

# FAIRGROUNDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Greetings neighbors,

Starting last month we began a series of meetings with Clark County staff. They are coming to talk to us about how development is handled. Under the 2016 Comprehensive Growth Management plan we will see a lot of it in our neighborhood!

In February Community Development started us off at the beginning. Zoning. We learned about:

- The huge chunk of our neighborhood in the Vancouver Urban Growth Boundary.
- More huge chunks of our neighborhood are zoned Urban Reserve and Urban Holding.
- What conditions must be met to allow the opening of these lands for development.

## **FGNA MONTHLY MEETING** **Thursday, March 9 at 7 pm** **Community of Christ meeting room – 400 NE 179<sup>th</sup> Street**

This month we'll be looking at the arterial atlas. Which road classification will handle the traffic volume for the zoning? You will probably agree that the capacity is not there now. So Public Works will describe what a Developer Agreement is – how they are created, approved, and built. Many believe a Developer Agreement is the only way to unlock development around the 179<sup>th</sup> ST interchange. Do we agree with the big developers?

## **FGNA MONTHLY MEETING** **Thursday, April 13 at 7 pm** **Community of Christ meeting room – 400 NE 179<sup>th</sup> Street**

At our April 13 meeting we'll start to put it all together. We know the zoning. We know the road capacity. Public Works will describe how road fund dollars are spent. More important, how the 6 and 20 year TIP (Transportation Improvement Projects) will meet the road capacity necessary to handle the planned growth.

## **FGNA MONTHLY MEETING** **Thursday, May 11 at 7 pm** **Community of Christ meeting room – 400 NE 179<sup>th</sup> Street**

Finally the Community Development department will describe how the development review process works. What are those blue signs? When are traffic counts required? How do you find out about development applications? How do you participate in the approval process?

When they unload a bull dozer on an empty lot near your home it's too late! These meetings will inform you how the development approval process works and your role. Put these meetings on your calendar!

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For the Executive Board

## Four regional Clark County parks to charge parking fees again

Vancouver, Wash. – Clark County will resume collecting daily parking fees at four of the county’s largest regional parks starting Monday, April 3. Daily fees will be collected year-round at [Frenchman’s Bar Regional Park](#), [Lewisville Regional Park](#), [Salmon Creek Regional Park/Klineline Pond](#) and [Vancouver Lake Regional Park](#). Parking fees will be \$2 for motorcycles, \$3 for cars, \$6 for cars with trailers and \$8 for buses or motor homes.

Parking fees were eliminated in 2013. Last year, the Board of County Councilors agreed to resume fee collection to provide more sustainable parks funding and reduce vandalism and other illegal activities.

Daily parking fees will be collected at fee booths, typically from May 1 through Sept. 30, and during busy off-season events. Fee booth attendants will accept cash, debit cards, Visa and MasterCard. No checks or Discover or American Express cards will be accepted. When fee booths are not staffed, park users will need to use self-pay stations. Only cash will be accepted at self-pay stations. Under [Clark County Code](#), failure to pay parking fees could result in a \$40 fine.

Annual parking passes are available for \$30 and are good for the calendar year, not the 12-month period following the purchase. Debit and credit card transactions carry a \$2.95 fee. Passes are sold at:

- Clark County 78<sup>th</sup> Street Operations Center, Building A, 4700 N.E. 78<sup>th</sup> St., 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Clark County Permit Center, first floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Battle Ground Community Center, 912 E. Main St., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Annual passes also can be purchased at the four parks when fee booths are staffed.

More information is available on the county’s website at [www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/parking-fees](http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/parking-fees).

## County picnic shelter reservation fees increase

Vancouver, Wash. – New this year: Residents will be able to reserve picnic shelters at six community parks.

Reservation fees will increase by \$25 for most picnic shelters at five regional parks: Capt. William Clark, Frenchman’s Bar, Lewisville, Salmon Creek/Klineline Pond and Vancouver Lake. Fees will increase by \$50 for shelters seating more than 100 people at Frenchman’s Bar, Lewisville and Vancouver Lake regional parks. Beginning March 1, reservation fees will range from \$50 to \$150, depending on the size of the shelter.

Also starting March 1, Clark County will accept reservations for eight picnic shelters at six community parks: Fairgrounds, Felida, Hazel Dell, Hockinson Meadows, Orchards and Pacific.

Picnic shelters can be reserved up to 365 days in advance for events taking place May 1 through Sept. 30. Reservations must be made at least seven days in advance. Picnic shelters not reserved will remain available for free on a first-come, first-served basis. All shelters are available on a first-come, first-served basis at no charge, Oct. 1 through April 30.

“Reservation fees help us cover our costs to be sure picnic shelters are clean, tidy and ready,” said Bill Bjerke, Clark County Parks manager. “Most people consider it a modest expense for the peace of mind that comes with knowing they have a shelter reserved for a family reunion, church picnic or other large gathering.”

Picnic shelter reservations can be made using the county’s online reservation system. To make a reservation or find out more information, visit [www.clarkwa.gov/public-works/picnic-shelters](http://www.clarkwa.gov/public-works/picnic-shelters). Picnic shelter reservations also can be made by calling Clark County Parks at 360.397.2285.

Contact: Eric Christensen, parks facilities coordinator, Public Works  
360.397.2285 ext. 1680, [eric.christensen@clark.wa.gov](mailto:eric.christensen@clark.wa.gov)

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## “FREE TO A GOOD HOME“

When I was losing my mobility a relative brought me this heavy motorized recliner. I slept in it a lot. But I don't need it any more. (Hip, hip, hooray!) Do you? If so, call Bridget at 573.5873. Did I mention it is heavy?



## CLARK COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES

Property tax statements for the first half of 2017 are in the mail, Clark County Treasurer Doug Lasher announced Monday. The first installment of 2017 property taxes is due Monday, May 1, 2017. After that, interest and penalties will accrue. Senior or disabled citizens may qualify for a property taxes exemption. Call the Clark County Assessor's Office at 360.397.2391 for more information.

Also, if you are a senior citizen and/or disabled with your primary residence in Washington State, you may be eligible to postpone the payment of your property taxes and/or special assessments. If you qualify for the program, the Washington State Department of Revenue pays the property taxes on your behalf. The deferred amount, plus interest, becomes a lien in favor of the state until the total amount is repaid. Again, call the Clark County Assessor's Office at 360.397.2391 for more information.

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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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