

West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association
April 20, 2016 Meeting Reminder



APRIL 20th WHDNA MEETING

**In the Fireplace Room at Clearwater Springs
Assisted Living Center, 201 NW 78th Street
Starts at 6:30, goes until 8:00 p.m.**

SPRING HAS SPRUNG and with it comes a host of springtime activities for the whole family to enjoy. I attempted to gather the majority of coming events so you'll be able to use this newsletter as something of a scheduler.

Sometimes we hear of problems around school vacations and during the breaks from school. It's really difficult to curb the enthusiasm of youngsters once they are out of the classroom. If problems arise, please try to have a chat with the parents to see if a solution can be worked out. It's a terrible waste of the beautiful weather to have an ongoing conflict and often a non-threatening word in the parents' ear will solve such issues.

Many of our residents have provided the West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association with their e-mail addresses. During the course of the year they receive timely announcements of various happenings in our area. These e-mail messages come to you from our WHDNA secretary, Teresa Street. She is really our unsung heroine and is greatly appreciated for all her time.

Another of our board members, Laurel Whitehurst, serves as our representative on the Citizens Advisory Board (CAB). She attends their monthly meetings and can provide feedback from our neighborhood to that group. It is hosted by the Clark County Sheriff's Office and they meet at the NE 179th Street Public Safety Complex.

Thanks to both Teresa and Laurel for their contributions on behalf of us all.

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 during the day so I have to answer calls late at night or on weekends. E-mail is the faster method.

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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 me at:** timeout29@comcast.net and we'll send meeting reminders for community events.) Thank you.

Issues in WHDNA:

- *FIND OUT* about other neighborhood issues at the Clark County neighborhood link: www.clark.wa.gov/neighborhoods/weeklyupdate.html
- *Tours at Port of Vancouver?* There are openings available for tours in both July and August. Visit: info@portvanusa.com
- **Parade of Bands** is Saturday, May 21 from 10:30-1:30
- Come to WHDNA meeting on April 15 - be part of where you are and share your ideas for our area's needs.

The **Assistance League of SW WA** will hold their **GARDEN FEST** on **Saturday, April 30** from 9:00am to 1:30pm at 5630 North 10th Street in Ridgefield. There will be incredible hanging baskets, potted plants, bedding plants, garden accessories and more. Come out and support their work!

KLINELINE POND HOSTS KIDS FISHING DERBY

If you drove past the Kline Pond on Friday or Saturday, April 8 and 9, you will have noticed the 2016 Kline Kids Fishing Derby at Salmon Creek Park. The expanded two-day event hosts hundreds of special needs kids and adults on Friday and over 2,500 kids, ages 5 to 14 on Saturday. Over these two days thousands of kids and families from all over the area gather to help children experience fishing, playing outside, and learning about water safety and our natural resources. Kids are encouraged to visit and experience other hands-on activities in the park including an archery range, and educational kiosks. Prizes are awarded for the largest and smallest fish caught in each fishing session. Bicycles are awarded hourly. Kids also receive a fishing rod and reel, complete with terminal gear and an event tee-shirt. The event serves to create stewards for our future fisheries. We need to introduce children to the benefits of fishing as an individual and family activity, and as a way to become more aware of the outdoor environment.

More information is available online at www.kline-kf.org. With an admission of just \$5 for each participant, it is something most families can afford. They provide bait and schedule the kids in 45-minute increments throughout the day between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM (registration opens at 7:00 AM). Volunteers are always welcome and there are a variety of tasks (NOT only baiting the hooks).

The event is presented by Kline Kids Fishing Nonprofit, with lots of help and support from Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, Clark Public Utilities, US Fish & Wildlife, Fire District 6, the Hazel Dell/Salmon Creek Business Association, local businesses, and sport fishing groups. Kline Kids Fishing Nonprofit owes a huge amount of its success to the extraordinary efforts of Mr. Al Jaffe. If this seems like something you would like to participate in, either as a volunteer, a contributor, or having your child attend, visit their website and get signed up for the 2017 events.

Win Free Early Bird Tickets to the Northwest's Largest Garage Sale

Enter to Win a Pair of 'Early Bird' Tickets to the NW Largest Garage and Vintage Sale, April 16 at the Fairgrounds Event Center. Early Bird tickets normally cost \$20 each, and Clark County Live! is giving a bunch away - FREE! These tickets will get you into this huge event starting at 7AM - a full hour ahead of everyone else! **Enter today, and up to once each day; then starting Monday, April 11 we'll give away a pair of tickets every day!** Simply 'Like' or 'Share' their Facebook page and enter your information to have the chance to enter to win! If you already 'Like' the page, please 'Share' it. If you haven't 'Liked' it yet, by all means, please join nearly 10,000 of your local friends as part of the **Clark County Live! Community**.



