

West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association Spring Newsletter – April 2014



APRIL 16 PRESENTATION & MEETING REMINDER Clearwater Springs Assisted Living Center, 201 NW 78th Street Starts at 6:30, goes until about 8:00 p.m.

With **Earth Day** (April 22) on its way, we are going to set your imaginations to work and focus the first half of the April 16 meeting on our buzzin' cousins – the bees! Specifically, on the **Mason Bees**, a non-aggressive little critter capable of pollinating your garden to beat the band (more about “bands” later). Sherian Wright is Mason Bee specialist and author who agreed to make a presentation and provide a FREE class on these amazing workers. She will show us what we need to invite them to our yards and flower beds. She has also agreed to being along some of her most recent book Mason Bees for the Backyard Garden (on sale for \$15 should you wish to purchase one). See her flyer on the next page of this newsletter.

Our **regular business meeting** will follow Ms. Wright's program, and start about 7:15-7:30.

Come to the next West Hazel Dell Neighborhood meeting on April 16 - be part of where you are and share your ideas for our area's needs. We would like to implement some improvements to our neighborhood association, but we can't do that if we lack participation. If you can't attend, please feel free to drop an e-mail across to share your thoughts and ideas – summer is nearly here we've some wonderful parks to enjoy.

If you wish to contact me, I can be reached in the evenings at home at 360-573-7376 by phone or by e-mail at timeout29@comcast.net. I work so have to answer calls late at night or on weekends. E-mail is the faster method.

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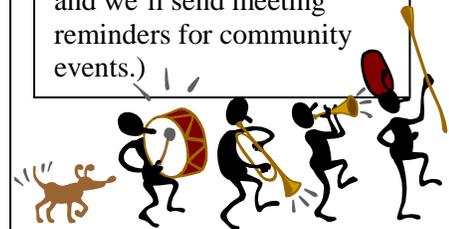
FOR THOSE LIVING IN/NEAR THE COUGAR CREEK WATERSHED, there are plans afoot to make some changes to the areas around the creek. I have been approached by **Denise Smee of the Conservation District** who would like to meet with owners of land/property along Cougar Creek. There may be grants available to mitigate erosion and other problems associated with the creek frontage. Please **send me an e-mail** outlining: your name, address, when you can meet and the best way to communicate with you **to set up a meeting** with Ms. Smee. I will be attending as the creek is taking bites out of my lower yard.

If you live within the West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association (WHDNA) boundaries, you are a “member” of our neighborhood association.

We begin on the south at the Vancouver city limits, on the north we go to NE 104th Street, on the east we stop at NE Hazel Dell Avenue, and on the west our boundary is NW Lakeshore Avenue.

To make the association work for everyone, we need input – about good, bad, strange, or new things. Give us a call or send an e-mail.

Send your e-mail address to: timeout29@comcast.net and we'll send meeting reminders for community events.)

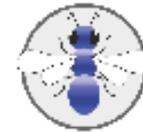


Ongoing Issues in and around WHDNA:

- There will be I-5 road closures in connection with the Hazel Dell Parade of Bands – slightly different timing this year. Watch for the reader boards during parade week.
- *FIND OUT about other neighborhood issues at the Clark County neighborhood link: www.clark.wa.gov/neighborhoods/weeklyupdate.html*



MASON BEES for the Backyard Gardener



Presenter: **Sherian A. Wright**
Mason Bee specialist & author
Website: <http://www.mountainbugs.com>

FREE Mason Bee Class Non-aggressive bees that are the best pollinators for your flowers

A humorous slide/movie presentation will reveal the lifestyle of this native bee who is often overlooked....and sometimes mistaken as a garbage fly.

1. View real specimens of a honeybee, mason bee and a fly. Learn the main differences.
2. See photos of the various life stages: egg, larva, pupa, adult.
3. Know how to tell if an apple is fully pollinated.
4. Learn the basics of setting up a mason bee habitat.

Date/Time: Apr. 16th @ 6:30pm
Location: Clearwater Springs Assisted Living
201 NW 78th St.
Vancouver, WA 98665 – Hazel Dell

*Note: Class to be followed by the West Hazel Dell
Neighborhood Association meeting*



Autographed Book available
Price: \$15.00



Movie Clips include:

- Male bee emerging from cocoon
- Male bee drinking nectar
- Female bee pollinating flower
- A mating frenzy
- A female bee using butt to make mud balls



The Parade of Bands is sponsored by area businesses and members of the **Hazel Dell/Salmon Creek Business Association** with the most able assistance of our **Fire District 6** and the staff, volunteers and cadets of Chief Jerry Green. It is a terrific team of volunteers who every year pulls it together so that the community can enjoy the music, floats and fun. This year our “**GOLDEN JUBILEE**” will celebrate our 50 years bringing you this community-driven and family-oriented activity! One of the additions to the parade will be our **ALUMNI BAND** featuring members from some of the 50 years of marching through Hazel Dell since our first parade in 1964.

