

Greater
Brush Prairie
Neighborhood Association

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Brush Prairie Community Spirit Parade!

Saturday, September 17th, 2011, 10:00 AM

by Neighbor Julie Kim

Come out and watch the 5th annual Brush Prairie Spirit Parade (rain or shine). What a great time we have had in the past years, to see and meet our neighbors!

The 5th annual Brush Prairie Spirit Parade will be held at a 10am on Saturday, Sept, 17th. The parade will start at Prairie Bar and Grill on Caples Road and 149th St. and end at Bethal Lutheran Church on 159th St.

The theme will be ***Blast from the Past***. All are invited to enter the parade. Entry forms will be available in July and can be picked up at any of our Brush Prairie local businesses. Once again, Prairie High School Band and the AFJROTC will be participating this year.

After the parade, enjoy the following events:

- **BBQ** at Bethal Lutheran Church. Food provided by Bethal Lutheran and *La Iglesia de Dios la Profesia*.
- **BBQ** and Games at Hall & Sons and the General Store.
- **Pet Wash Fundraiser** for the Humane Society at Bethal Lutheran Church Parking Lot.

*Julie Kim may be contacted at
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Greater Brush Prairie Neighborhood Meeting

**Thursday, August 4th, 2011
7 PM**

Hockinson Fire Station
Fire District #3
17718 NE 159th Street
Vancouver, WA 98662

Agenda

Treasurer's Report	<i>Judy Sproul</i>
Citizen of the Year Award	<i>GBPNA Officers</i>
Community Parade	<i>Julie Kim</i>
Caples Road Cleanup	<i>Robyn Kim</i>
Fire District #3	<i>Chief Steve Wrightson</i>
Cedars Annexation	<i>Patrick Kennedy</i>

Gerrymandering Cedars Annexation

by Neighbors Patrick & Barbara Kennedy

You may want to keep the annexation of the golf course by the City of Battle Ground on your “watch” agenda.

At June 6th City Council meeting, the Council approved the first phase of an annexation plan that attempts to gerrymander Cedars Golf Course into the City limits while excluding virtually all of the property owners in the subdivisions surrounding the course. I’m certain that there will be much more about this in the days, weeks, and months to come, but since the addresses of the property and homeowners that may be affected by this action fall within the Brush Prairie and Battle Ground postal areas and are all currently in the unincorporated area of Clark County, other residents may wish to take an active interest in what may ultimately befall them.

Their tactic of gerrymandering the property in order to avoid a vote of the affected residents was politically brilliant, but has served to widen the gap between us and the City, while strengthening the resolve on our part to resist them.

Take a look at the newly crafted “map” of the proposed annexation. Truly bizarre! The impact on County services as well as the impact on residents who live near the intersection of 159th and 152nd is likely to be significant (not to mention 142nd).

I have also sent this information to the County Commissioners for their attention and will report (along with others, I’m sure) significant developments as I become aware of them.

Parade Volunteers Needed

Have you ever wanted to work in a parade? We’re not talking about scooping up elephant and horse droppings. This is vital work required for a successful parade. No experience required.



Positions needed are:

- **Staging coordinator:** organizing and placing each entry in the staging area at the Bar & Grill.
- **Staging Assistances:** Assists the staging coordinator (2 positions)
- **Traffic directors:** directing traffic near the Bar & Grill (4 positions)
- **Videographer:** shooting video of the parade for our archive

Please contact Julie Kim at 256-2185 or hj66mustang@msn.com

2011 GBPNA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Property Address: _____

City, ZIP: _____, _____

Phone: Day _____ Eve _____

e-mail: _____

We could sure use a donation for GBPNA expenses. How about \$25? Please mail form and check to:

**GBPNA
P.O. Box 103
Brush Prairie, WA 98606**

Let's Clean Up Caples Road

Saturday, September 10th 9AM
Prairie Bar & Grill Parking Lot



Working to show our best, we'll be cleaning up the Parade route on Saturday, September 10th, meeting at Prairie Bar & Grill parking lot at 9 AM. Let's show our community pride by cleaning up Brush Prairie along Caples Road to be ready for our Annual Parade. Bring gloves and wear comfortable shoes or boots. For questions, call *Robyn Kim at 896-7119*.