Clark Regional Wastewater District Awards Contract for Highway 99 Sewer South Project

The Clark Regional Wastewater District (District) Board of Commissioners recently awarded a \$1.86 million contract to Nutter Corporation Inc. of Vancouver, WA for construction of the Highway 99 Sewer South project. The project includes installation of approximately 3,400 lineal feet of new gravity trunk sewer in Highway 99 between NE 63rd Street and NE 78th Street. The new pipe replaces an existing aged sewer line that was installed in the late 1960s and serves businesses along the east side of Highway 99. Funding for the project comes from the District's Restoration and Replacement (R&R) account which is generated through customer rates.

The project is an important re-investment in Hazel Dell and is part of the District's proactive efforts to keep the sewer system operating safely and efficiently. Concrete sewers, such as the one in Highway 99, slowly deteriorate over time. "This investment will provide continued reliable and affordable service for the customers in Hazel Dell for another 50 plus years, while at the same time protecting public health and the environment" Robin Krause, District Engineer.

Careful planning has gone into this project to minimize impacts to area businesses and the public. Construction is scheduled to begin in May 2016, following the Hazel Dell Parade of Bands, and be completed in November 2016. Minor pre-construction related activities can be expected in the area prior to the start of construction. Work will be done in stages and in most cases will be confined to a work zone to the right of the northbound travel lanes. Construction will take place during daytime hours (7 am to 4 pm) Monday thru Friday. Work in the roadway intersections will take place during nighttime hours.

The travelling public and area businesses can expect moderate traffic impacts along with some construction noise, vibration and dust in and around the work zone. The District work has been coordinated with Clark County. Temporary traffic control revisions will be in place throughout the duration of construction. Vehicular access will be maintained to each business during regular business hours. All local businesses will remain open during construction.

THE ANNUAL TULIP FESTIVAL CONTINUES UNTIL APRIL 17th

Enjoy a spring kaleidoscope of color at the [14th Annual Woodland Tulip Festival](#) happening Saturday and Sunday, April 9-10 and 16-17, 2016 at the **Holland America Bulb Farms** between 10 am and 4 pm.

Take a tiptoe through the tulips, pick your own bouquet at the U-Pick Tulip Field or have one specially designed for you. Enjoy the beautiful display garden, browse the gift shop, and visit the Outdoor Artisan and Farmers Market with a variety of local [vendors](#) featuring food items, jewelry, garden art, pet products and more. There are fun activities to keep the whole family entertained, including various children's activities and face painting, a Cutest Baby Contest and a Youth Photography Contest and America's Diner serving up some of their classic dishes.

Then, on Saturday, April 23, is the [Art Show and Wine Festival](#). They have invited the best local artists to show their work in photography, oils, acrylics and jewelry and pairing with local wineries for an evening of fun. There will also be a Car Show from 2-5, Live Music and BBQ by America's Family Diner. The Art Show is open to ages 10 and up; the Wine Tasting will begin at 5 pm and is available only to the over 21 crowd. This event is free to attend, however tickets are required for Wine Tasting and are available for \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door.

The [Holland America Bulb Farms](#) is located at 1066 S Pekin Road, Woodland, Washington. The Gift Shop is open Monday-Friday year round from 9 am to 5:30 pm and Saturday-Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm.

Have you heard of “**STASHA**”? That is **Strong Teens Against Substance Hazards and Abuse**. They are hosting their fifth annual “**Prevention is a Party**” event for Clark County middle- and high-school students. This drug- and alcohol-free party is also *admission-free* and scheduled for Friday, April 15, from 8:00 to 11:00 PM, at the Marshall Community Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd.



Teens can join in activities which will include basketball, volleyball, dancing with a live DJ and video and table games, or they can even bring a bathing suit and hit the pool. School identification or Skyward photo must be presented at the door to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

STASHA is a peer educator program. Members, ages 12-19, work to prevent substance abuse and encourage youth to make healthy decisions through nonjudgmental, youth-to-youth advice. The group is part of the Clark County Youth House within the Department of Community Services. This is a great program for our young people and helps keep them focused on the healthy side of fun.



EARTHDAYFEST

Come down to the **Salmon Creek Greenway** to enjoy some EcoFun at the **EcoFair!** Since 1999, the StreamTeam has coordinated a large scale community celebration for Earth Day. The EcoFair includes live entertainment and **FREE** children's activities from local environmental organizations and businesses. Food will be available for purchase from Ingrid's and Nellie's. Attendees have a good time being a part of this large community event!

