

# FAIRGROUNDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Dear neighbors,

Please read this newsletter carefully. It has lots of information about our next couple monthly meetings. And a special meeting about forming a Neighborhood Crime Watch.

Sincerely,  
Bridget Schwarz  
For the Executive Board

## FGNA MONTHLY MEETINGS

**May 12, 2010**

**Clark County Arterial Atlas**

**7:00 PM at the Community of Christ meeting room (400 NE 179<sup>th</sup> Street)**

Do you know what the Arterial Atlas is? Do you know what the road classification for the street in front of your house is? Do you know what it means? Do you know what impact it has? Laurie Lebowsky from Clark County Public Works will answer all those questions and describe the county plan to reclassify NE 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**June 9, 2010**

**Clark Regional WasteWater District**

**7:00 PM at the Community of Christ meeting room (400 NE 179<sup>th</sup> 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.

**July 14, 2010**

**Annual FGNA picnic**

**6:00 PM at the Fairgrounds Community Park (NE 164<sup>th</sup> @ NW 8th)**

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 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](mailto:vicki.fitzsimmons@edwardjones.com).

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## SALMON CREEK COMMUNITY CLUB PARK KOZY KAMP NEIGHBORHOOD PARK UPDATES

A weak economy, a depressed housing market and high unemployment are taking a toll on our community. Clark County recently received updated financial projections for the Greater Clark parks District. It has been determined that construction cannot start at these parks in 2012 as originally planned.

The ongoing economic downturn is projected to cause a significant reduction in the amount of property taxes collected by the park district for maintenance and operations. As a result, the county is slowing down its parks development program. It is not financially prudent to build all the remaining parks when the projections indicate the county will have difficulties maintaining existing parks.

In response to this slowdown this park – and others – will be put on hold after the concept planning process is completed this summer. After the draft concept plan is approved, the remaining work will be put on hold until funding is available for both construction and long-term maintenance.

The county will carefully monitor revenues and expenditures, both projections and actual numbers, and make adjustments to the program as revenue allows.

## NE TENTH AVENUE

Clark County Community Planning is proposing to amend the Arterial Atlas to classify NE 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 179<sup>th</sup> and 219<sup>th</sup> Street. The proposed classification – M-2cb - is a two-lane arterial street with a center turn lane and bike lanes.

The proposed M-2cb minor arterial classification is the same as that of NE 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue south of 179<sup>th</sup> Street. But if you travel both roads, you know that NE 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue does not meet those standards.

This section of NE 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue was part of SR-502 until the 219<sup>th</sup> interchange was completed. Then WS-DOT turned over jurisdiction of this road segment to Clark County last year.

There will be a planning commission public hearing on this proposal May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the 6<sup>th</sup> floor commissioner's hearing room in the Clark County Public Services building at 1300 Franklin.

For more information or to comment on this proposal, please contact Mike Mabrey at 360.397.2280 ext 4343 or by e-mail at [Michael.mabrey@clark.wa.gov](mailto:Michael.mabrey@clark.wa.gov).

We have asked staff to attend our May meeting to explain the road classification system used for the Arterial Atlas. Of particular concern is how a road like NE 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue that obviously does not meet the classification standard can impact current land owners and future development.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH

Since our last meeting we have added 3 red dots (meaning a reported theft) to our map. Thanks to those neighbors who informed me of their losses.

PLEASE make it a point to report thefts and suspicious behavior to Bridget @ 360.573.5873. We have to work together to reduce crime in our neighborhood.

The latest statistics from the Sheriff's office reports crime in our neighborhood at 86.3 per 1,000. County wide the average for 93 neighborhoods is 103.8 per thousand.

BEWARE: Although lower than the average, only 34 of the 93 neighborhoods have a higher crime rate than FGNA. And crime statistics are based solely on permanent housing. As a result neighborhoods with a high transient population (like business and commercial areas) will have inflated total-crime rates driven by vandalism, vehicle prowls, shoplifting and bad checks, etc. Our crime rate should be a cause of concern.

WHAT : Neighborhood Crime Watch  
WHEN : Friday, May 20, 2011 at 6 pm  
WHERE : Sheriff's West Precinct  
505 NW 179<sup>th</sup> Street  
WHO : Sheriff's Deputy Tim Hockett

## CLEAN STORMWATER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

Most local governments have legal responsibility to protect waterways under the federal Clean Water Act. Clark County requires developers and contractors to control and treat stormwater and requires all residents and businesses to take common-sense precautions to protect waterways.

Rain to Stream: how private stormwater facilities help keep our water clean

Stormwater facilities collect and clean runoff, filtering out pollutants, dispersing water into the soil, and reducing peak flows into rivers and streams. Managing stormwater is vital to protect the health of waterways and reduce stream bank erosion and the risk of flooding.

If you have a stormwater facility on your property or in your condo or housing subdivision, come to this free workshop. You will learn about stormwater management and how to ensure that your stormwater facility remains effective.

Thursday May 12  
6:30 – 8:00 pm  
Felida Fire District 6  
11600 NE Lakeshore Dr

Tuesday May 17  
6:30 – 8:00 pm  
Water Resource Education Center  
4600 SE Columbia Way

Tuesday May 24  
6:30 – 8:00 pm  
NW Regional Training Center  
11606 NE 66<sup>th</sup> #103

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### GENERAL MEETINGS :

WE MEET at 7 PM ON SECOND THURSDAYS AT THE COMMUNITY of CHRIST MEETING ROOM  
400 NE 179<sup>TH</sup> 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 151<sup>st</sup> Street to NW 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue to 164<sup>th</sup> Street; *East of I-5*, NE Kline Road to NE 119<sup>th</sup> Street to Salmon Creek Avenue to Salmon Creek Street to Salmon Creek to NE 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

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