

# Greater **Brush Prairie**

## Neighborhood Association

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## Greater Brush Prairie Neighborhood Association

### **General Meeting**

### **Candidate Forum**

Legislative District 17  
**Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**7 - 9 PM**

Hockinson Fire Station,  
Fire District #3  
17718 NE 159th Street  
Brush Prairie, WA 98606

### **Agenda**

- Treasurer's Report
- Cruise In & Parade Report
- Daybreak Rehab Facility Report
- Deputy Fronk – Crime Report
- Fire District 3 Report
- Election of Secretary
- Candidates Forum – LD17 Senator and Representatives

## **Daybreak Youth Drug and Alcohol Rehab Center Ground Breaking Held**

*By Neighbor Mark Gawecki*

This project involves converting the Bethesda Slavic Church on 11910 NE 154<sup>th</sup> Street in Brush Prairie into a 58 bed alcohol and drug treatment center for teenagers.

Building Permits have been issued for the interior remodel. A ground breaking ceremony was held on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Before a Certificate of Occupancy can be issued to move into the building, conditions on page 16 of the Final Order must be satisfied. These conditions include:

- A submission of the landscape plan signed by a landscape architect licensed in the state of Washington certifying that the landscape has been installed in accordance with the approved plan.
- The Fire Marshall's recommendations must be met regarding fire hydrants, clear spaces, and unobstructed access roads.
- The onsite sewage treatment plant shall be installed and approved by Clark County Public Health or the Washington State Department of Health.
- The developer must provide documents that necessary certificates and approvals have been obtained from state and federal agencies.
- Off street parking must be striped according to the approved plan.

At the time of this writing the developer has not completed the above mentioned conditions. Daybreak officials expect the facility to be open early in 2017.

## Brush Prairie Cruise In

*By Neighbor Julie Kim*

GBPNA board decided that after 10 years of the parade, another community event was needed for Brush Prairie. One suggestion was that we have a cruise in and the idea took off.

The Brush Prairie Cruise In was on Saturday, August 20th. With the help of Earl Edwards from Mustang Unlimited Car Club, it was a successful event. In spite of the 100 degree weather, 24 cars and motorcycles participated. GBPNA sponsored a free hamburger/hot dog barbecue.

The Cruise In was sponsored by Hall & Son Pump Co., Brush Prairie General Store, Riding High USA, Corwin Pepsi, All County Towing, Gentle Dental - Brush Prairie, Hydro Tech Fire Protection, Amazia Vet Services, Joshua Transport, Red Brick Farm, Scented Acres Lavender Farm and Friends for Sam Kim. A huge thank you to the sponsors.



## Cedars Developments

*By Neighbor Mark Gawecki*

The following are development projects physically located within our neighborhood association boundaries but located in the City of Battle Ground due to creative gerrymandering.

- Cedars Lots 1 & 8. This project concerns development of two lots on 149th Avenue north of NE 181st Street, Battle Ground, into thirteen buildable residential lots.
- Cedars Landing Subdivision is a plan to subdivide 56 acres into 162 single-family residential lots. The location is north of the Cedars at Salmon Creek Golf Course with access from NE 157th Avenue off of SE Eaton Boulevard. The site is adjacent to the Cedars North Airpark.
- Cedars Village is a 39 acre site south of 181st Street consisting of land currently used as a driving range and the first two holes of the Golf Course. The land will be converted to 117 lots.

These three projects have a similar approval process to the Daybreak Project. They all have received preliminary approval but the developers have not submitted plans for engineering approval. This must take place before construction can begin.



## Crime & Bear Alert

*Submitted by our neighbors*

**Theft from back yard:** In the ongoing neighborhood prowling saga around Cedars, another entry. This one is fairly brazen. Someone entered our backyard and stole a teak and metal end table from our patio. Nothing else seems to be missing. We are guessing that this happened within the past week. We plan to wander into the woods past the cedars sign tomorrow to see if it might be there.

**Bell Ringers:** Kids are going around middle of the night ringing doorbells at Cedars.

If you know who they are, please let them know that being woken in the middle of the night is annoying. Some people have small children in bed or some people go to bed early.

**Night Time Prowler:** There were multiple sightings of a man (maybe early 20's, medium build 5'10" or so, medium to slender build) dressed in camo attire, sunglasses, baseball hat and backpack. He might be linked to multiple incidents of theft and breaking in of autos and mail during the summer. One sighting had him heading west on the loop toward the Cedars golf course.

**Bear Sightings** (by Neighbor Gary Kaster): At least one bear has returned to The Cedars area. I was out walking my dog down our driveway at 6:15 this morning when a startled bear give me a loud bluster sound from our vacant lot. I quickly threw a large rock into the woods to run it off.

We had bears here in The Cedars a few years ago when their normal food sources ran out up in the hills. This year's intense summer heat has dried up most of the berries they normally eat so they must be coming down our way scavenging for fruit, garbage, pet food, etc.

Don't feed or encourage them to hang around. The last time they were here they went after outside garbage cans and some people tried feeding them which made the situation even worse. The Washington Department of Wildlife advises that the bears are normally harmless if you keep your distance, make noise and leave them alone. They will leave our area if they don't find food and when the cold weather returns to prepare for hibernation.

North American Bear Center has great information on Bears and humans at <http://www.bear.org/website/bear-pages/black-bear/bears-a-humans.html>. They also talk about bear food at <http://www.bear.org/website/bear-pages/black-bear/foraging-a-foods.html>.

