

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC. MEETING:

Feb. 8: NEW PARKS COMING

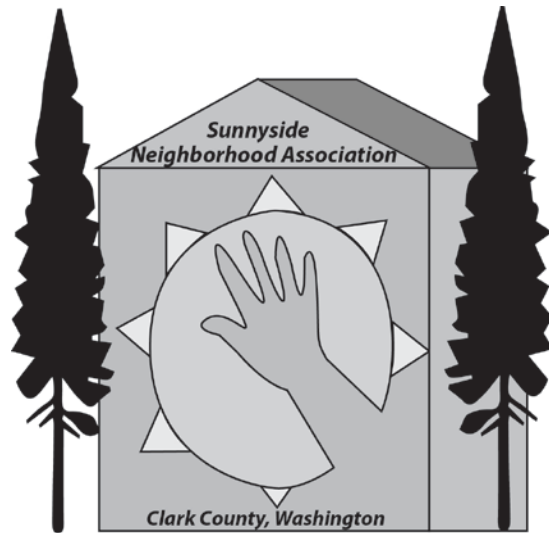
Two new parks are coming to the Sunnyside Neighborhood in the near future! Development of Curtin Springs Wildlife Area and Curtin Creek Park will be the topic of our February 8 meeting. Bill Bjerke, Clark County Parks Division Manager will explain the process and timeline for the development of these parks and what they will add to our neighborhood. The meeting begins at 7pm at the Barberton Grange, 9400 NE 72nd. We hope to see you there. By Mary Laski

NO ANNEXATION FOR OUR AREA AT THIS TIME

Although you may have read about other areas of the county being annexed to the city of Vancouver, Sunnyside neighborhood will not be one that is next. When this area is being considered, there will be advance notification with meetings held to give citizens an opportunity to learn how they will be affected.

OTHER 2017 MEETINGS:

MAY 10 AND OCTOBER 11. All meetings begin at 7:00 and end by 8:30. All are held at Barberton Grange. Refreshments and coffee served.



VINE PROVIDES NEW TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

by Judy Bumbarger-Enright

Many times I have gone to downtown Vancouver to the Library or to the Farmer's Market only to find that parking is limited. Sometimes I have to park many blocks from my destination. Now that C-Tran has built "The Vine", it will make my next trip much easier. The Vine runs between Vancouver Mall and Turtle Place, a former park located on 7th Street between Washington and Main streets in downtown Vancouver and one block east of Esther Short Park. It includes two stops at Clark College. To learn about how you can benefit from riding The Vine, go to their webpage at <http://www.thevine.c-tran.com/>. The website will give details on fares, schedules, how to ride, and specific information for disabled passengers. There are videos that explain how to ride using wheelchairs and bicycles. I learned that wheelchairs are able to roll directly into the buses without a lift because the boarding platform is on the same level as the bus entrance.

The Vine is faster and runs more frequently than the old C-Tran routes. Boarding stations have electronic boards giving real-time rider information and ticket kiosks. The boarding stations protect riders from wind and rain. For safety each station will be equipped with CCTV cameras that will store 24 to 27 days worth of footage.

FEEDBACK NEEDED: If you are interested in participating in any of the following proposed community service activities, please send me a quick email at sunnysidenava@yahoo.com and I will contact you with details.

- 1) Purchase a winter coat for an elementary student. We would coordinate with one or both of the schools near us.
- 2) Pen Pal Program which coordinates a monthly exchange of letters written by adult volunteers and school children, in order to foster development of writing, communication and computer literacy skills in children.

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NOW PROGRAM, DISABLED PARKING PATROL CONTINUES TO GROW

Many organizations both government and private rely upon volunteers from the community to supplement their staffs in the services that they provide to Clark County residents. Without these "Community Heroes" our safety, health, and quality of life would be adversely affected.

One such group is the Neighbors on Watch (NOW) Sheriff's Office volunteers. For the past five years, they have been a visible presence discouraging criminal activities, they are trained observers and reporters acting as a force multiplier for the Office, and they support both administrative tasks and training for the Sheriff. NOW volunteers are thoroughly background checked and receive about thirty hours of training both in the classroom and on the road. Their presence also results in better communication and cooperation between the public and law enforcement. This group has grown from 4 to 40 in the since its start.

