

# FAIRGROUNDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Greetings –

**ROAD CONSTRUCTION.** Finding enough road construction projects around the neighborhood? Want to find out what's going on and for how long? Is it any surprise that our annual membership meeting on local transportation projects is a hot topic?

Your opportunity to learn about state and county road projects from the responsible officials is this Thursday, October 13 at 7 pm.

**BASEBALL STADIUM.** Clark County and Vancouver neighborhood associations held a public forum on the proposed baseball stadium. Financing was the main topic of discussion. Steve Stuart described his proposal for public financing of 40% of the construction cost.

To pay their share, the county would collect a 5% ticket tax from the county fair, amphitheater events, multi-screen theaters, and the Class A baseball league games. (The majority of the funds would come from within Vancouver city limits and their city council would have to agree.) There is no chance the financing will be worked out in time for the team to play here next season. The county process for adopting the ticket tax has been put on hold.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME SPREE.** Recently the value of property stolen from our neighborhood has increased dramatically. As a result, our map of theft victims could use an update. If you have had property – of any value – stolen since last spring please let us know (Bridget @ 360.573.5873). The Sheriff's office is hard at work on the problem. They need our help – report any concerns you have – because you may provide a small but important piece of the puzzle. They also need our understanding – it does no good to bust these people for petty crimes when they will just be booked and released. We want them locked up for a very long time!

**NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH.** Lately we have gotten a couple of phone calls from neighbors that have had their vehicles broken into. They were parked, unlocked, in front of their homes. Come to our November 10 meeting to learn about how a neighborhood crime watch could reduce the risk that your home will be targeted.

**FGNA TREASURER.** Long time board member George Vartanian was our Treasurer. George has moved out of the neighborhood and we need to replace him. The job is easy – we pay for postage for newsletter mailing and deposit donations from members to pay the cost. Please call me if interested.

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on behalf of the Fairgrounds Neighborhood Executive Board

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FGNA MONTHLY MEETINGS**

**Thursday, October 13 @ 7 pm  
Transportation projects**

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

Our road project meeting is always well attended. Perhaps that is because there are always so many of them in our neighborhood? Come hear the status of state and county road improvements. We will also get updates on the funding of other road projects scheduled for our area.

**Thursday, November 10 @ 7 pm  
Sheriff's office update**

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

The Sheriff's office tracks crime statistics by neighborhood. Come hear a report on the number and type of crimes committed in the Fairgrounds neighborhood. We will also learn about how to create a neighborhood watch program.

**Thursday, December 8 @ 7 pm  
If it's December, it must be cookie time!**

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

As is our tradition, in December we meet and eat. Cookies! You can bring some to share. Certainly plan to take some home, because we always have plenty of leftovers.

**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).

# **FAIRGROUNDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

## **LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING**

Redistricting happens nationwide. It starts with taking a look at how the population has changed over time. We use the U.S. Census, which happens just once every 10 years, to measure this change. Next comes the critical part. The U.S. Constitution requires that each state must go through redistricting, a process of readjusting the boundaries of legislative and congressional voting districts to make sure everyone is equally represented in government.

In Washington State, redistricting is up to the legislatively appointed Redistricting Commission. The commission includes two Democrats and two Republicans as voting members plus one non-voting, non-partisan chair.

In the first phase of redistricting the commissioners gathered information from the public about their concerns. 18 public forums were held in cities around Washington to hear people's views on where the new boundaries should go.

The Commissioners have each developed their own redistricting plans. Their individual draft plans are posted at [www.redistricting.wa.gov](http://www.redistricting.wa.gov). There will be a hearing on October 11, to give people a chance to speak in person to the commissioners. The commissioners hope to have a final plan out in early November. Check the website for more information and to submit your comments about the draft plans. If you have questions—or just want to learn more about redistricting—call 360-786-0770.

## **SUPER KIDS RESALE @ THE CLARK COUNTY EXHIBITION HALL**

On October 14-16 you can get back some of those hard-earned dollars that you spent on clothes, toys, books and gear that your children have outgrown - and put them back into the stream for others to make good use of!

That's what it's all about at Super Kids Resale Clark County. It is taking place from October 14 through October 16, 2011 at the Clark County fairgrounds in the Exhibition South Hall. The emphasis is on sustainable living and a food drive to support the local food bank.

Consignors register online, tag their items as instructed on the website, and then drop them off at a conveniently scheduled time. Consignors have options to reduce any item's price by 50% on the final day (Sunday) or donate it to a charity if it doesn't sell. Consignors can also volunteer and increase the profit on their sold items from 65% to 70% or even 75%. And all volunteers (you don't have to be a consignor) get to shop early for the best selection.

Super Saturday is family day with entertainment, kids' activities and demonstrations, and vendors promoting local, healthy and green products and services.

For more information, visit [www.SuperKidsResale.net/Clark\\_County](http://www.SuperKidsResale.net/Clark_County), or call Jill Sughrue at 360-931-0055 or email [jill@superkidsresale.net](mailto:jill@superkidsresale.net).

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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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