Lastly, this is the sound I heard this morning: <http://www.bear.org/website/images/stories/sounds/chomp.mp3>. They describe the sound as follows: "Apprehensive expressions are forceful expulsions of air accompanied by threatening body language and sometimes deeper throaty sounds. This explosive behavior looks and sounds very threatening but is harmless bluster from nervous bears—often mothers with cubs. Bear Center researchers have never had blustery bears approach and make contact. Out of respect, researchers avoid crowding these apprehensive bears, but they have found them easy to chase away. Bears blow and clack their teeth when they are afraid. When this is done in response to being startled by a person, it appears to be a defensive threat, but they also do it when they scare themselves by almost falling from a tree."

Later that morning, after it was light, I went out on my vacant lot to see if I could find any sign of the bear. I discovered a rotted log that the bear had torn apart looking for grubs and I also found two bear scats nearby.

## The 10th Annual Brush Prairie Spirit Parade

By Neighbor Julie Kim

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> was beautiful day for a parade if you're a duck. In spite of the liquid sunshine, the parade went on as scheduled. There were 30 entries, the most that have entered since the first parade. There were 4 equestrian entries, 3 royalty entries, 7 political entries, 3 business entries, and more.



This year's Brush Prairie Spirit Parade theme was "Super Heroes of Brush Prairie." The parade committee selected Smokey Bear from the US Forest Service as the Grand Marshal.

According to Fire District 3, "Smokey Bear is America's best known symbol for fire prevention. It is fitting that he is our Grand Marshal. Smokey is 72 years old this year and he is our hero because of all those years of helping to prevent fires."



The judge of the parade selected 2 winners of the "best themed" entry:

Captain America, Frank Garber and Captain America Junior, Jeremy Haug from the Hall & Son Pump Co. entry



and Super Heroes Recycle, Lilly Murphy.



Save the Date!! The 11th Annual Brush Prairie Spirit Parade will be on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, rain or shine!

The Parade Committee wishes to thank the following Sponsors for making the Parade possible:

- KnightHawk Protection
- Hall & Son Pump Company
- Wrench Works
- Clark County Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputies
- Prairie Bar & Grill
- Bethel Lutheran Church
- Fire District #3
- Brush Prairie General Store

The Parade Committee Members are: Hak & Julie Kim, Robyn Kim, Larry Knight, Lilly Murphy, Len Staley, and Ray Steiger

## Volunteer Opportunities

*By Julie Kim*

Brush Prairie is so lucky to have volunteers to put together the Brush Prairie Spirit Parade and the Cruise In. The committee consists of 7 people and would love to have more people for input and duties.

Volunteers will be able to suggest and vote on parade themes, maybe even put on another event for our community. There are around 8 meetings a year. In reality, there is not a lot of time commitment except on the day of the events. It is a "feel good" opportunity knowing that it is helping to make our community thrive.

If interested in attending the meetings and contributing, email Julie Kim at [hj66mustang@msn.com](mailto:hj66mustang@msn.com). She will let you know when the next meeting will be, probably around February 2017.

## Light Industrial Land Bank Invalid

*By Neighbor Mark Gawecki*

The Washington State Growth Hearings Board has ruled that the Clark County decision to convert 600 acres of agricultural land to light industrial land at the Lagler Dairy in Brush Prairie is invalid. The county will appeal the decision. The Board ruled that Clark County had the opportunity to convert the land to industrial in 2004, not 12 years later. Environmental groups Friends of Clark County and Futurewise praised

the decision. Clark County must be in compliance with the state order by November 9, 2016.

*Brush Prairie Business Spotlight:*  
**Hydro-Tech Fire Protection**

Hydro-Tech Fire Protection newly remodeled their place of business in downtown Brush Prairie. They were established in 1977 to install fire sprinkler systems and provide construction service and supply. Please stop by to congratulate them on being such a long-term Brush Prairie business establishment.



**Battle Ground Schools Bond is on the Ballot – November 8**  
**Please remember to VOTE**

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**



**Frequently asked questions about the November 8 bond proposal:**

What is the difference between a bond and a levy?

A bond pays for capital projects such as new school construction, renovation, replacement, or other school improvements. Levies help fund day-to-day learning needs not covered by the state, like textbooks, staff salaries, student transportation, prevention programs and much more. District voters last approved a four-year maintenance and operations levy in April 2013. That levy will be up for renewal in 2017.

When was the last bond?

The district's last voter-approved school bond in 2005 paid for the construction of Daybreak, Tukey Valley, Amboy, and Chief Umtuch, additional classrooms at Captain Strong, and safety and technology upgrades district-wide.

What will happen to newer modular buildings on the campuses recommended for renovations?

The new modular buildings, like Pleasant Valley Primary's new 10-plex modular, will be incorporated into the design for renovations.

Is there a plan to increase safety?

Yes, each phase of the Long-Range Facilities Plan has a section dedicated to safety upgrades, including, but not limited to, card reader door access, improvements to main entrances, fencing, door locks, walkways, lighting, and parking lots.

What is 21st century learning?

Facilities equipped for 21st century learning include better technology integration, project-based team learning, presentation space, professional learning communities, and areas that promote positive social interaction.

How can I learn more?



Visit the school district website at [www.battlegroundps.org](http://www.battlegroundps.org)

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### Our Boundaries

**West** NE 72nd Ave  
**South** NE 119th St., SR-503, NE 99th St., NE 96th St.  
**East** NE 212th Ave.  
**North** NE 159th St., NE 156th St., Salmon Creek to SR-503, SR-503 north to  
Battle Ground City boundary, Battle Ground City boundary to NE 199th  
St., NE 187th Ave., NE 219th St.

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