

WEST HAZEL DELL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER



January 20 Meeting: 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Clearwater Springs' Fireplace Room (201 NW 78th Street)

The result of the November meeting's vote on meeting frequency – We will stick to every other month for now and see if we can garner a few more residents each time. Our meetings in 2010 will be the third Wednesdays of January, March, May, July, September, and November. However, this is subject to change should attendance dwindle down much further. Residents are reminded that our next closest neighborhood association, NE Hazel Dell NA, meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the County 78th Street Operations Center.



Our January speaker will be **Katy Belokonny from C-Tran** who has announced their new transit development plan.

C-TRAN's 20-Year Transit Development Plan (TDP) is looking into the future to determine the levels, placement and modes of transit services needed to meet the transportation demands of a growing community. Once adopted, this long-range plan will guide C-TRAN through capital facility and service design options over two decades.

In 2008, the planning process focused on three alternative concepts – Coverage Based Growth; Productivity Based Growth; and Regional High Capacity Transit. During the public process, feedback on the three alternatives suggested the development of an additional service alternative. Adding to what was heard from constituents, further technical analysis, a review of financial assumptions and the results of ridership projections all pointed to a preferred service alternative that would incorporate the best attributes of the three previous alternatives.

The Preferred Alternative adds new service to rapidly growing areas, includes provisions for light rail in downtown Vancouver, adds C-TRAN's first bus rapid transit corridor, and provides more service in core areas.

- Our November speaker, Jennifer Gorder from DSHS, Family to Family program, provided a great deal of information on the situation with foster children within the West Hazel Dell area. The Hazel Dell-specific community resource guide is available by contacting her directly at GOJZ300@dshs.wa.gov.
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CALENDAR & CONTACTS:

➤ **WSU Ag Site/78th Street Property Open House – January 20**

The **78th Street/WSU Property** ("Ag Site") Sounding Board had its final meeting last week. The County is prepared to go forward with an **open house**, scheduled to coincide with our January meeting on **Wednesday, January 20**. It will be held at the **Clark Regional Wastewater District** offices conference room (8000 NE 52nd Court) **from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** The most recent version of the proposed site plan will be available and residents of the area are encouraged to stop by and check it out and, hopefully, provide input and ideas for improvements, changes or modifications. It is the hope of Clark County and everyone involved in the project thus far that this will become a cornerstone for the community that we can be proud of for years to come. The County contact is Mark McCauley (360) 397-2323 or Mark.McCauley@clark.wa.gov.

➤ **State of the County – 2010**

This year's address will be given by Commissioner Stuart on Thursday, February 4, 2010 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Skyview High School (1300 NW 139th Street). County residents will get a first hand projection of where the County will be able to go in the new year and what challenges it (we) will face. You are encouraged to attend. It is always informative.

Hwy 99 AND POINTS EAST Planning a new direction

- The Form-Based Code amendment to the Unified Development Code Appendix F for Title 40 was approved at the November joint meeting of the Planning Commission and the County Board of Commissioners. Any

changes or amendments to this portion of the Highway 99 Sub-Area Plan will need to be presented and approved prior to a May 1, 2010 deadline imposed at that meeting. A great deal of background and current information is available on the County's website. For more information contact Colete Anderson at ext. 4516 or visit the project web site at <http://www.clark.wa.gov/hwy99/>.

- **Columbia River Crossing contact information:** Email: feedback@columbiarivercrossing.org
Mail: 700 Washington St, Suite 300, Vancouver, WA 98660
Phone: 360-737-2726 or 503-256-2726 Fax: 360-737-0294
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➤ Emergency Preparedness Top of Mind Following Haiti Earthquake

The devastating earthquake that hit Haiti this week is a harsh reminder that disasters do happen and you need to be ready. Clark County Fire District is ready to train you in disaster preparedness, medical operations, psychology, fire suppression, terrorism awareness and urban search and rescue. Following a major disaster, like the Haiti earthquake, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for these services. Factors as number of victims, communication failures, and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency services they have come to expect at a moment's notice through 911. People will have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate life saving and life sustaining needs.

This is why Fire District 6 has joined the mission to train citizens in needed life saving skills through the Community Emergency Response Team program. CERTs are an extension of first responder services offering immediate help to victims until professional services arrive.

