

Greater **Brush Prairie**

Neighborhood Association

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Brush Prairie Community Spirit Parade!

Saturday, September 18th, 2010, 10:00 AM

by Neighbor Julie Kim

Come out and watch the 4th annual Brush Prairie Spirit Parade (rain or shine). What a great time we have had in the past years, to see and meet our neighbors!

The 4th annual Brush Prairie Spirit Parade will be held at a 10am on Saturday, Sept, 18th. The parade will start at Prairie Bar and Grill on Caples Rd and 149th St. and end at Bethal Lutheran Church on 159th St.

The theme will be "Wild, Wild West." New this year is a prize for the "best themed" entry. All are invited to enter the parade. Entry forms will be available in July and can be picked up at any of our Brush Prairie local businesses. Prairie High School Band and the AFJROTC will be participating this year.

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Greater Brush Prairie Neighborhood Meeting

**Saturday, May 22nd, 2010
7 PM**

Hockinson Fire Station
Fire District #3
17718 NE 159th Street
Vancouver, WA 98662

Agenda

Election of Officers	
Treasurer's Report	<i>Judy Sproul</i>
Sheriff's Report	
Fire Safety	<i>Ray Steiger</i>
Community Parade	<i>Julie Kim</i>
Hunters Green CSA	<i>Jim & Diane Hunter</i>
Asphalt Plant	<i>Lloyd Handlos</i>
Industry & Property Value	<i>John Lifflander</i>
Anderson Plastics & Railroad	<i>Fred Abraham</i>

Election of Officers

All officer positions of our Greater Brush Prairie Neighborhood Association will be up for election at the May 22nd meeting. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please be sure to attend. Self nominations are allowed but you must be present at the meeting. The open positions are:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

We're looking for dedicated neighbors who have the time, the passion, and desire take our community activism to the next level. Nominees should plan on giving a brief speech about their qualifications and why they want to be a part of the executive team.

What is Lakeside Planning for Brush Prairie?

*by Neighbor Lloyd Handlos, Chair,
Asphalt Watch Dog Group*

For seven years our little community of Brush Prairie actively resisted Lakeside Industries attempt to place a hot mix asphalt plant right in our center. It has now been around two years since we lost our bid to prevent the Asphalt Plant.

As time marches on our memories fade and I have heard from several people, "Oh, I thought that the plant issue was settled and they will not be coming to Brush Prairie". We all know that Lakeside has a long term lease on the current site in Orchards. This may lead one to think that they will not be coming to Brush Prairie as there is no longer a need for the site. I have found that most people tend to have this belief.

Knowing how these things work, I decided to give Lakeside a call with the hope they might be willing put these rumors to rest. On April 8th I spoke with Forrest Lane who manages Lakesides environmental affairs. He explained that, *at this time* (my emphasis) they have no specific plans for the property. He also offered to have someone attend one of our association meetings, hopefully, this upcoming meeting.

This does put the rumors to rest however we are no better informed than we were before I spoke with Mr. Lane. They are a business and as the economy improves, opportunities will present themselves. Not knowing what these opportunities are or what Lakeside will decide we need to remain vigilant.

We also have the issue of the County's plans for the rail corridor. It appears that the County would like to industrialize the rail corridor which will have a major impact on Brush Prairie.

The only way to have assure that Brush Prairie develops in a way that you approve of is to become part of the decision making process. Attend meetings, provide input, talk with your commissioners and county staff. Let them know what you would like to see.

Now that we are no longer in court, we should also think about changing our relationship with Lakeside. Mr. Lane indicated that they want to be upfront about their plans. If we stay in contact maybe we can influence their decisions in favorable ways.

So, where are we? Well, we really don't know what the future will bring, but we know for now that Lakeside has no set plans, the county would like to industrialize the rail corridor and that the only way to influence the development of our

community is to get involved. Not after decisions have been made and it becomes a matter for the courts, but now by getting involved before the decisions are made.

The most important thing is "Don't expect your neighbor to do the job for you". You may find you do not agree, or those who are involved today may not be tomorrow. Our lives march on and things change. The only way to assure the future of our community is to be individually involved.

Farms Build Strong Community

By Neighbor Jim Hunter

"Buy local!" has become a watchword in many communities. When it comes to fresh local produce, few have greater opportunities than the residents of The Greater Brush Prairie Neighborhood. Type "98606" into a national database of farms selling locally grown produce, and you will find seventeen hits within five miles and thirty-five within ten miles. While this list at localharvest.org is one of the best, it is far from comprehensive.

There are many good reasons for buying local produce including taste, nutrition and the environmental quality of the neighborhood. Perhaps most important for the Greater Brush Prairie Neighborhood is what it can do for our economy. Buying locally, whether it is food, plants or a locally produced widget puts our money to work right here in the neighborhood. When you buy from a neighbor it keeps the money close by and that neighbor may use your money to buy from another neighbor, and so on. Economists call it a multiplier effect. On the other hand, when we buy things from places far away, our money goes far away, and is unlikely to return.

