

EAST MINNEHAHA and ROADS END Neighborhood Associations Newsletter

members of the Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County

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East Minnehaha Board Members:

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BOARD MEMBER; Penny Hoffman.....park committee chair
BOARD MEMBER; Lynda Maguire.....not assigned

Phone: 693-9153.

or search engine NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS CLARK COUNTY WA

E-MAIL: TONYSU@AOL.COM. WHEN E-MAILING PLEASE PUT MINNEHAHA IN SUBJECT OR IT WILL NOT BE OPENED.

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 \$121.50. Expenditures stamps \$10 gas \$11.50, donated 0. Balance \$100.

Roads End Board Members:

VICE PRESIDENT; Barbara Murray

Roads End needs board members if interested call Barbara @ (360)694-1689

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

Next meeting

Speaker :

Drug Task Force / sheriff's dept. deputies will present information on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries. The Drug Task Force is working closely with Neighborhood Associations to inform the public. Some entrepreneurs might decide it may be lucrative to open dispensaries in Clark County. We need your input. This is such an important presentation, Their will be lots of time for questions and maybe time at the end of the meeting for new business.

We will meet at Round Table Pizza's back room. If you would like pizza please donate \$2.

PLACE: Round Table Pizza 5016 Thurston Way (near Van Mall) back room

DAY/DATE: Tuesday, June 28, 2011

TIME: 7PM-9PM

YARD SALES JULY 9, 2011.....MORE INFO INSIDE

NUISANCE VIOLATIONS

Do you know there are Clark County Codes to help you deal with "nuisance" issues. Nuisance violations include junk and debris scattered in the yard, inoperable vehicles for over 30 days, and tall grass and weeds in the front and side yard in the urban areas.

On property with urban zoning classification:

Outside accumulation of more than one cubic yard of waste, rubbish and trash, which is visible from an adjacent property or roadway.

The presence of any unattached vehicle or boats parts or inoperable vehicle or boat that has remained in the same location within the front, side or rear yard and are visible from an adjacent property or roadway for more than thirty days.

Go to www.co.clark.wa.us/commdev/code-enforcement/complaints/nuisanceN.html

REFER TO CLARK COUNTY CODE, TITLE 9.24

CLARK COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE CENTER

A SAFE ENVIRONMENT, A LISTENING EAR AND AS MUCH HELP AS POSSIBLE IS OFFERED TO VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, BY VETERANS. AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE VETERANS ASSISTANCE CENTER OPENED ON MAY 1. THE COFFEE IS ALWAYS ON SO COME ON DOWN.

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 8AM TO 5PM

1305 COLUMBIA STREET, SUITE 100
VANCOUVER, WA 98660
360-693-7030

WWW.VETERANSASSISTANCECENTEROFCLARKCOUNTY.COM

PLASTIC BAGS

In an effort to recycle as much as possible, many people mistakenly put their plastic bags in their recycling carts. Unfortunately, plastic bags and other types of film plastics do more harm than good when disposed of in this way. Plastic bags, shrink wrap, bubble wrap and other types of "stretchy" film plastic easily tangle in the machinery that is meant to sort recyclables into separate categories. This slows efficiency of the facility, as the machines have to be shut down to allow workmen to climb in and cut out the bags with box cutters. This material accounts for at least a 25% reduction in efficiency.

So what should I do with them?

First and foremost, try to eliminate plastic film from your life as much as possible by taking your own reusable bags to the grocery store, reusing bubble wrap, and trying to reduce the amount of plastic plastic film you buy in general. For plastic bags that you won't reuse in your own home (eg waste basket liners or doggy poop scooper bags) you can recycle them properly by placing them in the receptacle found near the front of most grocery stores. This ensures they will be recycled with other materials of the same kind and not have a chance to choke recycling sorting machinery.

for more information go to; www.northwest.com

VEHICLE PROWL

Our neighborhood has a problem with vehicle prowls. Probably not news to most, but the prowlers are breaking into unlocked as well as locked vehicles. It seems the culprits peek into the windows and break into those vehicles who have something they can see. Use the following tips to prevent you being victimized.

.Use a garage or secured parking area when possible.

.avoid isolated or unlit areas.

