

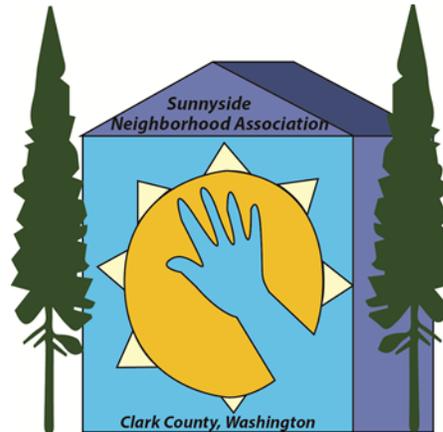
Sunnyside Neighborhood Association

GUN SAFETY IS TOPIC of NEXT MEETING

WED. SEPT. 14, Barberton Grange, 9400 NE 72nd Ave. 7 p.m.

Keeping children, family members, and visitors safe while guns are in the home is the topic of our September meeting. The presentation by BeSMART will focus on safe gun and ammunition storage, preventing gun accidents and suicide prevention. There will be a question and answer period. Trigger locks will be available for gun owners who wish them.

By Mary Laski



Julie Olson, recently elected County Councilor for District 2, was the guest speaker at the May Sunnyside Neighborhood Association meeting. Councilor Olson said that working on the Comprehensive Plan was an interesting and time consuming part of her initial work. She has also spent time learning about the various departments, how they function and what their responsibilities are. She has taken the time to go with workers from some of the departments so that she can better know their work. Ms. Olson answered numerous questions from the audience and invited anyone with a question or concern to reach out to her. Her email is Julie.olson2@clark.wa.gov. She can also be reached at 360 397 2232. By Mary Laski

ADVANTAGES OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

Your NA helps to connect you to your county government. The County supplies speakers to inform citizens on topics of interest: county code, parks, roads, disaster preparedness, law enforcement. Our speakers are always willing to answer questions.

The county government provides information to association chairmen regarding land use changes, road construction, parks development, etc. These are passed on to those who have given contact information to their association.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association will only meet three times a year starting in 2017. We get that citizens are busy and unable to attend meetings on a regular basis. Currently, we have four people on our Leadership Team, all volunteers. We hope our work is of service to you. I really like it that this is an opportunity to meet a lot of nice people that I would not otherwise meet! By Judy Bumbarger-Enright

Run – Hide – Fight

Sergeant Bill Sofianos from Clark County Sheriff's Office gave a presentation at the Citizens Advisory Board meeting on April 14, 2016 on "Run – Hide – Fight"

RUN – away from danger HIDE – in a safe and secure place FIGHT – only as a last resort.

In 2013, schools started changing from the traditional response from an Active Threat situation to the Run-Hide-Fight Philosophy.

Deputies are teaching Clark County's students to "run-hide-fight" should they ever be faced with an active-shooter situation. "It's not our intention to instill fear. We want to provide a greater level of awareness for the students," said Sheriff Chuck Atkins. "Although an active shooter incident is extremely rare, unfortunately, it's the reality of the world we live in today."

Hockinson is the first district in Clark County to implement the program. "As an educator I believe education is the answer. The more we know the better prepared we are for any potential circumstance," said Superintendent Sandra Yager. Deputy Jason Granneman is the School Resource Officer for the Hockinson School District who recently gave the "Run-Hide-Fight" presentation the students during a school assembly on Tuesday. "The kids already know about active shooter incidents. This instruction course brings students into the conversation for the first time informing them on what to expect." By Jim Foley

For more info: <https://www.dsac.gov/topics/active-shooter-resources>

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What is Smart911?

Smart 911 is a service that allows residents to create a free Safety Profile for their household that includes any information they want 9-1-1 and first responders to have in the event of an emergency. Then, when anyone in that household dials 9-1-1, from a phone associated with their Safety Profile their profile is immediately displayed to the 9-1-1 call taker providing additional information that can be used to facilitate the proper response to the proper location. At a time when seconds count, Smart911 provides details that could impact response the second an emergency call is placed.

You can sign up for Smart911 at Smart911.com and create a Safety Profile for your household to give 911 valuable information about yourself, family members, your home, pets and even vehicles that will display automatically on the 9-1-1 call takers's screen when you make an emergency call. It's private and secure and you control what information is in your profile. These details can save seconds or even minutes during an emergency.

