

FAIRGROUNDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Dear neighbors,

We are still on for a visit from the Clark Regional Wastewater District at our June meeting. Whether you are on sewer or septic you need to know what they are planning. Details are below.

It has been a while since we learned about the potential move of training personnel to the Fairgrounds Public Safety complex. Since then the City of Vancouver, Clark County Fire District 6, and Clark County Fire & Rescue have merged their respective training programs into one unified training division. There will be a large new building on the grounds. It's time for an update from Mike Ciraulo, Clark County Training Chief, on what this means for the Fairgrounds Fire Station facility. Mike will be at our June meeting to give us an update.

Sincerely,
Bridget Schwarz
For the Executive Board

FGNA MONTHLY MEETINGS

June 9, 2010

Clark Regional Waste Water District

7:00 PM at the Community of Christ meeting room (400 NE 179th Street)

If you have sewer service, this meeting is an opportunity for you to learn about the CRWWD upgrade and expansion plans. If you are on a septic system, this meeting is an opportunity for you to learn if and when sewers will be built on your street.

We will also get an update on plans to expand the Fairgrounds Public Safety complex to be used for a regional training center.

July 14, 2010

Annual FGNA picnic

6:00 PM at the Fairgrounds Community Park (NE 164th Street @ NW 8th Avenue)

Join us for food and fun and friendship. We'll bring the chicken, root beer floats and lemonade. You bring a side dish to share. We are negotiating with Mother Nature for a perfect day.

August, 2010

As usual for August, we do not meet. Enjoy the Clark County fair!

FGNA monthly meetings

Second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM

Do you have a topic to discuss? Come to our meetings. Do you have a speaker you want us to invite? Tell Vicki Fitzsimmons at 360.573.6604 or e-mail her at vicki.fitzsimmons@edwardjones.com.

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SALMON CREEK FARMERS' MARKET

Thanks to the generosity of Dale Lang the Salmon Creek Farmers' Market has a home for the 2011 season just west of the 134th Street I-5 interchange. Dale has offered to let the market use the one-acre parcel of open land immediately behind the Wayside Shell gas station and store on the south side of NE 134th Street. This space is next to the Salmon Creek Four Square Church and Curves. The market opens on Thursday June 16.

PLANT A ROW FOR THE HUNGRY

Are you a vegetable gardener? There are lots of hungry families here in Clark County. Please consider planting extra vegetables to harvest for our local food banks. The heartfelt gratitude from those who receive your garden gifts will make you glad you did!

CLARK COUNTY FAIR CONCERTS

These are the concerts booked at the amphitheater during the fair. The traffic impacts are not as severe as for an event at the amphitheater because many concert-goers arrive early to enjoy the fair. Still, be advised.

DATE	DAY	GROUP
August 5, 2011	Friday	Beach Boys
August 6, 2011	Saturday	REO Speedwagon
August 8, 2011	Monday	Dirks Bentley/Josh Kelley
August 9, 2011	Tuesday	Three Days Grace / My Darkest Days
August 11, 2011	Thursday	Motley Crue / Poison / New York Dolls

AMPHITHEATER CONCERT SCHEDULE

These are the days booked for concerts at our neighbor, the Sleep Country Amphitheater. More concert dates may be added to the schedule. Depending on the size of the crowd, traffic can get tricky.

DATE	DAY	GROUP
June 17, 2011	Friday	Tim McGraw
June 28, 2011	Tuesday	Rush
July 9, 2011	Saturday	The Monkees
July 10, 2011	Sunday	Doobie Brothers
July 17, 2011	Sunday	Steve Miller
August 19, 2011	Friday	Toby Keith
September 14, 2011	Wednesday	Def Leopard / Heart

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LEGACY SALMON CREEK HEALTHY KIDS FAIR

The annual Healthy Kids Fair is set for 10:00 to 2:00 on Saturday June 11 at the hospital. Admission and parking are free. There will be low-priced bike and snowboard helmets with fittings, child safety seat checks, ambulance tours, Fire District 6's fire Safety Home, hands-on Surgi-Duck surgery where children can 'operate' on a stuffed duck, and face painting. Bring used child safety seats for recycling. New this year are a food drive for the Children's Center, and Germ City – a WSU Cooperative Extension activity designed to teach children about hand-washing hygiene.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH

Our neighborhood crime watch meeting May 20 at the Sheriff's office was a great success! Deputy Tim Hockett shared dozens of great ideas about crime prevention. We learned how thieves target their victims, how to make it hard to become a victim, and how to watch out for our neighbors. We learned a lot about how the Sheriff's office functions and how we can make their jobs easier. We all had lots of AHA ! moments.

If you were unable to attend this meeting but want to form a neighborhood crime watch, contact Bridget .@ 360.573.5873 or bridget@bridge-i-t.com.

LET'S PLAY BALL ! (?)

The Board of County Commissioners is considering a 70/30 public/private partnership to build a 3500 seat baseball park on the Clark College campus. A Minor League Class A team from Yakima would move their franchise to Vancouver to play 38 games in a season. They expect attendance to be about 2800 per game. Clark College teams and other youth organizations will also have use of the field.

This proposal is on a fast track so that the team can begin playing here next year.

The public financing (70%) of the stadium will be through a county wide 5% tax on entertainment tickets. Over 30 years the ticket tax would pay off a \$16 million bond. There is already competition for our entertainment dollars. Will that new 5% tax be added to ticket prices or deducted from the business's profits?

Other jurisdictions in the state also collect a ticket tax. That ticket tax is collected *only* from the venue that benefits. However, this proposal is different. It collects the tax from all events and gives it to a competitor. What is being taxed has no benefit to the businesses paying the tax.

Is it worth it? Attend the June 7 public hearing to tell the Board of County Commissioners what you think. (Sixth floor hearing room at 1300 Franklin at 6:00 pm.)

With an event center, fairgrounds and an amphitheater (built with NO public dollars) in our neighborhood, if this passes there will be a lot of ticket taxes collected from our neighborhood. There are several locations in our neighborhood suitable for this project.

Should the Board of County Commissioners pursue other options not on the table?

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GENERAL MEETINGS:

WE MEET at 7 PM ON SECOND THURSDAYS AT THE COMMUNITY of CHRIST MEETING ROOM
400 NE 179TH STREET, 1/2 MILE WEST OF I-5

OUR BOUNDARIES :

NORTH: 219th Street WEST: Lake River EAST: NE 72nd Avenue

SOUTH: *West of I-5*, NW 151st Street to NW 41st Avenue to 164TH Street; *East of I-5*, NE Kline Road to NE 119TH Street to Salmon Creek Avenue to Salmon Creek Street to Salmon Creek to NE 72ND Avenue.

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