As local farms begin to succeed and thrive they will stand as a bulwark against urban sprawl and noxious industrial development. Thriving farmers have little incentive to cash out their property. New small farms and older established farms are both learning that success lies in selling to neighbors rather than taking a chance in the global market place.

How to do it

One of the strongest ways you can support local farms is to join a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. By buying a "subscription" to one of these farms for a whole season, you are voting with your dollars to support that farm. The pre-paid, season long support gives the farmer operating money up front and provides a secure market. In return you get an abundant variety of the freshest produce money can buy. You can find a list of many of these farms at

swwa-csafarms.com/FarmListings.php

But perhaps you're not ready for that level of commitment. There are also many neighborhood farms that sell direct from their farms or at local farmers markets. Many of these are listed at localharvest.org or at WSU Co-op Extension's Farm Finder site:

smallfarms.wsu.edu/farms/locate_search.asp or you can check for ads and directories in our local newspapers, such as the Reflector's "Market Basket" classifieds. Several Brush Prairie farms sell at the nearby Battle Ground Farmer's Market located at the Gardner Center. See battlegroundfarmersmarket.org for details. But then some farms just put out a sign, so don't be shy, stop in and meet a neighbor.

Diane and Jim Hunter operate a CSA farm on the northwest corner of 156th Street and

112th Avenue. This year they are sharing the farm with Brenda Millar of Rosemattel's CSA. Learn more about them at huntersgreens.com and rosemattelscsa.com.

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2008 GBPNA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Brush Prairie, WA 98606**

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**Perennials,
Shrub &
Bare Root Tree
Sale**

April 24 & 25

One Weekend Only

10:00 to 4:00

Sales Area will open at 10:00AM Sharp!

Location: 11000 NE 149th Street
Brush Prairie, WA 98606

See map at: www.naturescaping.org

Trees - \$8.⁰⁰ & up

Fruit & Ornamental Trees

Shrubs - \$5.⁰⁰

Perennials - starting at \$1.⁰⁰

All proceeds benefit the programs of **NatureScaping** SW Washington and the **Wildlife Botanical Gardens**. **NatureScaping** is a non-profit **501(C)(3)** organization.

The CASEE Center will joining our sale and will provide Northwest Native Plants and Trees. (Raised in their greenhouses)

Average price \$3.00 and up

Speaker Topic: How Industrial Development Affects Your Property Value

John Lifflander, Certified General Appraiser and licensed Real Estate Broker, will be speaking at our neighborhood association meeting on how industrial development (read Lakeside) affects residential property values and how we might seek redress from the county to compensate for that eventuality.

Police Blotter Be Careful Out There!

Reported by Deputy Dan Fronk

Some pointers for preventing crime:

- Keep cars locked
- Keep homes locked, even when you are home
- Burglar alarm systems work!

3/6/10: A community mailbox was broken into near NE 131st St/90th Ct.

3/15/10: A Meadow Glade resident had her cell phone stolen, followed by a few hundred dollars worth of cell phone charges on her cell phone within a day of the theft. I handled this call, the suspect was an acquaintance of the victim who had been at the victim's house one night. She lives in Newberg Oregon, limiting my contact to phone calls. Almost all of the charges accrued after the theft were not from phone calls but from downloading apps and games from the internet into the phone.

3/16/10: There was another attempt at burglarizing the auto repair shop at 151/Caples. The owner installed an alarm system after last months burglary and the

alarm scared off the thieves before they were successful.

3/22/10: A stolen Honda Accord, minus the tires/wheels and stereo system, was left at 81st Av/154th Circle. The Honda had been stolen from Clackamas Oregon.

3/23/10: There was an attempted break in at a residence a few blocks west of Central Precinct. The unknown suspect apparently tried to pry open a couple doors but only managed to scratch the door knobs.

3/24/10: There was a report of a small box safe stolen from the cab of a Dodge Dakota. The deputy who wrote the report said the Dodge was parked at Cedars golf course when the theft occurred but the address he listed in the report was that of Hartwood Golf course. The victim thought he had locked his truck but there was no forced entry. The safe contained some of his prescription meds.

3/25/10: Some more community mailboxes were broken into near 103rd Av, 123rd St.

3/27/10: At 0920 hours, a person was in bed at NE 100th St, west of 142nd Av, when he heard some noise. He thought the noise was related to construction that had been occurring in his area. Shortly after, his bedroom door started to open and a possible teenager, wearing a red bandana over his face and a blue beanie, was starting to come into the room. Apparently the burglar thought no one was home and he took off running as soon as he saw the victim. He was not seen again and was not found by deputies.

3/30/10: There was a break-in during the last night, early morning into the lawn shed at Bethel Lutheran, 12919 NE 159th St. The padlock on the door had been cut off, and taken. A Stihl backpack blower was stolen.

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Our Boundaries

West	SR 503 to NE 156 St., NE 159 St. to NE 72 Ave. to NE 119 St.
South	NE 119 St., SR 503, NE 99 St.
East	NE 167 Ave., NE 159 St, NE 170 Ave., NE 169 St, NE 167 Ave.
North	NE 199 St.

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