Calling all musicians

by Dr. Jim Rourk

The Vancouver Community Concert Band is looking for musicians, roadies, and friends of music. We are looking for volunteers to perform with us – any instrument is welcome! We also welcome community members who may be interested in serving on our Board of Directors.

We rehearse at Friends of the Carpenter building and need help setting up stands and chairs for rehearsals as well as restoring the building following rehearsals. We also need volunteers to staff the front desk during the rehearsals.

The rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30 PM every Tuesday until Christmas. Rehearsals are open all year and there are no fees.

We provide music for the various Friends of the Carpenter activities and perform concerts for the Vancouver community. We are a 501c3 non-profit community benefit organization. More info at 735-7806 or <http://www.vccb.us/>

Wildlife Botanical Garden

A Gem in Middle of Brush Prairie

Located next to CASEE Center on 149th Street, the Wildlife Botanical Gardens are a blend of specialty gardens. Spread over three acres, the Gardens are devoted to demonstrating and teaching gardening concepts which attract birds, butterflies, hummingbirds and other wildlife to residential gardens.

Extensive urban growth over the last few decades has had a significant impact on habitat that birds and other wildlife once called home. You, as a homeowner, have a unique opportunity to curtail this loss of habitat by creating your own backyard wildlife sanctuary. Use our gardens as a model for planning your own yard or garden.

The Wildlife Botanical Gardens serve as a showcase for plants attractive to birds and wildlife, and to demonstrate landscaping for creating wildlife habitat.

The FLYING FLOWERS Garden, our ninth, is complete. Designed by Circadian Consulting & Design LLC, this garden encourages education, appreciation, and conservation of native Northwest butterflies and hummingbirds. It features over 35 different plants attractive to hummingbirds and butterflies. A generous grant from the Hardy Plant Society of Oregon provided plant labels and a drip irrigation system, completed in 2008. This garden is planned to eventually have a covered area and terrace for the public, and a water feature for the butterflies and hummingbirds.

Gardens are Located at 1000 NE 149th St Brush Prairie, WA. There is no admission charge and the gardens are open dawn to dusk daily.

To Contact Us, call 737-1160 or
Info@natureescaping.org

For Residents over 50: Clark County Resource Website

Residents 50 and older can learn about age-related topics ranging from assisted living options and health care to dog walking services and continuing education classes through a new website, www.MyEncoreYears.org.

The outreach program is aimed at helping older residents with life transitions by providing access to a wide array of community services from one location. The program connects residents with resources to help address the challenges and opportunities that come with aging.

The website will feature five area agencies that are clearinghouses for information on issues of aging. Callers can get referrals to a variety of services as well as help determining what services or agencies they or family members need.

Thousands of refrigerator/household magnets featuring the program's toll-free hotline and website address are being distributed through Clark County fire districts, law enforcement agencies, hospital and health clinic networks, public agencies and community centers.

By 2025, a quarter of Clark County's population is projected to be 60 or older. Last year, the Board of County Commissioners appointed a task force to assess the county's capacity to serve a growing number of older people. The task force is considering housing, transportation, health care, supportive services and civic/social engagement as it develops an

Aging Readiness Plan. A draft plan could be available late this year.

MyEncoreYears.org, developed by Leadership Clark County, is made possible by financial and in-kind contributions from Clark County, Southwest Washington Agency on Aging & Disability, 211 Info, United Way of Columbia-Willamette and Human Services Council in partnership with Leadership Clark County's 2011 project team.



Police Blotter

Be Careful Out There!

Reported by Deputy Dan Fronk

Steps to not becoming a victim of crime:

- Keep cars locked
- Don't keep valuables in the car – even if hidden
- Don't park vehicles overnight in parking lots
- Keep homes locked, even when you are home
- Burglar alarm systems work!

5/3/11 A stolen Honda Accord was left, stripped, near NE 172nd Av/NE 131st St. The Honda had been stolen in Cascade Park.

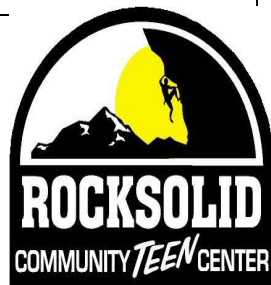
5/4/11 Tools were stolen from the backyard of a residence at the 15900 blk NE 137th Av. The home is currently vacant.

