

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association

Next Neighborhood Meeting

November 18 Wednesday 7pm
Barberton Grange 9400 NE 72nd
Ave. Vancouver **Presenting:**
Sheriff's Office Safe Streets Task
Force representative

MEETINGS ARE NOW HELD
EVERY OTHER MONTH.
MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
JAN. 13, MARCH 9, AND
MAY 12

NEW! DIAL 311 FOR NON-EMERGENCY HOTLINE!



Clark County now has a non-emergency law enforcement hotline: 311. 311 is a new, alternate number to call when you need law enforcement for non-emergency complaints. Calls are received by the same highly trained staff that field calls to 911, but they will know that your call is not an emergency when you call 311 and can easily prioritize responding to 911 calls.

Reasons to Call 311: To make a police report, to report an abandoned vehicle, to make a noise complaint, parking issues such as someone blocking your driveway, stolen property, civil issues.

Reasons to call 911: to report a fire, a medical emergency, crimes that are happening now that need police to prevent or stop an injury or property damage. Examples: suspicious persons or activities, traffic accidents, fights (verbal or physical), reckless or drunk drivers, any complaint involving a firearm.

Important: If you call 911 and change your mind, **DON'T HANG UP!** The phone system records all

back. This takes time away from responding to 911 calls. Please stay on the line to explain even if you change your mind.

Remember: Call 911 for any and all fire and medical calls, crimes in progress (happening now), and for situations needing police to prevent or stop and injury.

Know your location: Be prepared to state the street and city you are calling from, especially from a cell phone. Some cell phone calls in our community are routed through cell phone towers on the other side of the Columbia River and your 911 call may be answered in Multnomah or Columbia County. It is important to say what city you are calling from. Location information received by a 911 center from a cell phone range in accuracy, so do not assume the call taker can track you. Always know your location.

For more information: contact Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA).
Phone 360-737-1911. Email cresa@clark.wa.gov.
Website www.cresa911.org

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WHAT IS CASEE?

Often during spring and summer, residents are invited to take gardening oriented classes at the CASEE Center, such as composting, beekeeping, and specialty gardening. I would like to familiarize you with what CASEE is and how you can benefit from it. CASEE site includes 80 acres of trails, gardens, ponds, meadows, greenhouses, berry gardens, a creek, NatureScaping Wildlife Botanical Gardens, an arboretum, an orchard, an amphitheater, and a composting demonstration center.

CASEE stands for Center for Agriculture, Science, and Environmental Education. It is located at 1104 NE 149th Street, Brush Prairie. It is owned and operated by the Battle Ground School District. Those of you with children in that district already know that some students in grades 9-12 actually spend part of their school day at the center. Classes in science, technology, math, and technology take place here, using the gardens as an outdoor lab for learning.

But the site is also the home of community groups that partner with the school district to provide environmental education to the public. One such group is the NatureScape Wildlife Botanical Gardens. The Wildlife Botanical Gardens is made up of nine different gardens demonstrating how homeowners can restore wildlife habitat right in their own backyard for bees, birds, beneficial insects, and other native animals. Some of the gardens also demonstrate different types of gardens that feed both people and wildlife. Staffed by volunteers from NatureScaping of Southwest Washington, a non-profit organization, the Gardens are open to the public every day. For more information, go to www.naturescaping.org.

Their next class is November 14, 10 a.m.-noon when you can learn how to have your own “herd” of native mason bees. Sunnyside Neighborhood Association member Brigg Franklin will present information on these very useful pollinators. Class is \$15; register by phone at 360-737-1160 or at info@naturescaping.org.

Another partner is the Master Composter/Recycler Program. The Columbia Springs Master Composter/Recycler program operates a composting demonstration site at CASEE, at the western end of the Wildlife Botanical Gardens. Periodically, classes are offered to the public here. Their home page is www.columbiasprings.org.

HOW TO HANDLE COMPLAINTS to the County

Have a complaint? Has someone placed unwanted items or a bag of garbage on the sidewalk? Or is a neighbor storing unsightly debris where it can be seen from the street? Here is what you need to do. By filing a complaint online in a timely manner, problems can be solved before they become larger.

- A) PUBLIC WORKS: Concerns located on a Clark County roadway and/or Clark County easement: <http://www.clark.wa.gov/publicworks/roads/report.html>
- B) CODE ENFORCEMENT: Concerns located on private property (visible from public access right of way) (i.e. building, zoning, land use and/or nuisance violations) can be filed online at: <http://www.clark.wa.gov/development/report.html>
- C) PUBLIC HEALTH: Concerns regarding public health (i.e. food waste garbage, surfacing sewage and/or failing septic system, hazardous waste, food safety etc.) can be filed online at <http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/concern.html>

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Our neighborhood association has adopted the Orchards Highland Park! It is cleaned on a monthly basis by Sunnyside Neighborhood Association volunteers. Watch for emails sent by the association giving details for the next cleanup! Thank you to Karen Underhill, who is leading this activity. We were working to add a doggie waste station but cannot, since the county does not have a master plan in place for all park, and has asked us not to do so at this time. So far, about 10 volunteers have logged 56 hours. Volunteers have hauled out 7 bags of garbage, 7 bags of recycling, and 6 bags of weeds.

Neighborhood associations are allowed to send 3 newsletters per year. Although the association writes its own material, Clark County government prints and mails these. The association must find other means to communicate with its members in between these mailings, so that is why we have an e-mail list. To get on the email list, contact Judy at sunnysidenava@yahoo.com.

Periodically, county employees will notify me of activities slated to take place within our association boundaries, such as new housing or businesses. I pass these on to those on the email list so they have an opportunity to notify the county if they wish to comment or express a concern, or just to let them know about changes that are coming.

Those on the emailing list also receive announcements about upcoming events, including association meetings.

For more info about neighborhood associations and to read the county's Weekly Update page, go to www.clark.wa.gov. Select A-Z Index, then select N to find Neighborhood Associations. Under this heading you will see Weekly Update. The direct link is: <http://www.clark.wa.gov/neighborhoods/weeklyupdate.html>

Barberton Grange happenings:

Our Christmas bazaar is Sat. Dec. 5th. Thirty tables of crafts and baked goods will be available. Santa will pay a visit from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

We sponsor VA VA VOOM, a senior singing troupe 60 + years, including two grange members. They will perform 4 shows in December. This group is non-profit but does charge \$10 a show to cover expenses for costumes and props. They also donate profits to the community. The grange is making and donating 400 cocoa cards that the troupe will hand out during their shows. VAVA VOOM puts on a fantastic show and promises fun for all.

Grange members are currently working on our Thanksgiving and Christmas projects for Meals On Wheels. Our breakfast is always the 3rd. Sat. of every month. 8 – 10 a.m. for \$6.

8" pumpkin pies are now available from the grange for \$5 each. To order, call 360-254-2463 or email: francie.01@comcast.net. We also donate fifty pies to our fire departments in our area. If you know any other places we could donate pies to, please let me know.

(Barberton Grange very generously allows the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association to use its hall for its meetings. This is greatly appreciated.)

If you scroll to the bottom of the Weekly Update page, you will be able to read online all three of Sunnyside Neighborhood Association's past newsletters.

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