

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association

Next Neighborhood Meeting:

March 11 7:00 p.m.

**Where: Barberton Grange Hall,
9400 NE 72nd Ave. Vancouver**

**Spring is here! Come help beautify our
Neighborhood Park**

Orchards Highlands Neighborhood Park is currently the only park in our neighborhood. A volunteer has stepped up to start the process to adopt the park. This neighbor will organize monthly cleanups through Clark County Parks if we have volunteer interest. This is an opportunity to get neighbors out for some fun and beautify our park. Please send an email to sunnysidenava@yahoo.com for more information or come to our meetings to sign up to help!

The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association leadership team has been busy since reactivating our local group. A big thanks to all of you who have participated in the meetings. We strive to give you information you can use that will make our area a better place to live. A special thanks goes to our friends at the Barberton Grange for their hospitality and their cookies and coffee! Come again and bring a friend or two!

March TOPIC:

Disaster Preparedness for Citizens will be presented by Eric Frank, Clark County Emergency Management Coordinator at our March 11 meeting. Join us to learn how you and your family can be prepared before an earthquake or a devastating storm hits our area.

Having trouble making it on Wednesdays?

We are currently meeting the second Wed. of each month. If there are too many other community activities going on that day that prevent you from attending, please email me at sunnysidenava@yahoo.com. Please suggest a better day. We will do our best to make it work for the majority.

I realize that many in our area work an evening shift or have small children. Please let us know if you would like to participate in our activities; send us your contact information and suggest a time that would work, or an alternative solution, which could include children attending.

April TOPIC: April 8 7 p.m.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and More. Local experts will present simple ways you can lighten your impact on the environment, dispose of hazardous waste, etc.

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What is a Neighborhood Association?

The purpose of a Clark County neighborhood association is to foster a working relationship between the citizens and their local government. It serves as a conduit for information, a forum to discuss concerns, and gives the citizens a voice in county affairs. Each neighborhood association seeks to work toward common interests and enhance the livability of its citizens.

Who is a member?

Members are all residents, property owners, businesses and a representative of non-profit organizations within the neighborhood boundaries. There are no membership dues.

To get on our email list, email acting chairman Judy at sunnysidenava@yahoo.com.

Association Boundaries:

North: North: 119th St. / West: NE 50th Ave. to I-205 to Andresen Rd. / South: NE 78th St. from Andresen Rd. to I-205, NE 76th St. East of I-205/East: 117th Ave. (SR503)

Advantages of having an NA

The county government will notify NA's of activities that may affect the neighborhood, such as development, new cell towers, and street improvements. This gives NA's time to react as a group.

The Neighborhood Outreach office provides a Weekly Update page for news releases, upcoming events and meetings affecting neighborhoods, and other county information.

For more info about NA's and to read the Weekly Update page, go to www.clark.wa.gov. Select A-Z index to find Neighborhood Associations. The Neighborhood Outreach Program page has a link to the Weekly Update.



No email? Call Judy at 360-699-2050 and leave a phone number and message. I will give you a call.

Due to a neighborhood member request, the Sheriff's Office new speed reader trailer was placed on 88th Street in December. The traffic detective Todd Young reported that the placement was successful, in that most drivers slowed down when they saw the trailer. He said that officers will increase speed law enforcement on that street.

Did you know?...

Clark County will print 3 newsletters a year for each neighborhood association. We need to find other means to communicate in between. Please consider joining nextdoor.com if you are online. It is a way for neighbors to communicate.

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Neighborhood Watch: Presentation by
Community Outreach Officer, Sgt. Shane
Gardner Feb. 11.

Simple steps to keep your streets in the
neighborhood safe include:

Get to know your neighbors

Wave to them and everyone that drives
down your street. Burglars will leave once
they realized that they have been noticed.

Pick a watch captain

Keep it simple and make a list of neighbors'
phone numbers and have a call tree

Call 911 when you see suspicious people or
car.

Want to be an officer in the
Sunnyside Neighborhood
Association? Right now we have all
positions open! If you wish to be
chairman, vice-chairman, secretary
or a director, just come to the next
meeting and read a short statement
telling about yourself. Some of the
present acting officers are planning
to run for their current positions. But
everyone is welcome to step forward
and nominate themselves for a
leadership role! We will vote in April.

In October, we heard presentations from a person who supported the proposed
County government charter, Pat Jollota and a person who was opposed to it, John
Anderson. The charter was passed by the voters in November.

Our November speaker was Donna Goddard, who provided information about how
Clark County Code Enforcement does its job to help maintain the livability of our
neighborhoods. She answered many questions and provided information on how to
resolve issues involving code violations.

We have two deputies assigned to be liaisons to our neighborhood association. One
was Officer Kateri Harrison, who spoke at our January meeting. She gave tips on
crime prevention, and answered a variety of questions. Knowing who our local
deputies are will hopefully make our members comfortable with communicating
with law enforcement when necessary. Officer Justin Messman is our other liaison,
and addressed the association in October.

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Neighborhood associations are volunteer groups and not agents of Clark County government. Newsletter information and views are solely those of the neighborhood association and not of Clark County. Clark County Public Information and Outreach Office supports these volunteers by printing and distributing their newsletters.

We're off to a great start! Check out the inside of this newsletter to see what we have been up to! To join, just send an email to get on our mailing list:
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