.roll up windows, lock doors, hatchbacks, trunks, canopies and truck mounted tool boxes.

.Activate your alarm or anti theft device.

. If you hear something (like shattering glass) or see someone looking into cars, who shouldn't be. Call 911 without hesitation.

REMOVE THE FOLLOWING;

Don't keep anything in your vehicle but especially high risk items like the following;

Cameras, CD player, CD's, cell phone, checkbooks, credit/debit cards, clothing, day planner, electronic devices, garage door opener, GPS unit, jewelry, keys, laptop, luggage or bags, mail, purse, receipts or statements, store bags or packages, tools, insurance/title or vehicle info, wallets, disability placards (when not in use at a parking spot)

CHRISTMAS

Okay, so it is a little early, but we need volunteers to start NOW. We would like to partner with the Walnut Grove PTA to provide a wonderful, fun filled Christmas party for the kids of East Minnehaha. If you can help with time or donations please call Sue at 693-9153.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

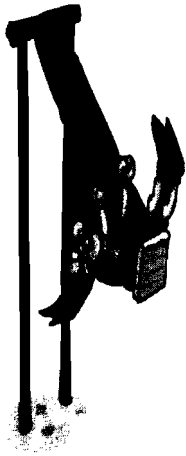
Legal times to discharge fireworks.

June 28th.....noon to 11pm

June 29th through July 3rd.....9am-11pm

JULY 4th9am to midnight

Call 9-1-1 to report any fireworks being discharged outside of legal times. Use of illegal fireworks and use of anything that may creates a substantial risk of personal injury or damage to property.



CARTER FISHER PARK

In March the Board of Commissioners awarded the contract for the construction of our park to Thompson Brothers Excavating, Inc. of Vancouver. Construction is scheduled to start in late summer and should be completed by late fall. If you have questions about the construction contact Clark County Public Works Construction Engineer Dave Dolan at 360-397-6118x4947 or by E-Mail dave.dolan@clark.wa.gov for questions about the project contact public works project manager Don Andrews at 360-397-6118x4362 or E-Mail Don.Andrews@clark.wa.gov.

Veterans Project at The Northwest Justice Project

The Veterans Project provides free legal services to financially eligible at-risk veterans for civil legal problems that are barriers to housing, employment, and self sufficiency. We provide legal advice, representation, and referrals on a variety of civil legal issues including:

- . Housing and landlord/tenant issues
- . Sealing and vacating criminal convictions (in Washington)
- . Child support modifications and arrears
- . License suspensions and revocations
- . Discharge upgrades

The Veterans Project does not take family law or criminal cases.

www.nwjustice.org
phone 888-201-1012

free interactive forms now on line

Complete an on line interview to create your court papers at home, the office or library!

- . Simple divorce filing (no kids)
- . Finishing a divorce
- . Domestic Violence Protection Order
- . Letter to landlord for return of security Deposit

www.washingtonlawhelp.org

50 PLUS TRIPS

Vancouver Clark parks and recreation has many trips planned this summer for people over 50.

June 18, 9am to 5:30pm Try the Astoria Scandinavian Festival. Catch our bus from the senior center and enjoy the company of others as you travel to the Clatsop County Fairgrounds east of Astoria. Scandinavian entertainers perform, bring \$7 for button allowing you to enjoy all the events of the day. Wear comfortable shoes. Cost for bus \$35.

or TRY THE PAMPERING SPA TREATMENT 11AM-3PM SAT JUNE 25 \$53 FOR BUS AND SPA.

The many other trips planned this summer are The Dalles Dam Tour, Portland Mounted Patrol and River Patrol, Sandy Mountain Festival, Country Classic Horse Show, Olive Mill Tour, and many more.

Call 360-487-7100 for info

TRAFFIC

Construction by the Department of Transportation (WADOT): Beginning in mid July the State Department of Transportation will be working on the St. John's/SR500 Project. This will impact the Truman Neighborhood and could overflow into East Minnehaha. This is about an 18 month project. Clark County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and WADOT have reached an overtime contractual agreement that utilizes deputies and CCSO vehicles during certain construction times to assist with potential traffic problems.

