS DAY Green Thing

Celebrate Spring with the family at Shorty's St Paddy's Kid Day. Explore, play and learn at Shorty's Garden and Home on Mill Plain. Experts will be on hand to teach and answer questions about gardening, composting, and ecosystems in your own backyard. Kids will have a blast with a variety of games, face painting, balloon art, and lots more. FREE FREE FREE SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH, 10AM-3PM

coyotes

A large male Coyote has been reported hanging around the neighborhood. On 60th St. the Coyote has been digging under at least one fence and entering the backyard. The owner of the property has provided a photo of the Coyote taken in her backyard. On 58th Ave and 58th Street, the animal has been seen from a distance and on 65th Ct it has been observed pacing back and forth along the cyclone fences surrounding homes. Several years ago a Coyote pack lived in the wetlands on 58th st. Peoples pet dogs and cats disappeared with their skeletons showing up later. Some of us have a concern for our small children as well as pets. I again have notified the county and have been told they have in fact eradicated an apparent dangerous Coyote in another neighborhood. Please keep The Neighborhood Association informed of sightings. 360-693-9153

PET POO A PROBLEM.....CLARK COUNTY CLEAN WATER PROGRAM OFFERS FREE "PLEASE SCOOP" SIGNS FOR YOUR LAWN....WWW.CLEANWATERDOGS.COM

FREEDOM FLAPJACK BREAKFAST

A benefit to support the opening of the new CLARK COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE CENTER Advance tickets \$7 per person. For info call 896-9695x21.

March 12, 8-10am Salmon Creek Applebee's 13006 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver

VETERANS SERVING VETERANS

BPA 1-5 CORRIDOR REINFORCEMENT PROJECT (POWER LINES)

The Bonneville Power Administration released a new map of possible power line segments the agency will consider for it's I-5 Corridor Reinforcement project. The map includes new potential route segments in eastern Clark County farther from population centers, and two new potential substation sites near Castle Rock, WA.

The map further refines years of preliminary examination of routes for the proposed new transmission line. The proposed project is needed to resolve a critical electric bottleneck that could otherwise lead outages in southwest Washington and northwest Oregon as early as 2016. No new high-voltage power lines have been built in the area in more than four decades, although the area population has double. For info go to www.bpa.gov/gis/15/gmviewer.html.

Misty River and quest artist set for March 13 concert at Skyview H.S. Misty River the popular four woman NW band with a repertoire of Americana songs ranging from the Smile-On-Your-Face, toe-tapping variety to the somber and poignant, is returning it's seventh consecutive winter concert in Vancouver. This year there is an added attraction: Grammy-winning guitarist Doug Smith. The concert is a fund raiser for the Salmon Creek Kiwanis Club, which again is partnering with Columbia Credit Union to produce the show. For needy children and families.

Sunday March 13, 3pm. Skyview High School, 1300 NW 139th St (www.mistyriverband.com)

FREE COMPUTOR CLASSES

Computer classes and personalized individual instruction is offered free of charge at the main library and several branch library's. To make a reservation call 695-1566.

state of the county

Board of county commissioners Tom Mielke, Mark Boldt and Steve Stuart will present the State of the County Thursday, February 17th, 2011 6:30pm-8:30pm at Skyview High School 1300 NW 139th St. Vancouver, WA

WATER RESOURCES EDUCATION CENTER. Discover and experience interactive exhibits, solar kiosk, regional art, pre-school play, wetlands walks, scheduled tours, events for all ages scheduled second Saturday of each month 1-3pm. Open Mon thru Sat 9am-5pm. Admission is free. 4600 SE Columbia Way for info call 487-7111. www.cityofvancouver.us/watercenter

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

Mark Preising has been teaching business administration classes for over 13 years, since he completed his Masters in Business Administration. Prior to college instruction, Mark worked for thirteen years for Lucent Technologies and AT&T in downtown Seattle. He lives in the Minnehaha area of Vancouver with his wife and 12 year old son. The family loves this area of Washington and believes it's the near perfect place to raise a family. The availability of parks and recreation as well as the mountains and ocean for adventure make Vancouver a wonderful place to live and grow.

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Hello,

I am Henry Hughes. My wife, Pam and I, retired in June of 2010 from the Self Storage Industry, and moved to Vancouver from Snohomish, WA. I spent most of my working life in the Health industries as a salesman, and Director of national and international marketing.

Since I was an army brat and moved a lot, I attended sixteen different schools to finish twelve grades.

We enjoy fishing, NASCAR, and living in Washington.

I have always been interested in local government, and have served in various volunteer positions. I welcome the opportunity to serve on the East Minnehaha Neighborhood Association Board.