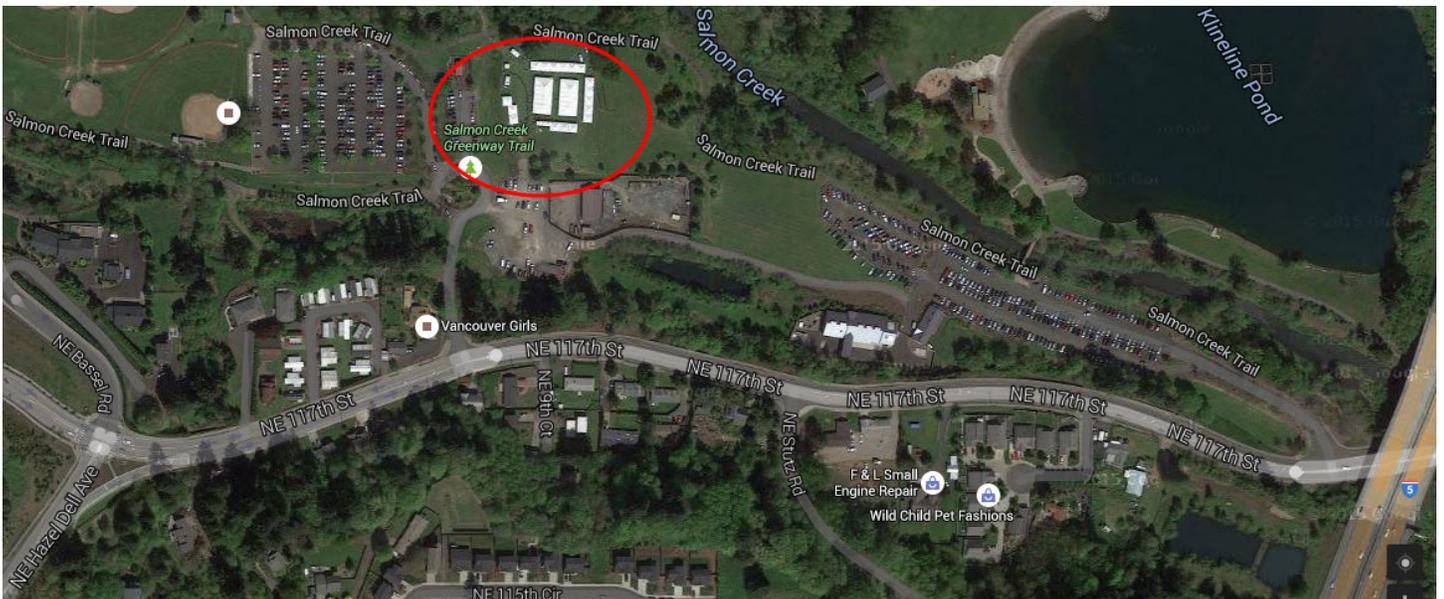
The StreamTeam will celebrate its 17th annual event on Saturday, April 16, at the Salmon Creek Greenway, in partnership with Clark County Environmental Services. **There are door prizes and free lunch or insulated grocery bag to first 100 attendees!** You will see live birds of prey with the Audubon Society; Mr. Lizard and the “rollicking reptiles; an OMSI science festival; wild fish releases with the Northwest Fish Rescue; water bug investigations with Columbia Springs; Sammy the Salmon with StreamTeam; the science of circus, the physics of fun juggling show – all supervised educational activities with Vancouver Montessori!

Stage Schedule:

- 10:00 EcoFair Welcome
- 10:15 Mr. Lizard Mobile Zoo (at fair all day)
- 10:45 Will Hornyak, Interactive Storyteller
- 11:00 Salmon habitat guided walk (meet at Columbia Springs table)
- 11:30 Portland Audubon Birds of Prey (at fair all day)
- 12:15 Will Hornyak, Interactive Storyteller
- 1:00 Salmon habitat guided walk (meet at Columbia Springs table)
- 1:00 Science Circus: Physics of Fun Juggling (at fair all day)
- 1:45 Watershed Reflections winners announced
- 2:00 Closing Remarks



The map below shows the location of the activities. It is called the Salmon Creek Regional Park (near Kline Pond – a busy place in April).



Celebrate the 17th Annual Earth Day Fest as Clark Public Utilities' StreamTeam, in partnership with Clark County Environmental Services, hosts the largest tree planting event in Clark County. The tree planting and garlic mustard pull is held from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm with a free lunch for those volunteers – all ages are welcome. Training and supplies are provided and it will occur rain or shine! Register today by calling (360) 992-7474 or e-mail StreamTeam@clarkpud.com. There really is something for almost everyone – whether you want to get your hands dirty or not – you can have fun and join with neighbors to make this day special.

Also on Saturday, April 16 at the Hilton Vancouver support **Share Vancouver** by attending their annual auction. This year's theme is "**Journey to the Far East**" and promises exciting getaways up for auction: a Hawaiian holiday, a Holland America Cruise, Stay in Mazatlan from Vacation Internationale, an Oregon Coast Getaway package and a Tethrow Lodge Resort package. Tickets are \$100 per person (available online at www.sharevancouver.org) to support the amazing work done by Share Vancouver, its staff and volunteers.