Unstick glue caps

Dab petroleum jelly on the threads of the bottle when you first open it.

I understand being naked in public is not a crime. That was a surprise to me. I received a call from a lady concerned about seeing nude bicyclists cruising the streets of our neighborhood, and later seen in a nearby park drinking. She also provided a link to the "Vancouver Voice"

<http://vanvoice.com/article?articleTitle=it%26rsquo%3lbs+naked+...6/4/2011>

The article "It's naked time" written by Marcus Griffith. Mr. Griffith says "The mere act of public nudity isn't illegal but it's not easy to find the line between lawful conduct and criminal indecent exposure when participating in naked bike..." While the article centers specifically on a nude Vancouver jeweler it talks about the world wide nude bike rides and states three more rides are scheduled in Vancouver this month. Voice your opinion on the website and to lawmakers.

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DOG DAYS OF SUMMER***Dakota Memorial Off-Leash Area***

All proceeds support local dog parks & K9 police officers and sheriffs deputies.

- . K9 demonstrations
- . Doggie contests
- . Prizes, drawings
- . Lure Coursing
- . Vendors
- . Pet experts and much more.

FREE admission. please bring dry or wet pet food for AniMeals

Pacific Community Park...North of HWY-14 at SE 164th Ave...1515 NE 164th Ave - NE 18th St (between 164th the Ave & NE 172nd Ave)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18,
10AM-3PM.**

EVENTS@CLARKDOGPAW.ORG

ANNUAL YARD SALES

Due to popular request this years yard sales will be advertised for Saturday July 9th, 2011. Sales will start at 8am and end at 5pm. Of course you may choose to extend your own sale to Sunday and a longer time period. To have your address put on the neighborhood maps pay \$2 before July 5th. Bring to meeting on June 28th or Send or bring to Sue Lintz, 5914 NE 65th Ct, Vancouver, WA 98661. Call 693-9153 for info

WINTER GANG VIOLENCE RAISES CONCERN FOR SUMMER MONTHS

This winter seemed to last all the way through spring, but the cold and rain wasn't enough to cool down the gang violence in Vancouver. Several fights, stabbings, and shootings have police concerned about what might happen once the weather improves and more gang members find their way outside to the parks, concerts, and streets where clashes between rivals often occur.

Although some programs are already in place such as the summer playgrounds program through Parks and Recreation, many are worried that it won't be enough. Neighborhood leaders at a recent SCTF meeting echoed police concerns about the upcoming summer, and wondered what they could do about problem areas such as MYPARK in the Harney Heights neighborhood. Increased lighting, sponsored activities, or even community gardens were among the ideas brainstormed by the group.

The next SCTF community meeting will be held June 10th at 10am at the YMCA. The agenda will include time for folks to share information about summer programs that will help keep young people busy and out of trouble.

article from Safe Communities Task Force (SCIF)

CONFERENCE PROVIDES HOPE FOR PARENTS:

It seems unlikely that a day of workshops on sobering topics like gangs, drugs, and sexual exploitation would boost one's hope for the future. But that was the result for many of the 60 parents who attended the third annual conference, "What Kids Know and Parents Wish They Did".

Created by SCIF in 2008, the free conference targets parents of at-risk teenagers. By helping parents learn to identify signs of drug use, gang activity, or sexual exploitation, the task force hopes to make a positive impact on these growing problems. Additionally the conference provided a workshop called "Talking With Your Teen" with the hopes of helping parents improve communication at home.

Outcome from an evaluation tool created by the institute for law and justice showed a high level of satisfaction from the conference. Parents felt empowered by the knowledge, eager to use their new communication skills, and hopeful for the future of their children. The only thing that left parents unsatisfied was time. They wanted more of it to get deeper into the issues.

They might get what they asked for.

SCIF is now considering a shift from a full-day annual event to a monthly series that would be offered on weeknights throughout the school year. The change would allow for more workshop offerings, longer sessions, and ultimately more attendees. Organizers are planning to offer the first workshops by the beginning of next school year.

