

EAST MINNEHAHA and ROADS END Neighborhood Associations

member of (NACCC) Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County

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The East Minnehaha Neighborhood Association boundaries are;

NORTH, Minnehaha & 63rd.....EAST, I 205.....SOUTH, City limits & 52nd St. & 51st St.....WEST, St Johns

East Minnehaha treasury report; last balance \$100. Nothing spent,\$88.15 anonymously donated. Balance \$188.15

ROADS END BOARD MEMBERS:

VICE PRESIDENT: Barbara Murray If you would like to serve on this board contact Barbara at 694-1689
Roads End boundaries are: 49th St....SR 500.....54th Ave.....66th Ave

We are very busy planning the Christmas Party for the kids at Walnut Grove School. We also have fund raisers scheduled at Salmon Creek Applebees. It is a breakfast and silent auction on Nov 19. Tickets for breakfast are \$7. We need more new items for the auction. We can also use more new toys ages baby to 12yrs.Please call:

Sue 693-9153 or PTA party chair; Brook 606-5221

LUNCH BUDDIES

Do you have 45 minutes a week to eat lunch with a child? To make a difference? Consider becoming a lunch buddy. 19 Vancouver VPS elementary schools participate in the Lunch Buddies program. 450 Good-hearted adults found 45 minutes a week to eat lunch with a child. 109 Children were on the waiting list, most of them boys. The need for Buddies is great, but the rewards even greater! For more information,

please contact Barbara Nordstrom Lunch Buddy Coordinator at Vancouver School District Foundation 360-313-4725 or LunchBuddy@vansd.org

BUSES C-TRAN PROP 1

Our region depends on a C-Tran that keeps moving! C-Tran moves thousands of commuters to jobs and students to school every day. Helps seniors and people with disabilities live with dignity and independence, and takes cars off our roads and highways, reduces congestion, and protects our air and water. BUT the services that residents across Clark County depend on is at risk! Unless we approve Prop 1, C-Tran (including C-Van) faces a 35% cut to services–The equivalent of taking nearly two of every five buses out of service.

PROP 1 will preserve our existing bus service by adding 0.2% to our existing sales tax–or just pennies on a ten dollar purchase. That means that for a little more than \$4 to the average household each month, we can preserve existing bus service levels and keep our region moving.

The current recession and the elimination of the state's dollar-for-dollar match to the sales tax revenue collected by transit agencies has meant a \$96 million loss in revenue at C-Tran over the past 10 years. In that time C-Tran has taken the necessary steps to cut spending and increase efficiencies to maintain service levels, but the increasing demand for services means an increase in demand for funding.

Your vote to approve Prop 1 on the November ballot will preserve existing bus routes for the people that depend on C-Tran to meet rising costs of ADA service due to an aging population and continue to serve current and future ADA citizens who depend on C-Tran.

For more information go to www.preserveourbuses.com

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

IF YOU ARE A SENIOR CITIZEN OR DISABLED. WASHINGTON HAS TWO PROGRAMS THAT MAY HELP YOU PAY YOUR PROPERTY TAXES AND/ OR SPECIAL ASSESMENTS. YOUR HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND YOUR AGE OR DISABILITY DETERMINE YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR BOTH PROGRAMS.

UNDER THE EXEMPTION PROGRAM, THE VALUE OF YOUR RESIDENCE IS FROZEN FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES, AND YOU BECOME EXEMPT FROM ALL EXCESS AND SPECIAL LEVIES AND POSSIBLY REGULAR LEVIES-RESULTING IN A REDUCTION IN YOUR PROPERTY TAXES. THE EXEMPTION IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE AND UP TO FIVE ACRES OF LAND. A MOBILE HOME MAY QUALIFY EVEN IF THE LAND WHERE THE MOBILE HOME IS LOCATED IS LEASED OR RENTED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 360-570-5867 OR GO TO dor.wa.gov

DONATIONS NEEDED NOW

On November 19th, 2011 the East Minnehaha Neighborhood Association will be joining the Felida Neighborhood Association and the Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association at Applebee's in Salmon Creek for a pancake, sausage and beverage breakfast and a silent auction. The event is a fund raiser meant to help the Christmas party's in each neighborhood. East Minnehaha needs small new or (in new condition) items that can be auctioned off.

The breakfast cost is \$7.00. We get \$5 and \$2 goes toward the food cost. We also have to provide a third of the volunteers for the fund raiser. We need to seat and serve guests and to help with the auction.

Please call Sue if you want tickets for breakfast or to donate your time or an item to auction. Sue's number is 693-9153. Or Brook at 606-5221

prepare for flu season

According to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) Anyone 6 months old and up should get a flu vaccination. People over 64 are especially vulnerable and should get the stronger vaccine made especially for them. Called Fluzone High Dose, the stronger version has 4 times the immune triggering virus proteins as the regular shot. The flu vaccination is covered by Medicare. The CDC says that 5 to 20% of people in the U.S get the flu each year, and more than 200,000 people are hospitalized each year for flu related complications.

Take a trip to the Little White Salmon fish hatchery, in Stevenson WA. See Chinook and Coho salmon spawning in the river below the hatchery in the underwater viewing area also see the waterfall. Adults and children over 6. cost \$15...Sat. Nov. 19 9:am to 3:pm #85804

Snowshoe Lesson Tour. Beginners/ intern join us on top of the snow for a great hike. Trips will be between 2-6 miles and less than 750 ft elevation. Cost includes transportation, snowshoes and guide. Bring waterproof hiking boots and equipment printed on your receipt. \$69 Mt Hood with transportation
#85623 SA , Dec 10th 8:25AM-5:05PM
#85624 M, Jan 23 8:35AM-5:05PM
#85625 SU, Feb. 5, 8:25AM 5:05PM

Register at vanclarkparks-rec.org

They also have ski lessons and much much more ask for a catalog.

