

Happenings – Mini Edition

East Minnehaha and Roads End Neighborhood Associations

4 March 2015

Spring is in the Air!

The annual spring yard debris and tire coupons are scheduled to go out to residents in the April Waste Connections bills. The coupons will be good April 4 through June 30. Residents who receive invoices electronically will receive an email in early March telling them about the coupons and letting them know how to request a set of coupons.

Recycling 101 class: Learn about Recycling & Earn \$\$

The first 2015 Recycling 101 class for neighborhoods is scheduled for 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., **Thursday, March 26**, at the Cascade Park Library, 600 NE 136th Avenue. A second class is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 28** from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Marine Park Engineering, 4500 SE Columbia Way. Future classes will be held at West Van Materials Recovery Center and will include a tour of the processing facility.

To pre-register, please contact Elsie Deatherage at 619-4122 or elsie.deatherage@cityofvancouver.us. This is an opportunity to learn more about recycling plus potentially earn \$120 for your neighborhood association.

Neighborhoods who send a representative to one of the recycling classes and publish an approved recycling article are eligible to earn \$120 for their neighborhood association.

St. Paddy's Benefits Clark County Parks

On **Friday, 13 March at 5:00pm** St. Paddy's for Parks (21+ event) will be held at Shorty's on Mill Plain Blvd. \$25 Advance or \$30 at the door. 5 Guys Named Moe, Vancouver Firefighters Pipes & Drums, and Molly Malone Dancers are featured.

Saturday, March 14, from 10:00 – 2:00 pm. This is a free family event at Shorty's Garden & Home on Mill Plain Blvd. There will be hands-on nature activities, arts & crafts, story-time and more.

(These event are sponsored by the Parks Foundation of Clark County, Shorties, the Columbian, Waste Connections & First Pacific & Associates)

Do You Travel I-205?

If you do, you are probably aware of the I-205 - Mill Plain Interchange to 18th Street Improvement Project now under construction.

You can stay informed of travel advisories and construction updates for the project at Construction Project Updates. You can also subscribe to project alerts and email notifications on this Web page.

Second Saturday at the Water Center

March Second Saturday at the Water Center: The World's Wacky Weather

Sat., Mar. 14, 1 - 3 p.m.

For March's Second Saturday event, celebrate World Water Day while exploring cloud formations, hurricanes and other wacky weather around our globe. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Call 360-487-7111 or visit www.cityofvancouver.us/watercenter for more details.

World Water Day: Walk for Water

Sun., Mar. 22, Walk starts at 10 a.m.

Observe World Water Day with a 'Walk for Water' at the Water Resources Education Center. World Water Day 2015 is celebrating Water and Sustainable Development. With this family friendly walk, the Water Center hopes to raise awareness of the need for drinkable water in other parts of the world. Southwest Washington is fortunate to have a healthy supply of good, clean water. How would your family manage if you had to carry water for your home use? Join us to learn more about World Water Day Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Call 360-487-7111 or visit www.cityofvancouver.us/watercenter for more details.

Welcome!

Join us for a
free patron tour!

Friday, March 13, 2015
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thomas Jefferson Middle School
McLoughlin Middle School

You'll see:

- Student engagement with 1:1 technology (iPads and laptops)
- College and career readiness through the AVID program
- Family support through the Family Community Resource Centers
- \$4 gourmet lunch (lunch is noon - 1 p.m.)

RSVP at vansd.org/PatronTours or call
Sue Knable at 360-313-4720.

*Tour begins and ends at the
Bates Center: 2921 Falk Rd.

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION
Master Gardener Program
 Clark County Master Gardeners & Clark County Environmental Services Presents:

Oyster Farming 101...Not What You Think...

Learn how you can grow oysters in your garden! Oyster mushrooms, that is. Tony McMigas of McMigas Family Farm will show you how to produce oyster mushrooms year round at home and in your garden.

Oyster mushrooms are one of the easiest to grow and will thrive on a variety of different substrates many of which you may already have. Straw, wood, newspaper and coffee grounds can and will support the growth of oyster mushrooms.

We are firm believers in sustainable and organic agriculture, so that means we don't use any synthetic fertilizers or pesticides. At McMigas Family Farm, it's "All Organic, All the Time."

Anyone wishing to start their own production can purchase starter kits for \$20.00 each at the class. (Cash or check preferred.)

