

# FAIRGROUNDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Greetings neighbors,

**SALMON CREEK WAL-MART.** Yup, that is a 'For Sale' sign on one of the two tracts approved for this retail giant's store. The county has no confirmation that the development will not proceed. (But the county also can't confirm that the retail development approved for the site is a Wal Mart in the first place.) But it looks like this development is history.

**RAINIER SPRINGS PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL.** The Hearings Examiner has approved this 72-bed hospital to be located behind the Holiday Inn Express in Salmon Creek. In his findings he determined that sufficient conditions exist to provide for neighborhood safety.

A Neighborhood Outreach Plan proposed by FGNA to address any concerns was withdrawn, even though the applicant had agreed to our terms. That's because our plan was included in a nearby business owner's more extensive Good Neighbor Agreement. So when they were unable to reach an agreement with the applicant, our plan went out with theirs.

So before the facility opens, we will ask them to attend one of our monthly meetings to describe their facility and operations. Should any unforeseen problems occur, we'll ask them to meet with us.

## **JUNE 2016 FGNA MEETING**

We will not meet this month. There are too many unfinished details to be prepared for our road project discussion. See you July 14.

## **JULY 14, 2016 FGNA MEETING**

**7 pm in the meeting room at Community of Christ Church 400 NE 179<sup>th</sup> Street**

We're talking traffic. What road improvement projects are being planned? And when?

## **AUGUST 11, 2016 FGNA POTLUCK PICNIC**

**6 pm @ Fairgrounds Community Park (NW 164<sup>th</sup> St at 9<sup>th</sup> Ave)**

Our annual potluck picnic is held at a great park, with a great view, with great company. Join us!

## **SEPTEMBER 8, 2016 FGNA MEETING**

**7 pm in the meeting room at Community of Christ Church 400 NE 179<sup>th</sup> Street**

The Legislative district 17 candidates from the August Primary will be our guests for a candidate forum.

## **OCTOBER 13, 2016 FGNA MEETING**

**7 pm in the meeting room at Community of Christ Church 400 NE 179<sup>th</sup> Street**

The Legislative district 18 candidates from the August Primary will be our guests for a candidate forum.

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## DISCOVERY CORRIDOR

The Discovery Corridor straddles the I-5 freeway from I-205 north to the county line. We are told the Discovery Corridor is the economic engine that will drive growth in Clark County for the next 20 years.

In our neighborhood, the southern boundary of the Discovery Corridor is 164<sup>th</sup> Street. The western boundary is NW 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The eastern boundary is NE 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The Discovery Corridor concept is to locate businesses alongside the freeway. Next to the Discovery Corridor, boundary, build high density residential housing. Next to that, medium density residential housing. And next to that, low density residential housing.

Last year, the state legislature funded \$50 million in the years 2023-2025 for an interchange upgrade at 179<sup>th</sup> Street. For the Discovery Corridor potential to be realized, an enormous investment in traffic improvements on surrounding county roads is necessary. Otherwise, I-5 will just dump more traffic on county roads that are already at capacity.

The new I-5 interchanges at 219<sup>th</sup> Street and 139<sup>th</sup> Street involved minimal impacts on surrounding roads. We are not that lucky! Realistically, our neighborhood faces years of construction related traffic misery. This far out, the state Department of Transportation does not even have any staff assigned to their project. (Next session, our local legislators plan to lobby for a faster state timeline.)

County Public Works staff prepare 6-year and 20-year transportation improvement programs. County Community Planning has 20-year growth management plan. It will finally be adopted later this month.

That means we can soon get a picture of how the county plans to provide the transportation infrastructure that will make the Discovery Corridor a reality. (I bet that, like me, you also want to know how we'll pay for it!)

We will start pursuing that topic at our July 14 neighborhood association meeting. I have a big map, colored pens, and a copy of the new Arterial Atlas on back order.

## CRESA & 911 CALLS

Clark County has enhanced 911 service. That means that in an emergency, when you call 911 from a land line, your address pops up on the screen at CRESA (Columbia Regional Emergency Services Agency).

### ***But that doesn't happen with a cell phone call!***

You want emergency services as fast as possible, under any circumstances, no matter what phone you are using. SO register all your cell phones and emails with CRESA (911). Here's how:

- 1) Go to their web site [www.cresa911.org](http://www.cresa911.org);
- 2) Click on Technology Services;
- 3) Click on Alerts by Phone;
- 4) Complete the Community Sign Up Registration for all the cell phone and e-mail addresses you want to link to a specific address.

Encourage your family and friends to register your cell phones and receive emergency alerts. Do it today!!