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON SENIOR HEALTH;

Southwest Washington's Agency on Aging and Disabilities helps seniors improve their health through information, education, workshops and exercise classes. Call Senior Information & Assistance 360-694-8144 to learn more.

DENTAL CLINIC FOR LOW INCOME

A non profit clinic for low income, funded by The Washington Dental Service Foundation, is expected to open in Fishers Landing in early February 2012. The address is 1201 SE Columbia Tech Center Drive, Suite 150, Call 360-892-7107.

HELP WITH PHONE BILLS

Need help paying your phone bill? Connect with WTAP (Washington Telephone Assistance Program). WTAP provides individuals with a local landline for \$8 a month. WTAP may also pay connection costs. WTAP is available to anyone receiving financial aid from DSHS (Dept of Social Services). You can sign up by calling your local phone co. and giving them your DSHS ID number. Call 1-888-333-9882 or e-mail consumer@utc.wa.gov for more information.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Clark County Commissioners are seeking applicants and nominations for two appointments to the planning commission. The planning commission is a seven member panel making recommendations to the county commissioners concerning planning, zoning, land-use, development. Planning commissioners serve six year terms.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Clark COUNTY commissioners are also seeking applicants interested in serving on the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation advisory commission. The 13 member panel hosts public meetings asking for input regarding park and rec issues. They serve 3 yrs.

Library Board

Clark County Commissioners are seeking applicants for a position on the Fort Vancouver Regional Library Board. There are 7 board members and the term is about two years.

For information on any of the above positions contact Jennifer Clark at jennifer.clark@clark.wa.gov or fax 360-397-6058

Marijuana MEETING:

We had a great turnout at Round Table. 89 People signed in, and 3 refused but attended. Many people who didn't attend called after the meeting to express their concerns or just to get more info. Most of the input was in favor of medical marijuana, BUT people want control and restrictions. Most agreed that California and Oregon are out of control, and don't want Washington to suffer the same fate. The biggest issue was anyone being able to get a prescription for \$150. The Drs. (company) issuing the green cards (prescriptions) say the cost is \$150 per year. The sheriff's department tells us the law is \$150 for life. After public input the County Commissioners decided to adopt a moratorium for up to 12 months. Which means for the next year no permits will be issued for new businesses, of this type.

You've probably guessed by now that WSDOT's contractor has made some adjustments to their plans and rescheduled the first stage of major traffic impacts for October instead of August as originally anticipated. The overall project is still on schedule for completion in 2013.

Tapani Underground, is strategically scheduling their work to ensure that construction will move forward quickly and impact traffic for the shortest amount of time possible. There were a few crucial construction materials that wouldn't be available until this fall and Tapani had decided to push out the the first lane closures and turn restrictions until all necessary materials are on hand.

Crews have continued working off the roadway with minimal traffic impacts. They have been building a new storm water treatment pond, relocating and installing utilities and continuing construction above Burnt Bridge Trail.

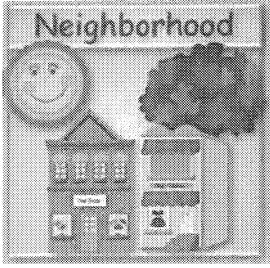
Although there will be impact in the Truman Neighborhood East Minnehaha should suffer little residential impact.

MILITARY

Driver Safety Programs are offered to anyone over 50 by the AARP safe drivers program by did you know they also offer the class to any military personnel , any age, active duty, retired, guard, or reserve. The class is from Nov 1 to Nov 30. You must have a valid form of military identification. Visit www.aarp.org/findacourse.

Any used paperback or hardbound books can be dropped off at the VA Medical Center. These books will be shipped to troops overseas.

Veterans Therapeutic Court will assist those who are facing challenges such as combat trauma, and as a result entered the criminal justice system for low level offenses. The veteran must plead guilty to receive intense supervision and court ordered treatment for a minimum of 12 months.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND
Silent Auction
November 19th 2011



EAST MINNEHAHA
Neighborhood Association

Proceeds to Benefit a Children ~~in Need Home~~ Celebration on December 15th, 2011

GIFT DONATION – PROCUREMENT DEADLINE – NOV 15TH, 2011

* Donor Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

GIFT INFORMATION

* Gift Item Name: _____ * Donor Estimated Value: \$ _____

* Gift Item Description – (please specify color, size, all restrictions, time available, special conditions, expiration dates, etc.)

Donor Signature: _____ Date: _____

If this is a gift certificate: () certificate attached () certificate will need to be made

Item needs to be: () picked up () will be delivered by donor () item attached

Will this item be available for display? () YES () NO

I am interested in attending the Pancake Breakfast () YES () NO

I wish to make a financial contribution to assist () YES () NO

I would like to make a "Matching Gift" for the Auction () YES () NO

** = Important information we need to process your donation!
A copy of this Gift Donation Form will be returned to you for your records*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

Donation Procured by:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

FOR OFFICE USE: Section: _____	Number: _____
Copy Sent: ___/___/___	Thank you Sent ___/___/___

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