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Neighborhood Association

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General Meeting

**Saturday, October 21st
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM**

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

Agenda

- Treasurer's Report
- Cruise In Report
- Daybreak Rehab Facility Report
- Fire District 3 Report
- Election of Secretary

**CRUISE IN A RESOUNDING
SUCCESS**

Greater Brush Prairie Neighborhood Association's 2nd Annual Cruise In was a little tight for 42 antique and fascinating vehicles of all types. Free hamburgers, drinks, and chips made for a delightful afternoon for the neighbors and others to just cruise on by and learn about rare cars that were hand customized or painstakingly restored. Owners eagerly explained every part and detail of work on their rigs.

Although Fire District 3 had their engine standing by in case of an emergency on a dry grass field, they gamely became part of the show and provided tours of the impressive fire truck.

The engaging event was capped by an appearance of a local celebrity, Hannah R. Loyd, who delighted the attendees, signed autographs, and cheerfully had her pictures taken with the show automobiles and their owners. Ms. Loyd played Diana Schade-Renard, a recurring role in the TV series Grimm. She is now involved with a pilot science fiction project "Eve", which is currently on You Tube, and a couple of plays at Prairie High School. "How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying" will open in November and "Pippin" will open in spring 2018.

With the continuing success and high interest in the Cruise In, Greater Brush Prairie Neighborhood Association is proud to sponsor the event along with



the General Store, Hall & Son, Home Energy Group, Hydro Tech, Anderson Plastics, and Corwin Beverage Company.



Hannah R. Loyd, local actress in TV series Grimm, highlighted the 2nd annual neighborhood event put on by Brush Prairie General Store and sponsored by local businesses.

Battle Ground Annexation Attempt of Cedars “Islands” Fails

By Neighbors Mark Gawecki & Carol Opatrny

Below is a chronology of the City of Battle Ground’s most recent attempt to annex properties during Summer 2017.

Many thanks go out to the neighbors who track the City Council’s meeting schedules and agendas, the neighbors who assembled to discuss reactions to the proposed annexation efforts, the neighbors who reactivated contacts with the City Council, County

and other officials in order to communicate the majority opinion (i.e., opposition to annexation), and the neighbors who wrote letters and appeared at Council meetings to personally voice opposition.

- **June 29th** - Neighbors who have signed up for the City of Battle Ground’s City Council agendas notified neighbors, triggering broader awareness that was further shared via Janet Martin’s notice to 137 Cedars neighbors. *It may be worthwhile to further coordinate among the Cedars neighborhoods a comprehensive electronic mailing list. The coordination of the mailing list would be an excellent opportunity for the new secretary to get involved in the community.*
- **July 3rd** - Several neighbors from Cedars I and Cedars East attended the BG City Council meeting where Mayor Johnson directed staff to prepare a resolution for the August 7th meeting to annex several “islands of property” including the East Parkway and Cedars I, II, and IV neighborhoods. This resolution would trigger, as directed by state law, a public meeting and then adoption of a resolution to annex islanded properties. State law also allows for affected property owners to file a referendum petition. If at least 10 percent signs the petition, it requires the proposed annexation(s) to be put on the next general election or a special ballot and be subject to a vote.
- **July 4th** – Neighbors reviewed the referendum process requirements.
- **July 23rd** - Twelve neighbors representing Cedars I, II, III, and IV met to discuss strategy for the August 7th meeting including reasons to oppose annexation; opportunities to testify at the August 7th meeting; next steps, given majority opposition, etc. Additional questions for County Elections were outlined.
- **July 24th** – The County Elections Board supervisor advised neighbors on the details of the referendum process and noted that the City of Battle Ground had learned that a special election would be necessary and would cost the City approximately \$3,000.
- **July 26th** - Neighbors contacted BG officials regarding the possibility of testimony at August 7th meeting. Mixed messages were received from different officials. It was decided to

request neighbors to submit written testimony before the meeting to the City Clerk. If permitted, the neighbors could also testify in person at the August 7th meeting.

- **July 27th** - Neighbors made efforts to fill-in the email contact list for Janet Martin's comprehensive list of neighbors. Some door to door activity and telephone contacts were also made to broaden awareness. Neighbors were warned that they may or may not be able to testify. All were urged to email concerns to the City Clerk given that the Mayor would decide on public testimony.
- **August 7th** - Permission granted by the Mayor to allow testimony on annexation before the decision would be made to either go forward with annexation or drop it. City Council acknowledged receipt of seven e-mails against annexation and allowed five neighbors to testify.

After some discussion it appeared that only two of the seven councilors favored moving forward on annexation. The Mayor indicated that no action on annexation would be taken at this time, but warned that development drives annexation and that this matter may well come before City council in the future. It is noteworthy that City staff concluded that annexation would be a net cost to the City – primarily due to losing the premium payments for sewerage that Cedars residences currently make to the City.

Neighbors are urged to sign up for Battle Ground City Council Agendas by going to the City of Battle Ground website (www.cityofbg.org). Click on the Notify Me feature on the left side of the page, then click on Agenda Center, then City Council meetings.

While the majority of the Cedars remain steadfastly opposed to annexation by the City of Battle Ground, we all must remain vigilant.

Cedars Golf Course Housing Construction



The construction of the Cedars Village Subdivision at the Cedars Golf Course at Salmon Creek is underway. Site preparation began this spring for 117 lots on the 39 acre site which encompasses the driving range and holes one and two. The photo was taken September 14th from behind the club house looking south. Holes one and two are being reconfigured. The new driving range is in the planning stage.

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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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