



The Voice of the Hills

The Newsletter of the
East Fork Hills Rural Association
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We will have two very knowledgeable speakers at our next meeting.

**Please join us!
Wednesday,
March 28, 2018**

La Center Grange Hall
328 W. 5th St.,
La Center WA
6:00 – 8:30 PM

Water: As many of you are aware of, there is a shortage of groundwater in the northern part of the county. Several neighbors run out of water during dry summers. Some have had to install up to 500 gallon tanks to have a reserve. I had a well go completely dry during the 1980's after all the property around me was developed into 5 acre lots. It would help to learn if others have problems. The answers to wells drying up are very difficult and expensive. I have talked to the department of ecology who are now responding to the Hirst decision which states that some counties have to prove that there is available groundwater before issuing permits for new homes in rural areas. There is information on the Ecology website:

<https://www.ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-supply/Streamflow-restoration>

There is more information about the availability of water in our area. This is all subject to change as the department works through the requirements of the Hirst decision. I can share it with interested people by email if you want to send me your email address.

Dennis Dykes, President of Bright Fields Groundwater, Inc., a hydrogeologist, who lives in the area, will speak about the water availability in our area, and how we may be affected.

Soil Health: If you are a beginning gardener, or an experienced one, you will learn a lot about how to keep your garden soil healthy organically, for optimal crops. Nothing is more disappointing to a gardener, than to go to a lot of work and expense, planting that beautiful garden, only to have the plants wither and die, if they sprout at all. Preparing your soil and testing for deficiencies is an easy way to ensure success, and adding a simple ingredient can make all the difference.

Gudrun Mahrt, our neighbor and owner of Garden Pearls and other agricultural products, will talk about how to avoid problems from the start. She speaks often to professional growers and has extensive knowledge about soil health and other gardening and seed saving techniques. Bring your questions!

This is a chance to meet new neighbors, exchange ideas and just socialize.

I hope we will have a good turnout. Please ask friends to sign up for the email list, as it's a good way to learn about neighborhood events quickly, such as lost pets, criminal activity, etc. Notices are sent out very seldom. Please contact me at coyoteridge@tds.net for signing up.

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