

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association

SUNNYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2017

May, 2017

MAY 10 WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 11 WEDNESDAY

All meetings begin at 7 p.m. and end by 8:30. All meetings are held at the BARBERTON GRANGE, 9400 NE 72nd Avenue. Refreshments and coffee served, compliments of the grange staff. Thanks, ladies!

ANIMAL CONTROL Topic of May 10 meeting

Paul Scarpelli, Manager of Clark County Animal Protection and Control will be the speaker for our May meeting. He will discuss how his department works to benefit our pets, us as pet owners, and our community. He and an Animal Protection officer will bring real life stories of animal experiences in our county. This is an eye-opening talk you will not want to miss. If you have specific questions or items you would like Paul to address, please send them to him at paul.scarpelli@clark.wa.gov. **We are deeply appreciative of our county employees who are willing to give up personal time to inform us and take our questions. Hope to see you there!** By Mary Laski

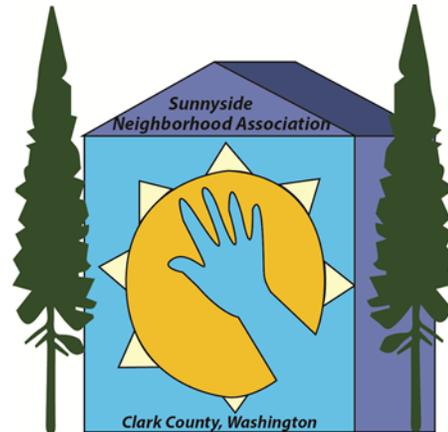
WHY YOU RECEIVE THOSE LAND USE CHANGES EMAILS!

Those on our email list receive notices of development that occurs within our neighborhood association boundaries. These include notices about apartments, businesses, cell phone towers, new home developments, etc. The purpose is to inform citizens of changes to their surrounding and to give them an opportunity to comment or appeal decisions made by county employees.

These notices are lengthy and complicated because they have to comply with the law. It is seldom necessary to read the entire document. I receive them periodically from Clark County staff, and I pass them along to you.

The most relevant are the address of the intended land use change, the size of it, and the appropriate procedure for comment or appeal. If you wish to respond to any of these, look for the date given as the deadline for such responses. Sometimes these are given near the end of the notice.

By Judy Bumbarger-Enright



Help us plan our next meeting in October! Here is a list of speakers that are available. Please send an email to sunnysidenava@yahoo.com if you see a topic of interest. Choose as many as you like. You are welcome to suggest anything that is not on this list, also.

Fort Vancouver Regional Library will give an overview of that they have to offer: books, books on tape, DVDs, CDs, computer classes, etc.

Chicken ranching will teach you how to set up your own backyard chicken ranch.

WSU Extension will tell about community gardens.

Local school district will talk about school bullying prevention, school safety, and volunteer opportunities.

Port of Vancouver will talk about the port activities and tell how you can sign up for a tour of the port.

SHARE program will tell how to assist those in need and review all their activities.

HABITAT for Humanity will explain their program and how they help people become home owners.

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Pet Licensing –LEARN MORE AT OUR MEETING!!

Licensing your pet is an important responsibility of Clark County residents. Animal lovers recognize the benefits to their pets and to other animals in the county.

Did you know you can license your pets online at petlicense.clark.wa.gov? This makes pet licensing easy and convenient. However, online payment does incur a bank fee, so go to www.clark.wa.gov/pets to learn other ways to complete the licensing process.

Here are some great reasons to license your pet:

1. When your pet gets lost and is found, it can be reunited with its family quickly. An Animal Control Officer will try to return it to your home before taking it to an animal shelter. Information on the license tags provides information so you can be notified.
2. If a lost pet is taken to an animal shelter it will be kept for five days before it is evaluated for adoption. Many pets do not have their tags on, so it is important that you notify animal shelters as soon as your pet becomes missing. If your pet is wearing a tag and you cannot be reached immediately, it will be kept for a longer period of time.
3. Money from pet licensing supports many animal-related programs: spaying/neutering programs; support for rescued animals, including food and shelter; investigations of animal cruelty; officer response to wildlife and livestock that pose problems; animal adoption services.