Home & Garden Show at the Clark County Event Center

This year's extravaganza runs Friday through Sunday, April 22, 23 & 24. It promises to be as big and beautiful as ever. There will be hundreds of ideas on how to make your home, yard and garden a more beautiful, energy-efficient place.

There will be a **Medication Take-Back** event on Saturday, April 30 sponsored by Clark County Green Neighbors. Check their website for details: www.clarkgreenneighbors.org. This is how you rid your home of out-of-date or unwanted medications. Take them to any of the following locations for safe disposal, no questions asked.

- PeaceHealth Memorial Health Center, 100 East 33rd Street
- Kaiser Permanente Cascade Park, 12607 SE Mill Plain Blvd.
- Kaiser Permanente Salmon Creek, 14406 NE 20th Avenue
- La Center Police Department, 105 West 5th Street

All prescriptions, over-the-counter, sharps and inhalers accepted. Keep your family safe and clean out the medicine cabinet at the same time. Contact: Clark County Environmental Services (360) 397-21231 ext. 4352 with questions.

The annual **May Day Celebration** is planned for **Saturday, May 7** to be held at the Family of Christ Lutheran Church, **3500 NW 129th Street** from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be flower baskets, handmade outdoor items and décor, giant indoor rummage sale, fun activities for the kids, as well as a neighborhood plant exchange. This fun-filled day is sponsored and organized by the **Felida Neighborhood Association** and the **Lion's Club**.

*Also on **Saturday, May 7** is the annual **Walk for the Animals** sponsored by the Humane Society of Southwest Washington. All the fun takes place downtown at the Esther Short Park complex. This event includes vendors of the pet-variety with a plethora of items for the family pet and owners, too. The walk is a fundraiser for the Humane Society and has many teams from across the county collecting contributions to support their efforts as they walk or run with or without their animals friends. It's more or less a friendly competition between the teams to see which can raise the largest amount for the cause. It's almost as fun to watch as it is to participate.*

July will bring the **American Cancer Society's Relay for Life** with its various fundraising events. In addition to the weekend Relay events there will be several opportunities to participate or volunteer prior to this year's program. The annual support in our area for cancer research has been significant in the past. Watch for it.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN APRIL AND MAY

- Saturday, April 23rd, 9 am to 12 pm: SOLVE Earth Day Beach Cleanup at Frenchman's Bar Park/Blurock Landing. Join us in a beach cleanup along the Columbia River in celebration of Earth Day. To register: <http://solveoregon.org/get-involved/events/blurock-landing-earth-day-beach-cleanup>.
- Saturday, May 14th, 9 am to 1 pm: Whipple Creek Park trail maintenance. Join the Whipple Creek Restoration Committee with their on-going trail maintenance at Whipple Creek Park. To register: <http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/292Ev489h0a7ZMU1LCd>.
- Saturday, May 21st, 9 am to 12 pm: hOur IMPACT One Year Anniversary and Salmon Creek Park Cleanup. Celebrate hOur IMPACT's (Clark County's time banking system) one year anniversary and help us cleanup Salmon Creek Park. We will be picking up litter, removing invasive plants and doing a general park cleanup. From 11 to noon we will celebrate with cake courtesy of hOur IMPACT. To register: <http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/61c0Ek9ejr8b24tm>.

For any questions regarding these **volunteer** events, please contact Karen Llewellyn at karen.llewellyn@clark.wa.gov or (360) 397-6118 ext. 1627.

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This year's annual **HAZEL DELL PARADE OF BANDS** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 21**, Armed Forces Day. The activities begin at the station house at Fire District 6, 8800 NE Hazel Dell Avenue at 7:00 with the Lions Club annual breakfast (\$6.50 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors and kids); it runs until 10:00. That is when the first **FUN RUN** sponsored by the Kiwanis begins from the Boys & Girls Club on lower Hazel Dell Avenue. This run/walk will follow the general parade route and be completed prior to the start of the Parade of Bands at 10:30 from the fire station.

Residents will have limited access across Hazel Dell Avenue and no access to the 78th Street off-ramps to the I-5 freeway after 10:00. The route is from 8800 Hazel Dell Avenue, south to 63rd Street - Minnehaha Street, east across the freeway overpass to NE Highway 99, and north to 78th Street where marchers will turn east and disband into the parking area. Clark PUD will furnish water there. (Let me know if you need help in exiting your property during the parade -10:30 – 1:30 is the estimated impact period.)

This year's theme honors those who provide needed care and services to us all. It is "Celebrating Service" and specifically honors our late Fire Chief and long-time resident Dick Streissguth. The Streissguth Family will be the Grand Marshals of this year's event. We look forward to seeing some of their antique fire equipment as in years past. **It is a great family and community celebration!**