Winter CERT training is scheduled to begin in February with the first of four classes scheduled for Saturday, February 20. To view the complete schedule and cost of the class please open the attachment. A training registration form is available from Fire District 6 (8800 NE Hazel Dell Avenue). **Note: You must live within the Fire District 6 boundaries to participate these areas include: Hazel Dell, Felida, Salmon Creek, Mt. Vista, Lakeshore and the Fairgrounds.**

For further information contact: Dawn Johnson, Cell (360) 356-6040, Pager (360) 418-5042

Salmon Creek Farmers' Market

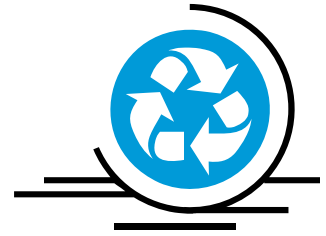
Anyone seeking information should contact Ann Foster at info@salmoncreekfarmersmarket.com or call 574-5093; Becky Gyes (bgyes@comcast.net), 576-1911; Bobbie Redington (vinesampler@gmail.com), 576-3955; or Chris Bennett (chris@tudegraphics.com)

- **WEST HAZEL DELL residents are reminded that all newsletters are now available online. This saves an enormous amount of money for the County which we can all appreciate. You can find the newsletters from all the unincorporated Clark County neighborhoods at this site:**

<http://www.clark.wa.gov/neighborhoods/weeklyupdate.html>

- **JACK Z. FAZIO NEIGHBORHOOD PARK** Our newest West Hazel Dell park is attracting users even in the bad weather. It is located on NW 21st Avenue at 99th Street. Put on your boots and try out the paths. The official dedication will take place in the spring, so watch for the announcement in the paper.

➤ **Recycling: Easy Ways to Make a BIG Difference**



This fall I participated in a Recycling “Tour de Force” at Waste Connections’ facility on Lower River Road. What an eye opener that was! It is absolutely amazing what gets put into the recycling bins by our community. Waste Connections is very supportive of our efforts to help educate the public on what we can and can’t efficiently recycle curbside. The better job we as residents do in being more selective, the less expensive it is for the materials to be processed – and the less costly on our garbage bills. They have been kind enough to follow-up with the attendees by providing the following information to help us all in our efforts to recycle whatever and whenever we can. Please save this for reference later.

Recycling does take a little effort, but following the rules will ensure your recycle truck driver collects the most recyclables in the best possible condition and you get the best benefit for your effort. The following will help you understand the reasoning behind the rules:

Most Recyclable Items Accepted at the Curb (Paper, Cardboard, Plastic Bottles and Tubs, and Metal) go in your blue recycling cart, and glass must be put in your glass-only bin. It is important to separate glass so we don’t end up with glass shards in the newspaper and mixed paper. Shards and other pieces of broken glass can cause major problems at facilities where materials are sorted and at mills where paper is recycled.

Plastic Bottles, Plastic Buckets, Nursery Pots and Plastic Margarine and Yogurt Tubs can be placed in your recycling cart. Please do not include clamshell take out containers or containers marked PLA.

Do Not Recycle Plastic Bags in Your Cart. Plastic bags get caught in machinery and can cause damage at the facility where your recyclables are sorted.

Cut Cardboard Down to Fit Inside Your Recycling Cart. Cardboard is much more marketable if it is dry.

Place Your Roll Cart at Least Three Feet from Other Containers - This arrangement allows the automated truck to pick up your recycling cart without knocking over your garbage can.

Set Recycle Bin and Recycling Cart at the Curb by 6:30 am on Day of Pick Up – The recycle truck drivers all start picking up recyclables by 6:30 am. You cannot always count on your driver arriving by at a certain time; for any number of reasons, the schedule can change. If scavenging is not a problem and you don’t expect blustery weather, set your recycling containers out the night before your pick up is scheduled.

Place used motor oil or antifreeze in gallon milk jugs and set them near your cart - Please use plastic milk jugs with screw on lids-the milk jugs fit snugly in a special space on the truck so they won’t spill. Also, please don’t mix oil or antifreeze with water, brake fluid, or other liquids because when mixed, those liquids cannot be recycled. If mixed, they should be disposed of as household hazardous wastes.

Household Batteries On top of Your Recycling Roll Cart - Please place all household batteries, including batteries from flashlights, re-chargeable appliances, hearing aids, etc. in a clear, re-sealable plastic bag, on top of your roll cart.

Recycling does take some work, but between you and the recycle truck driver, your efforts result in great benefits for you and the environment; **recycling does make a difference!**

See the Brown Pages for additional information: If you received a Clark County **Qwest Dex phone book**, then you have a wealth of recycling, yard debris and garbage information at your fingertips. Check out the Brown Pages, (right behind the purple map section in the front of the book) and you will find the answers to your solid waste questions. Get up to date information from the local WCI website at www.wcnorthwest.com or at www.RecyclingA-Z.com.

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➤ **KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY A HUGE SUCCESS**

Every year more and more children in the Hazel Dell are the recipients of several cooperative efforts to donate time, money and toys. It was really “beginning to look a lot like Christmas” again this year at Sara J. Anderson Elementary School. Our compliments go out to NEHDNA for spear-heading this tremendous effort, and especially to Bud Van Cleve, who seems tireless each year in getting it all put together.



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