

West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association
May 16, 2018 Meeting Reminder



SPRING WHDNA MEETING

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

May is always a busy month in any community. Clark County is no exception. At our bimonthly May 16th meeting we have two speakers and a number of announcements – along with refreshments and an opportunity to view the facility – Clearwater Springs – up close. It is a lovely center and West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association is fortunate to be able to use it.

Eric Lambert, Clean Water Outreach Specialist from Clark Public Works, Clean Water Division, will present us with information on clean water stewardship. Clean water tends to be something we sometimes take for granted – like clean air, but neither are guaranteed. Learn about the agency and its various programs. You might find the **Green Neighbors** website a good place to start (<https://www.clarkgreenneighbors.org/>). Two links to check out are **Recycling Done Right** and the **Natural Garden Tour** – both have worthwhile information and schedules.

At these links, stop at the **Recycled Arts Festival** held annually at Esther Short Park. This year the festival runs on **June 23rd and 24th**. The question remains: **Is it trash or is it art?** Please come visit us at the 13th annual Recycled Arts Festival at Esther Short Park – the hippest, most eco-conscious festival in all of Clark County. See how people, just like you, are giving new life to old items that would otherwise have been lost in a landfill. Come out and be amazed at the [artists' creations](#), join your kids in expressing their “green side” by creating their own Eco-Art, or just relax and listen to some wonderful music (warning... tapping your feet or dancing may occur). There will also be all sorts of helpful information on how you can help improve Clark County's environment. Can't wait to see you there!

In keeping with the “I've done my spring cleaning, now what do I do with the stuff?” theme, we have invited **Jill Krumlauf, Environmental Outreach**, from Clark Public Health. Jill will focus more deeply on Recycling Done Right (and its app), the Natural Gardens Tour (and tell us how to sign up), as well as the demonstration gardens and how that is accessed. Have you heard about the “**Procession of the Species**” parade? The second annual event will be at Esther Short Park on June 24th as part of the Recycled Arts Festival. It will be an energetic parade of all types of costumed folks celebrating nature, art and community!

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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 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.

E-mail me at **whdna@comcast.net** and we'll add your e-mail address to our list to send meeting reminders and info on community events. Thank you.

Check this out:
www.bikeclarkcounty.org

Parade of Bands is
Saturday, May 19 from
10:30-1:30

***Come to WHDNA meeting
on May 16 -
be part of where you are.***

May's Calendar is a Full One

- There is the annual **May Day Celebration** is planned for **Saturday, May 5th** to be held at the Family of Christ Lutheran Church, **3500 NW 129th Street** from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be flower baskets, handmade outdoor items and décor, giant indoor rummage sale, fun activities for the kids, as well as a neighborhood plant exchange. This fun-filled day is sponsored and organized by the **Felida Neighborhood Association** and the **Lion's Club**.
- *Also on **Saturday, May 5th** is the annual **Walk/Run for the Animals** sponsored by the **Humane Society of Southwest Washington**. All the fun takes place downtown at the Esther Short Park complex. This event includes vendors of the pet-variety with a plethora of items for the family pet and owners, too. The walk is a fund-raiser for the Humane Society and has many teams from across the county collecting contributions and competing in the best of form to support their efforts as they walk or run with or without their animals friends. It's more or less a friendly competition between the teams to see which can raise the largest amount for the cause. It's almost as fun to watch as it is to participate. Bring your cameras and sense of humor along and join the fun. (Only well mannered pets, please.)*
- **Street Tree Planting Program** - Kathleen Arsenault will tell us about the partnership with [Friends of Trees](#) to plant 500 street trees in the next three years in the North Salmon Creek, Felida and West Hazel Dell neighborhoods. A grant from the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board will allow neighbors to purchase low cost trees and have help planting them at neighborhood planting events. Volunteers are needed for this fun and important project. Planting trees protects our local waterways. (There were about eight trees planted on one of our West Hazel Dell streets just before Earth Day and next year they will be looking for more new locations. Tree roots can help keep surface water from running off lawns.) Kathleen will have handouts and provide pointers on the right kind of tree to consider for your yard.

