

PROEBSTEL

Neighborhood Association

Who we are...

County-sanctioned – The association is one of 21 active neighborhood groups under Clark County's Neighborhood Outreach Program. The association boundaries are quite large and include much more than Proebstel. Green Mountain, Livingston Mountain and NE Rawson Road are within the boundaries. For a map, go online to https://gis.clark.wa.gov/ccimages/MapGallery/PDF/NeighborhoodAssoc_Proebstel_36x48.pdf.

Meetings – The group meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of most months at Proebstel Evangelical Free Church, 18702 Fourth Plain Road. Future meetings will be Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3.

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proebstel.na2@gmail.com

Website: www.facebook.com/pg/ProebstelWA/posts

Board members – Erin Allee, Kirk VanGelder, co-presidents; Wendy McCullough; Ann Shaw, Karen Kingston, Mike Sermone

Intersection, traffic issues to be discussed

Clark County Public Works Director Heath Henderson will discuss the county's process for updating intersections in the area when the Proebstel Neighborhood Association meets at 7 p.m. Sept. 10 at Proebstel Evangelical Free Church.

Also attending from the Public Works department will be Matt Griswold, traffic engineering and operations supervisor; Susan Wilson, programming supervisor, and Jeff Mize, public information officer.



Clark County photo

Wetlands dot the central valley of Camp Bonneville, although most of the site is forested.

Fires could be difficult at Camp Bonneville

There will be no direct attack — no boots on the ground — if a wildfire breaks out in the ordnance area at Camp Bonneville.

Sean Smith, a battalion chief for Clark County Fire District No. 3, told the Proebstel Neighborhood Association in August the fire fighting at the 4,000-acre forested former U.S. Army base is the responsibility of the state Department of Natural Resources.

And the DNR's fire suppression plan calls for only aerial firefighting in the area where there might be unexploded ordnance, Smith said.

Local fire agencies (Vancouver Fire Department, District 3 or East County Fire) will respond if there is a fire at the future county park, he said. Firefighters will call the county's public works department.

County officials have an ordnance map and will escort firefighters into the camp. If the fire is in an ordnance area, it will be fought by aerial means, including water drops and chemical retardants, he said.

Elsewhere in Camp Bonneville, normal firefighting methods will be used, Smith said.

"Camp Bonneville is not a major concern," said Smith. "People are not supposed to be in there. I'm more worried about Livingston Mountain and Larch Mountain."

Recreational shooting, camping, all-terrain vehicle use and other possible sources of fire ignition are more common on Livingston Mountain and Larch Mountain than at Camp Bonneville, which is fenced.

Camp Bonneville neighbors reported that unauthorized entry into the facility does occur.

Livingston Mt. logging slated for 2019

The Washington Department of Natural Resources plans to auction the Squeaky timber sale in early 2019, which would log 148 acres of forest land on Livingston Mountain.

According to Brian Poehlein, DNR district manager, the sale will include seven units in size from 1 to 83 acres. About 4 million board feet are estimated available. The units are near Northeast 262nd Avenue.

Poehlein told Elizabeth Hofmann-Hicks of 26119 N.E. Bradford Road in mid-July that with seasonal restrictions for road construction it is unlikely timber hauling will begin earlier than May 2019.

The timber sale will have an approximately two-year contract with on-site work beginning, finishing no later than fall 2020.

In response to citizen concerns, one unit originally part of the Squeaky sale has

For more information..

• Contact Brian Poehlein of the DNR at brian.poehlein@dnr.wa.gov or by phone at 360-577-2025 or 360-921-1813.

been removed, Poehlein said. Three units totaling about 28 acres on the east side of Northeast 262nd Avenue have been added. The minimum bid is estimated at about \$1.7 million.

Poehlein said in a March email that herbicides will not be used.

Six to 24 truck loads per day are anticipated to leave the logging site.

"During the school year, hauling will begin after normal school bus pickup times and will end prior to normal school bus drop-off times," he wrote.

"Specific times will be determined after confirming

pickup and drop-off times in the Northeast 262nd Avenue area."

Replanting of tree seedlings will occur in the first winter following completion of the logging. A minimum of eight trees per acre will be retained.

"I'm concerned about traffic and noise impacts from trucking timber in a residential neighborhood with inadequate roads/infrastructure for industrial trucking," Hofmann-Hicks told Poehlein. "We are already badly impacted by the truck traffic from the quarries on Livingston Mountain."

Hofmann-Hicks asked for another public meeting since there have been changes to the original proposal for Squeaky.

Poehlein said the sale has not changed much and there will not be an additional public meeting.

Letters were sent to 12 additional neighbors who would see adjacent activity.

Neighborhood notes...

• **Spotty cell phone service?** — If you've been wondering why your cell service went from bad to worse it's because the tower on Livingston was recently decommissioned. Providers tell us a new tower isn't slated to be installed for several years, but if you have good wireless service at your residence you can ask your cell provider for a free network extender. This connects your phone to your wireless system and you should see an improvement in service around your house.

• **Farm to Table** — Let's help support businesses in the Proebstel area. Have you got home-grown goods to sell such as vegetables, plants, wines or other items? If so, send the information to proebstel.na2@gmail.com so we can list them in future newsletters.

• **Meet your neighbors** — Can you recognize all the neighbors within four homes from your residence, both directions and across the street? Make an effort to meet someone new, and then invite them to the next Proebstel Neighborhood Association meeting.

Help us stay in touch with the neighborhood

The Proebstel Neighborhood Association wants to be an effective voice for the 3,076 households who live within the expansive boundaries of the association.

And to do that, the six-member board needs to hear from you about your issues, concerns and interests.

However, newsletters sent by mail are spendy, especially compared to electronic communication such as email and Facebook.

Here are some ways to communicate with us:

- Send an email to proebstel.na2@gmail.com.
- Visit the association's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pg/ProebstelWA/posts.



- Get on the distribution list for the association's periodic newsletter. To get the newsletter in a PDF (portable document format) please send your email address to proebstel.na2@gmail.com. Your address will not be shared with any other interest. We don't like getting junk emails either.



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Clark County Public Works Director
Heath Henderson will discuss the county's
process for updating intersections in the area.