SCIF meetings will continue to be held at 10am on the second Friday of each month at the YWCA. For information contact Joe Walsh at 360-600-4143 or e-mail at joe.walsh@clark.wa.gov

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INDEPENDENCE DAY (4th OF JULY)

Spend the day at the Fort. There will be live musical entertainment starting at noon, with multiple stages, food booths, arts and crafts, field games, booths, etc. The parade will start at 4pm.

TICKETS;

General admission \$5 if purchased before June 30 or \$7 at gate. \$50 for prime viewing sites or \$25 for those under 21.

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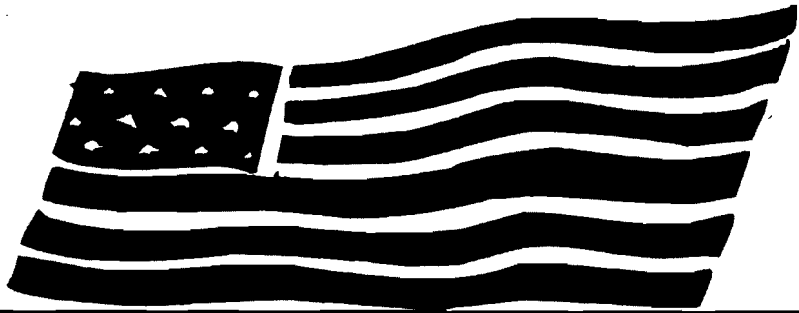
Celebrate free at the Felida Neighborhood Association children's parade. Dress your kids in Red, White & Blue, they can walk or ride their bikes in the parade. Enjoy booths, arts and crafts, field games, etc. for more info call Dr. Milada Allen at 573-4030.

LEFT LANE CAMPERS LOOK OUT

The Washington State Patrol is using YOUTUBE to help educate the public on the proper use of the left lane on state highways. The "Left lane campers" frustrate many drivers and can disrupt the flow of traffic.

The video about left lane violations is the first in the series "Good To Know" series produced by the state patrol. To see the video go to www.youtube.com/user/wspgovandmedia.

The Washington State Patrol focuses their efforts on driving behavior known to cause death and serious injury. That's why troopers specifically target violations such as speed, seat belt, and impaired driving. The state patrol recognizes that the traffic flow can be affected when drivers "Camp Out" in the left lane. The law RCW46.61.100 specifically states that "It is a traffic infraction to drive continuously in the left lane of a multilane roadway when it impedes the flow of traffic."



TIRED OF THE DRAMA?

The Clark County PARENT PROJECT, presented by ESD 112 and the Clark County Truancy Project provides proven strategies for parents raising today's children and teens.

____NO COST FOR CLARK COUNTY PARENTS____

**stop family arguments
improve school attendance and performance
prevent alcohol and other drug use
learn effective interventions for difficult children**

360-750-7500 x 390

NEXT SESSION: WEDNESDAYS

July 27th- Sept 28, 2011, 6-9pm

ESD 112 Conference & Institute Center

2500 NE 65th Ave, Vancouver WA

We promise you will find answers, learn solutions, receive emotional and practical support, create an action plan and experience success.

KANE

January 4, 2003-April 2, 2011

Birthplace Holland. Imported to U.S February 2005. Brought to Clark County/ Homecoming with Rick Osbourn 2/24/05. Certified by K-9 academy May 12 and 13 2005. Patrol applications 406 calls for service. SWAT applications 65 missions. Total number of captures 230. Narcotics applications 75.

Kane, a decorated police K-9 with the Clark County Sheriff's office, lost his life in the line of duty on April 2, 2011.

Kane worked with his handler Deputy Rick Osborn for six years and was scheduled to retire in 2012.

The bond between an officer and their K-9 partner is unique because they train, work and live together. The experiences they share, including frequent high risk incidence, forge very strong emotional bonds. K-9 teams are selected through a very rigorous and competitive process. Both the handler and the K-9 accumulate hundreds of training hours to meet multiple state certifications. Depending on their specific abilities, K-9 dogs can be used for a variety of applications including SWAT, marijuana eradication, crowd control, and community events. Kane was an amazing tracking dog and was very good at his job of finding people.

Article from the S.A.L.T TIMES May 2011

walnut grove PTA

The Washington State PTA presented the 2010-2011 Walnut Grove PTA with three awards The Bronze, Silver and Gold. The awards were presented for attaining increases over previous years memberships.