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## **NEWS RELEASE**

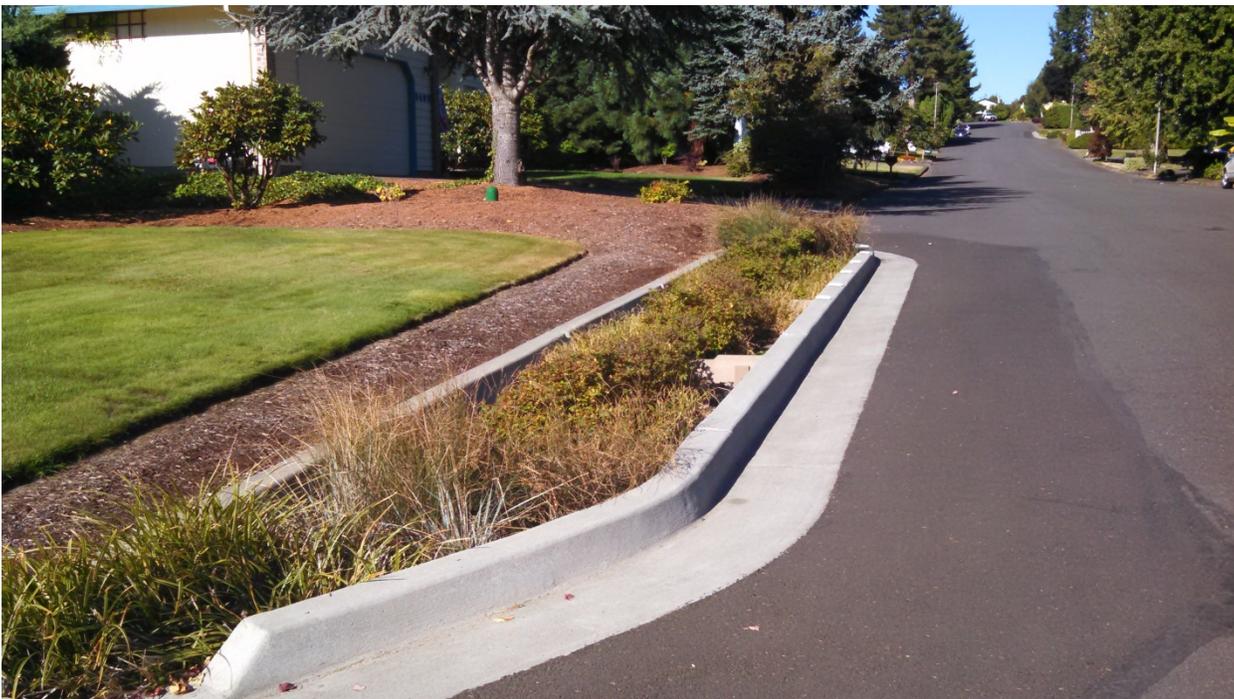
### Adopt-a-Rain Garden

Clark County Public Works is looking for volunteers to adopt the 15 small rain gardens in Mt. Vista. These gardens are located off of NE 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between NE 160<sup>th</sup> Street and NE 163<sup>rd</sup> Street. Volunteers are needed to visit the rain gardens once a month to remove litter, pull weeds, rake leaves and prune and thin plants. A group of 5-10 volunteers could likely complete this work for all 15 sites in 4-6 hours.

Rain gardens serve an important function by collecting and holding water temporarily, allowing it to slowly seep into the ground rather than runoff. They provide many benefits to our community, including filtering oil from roadways and reducing pollution and reducing flooding in waterways that could result in erosion. Plus, since the rain gardens are vegetated, they enhance beauty in neighborhoods and provide habitat for beneficial insects and other wildlife.

We would like to hold a group cleanup this summer to kick off the Adopt-Rain Garden program and then turn over monthly maintenance to volunteers. Training, tools and safety supplies will be provided to the rain garden adopters. Clark County maintenance crews will continue to visit the rain gardens to perform routine maintenance such as sediment removal.

If you are interested in learning more about the program, please contact Karen Llewellyn at [karen.llewellyn@clark.wa.gov](mailto:karen.llewellyn@clark.wa.gov) or (360) 397-6118 ext. 1627. Thank you for your consideration!





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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Free prescription discount cards offer savings for county residents

Vancouver, WA – Clark County residents can save money on prescription drugs by using the county's free prescription discount drug program, Public Health officials said Tuesday.

Since the program started in late 2006, county residents have used prescription discount cards to fill approximately 279,400 prescriptions. Residents received an average discount of nearly 27 percent on each prescription, which amounts to an average savings of \$11.31 per prescription. From November 2006 through March 2016, Clark County residents saved a total of \$3.16 million.

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. They are accepted at most pharmacies. A Spanish language version of the card is available.

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.

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.

For assistance with the program or to check medication prices online, call 1-877-321-2652 toll free or visit [https://www.caremark.com/wps/myportal/FRAMED\\_CHECK\\_DRUG\\_COST](https://www.caremark.com/wps/myportal/FRAMED_CHECK_DRUG_COST).

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FYI: The Community Development department emails out a development review status report every Friday. If you want to know what's in process or submit comments on a development review proposal, ask to be added to the mailing list. Advise [Jodi.creamer@clark.wa.gov](mailto:Jodi.creamer@clark.wa.gov). *It's too late when they start unloading the dozers next to your property!* If you have concerns about proposed developments that we need to address call Bridget at 360.573.5873.

### MONTHLY MEETINGS:

WE MEET at 7 PM ON SECOND THURSDAYS AT THE COMMUNITY of CHRIST MEETING ROOM  
400 NE 179<sup>TH</sup> 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 151<sup>ST</sup> STREET TO NW 41<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE TO NW / NE 164<sup>TH</sup> STREET;  
**SOUTH - EAST OF I-5**, NE KLINELINE RD TO NE 119<sup>TH</sup> ST TO SALMON CREEK TO NE 50<sup>TH</sup> AVE  
TO NE 149<sup>TH</sup> ST TO NE 72<sup>ND</sup> AVE

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