

West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association

Winter Newsletter ~ January 2010



JANUARY 19 MEETING REMINDER

**Clearwater Springs Assisted Living Center, 201 NW 78th Street
Starts at 6:30, goes until about 8:00 p.m.**

We have two topics to handle at our January meeting. The first shorter presentation is by the County's Community Planning department. Colete Anderson and Jacqui Kamp will inform residents present about the weatherization program in which the County is working Clark Public Utilities District (PUD).

The initial program in the West Hazel Dell area will focus on homes built prior to the mid-1990s and having either radiant or baseboard heating. Weatherizing these homes will generate the biggest energy savings. This is a FREE program to the first applicants whose homes qualify based on the type of heat criteria selected.

Other programs are available through Clark PUD and will be available to other types of heated homes, but will be a low interest payment plan. You will learn more about them when Jacqui and Colete host an **Energy Fair at Hazel Dell Elementary School on February 23**. This will clearly outline the programs and how to participate and save money on your heating bills.

The longer portion will be the much-requested **Neighborhood Watch** program which will be put on my **Sgt. Mike McCabe** of the **Clark County Sheriff's Office (CCSO)**. While our general neighborhood is considered one of the unincorporated area's safer locations, there are still crimes being committed and homes being burglarized. There has been considerable success with the formation of Neighborhood Watch programs in other areas for a number of years. The CCSO has materials and staff to help us get started on the right foot to become and stay effective in protecting our homes and those of our neighbors. If time permits, we may also ask Sgt. McCabe to explain the **Neighbors on Watch (NOW)** program which has been newly initiated in the county.

Come to the next West Hazel Dell Neighborhood meeting on January 19 to learn of other ways to save money and help protect yourself and your neighbors. It is a double-barreled effort to help our citizens,

If you wish to contact me, I can be reached in the evenings at home at 360-573-7376 by phone or by e-mail at timeout29@comcast.net. I work so have to answer calls late at night or on weekends. E-mail is the faster method.

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If you live within the West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association (WHDNA) boundaries, you are a "member" of our neighborhood association.

We begin on the south at the Vancouver city limits, on the north we go to NE 104th Street, on the east we stop at NE Hazel Dell Avenue, and on the west our boundary is NW Lakeshore Avenue.

To make the association work for everyone, we need input – about good, bad, strange, or new things. Give us a call or send an e-mail.

Send your e-mail address to: timeout29@comcast.net and we'll send meeting reminders for community events.)

Ongoing Issues in and around WHDNA:

- *DSHS House of supervised teen still unsettled and without county permits*
- *BPA Tower project remains troubling for East Fork Frontier NA residents
(www.bpa.gov/go/i-5)*
- *Shoreline Management Program impacts many residents
(www.cityofvancouver.us/shoreline)*
- *County neighborhood link:
www.clark.wa.gov/neighborhoods/weeklyupdate.html*



Project Energy Savings coming to your neighborhood

Did you know that right now you may be paying to heat your backyard? Clark Public Utilities and Clark County have joined together to offer a pilot energy conservation program for eligible homes in the Hazel Dell area, thanks to \$1 million in federal stimulus funding awarded by the state. This funding is being combined with a \$1.9 million grant to provide energy conservation improvements for income-eligible participants who have electrically heated homes.

If you own a home within the boundaries of the West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association you could be eligible to receive up to \$4,500 in energy improvements, at no cost to you. Improving the way you use energy can save you money, create new jobs in our community and protect the environment.

A Clark Public Utilities energy counselor will provide eligible homeowners with an energy conservation kit along with a complete analysis of your home. The assessment will provide an energy consumption report and identify ways to save money and energy through approved measures for which your home may qualify. The conservation improvement measures are the installation of insulation, duct sealing, and weather-stripping. A list of optional energy conservation recommendations and applicable incentives and low-interest loans will also be provided by the utility.

The program will kick off on February 23 at an Energy Fair at Hazel Dell Elementary. There will be information, demonstrations, kids' games, and giveaways! Expect an invitation in your mailbox soon with details about the fair.

For more information about Project Energy Savings, contact Clark County Community Planners Jacqui Kamp at 360-397-2280 ext. 4913 or Colete Anderson at 360-397-2280 ext. 4516 or go to clarkpublicutilities.com and click on the Project Energy Savings logo.

Special Waste Collections

Block Foam and Electronic Waste Collection: Saturday, February 12, 9am - 1pm, at Fisher's Landing Transit Center and March 12 at Clark College Yellow #1 Parking Lot – FREE.

Recycle clean, dry block foam at this event. No packing peanuts (but you can check with your local shipping store to see if they can use them) or polyurethane foam will be accepted. E-Waste will be collected by Empower Up. Please no televisions, monitors or microwave ovens. For more information call 360-397-2121 ext 4352. To learn more about Empower Up, go to www.empowerupnow.org. For more information call 360-397-2121 ext 4352. For more information call 360-397-6118 ext 4352.

Have items you want to recycle but aren't sure where to take them? Check out www.RecyclingA-Z.com for a comprehensive resource guide.

Workshops

Be the Change! Join others in the community with a passion for sustainability. **Become a Master Composter/Recycler volunteer.** Register for the FREE training course and learn about composting, recycling, worm bins, and other ways to healthier, green living. Thursdays, 6-8:30pm, February 3 - April 7, 2011. Information and applications at www.columbiasprings.org/mcr or call 360-882-0936 x224. The Master Composter/Recycler Program is sponsored by Clark County Department of Environmental Services and administered by Columbia Springs.

Growing Groceries Mentor Program. Become a food garden mentor by signing up for the training course held on the first Saturdays of January - April from 9am - 1pm. \$50 (scholarships available). Register online at <https://ocrs.wsu.edu/signup/?eventid=667> or call Caitlin at 360-397-8000, ext 7388 for more information.

A TOAST FOR TEENS FUNDRAISER IS BEING HELD ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 FROM 8:00 TO 10:00 A.M. at Beaches Restaurant & Bar (1919 SE Columbia River Drive, Vancouver 98661). The \$10 per person tickets are to benefit the **Boys and**

BEACHES **Girls Clubs of SW Washington** and a good portion of the proceeds will go directly to help send their high school members to the 2011 National Keystone Conference. This year's conference is being held in Orlando, FL. Keystone members from across the country convene to exchange successful program ideas, participate in community services project, spend a day at a local university, and explore the sites.

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We are totally funded by donations and fundraising activities. Until we become an IRS-approved 501(c)(3) non-profit organization any contributions to WHDNA are not tax-deductible. Our goal is to complete the non-profit application this fall and allow contributions to be deducted on tax returns.

West Hazel Dell residents are always welcome at the monthly meetings of their neighbors in the NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association. They meet at the Clark County Operations Center Community Room at 4700 NE 78th Street at 7:00 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month.

Our neighborhood association includes about 4,650 homes or over 13,500 individuals. Providing services for and information to a diverse group that large is a daunting task. That's no surprise to anyone. What may be surprising is how much effort goes into gleaning information from various sources to provide some answers to residents. Your board consists of four individuals who give their time to the WHDNA. **We are proposing to set up "sections" of West Hazel Dell** to more accurately reflect and represent the needs and concerns in those smaller areas. This has been very successful in the North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association and I'd like to take a page from their book. What would be required is something like a 'block home' arrangement where a fair-sized division would be represented at the bimonthly meetings by one individual; maybe eight sections. That person would bring the current concerns or ideas to the rest of the membership. To get this underway would require an organizational meeting prior to the next bimonthly meeting. This is still a work in progress, so let us know what you think. **Better ideas always welcome!**