FREE spay/neuter services for stray and feral cats

- Are you feeding stray cats? Do you have "barn cats" living on your property? Cats yowling, spraying or fighting in your neighborhood? Most likely it is because spring is breeding season for our feline friends. When you spay or neuter these behaviors are greatly decreased. Getting it done for FREE is even better!



- To help, the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon ("FCCO") is offering a **Spring Spay/Neuter Special**. Through a grant from the Petco Foundation, FCCO is able to provide FREE SPRAY/NEUTER SERVICES for feral and stray cats. This special runs through May 25th.
- Getting cats spayed/neutered this Spring will reduce nuisance behaviors and minimize unwanted litters of kittens in the summer. Use code **Spring18!** for this special offer before the FCCO May 25th deadline.

On the third Saturday of May our country celebrates **Armed Forces Day**. Hazel Dell celebrates with the annual **HAZEL DELL PARADE OF BANDS** - this year on **Saturday, May 19th**. The activities begin at the station house at Fire District 6, 8800 NE Hazel Dell Avenue at 7:00 with the **Lions Club annual breakfast** (\$6.50 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors and kids); it runs until 10:00. The walk/run event this year is sponsored by "**A Race for Remembrance**" and begins along the parade route at 10:15. The Parade of Bands starts exactly at 10:30 from the fire station, 8800 NE Hazel Dell Avenue.



This year's theme reflects the Clark County Fair's 150th Anniversary and is "**Farm—Fun—Family Traditions.**" The grand marshals are the Fair Board Director John Morrison and his wife Mary Ann. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, friends and family and come out and celebrate the 150 years of county fair fun with us. It's a great family and community event!

The annual Parade of Bands is organized by the Hazel Dell/Salmon Creek Business Association and is paid for by that organization and a number of generous sponsoring businesses and individuals in our community. This year's primary sponsor is **Bomber Brothers Fireworks** who have been lending their support and energy for ten years.

Volunteers from several county and local agencies donate their time to help make this parade memorable every year. You can expect at least 28 entries from middle and high school bands in and around our area. Each year we have a handful from Oregon, too.

Residents will have limited access across Hazel Dell Avenue and no access to the 78th Street off-ramps to the I-5 freeway after 10:00. The route is from 8800 Hazel Dell Avenue, south to 63rd Street - Minnehaha Street, east across the freeway overpass to NE Highway 99, and north to 78th Street where marchers will turn east and disband into the parking area. Clark PUD will furnish water there.

From **10:30 to 1:30 is the estimated impact period** on parade day. If you have an access issue, **PLEASE let me know EARLY**; not on Parade Day, but before so I can get with the CCSO officer in charge to work out a route and a time to safely cross the parade route.



And wait—**THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!** In addition to being able to follow the parade on your smartphone, (Apple and Android) you can post your photos and a whole lot more. <http://hazeldellparade.com>. (This is a new app from prior years, so update your browser with the new address.) Businesses can purchase app ads as well. It brings the parade atmosphere right into your hands. **Check it out!**

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A message from your president:

Please join us at our next meeting on **Wednesday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m.**
in the Fireplace Room at Clearwater Springs Assisted Living Center, 201 NW 78th St.

Our neighborhood association includes over 4,632 homes and more than 11,500 individuals. Providing information to a diverse group that large takes time that I no longer have. Your board now consists of three individuals who generously give their time to the WHDNA. The NA needs a person with a more flexible schedule to take over the association. It is an unpaid volunteer post. Clark County prints and mails three newsletters a year for us at no cost and we send out notices about meetings and events through our e-mail list—those currently come from our NA secretary Teresa Street. Many neighbors are using Nextdoor to connect with one another. There is no Nextdoor covering our entire area right now. That could be helpful to a new chairman of the NA board.

I want to avoid having the NA go dormant and without representation at the NACCC (Neighborhood Association Council of Clark County) meetings which are held monthly and provide good information and contacts. I have materials and information to hand over and am willing to help when and if needed. We have a small bank account. Currently, Laurel Whitehurst is our treasurer. It's all set up to hand over to anyone who can find a few hours a month (less once comfortable in the role). Please consider stepping into a position that will provide more smiles than frowns! Thank you.

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