

FAIRGROUNDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Dear neighbors,

So, what do all these nuisance complaints have in common?

- Noxious weeds;
- Starving horses;
- Overgrown vegetation;
- Broken fences;
- Junk and debris;
- Occupied trailers;
- Illegal burning;
- Abandoned vehicles;
- Fire hazards.

Incredibly, county officials are pursuing code enforcement violations regarding all of these problems against ONE property owner in our neighborhood. Imagine the cost!

And there are a dozen neighbors convinced that these same folks are responsible for numerous thefts from their garages and storage buildings.

Here's how you can help us rid our neighborhood of these hoodlums:

1. If you have had something stolen, no matter how trivial, call 911. Tell them it is not an emergency and file a report. The Sheriff's office has amazing tracking capabilities based on statistical data that aids their investigations. The Sheriff's office needs an accurate record of the crimes occurring in our neighborhood to build a case. If you don't report it, it didn't happen.
2. Then call or e-mail me! We believe that there are many more residential thefts than have been reported. We need to hear about them.
3. Trust your gut. If you see something that makes you uneasy, it's time to call 911. Here's an example – a car or truck pulls into your driveway and stays there a little too long before backing back out. No big deal right? Let the Sheriff's office make that decision. He may have numerous other similar reports. Were they robbed sometime later?

Right now there is a lot of speculation and rampant rumors are circulating. We are forming a committee to keep on top of the numerous investigations and keep you informed. CALL ME if you have anything to add to our knowledge base. In the mean time, keep your homes, garages, and storage buildings locked!

Sincerely,

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on behalf of the Executive Board

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Greetings –

Sheriff Garry Lucas is considering putting together a program very similar to the Neighbors On Watch (NOW) program being used by the city of Vancouver police. The program involves volunteers from various areas around the county who are willing to volunteer their time and drive around a generally assigned area to “keep an eye” on things which may look suspicious.

The objective is to put more eyes on the community. There will be training and radios given during tours of “duty”. There will be no engaging with potential problems, only to observe and report.

As yet the program is still in the early consideration stages. No amount of volunteer time has been identified and specific training has not been determined. At this point the Sheriff is only trying to find out the level of interest out there. If you are interested please e mail me at gvart@comcast.net with NOW in the subject line and include your name and phone number.

Thank you,
George Vartanian
For the Executive Board
Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FGNA meets with the County Commissioners
Community of Christ meeting room, 400 NE 179th ST
Thursday, February 10, 2011 @ 7:00 PM

Steve Stuart

Thursday, March 10, 2011 @ 7 pm

Tom Mielke

Thursday, April 14, 2011 @ 7 pm

Marc Boldt

This is our traditional series of meetings with our elected Clark County commissioners. They will come to us with their most important concerns. You bring yours!

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? Call Vicki Fitzsimmons at 360.573.6604 or e-mail her at vicki.fitzsimmons@edwardjones.com.

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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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