Another such volunteer group is the Disabled Parking Patrol (DPP). They are background checked and trained in a similar manner to the NOW group and additionally sworn in as Special Deputes. Their task is to patrol the unincorporated county educating drivers about disabled parking restrictions through warnings and issuing Notices of Infractions (parking tickets) to those not obeying the state law concerning dedicated disabled parking slots. Many people are members of both organizations. In the past year, membership has grown from 4 to 19. This is a result of some NOW members joining DDP.

There are currently forty NOW volunteers and nineteen DPP volunteers. The program is supervised through the Clark County Sheriff's Office. If you are interested in the programs please contact the Outreach Unit at 360-397-2104 or kasey.frazier@clark.wa.gov.

BY Dan Enright

NEED HELP? DON'T KNOW WHO TO CALL?

211 is an easy-to-remember phone number for people to call for health and human service information and referrals and other assistance to meet their needs, such as assistance with a heating bill, finding a tutor for a child, or information about addiction recovery. 211info is designed to be used to connect people at important moments in their lives with the services they need delivered by trustworthy, reliable, and caring people. This is a free service. It is available during normal business hours. Since its inception, 211 has handled more than three million connections to community, social and health and disaster services. It serves residents in SW Washington and Oregon communities by helping people identify, navigate, and connect with the local resources they need. With a resource database of over 42,000 programs, 211info's trained information and referrals specialists provide guidance, empathy, and high quality customer service to each and every person that comes into contact with the agency.

By Jim Foley

Curbside Recycling Reminders

Batteries--You may put household batteries in a clear, sealed, plastic bag and place on top of your recycling cart

Motor Oil and Antifreeze--Pour in a clear, one-gallon jug. Label. Place next to your recycling cart.

Plastic Bags--Never put plastic bags or any kind of stretchy plastic in your cart. It will wrap around and clog the sorting equipment at the transfer station. Instead, take plastic bags (shopping bags, produce bags, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, and clean and dry zip lock bags) to a local grocery store. Many stores are participating in plastic bag and film wrap collection in Clark County. Find out more: www.plasticfilmrecycling.org

By Melissa Johnston

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CERT TRAINING COMING IN FEBRUARY

Interested in joining the local Community Emergency Response Team? The next set of classes will begin later in February. Several of our Sunnyside Neighborhood Assoc. members have already completed the course. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is a 20+ hour curriculum consisting of the following: Disaster Preparedness, Basic Fire Suppression, Disaster Medical Operations, Light Search & Rescue, Disaster Psychology, CERT Organization and Communications, and Terrorism Awareness. CERT Training Schedule: February 18th, 7pm - 9:30pm, February 25th, 7pm - 9:30pm, February 27th, 9am - 2pm, March 3rd, 7pm - 9:30pm, March 10th, 7pm - 9:30pm, March 17th, 7pm - 9:30pm, Final Drill, March 19th, 9am - 12pm. Class location is initially at Clark County Fire District 6 8800 NE Hazel Dell Ave Vancouver, WA 98665. Other locations T.B.A. Course cost: \$30.00 Minimum age is 18 without an adult or 16 with an adult.

For more information please contact CERT Coordinator Firefighter/Paramedic Dave Sinclair Clark County District 6 Phone: 576-1195.

By Jim Foley

NEED RECYCLING HELP?

Helpful service reminders and answers to your recycling questions are right at your finger tips with the RecycleRight tool. Find it online at www.wcnorthwest.com or download it for your smart device from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Enter your address in the RecycleRight tool to see your pick-up schedule for garbage, recycling, and yard debris. Sign up for reminders on regular service days as well as important notices about weather-related and holiday route changes. Choose to receive these announcements by phone call, text, or email.

Have questions about how to recycle an item? RecycleRight has the answers! Simply enter an item in the search tool and you'll find disposal options here in Clark County.

By Melissa Johnston



RecycleRight tool available free!

Online: wcnorthwest.com

App: Apple App store or Google Play

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YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM IS DEDICATED TO CONNECTING CITIZENS WITH YOUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND WITH EACH OTHER. WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON FEBRUARY 8. SEE STORY INSIDE FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT OUR SPEAKER WHO WILL TELL US ABOUT PLANS FOR THE TWO NEW PARKS WITHIN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOUNDARIES.

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