WAY TO GO.....

GET RID OF ROBOCALLS

Press the pound key (#) or the star, pound, and zero keys at the same time (#0). That's what commenter's at lifehacker.com and a New York Times blog suggests you do to foil annoying calls from politicians and car warranty providers.*

PET FOR VETS

mission: Pets For Vets is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing a second chance for shelter pets by rescuing, training and pairing them with America's veterans who could benefit from having a companion animal.

What we do;

Shelter dogs facing euthanasia are specifically selected for each veteran to match his or her personality. Professional animal trainers will rehabilitate the shelter dogs using positive reinforcement and teach the dogs good manners to fit into the veteran's lifestyle. Training can include desensitization to wheel chairs or crutches and recognizing and reacting to panic or anxiety disorder behaviors. Each veteran-dog match is provided with all of the necessary equipment to start their new life together. Each pet will be healthy, up to date on all vaccinations and micro chipped. Help clients find reduced cost veterinary care and equipment for the lifetime of the pet. Life line of training support for the life time of the dog.

Why we do it;

Many returning veterans suffer from physical and emotional injuries relating to their time in service, making it difficult to transition back to civilian life.

phone 360-852-8699 or go to www.pets-for-vets.com

DENTAL RESOURCES

From Clark County Public Health phone # 360-397-8020

Ask the Health Dept to send you a pamphlet with more information about dental clinics for little or no charge to patients.

Free Clinics of SW Washington van call 360-313-1390.....New Day dental care (fee based on income) 360-892-7107
New Heights free for low income 360-694-0355.....Clark College dental classes low fees if qualified 360-992-2158
Clark College skills center children 3 and up and adults low fee 604-1057.....OHSU 503-494-8867

WHAT TO DO

Company coming? Can't decide what to do with them? Try the Visitor Center at 1501 E Evergreen Blvd. at the Fort Vancouver National Site along the historic homes of officers row. Open seven days a week, the center's staff provide information on what to see and do in Vancouver and surrounding areas. You can also pick up visitors guides, area maps,

GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Enjoy a fun-filled day of golf at Camas Meadows. The registration fee includes green fees, shared cart, pizza, beverages, and dinner. All benefit the Parks Foundation of Clark County.

REGISTRATION fees:

\$675 team of four golfers (if paid before June 17)
\$185 individual golfer

Monday August 22

www.parksfoundation.us/2011GolfTournament.php

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Summer Concert Series at Esther Short Park Wednesdays, at noon and are free.

On July 6th check out The Vancouver Pops Orchestra; July 13th, Justin Klum; July 20th Key of Dreams; July 27th Tom May; Aug 10th, Misty Mamas;

The Riverview Six to Sunset concerts are:

July 7th, Grubox; July 14, 5 Guys named Moe; July 21st Patrick Lamb; July 28th, Quarterflaah; August 4, The Antics; August 11th, Hit Machine.

For more info call 360-487-8631

enjoy your summer

**DISPOSING OF MEDICATIONS,
THERMOMETERS, AND SHARPS SAFELY**

Have you ever wondered what to do with unwanted medications? How to clean up a broken mercury thermometer? Where to dispose of syringes and needles?

If so, visit MEDICATIONS, MERCURY THERMOMETER, or SHARPS at RECYCLINGA-Z.COM for answers to many of your questions, including: what sharps are, how to identify a mercury thermometer, how to safely clean up a broken thermometer, why improper disposal is dangerous, and where you can properly dispose of controlled substances and other unwanted medications, sharps, and mercury thermometers and other products containing mercury.

If you would like to receive free copies of the MEDICATIONS, MERCURY THERMOMETER and SHARPS brochures, call Clark County Environmental Services at 360-397-2121 ext 4352. Also be sure and bookmark RECYCLINGA-Z.COM as one of your favorites to have more recycling reuse and disposal information at your fingertips.

HOMeward BOUND is a program serving women veterans and veterans with children who need help with.....

JOB TRAINING, HOUSING, CHILDCARE, OTHER BASIC NEEDS

360-696-8417

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 Neighborhood Association are 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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