5/9/11 Two vehicles had been parked, overnight, in the church parking lot at 12919 NE 159th St. Sometime during the night, both vehicles were broken into and items stolen.

- 5/9/11** That same night, an outbuilding at the church was broken into and items stolen.
- 5/9/11** At another church, 11910 NE 154th St, a wedding took place. During the wedding, one of the persons attending had their vehicle struck in the parking lot. The driver of the other car left without finding the owner inside or leaving their information with the struck vehicle.
- 5/11/11** Two vehicles in the parking lot of Columbia Adventist, 11100 NE 189th St, were broken into and items stolen.
- 5/16/11** The concession stand at the Prairie ball field was broken into and junk food stolen. The juveniles responsible were caught that same night.
- 5/18/11** The license plates of a vehicle were stolen from the car that was parked at the 13200 block NE 93rd Av.
- 5/20/11** A parked car near 129th Av/101st St was entered during the night and two wallets stolen.
- 5/30/11** A burglary near 129th Av/114th St was interrupted by the residential audible alarm.
- 5/30/11** Two trucks parked at the 10800 blk NE 189th St were broken into sometime during the previous three days and items stolen.

ROCKSOLID Community Teen Center is a safe place for youth, grades 5th-12th, to hang out after school. ROCKSOLID has been serving teens in the Battle Ground and Hockinson School Districts since 2001. Transportation is provided by the ROCKSOLID bus and teens are picked up daily from surrounding middle and high schools.

When students arrive at the Teen Center, they are greeted by a wonderful group of caring, positive adult volunteers, and staff. Thanks to community and private donations, a free healthy snack is prepared each day. Healthy snack is important considering a vast majority of teens do not eat breakfast or lunch.



A Place To Hang On. Solid Ground

A wide variety of activities and community service projects are planned weekly. ROCKSOLID Teen Center offers pool, air hockey, foosball, Wii, X-box, viewed movies, crafts, board games, internet café and much more. Gym activities are scheduled twice a week where kids get physical exercise by playing dodge ball, basketball, and kickball. Two days a week, a 30 minute session is set aside for mandatory homework, where teens can earn community incentives by just doing homework they would've done at home anyway.

Volunteers and staff enjoy teaching kids life skills such as cooking and baking. ROCKSOLID offers field trips with free tickets to plays in the Vancouver/Portland area. The Teen Center also has a new Drug/Alcohol prevention and awareness group called R.O.C.K (really outrageous concerned kids), where teens from each school are represented to discuss monthly, national prevention/awareness topics.

These students are also involved in community activities, and encouraged to bring awareness to youth at their own schools. ROCKSOLID is also privileged to have guest speakers come and talk about different topics.

ROCKSOLID Community Teen Center is proud to give back to the supportive community it serves in many different ways. Walk and Knock, decorating the Battle Ground Rose float, and working with the BG Chamber on certain projects, are to just name a few.

ROCKSOLID Community Teen Center is located in the basement of Bethel Lutheran Church 12919 NE 159th Street in Brush Prairie, Wa. A \$10.00 yearly registration fee is all it costs to have your teen in a safe place after school. Funded by the Teen Center's annual Auction and Garage sale, this non-profit organization relies solely on donations to keep doors open and operating. The center is open Monday-Friday 2:00pm-5:30pm.

Please call Dir. Nancy Miller for a tour at 360-885-2181

Fire Safety News & Tips

by Neighbor Ray Steiger

Defensible Space: You may have heard the expression, "Defensible Space". It does not mean defending your home against an invading enemy, unless that enemy is a wildfire. Defensible Space entails creating and maintaining an area of at least 30 feet around your home free of flammable materials.

This space will help do three things. It will slow down or stop a wildfire from burning your home; it will allow firefighters to have a safe area to protect your home; and it will aid in fighting a structure fire in your home.

If you live on a slope, that defensible space needs to be farther out on the downhill side. It does NOT mean stripping your yard down to mineral soil, but thinning out of needle trees and pruning up of lower branches can certainly help. Fire District 3 can send a person to your home if you wish some on-the-ground advice. Call our Main Station at 892-2331 .

Address Signs: It is very important that your home is plainly marked with your address. If we can't find you, we can't help you! Address signs are available free of charge at our Main Station in Hockinson.