DOUGLAS CARTER FISHER PARK

The project is coming along and should be in the construction phase next month. The 2¼ acre property is located at the end of 54th St., east of NE 49th Ave. Formally known as St Johns park. The county has determined that half the property is wetlands and buffer. The parks dept will develop the remaining 1.2 acres. The approved conceptual development plan includes...short, soft-surface walking trail, small playground, boardwalk, small open lawn play area, picnic area with 2 tables, benches, bike rack, landscaping, garbage can and signs.

Gang graffiti is threatening and all graffiti is vandalism. Graffiti will attract more of the same if left in place. It creates a perception that the area is unsafe. It lowers our property values. All of us must address the problem. You can do the 3 R's....

RECORD.....take a picture of the graffiti, date time, location and color of graffiti.

REPORT.....Provide details to the appropriate agency

REMOVE.....Once this is done wash or paint over the graffiti immediately.

Report based on location of the graffiti.

Private property.....sheriffs dept. 9-1-1 (tell the dispatcher you are reporting a non emergency.)

State highways.....WADOT 360-759-1300

electrical boxes.....Clark PUD 992-3000

bus stops or buses.....C-Tran 695-0123

CALLING 9-1-1

I KNOW IT SEEMS STRANGE THAT WE TELL PEOPLE TO DIAL 9-1-1 FOR NON EMERGENCY CALLS. THERE IS A REASON. The sheriff's dept and the Vancouver police want us to dial 9-1-1 because that system allows them to track criminal activity and helps them allocate resources, The reporting is important because it identifies trends that may need attention. However if your on a cell phone and Portland 9-1-1 answers ask them to transfer you to Clark county. They expect their 9-1-1 calls to be life threatening only.

HELP PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS

Stormwater partners of SW Washington asks you to take a survey about local water quality, stormwater management and the use of potentially polluting substances. The results will help improve community education efforts about reducing stormwater pollution and protecting our lakes, rivers and streams. Please take the survey at www.cleanriverpanel.com

free annual credit report phone # 877-322-8228 or www.annualcreditreport.com this number and internet site are free. Some "free" numbers are actually for profit businesses and sign you up for continued monitoring at a price. You should not have to pay for your yearly FREE credit report.

If you would like to run for an office on the board please contact Sue 693-9153.

We still need a place for regularly scheduled meetings. Although we love our school district and Walnut Grove School, it is costing us \$30 each meeting.

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From the S.A.L.T. Times

Do you have a shredder? Make sure it's a cross shredder. (slices in 2 directions) If you don't or if you have a huge amount of papers check the Washington Attorney Generals Office website atg.wa.gov for information on free community shred events (usually in spring)

So what should you shred? All sensitive information including junk mail, pre-approved credit card applications, any paperwork that includes; account numbers, birth dates, passwords and pins, signatures, social security numbers, names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses.

You should keep; TAX RECORDS for 7 years, PAY STUBBS 1 year match them up to your w2 form., BANK STATEMENTS AND CANCELED CHECKS 1 year, but hold onto records related to your taxes, business expenses, home improvements, mortgages payments, and major purchases for 7 years or longer if needed., CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS At least 45 days shred after you have confirmed payment unless you need them for taxes or proof of purchase or warranty., MEDICAL RECORDS at least a year but longer if needed.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

A key priority for the attorney General's office is to safeguard consumers from fraud and unfair business practices by:

Enforcing consumer protection and antitrust laws, recovering refunds for consumers and imposing penalties and injunction on offending businesses. Educating the public on issues such as identity theft and scams that target seniors, minorities and vulnerable populations. Mediating complaints between consumers and businesses at no cost to either party. On average, two out of three complaints filed with their office are satisfactorily resolved. Administering Washington's lemon law for new motor vehicle warranty enforcement. Representing consumers who would not otherwise have an effective voice in cases regarding utility company rates and operations.

OUTSOURCING OUR JOBS

When you call a company for whatever reason and get someone in another country tell them to transfer you to a customer service rep in the USA. If they don't, complain to the company. Many company's already offer the service but if we don't utilize it they will dump those jobs and use only foreign reps. **COMPLAIN, COMPLAIN, COMPLAIN.** Just maybe some jobs will return permanently.

A Neighborhood Association is a group of people organized within a geographical area for the purpose of acting on issues affecting neighborhoods and community livability. A neighborhood association provides an open line of communication between the community and local government. Membership in the East Minnehaha and Roads End Associations is free and open to all residents, property owners, managers of multi family dwellings, non profit organizations (including but not limited to places of religious worship and schools) and businesses within the boundaries of the association.

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