DID YOU KNOW? IN CLARK COUNTY....

Tall Grass/Weeds. – It is a violation to have tallgrass or weeds over 12 inches high in the front or side yards. Report violations to <https://www.clark.wa.gov/community-development/code-enforcement-0>

Recreation Vehicles. – RVs, motor homes, and travel trailers are NOT allowed for long-term occupancy in Clark County outside of an approved RV park. You can occupy them for 30 consecutive days but no more than 60 days in a calendar year. They cannot be parked on a county street.

FREE PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

Clark County residents can save money on prescription drugs by using the county's free prescription discount drug program. Residents can use the card any time insurance does not cover a prescription. There are no enrollment forms, restrictions or limits on how many times the card can be used.

The National Association of Counties sponsors the prescription drug discount card program. The cards are free and may be used by all county residents regardless of age, income or existing health coverage. Cards are available at city halls, libraries, participating pharmacies and C-Tran transit centers throughout the county. They also are available at these Clark County facilities: Center for Community Health, 1601 E. Fourth Plain Blvd. & Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St. & Auto Licensing, 1408 Franklin St.

ORCHARDS HIGHLAND PARK ADOPTED BY SNA

Our neighborhood association has adopted the Orchards Highland Park. It is cleaned on a monthly basis by Sunnyside Neighborhood Assoc. volunteers .Please come help clean the park. It takes about an hour to pick up trash, pull ivy from trees, et. Watch for emails sent by the association giving details for the next cleanup.

I want to give a shout-out to the folks living near the park who also regularly pick up litter on their walks in the park. By Jim Foley

If you wish to get on our email list, send an email to sunnysidenava@yahoo.com. I will not send more than 3 emails per month.

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ANNEXATION PROPOSED

Annexation to the city of Vancouver is once again in the news. A small portion of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association is under consideration for annexation. Those property owners and residents in the proposed area had received a postcard regarding the Aug. 24 Open House. The purpose of the Open House was to provide information about city services and to answer annexation related questions. If you did not receive a postcard notice of the meeting, your property is not being considered for annexation at this time.

By Judy Bumbarger-Enright

FROM OUR COUNTY PARTNERS....

2016-2021 Clark County Transportation Improvement Program may now be viewed on the website www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/transporation-improvement-program.

Clark Regional Wastewater District wishes citizens to know they are invited to their proposed 2017 budget workshops starting Oct. 11, 2016, time to be determined. Call 993-8822 for further information.

CLARK CO. PUD WARNING ABOUT SCAM

Customers are receiving scam calls from people claiming to be utility employees and demanding payment with the threat of immediate disconnection. These phone calls can be very convincing and even appear to come from our utility phone number 360-992-3000. If you receive a call like this, HANG UP. And then call us back at 360-992-3000 (24/7) to check on the status of your account.

Become a Stream Steward! Clark Public Utilities' StreamTeam sponsors the Stream Stewards program for those interested in making a difference in the great outdoors.

Stewards attend classes 8:30am – 2pm on 6 Saturdays and 6 – 8:30pm on 5 Tuesdays September 24 –through November 5th. Leader Training offered on Saturday, October 15th is optional. After completing training, Stream Stewards from a variety of backgrounds support StreamTeam by leading school presentations on salmon conservation, organizing tree planting groups, combatting invasive knotweed and more.

“I knew I was bound to meet new people while getting in some healthy and purposeful work,” says Sonya, a Stream Steward since 2008. “The diversity of ages and occupations in the group fosters a great environment for new friendships and unique, meaningful projects.” Space is limited, so submit your application today at www.StreamStewards.net. Or contact Ashley at StreamTeam@clarkpud.com or 360-992-8585 with any questions. Submitted by Melissa Johnston



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Neighborhood associations are volunteer groups and not agents of Clark County government. Newsletter information and views are solely those of the neighborhood association and not of Clark County. Clark County Public Information and Outreach Office support these volunteers by printing and distributing their newsletters.

YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM IS DEDICATED TO CONNECTING CITIZENS WITH YOUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND WITH EACH OTHER. WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON SEPT. 14. SEE STORY INSIDE FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT OUR TOPIC OF GUN SAFETY.

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