4. Dogs that are spayed or neutered and have a current license are welcome at the county off-leash parks. These parks are the only locations where dogs are allowed to be off leash. Leash laws are for the public's protection. Last year, Clark County Animal Control Officers responded to approximately 250 reports of animal bites and more than 1,000 reports of vicious behavior by dogs.

Licenses are required for all cats, dogs and wild or exotic pets older than eight weeks. Pets between the ages of 8 weeks and 6 months will be licensed free of charge. There is an assistance program for households with limited incomes, as well as a senior discount. You can apply on the above website.

The fine for having an unlicensed dog or cat in unincorporated Clark County and the cities of Vancouver and Yacolt is \$100 per animal. If everyone licensed their pets, the county would be able to provide more services and have more personnel available to assist both people and animals.

WHY OUR LAST TWO NEWSLETTERS ARRIVED LATE!

Even though the association Leadership Team completed the newsletter and submitted it to Clark County employees for publication and mailing in the timeframe given to them, the newsletters did not arrive in time to tell you about our next meeting. This is unacceptable. It is not helpful to receive information about an upcoming meeting that has already occurred. The county staff is deeply apologetic for this, and has taken measures to see that this does not happen again. Notices for our meetings are sent to those on the email list. To get on the list, go to: sunnysidenava@yahoo.com.

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MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND PLANT SALE

Celebrate Mother's Day with a bounty of plants!

SATURDAY MAY 13 9 AM TO 4 PM

SUNDAY MAY 14 10 AM TO 3 PM

78TH ST. HERITAGE FARM
1919 NE 78TH St. Vancouver

Hanging baskets, vegetable, fruit and herbs, flowers of all varieties, house plants, flower bowls, trees, shrubs will all be available for sale. A food vendor will be available. The Master Gardener Foundation, a nonprofit organization is holding the sale. Proceeds from the sale support food and garden growing education programs in Clark County. Visa, Master Card, checks, cash will be accepted. Service Dogs only, please.

SILVER STAR ELEMENTARY SENDS A BIG THANK YOU TO NEIGHBORS WHO HAVE ANSWERED THE NEED FOR ASSISTANCE for our homeless students. Supplies can be dropped off at th school anytime: toothpaste, hand soap, laundry soap, toilet paper. Also snacks such as protein bars, nuts, dried cereal, pasta sauce (they have lot's of donated pasta).



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PARKING FEES AT 4 COUNTY PARKS TO BE REINSTATED

In late 2016, the Board of County Councilors decided to resume charging daily parking fees, starting April 3, 2017, at county four largest regional parks: Frenchman's Bar, Lewisville, Salmon Creek/Klinline Pond and Vancouver Lake, to provide more sustainable funding for county parks and to reduce vandalism and other illegal activities in parks.

Parking fees will be \$2 for motorcycles, \$3 for cars, \$6 for cars with trailers and \$8 for buses or motor homes. These are parking fees, not entrance fees. There is no charge for people who walk or bicycle into any county park. The daily parking fees will be collected at fee booths, typically from May 1 through Sept. 30, and during busy off-season events. Fee booth attendants will accept cash, debit cards, Visa and MasterCard. No checks or Discover or American Express cards will be accepted. When fee booths are not staffed, park users will need to use self-pay stations. Only cash will be accepted at self-pay stations. Failure to pay parking fees could result in a \$40 fine.

Annual parking passes are available for \$30. See the county's website at www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/parking-fees for locations. Annual passes also can be purchased at the four parks when fee booths are staffed.

Please note that a Washington State Parks Discover Pass cannot be used at the four county parks charging parking fees.

By Jim Foley

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP CLEAN THE ORCHARDS HIGHLAND PARK ONCE A MONTH, PLEASE GET ON OUR MAILING LIST SO YOU CAN RECEIVE NOTICES FOR THE DATE AND TIME OF EACH CLEANUP. SEND AN EMAIL TO sunnysidenava@yahoo.com AND TELL ME TO ADD YOU TO THE LIST!



•Recognized Neighborhood Association of Clark County, WA
•Member of Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County (NACCC)
•Supporting Clark County Sheriff's Office Neighbors on Watch (NOW)

YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM IS DEDICATED TO CONNECTING CITIZENS WITH YOUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND WITH EACH OTHER. THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF EVENTS AND GIVE YOU INFORMATION THAT MAY BE HELPFUL.

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