Outdoor Burning: An annual Fire Safety Burn Ban from July 15 through September 30 prohibits residential and land clearing burning throughout Clark County. This ban may extend beyond these dates based on fire danger severity.

Residential Burning is allowed in piles smaller than 10'x10'x6' with a permit outside of the permanent No Burn Areas. Much of the Brush Prairie area is in a No Burn Area. Please call the Southwest Clean

Air Agency at 574-3058 if you are not sure if you can burn. Residential Burn Permits can be picked up at our Main Station in Hockinson.

Recreation Fires under 3'x3'x2' are still allowed in all of Clark County without a permit. Only charcoal or seasoned firewood (not lumber) may be used. This fire must be solely for recreation purposes, not disposal of yard debris or any other material.

Burn Barrel use has been banned in Washington State since April 2000

We are introducing our new vehicle
RESCUE 31

If you call 911, do not be surprised to see our new rapid-response EMS vehicle – Rescue 31. Operating Rescue 31 makes sense because of quicker response times and more cost savings. During an emergency when seconds count, maneuverability, rapid acceleration, and ease of operation all contribute to a rapid response.

Cost analysis revealed significant savings with Rescue 31 compared to the purchase, operation, and maintenance of a fire engine or squad. Additional savings will occur by lengthening the lifespan of fire engines. We'll be there more quickly and with less expense. We will have Rescue 31 in the Brush Prairie Parade in September

REMEMBER !
IN AN EMERGENCY
CALL 911



5th Annual Brush Prairie Spirit Parade

Saturday, Sept. 17th at 10:00AM

Parade Theme: "BLAST FROM THE PAST"

Prize for "Best Themed" Entry
Judging begins at 9:00 AM

For Everyone's Safety: Large vehicles, 2 spotters are recommended, 1 for each vehicle.
No Candy or souvenirs are to be thrown from any parade entries.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 am REGISTRATION opens and **PARADE LINE UP** @ Prairie Bar and Grill
10:00 am PARADE BEGINS (Total parade length is 1/2 mile)

FEES

INDIVIDUALS /NON-PROFIT: \$10.00 after 9/11/11 \$15.00 CHILDREN (Under 12) Free
GROUPS/BUSINESS: \$20.00 after 9/4/11 \$25.00 ALL POLITICAL ENTRIES: \$40.00

REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out form at bottom.
Make Check or Money Order Payable to: GBPNA
(Greater Brush Prairie Neighborhood Association)
Detach and Mail/Take to: The General Store.
P.O. Box 10
Brush Prairie, WA 98606

For all questions, please phone:
COMMITTEE PARADE CHAIRPERSON
Julie Kim (360) 256-2185
(Proceeds from this event will fund future
Community Events & Parades)

A signed registration form is required for every entry

NAME OF ENTRANT _____ CONTACT PERSON _____
(or Organization)

MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE/CELL _____ E-MAIL _____

LENGTH OF ENTRY (in feet)/number of vehicles _____

What do you want our P.A. Announcer to say about your entry? _____

In consideration of your accepting my entry in Brush Prairie Spirit Parade, I hereby waive, release, and discharge the GBPNA committee and its sponsors from any and all liability from injury, illness, &/or damages that may occur as a consequence of participation in this event. I do hereby release and discharge Clark County Public Works and the Clark County Sheriff Department, and their officers, agents, and employees from all claims, demands, and causes of action of every kind whatsoever for any damages and, or, injuries which may result from the Brush Prairie Spirit Parade, involving the county roads. I authorize the sponsors of the event to use my name and pictures of me without obligation or liability to myself. This release and waiver of liability also shall be binding on my heirs, executors and administrators. My participation in this event is purely voluntary and not related in anyway to my employment of any member of my family. The Organization Representative named here as participant in the Brush Prairie Spirit Parade, warrants that he/she is empowered to sign for the apply entrant.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

(Signature of parent or guardian if under 18)

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Our Boundaries

West SR 503 to NE 156 St., NE 159 St. to NE 72 Ave. to NE 119 St.
South NE 119 St., SR 503, NE 99 St.
East NE 167 Ave., NE 159 St, NE 170 Ave., NE 169 St, NE 167 Ave.
North NE 199 St.

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