They have been meeting and practicing and will be specially outfitted so you will certainly recognize them as they won't look like any of the student bands you are used to

This year's sponsors include our naming sponsor: **Sunlight Supply, Inc.** (who also created parade poster again this year), and the **Hazel Dell/Salmon Creek Business Association** and a long list of big and small companies willing to help with the cost of the parade and travel for the bands. Whether they provided money, personnel or other services – all of the generous sponsors deserve your support and patronage. Their names are listed on our website, newspaper ads, and on the Hazel Dell Parade of Bands APP (for iPhones and Blackberries). If you visit any of them in May, remember to thank them for helping out with this wonderful parade of ours – and yours!

Parade day starts with a **Lions Club breakfast at 7:00 a.m.** at Clark County Fire District 6 Station 1 (8800 NE Hazel Dell Avenue). The parade entrants begin lining up and streets start to close along Hazel Dell Avenue at 8:00 a. m. The 78th Street ramps to I-5 will be closed by 10:00 a.m. (so plan accordingly or use another ramp to avoid delays). The parade is over by 1:30 most years and things are back to normal on all the roadways in Hazel Dell. If you live on a street that is blocked by the parade route, please plan ahead for any trips out of the neighborhood. This is a once a year event and has been successfully supporting our student music programs for 50 years. We encourage everyone to enjoy the parade.

The parade route goes from the fire station south to NE 63rd, turns east to NE Highway 99 and proceeds north to NE 78th Street, ending behind the Totem Pole shopping center. The **Fun Run** sponsored by **Max Muscle of Vancouver** begins along the parade route at **10:15 a.m.** **The parade itself will start from the fire station at 10:30 a.m.** If you are a parade watcher, get your chairs ready and prepare for the parade of at least **22 bands** who have prepared to entertain us along with over 120 other entries. This is a wonderful family and community event. Join us!

CLARK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 6 OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 7

This is the annual Open House held right in our West Hazel Dell area fire station at **8800 NE Hazel Dell Avenue**. The doors open to the public at **12:00 noon and the event runs until 4:00 p.m.** As usual there will be fire safety displays and training available – and for those over eight years old, **Hands Only CPR** training, too. This is a **fun event for the whole family** and every year, rain or shine, draws hundreds to our area. There is additional parking across the street at the Target Center but many families choose to make this a “walk-to” outing. However you get there, you will certainly enjoy the free food, popcorn, and balloons for the kids. Many area agencies and non-profits take advantage of this venue to set up tabling events and pass out materials and information about their programs.



You can register (sign up) for the event at any time. On the day of the event (**Saturday, May 3rd**) **check-in starts at 7:30am** and the **walk starts at 9am**. For the first time this year they are offering advance check-in at the Humane Society for Southwest Washington at 1100 NE 192nd Ave, Vancouver, WA 98684 on

May 1st & 2nd. **Advance Check-In @ HSSW; Thursday, May 1st from 1 - 8 pm & Friday, May 2nd from 4 - 8 pm - Wine and Cheese both days from 6 - 8 pm.** We want you to have more time to hang out with friends and family, and enjoy yourself. For two days before Walk/Run come to the Humane Society to drop off your donations and pick up your prizes, and you can skip the line Saturday morning. We'll have great giveaways to say thank you for coming to see us, plus wine and cheese from 6 -8 pm both days.

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West Hazel Dell residents are always welcome at the monthly meetings of their neighbors in the NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association. They meet at the Clark County Operations Center Community Room at 4700 NE 78th Street at 7:00 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month.

Our neighborhood association includes about 4,650 homes or over 11,500 individuals. Providing services for and information to a diverse group that large is a difficult when working full-time. That's no surprise to anyone. What may be surprising is how much effort goes into gleaning information from various sources to provide some answers to residents. Your board consists of five individuals who give their time to the WHDNA. **We have been working on setting up "sections" of West Hazel Dell** to more accurately reflect and represent the needs and concerns in those smaller areas and we have had a few volunteers. Once a few more areas step forward we will schedule a meeting and see what we can come up with to improve the West Hazel Dell area for all of us. What would be required is something like a 'block home" arrangement where a fair-sized division would be represented at the bimonthly meetings by one individual; maybe eight sections with phone trees. That person would bring the current concerns or ideas to the rest of the membership. To get this underway would require an organizational meeting prior to the next bimonthly meeting. This is still a work in progress, so let us know what you think. **Better ideas always welcome!**

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