WHEN: Saturday, March 7, 2015 • 10 a.m.

WHERE: Battle Ground Community Library
 1207 Southeast 7th Way, Battle Ground, WA, 98604

COST: FREE! No registration necessary.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
 (360) 397-6060 x5738
 Erika.d.johnson@wsu.edu

WSU Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of non-compliance may be reported through your local WSU Extension office. If you require special accommodations, call WSU Extension Clark County at 360-397-6060 ext. 8 at least two weeks prior to the event.



Clark County
 Washington State University
 EXTENSION

Public Welcome!

It's in Your Nature!

Do 1 Thing

"Do 1 Thing," is an exciting web-based program designed to prepare your family for emergencies throughout the year. The January theme was "Make a Plan." If you have not yet started, start now -- take part in February's theme: **"Water."**

Water is an essential element to survival and a necessary item in an emergency supply kit. During the month of February, take action to store three days worth of water for your household. "Do 1 Thing" offers the following list of ways to achieve this goal:

- Purchase and store a 72-hour supply of commercially bottled water;
- Bottle a 72-hour supply of water at home; or
- Learn how to provide a safe supply of drinking water for your household in a disaster.

By completing one of these actions, you'll be better prepared for the unexpected.

Shane Gardner leaves the Clark County Sheriff Dept.



The Evergreen Public Schools Board of Directors recently approved the hiring of Shane Gardner as its new School Safety and Security Manager. Gardner currently supervises Clark County Sheriff's Department School Resource Officers (SROs), and

provides county-wide collaboration with all SROs through monthly meetings. Evergreen has SROs at its four comprehensive high schools (Clark County Sheriff and Vancouver Police Department officers), as well as security staff at high schools and middle schools. Gardner will oversee these staffs and provide a cohesive approach to school safety and security at all 37 Evergreen Public Schools.

East Minnehaha & Roads Ends wishes Shane all the best in assuming his new position and looks forward to working with **Alex Schoening** who will be assuming the responsibilities of Community Outreach Officer.

Join a Port of Vancouver USA tour

There's a lot going on at Washington's third oldest port, and now there are six opportunities to see the port in action this year. The free, two-hour public tours showcase many of the industries that call the port home and provide a taste of the maritime industry and global marketplace. Tour guests may see massive ships berthed along the waterfront as well as some of the diverse cargoes handled on our docks, including steel, grain, minerals and automobiles.

2015 Vancouver Port Public Tour Dates

- Saturday, March 7, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 21, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Thursday, May 21, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 17, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Saturday, July 18, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 13, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Public tours begin at the administrative building, located at 3103 Northwest Lower River Road, Vancouver. Staff provides a brief presentation about the 103-year history, current projects and enterprises. After the presentation, guests take a bus ride around the port for an interactive tour of bustling marine terminals and expanding industrial centers. Reservations are required and tours fill up quickly. People are encouraged to call the port at 360-693-3611 or email RSVP@portvanusa.com far in advance of their selected tour date.

Clark Public Utilities Environmental Services' StreamTeam Program

If you would like to volunteer at any event, or have any questions, please email StreamTeam@clarkpud.com or call Ashley King at (360) 992-8585.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7, 21

Potting: Help us recharge our nursery and kick-start our restoration projects.

March 11

Breeding Bird Monitoring Orientation: Intermediate knowledge of bird identification required. Information on data collection provided.

March 14

St. Paddy's for Kids: StreamTeam will have its Stream Table set up at this Parks Foundation of Clark County event. Help us teach kids about streams!

April 11

Leader Training: Learn how to lead volunteers in tree planting, in preparation for our big Earth Day event!

WSU Arbor Day Tree Planting

Celebrate Arbor Day with StreamTeam and WSU! Volunteers will plant trees on the WSU Vancouver campus. Lunch provided.

April 18

Earth Day Celebration! Enjoy tree planting, pulling invasives, the EcoFair and much more! Earth Day is our biggest event, so don't miss it! **Leaders Needed!**

April 24-26

Home & Garden Idea Fair
 Help us lead a kids' home and garden craft project.

Equipment and refreshments provided for volunteers, unless specified. Bring work and weather appropriate attire, gloves, and a reusable mug. **Pre-registration** is required. 360-992-8585.