## West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

There will be NO MAY MEETING this year. Look for an announcement as an email if you are on our email list or in **Nextdoor** if you use that. If you'd like to be added to our email list to be notified of our three neighborhood association meetings, events and important happenings, please send me your name and preferred email address and I'll get you added on. Which three months do you prefer?

It is really embarrassing to schedule speakers when attendance remains so low. Perhaps between now and the fall schedule you would be kind enough to **suggest some programs you'd like to attend**. I'm pretty happy to try to accommodate such requests. But I need some input from the residents to bring in people you want to hear from.

I've added some resources information in this newsletter for you.

Ila Stanek, president; <a href="whdna@comcast.net">whdna@comcast.net</a>; (360) 573-7376 Thank you.

**Jill Krumlauf, Environmental Outreach**, from Clark Public Health. Recycling Done Right, the Natural Gardens Tour Have you heard about the "**Procession of the Species**" parade? The third annual event will be at <u>Esther Short Park on Sunday</u>, <u>June 23rd</u> as part of the **Recycled Arts Festival**. It will be an energetic parade of all types of costumed folks celebrating nature, art and community!

Recycled Arts Festival held annually at Esther Short Park. This year the festival runs on June 22nd and 23rd. The question remains: Is it trash or is it art? Please come visit us at the 14th annual Recycled Arts Festival at Esther Short Park — the hippest, most eco-conscious festival in all of Clark County. See how people, just like you, are giving new life to old items that would otherwise have been lost in a landfill. Come out and be amazed at the artists' creations, join your kids in expressing their "green side" by creating their own Eco-Art, or just relax and listen to some wonderful music (warning... tapping your feet or dancing may occur). There will also be all sorts of helpful information on how you can help improve Clark County's environment. Go to Green Neighbors website a good place to start (https://www.clarkgreenneighbors.org/). Check Recycling Done Right.



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

We begin at the Vancouver city limits, on the north we go to NE 104<sup>th</sup> 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. E-mail me at whdna@comcast.net and we'll add your email address to our list to send meeting reminders and info on community events. Thank you.

Check out our county hosted web page at: www.clark.wa.gov/countymanager/west-hazel-dell

**Parade of Bands** is on Saturday, May 18 from 10:30-1:30

It's a great family fun time and only happens once a year! See inside this newsletter for more info and parade routes. On the <u>third Saturday of May</u> our country celebrates **Armed Forces Day.** Hazel Dell celebrates with the annual **HAZEL DELL PARADE OF BANDS** - this year on **Saturday, May 18th**. The activities begin at the station house at Fire District 6 (8800 NE Hazel Dell Avenue) at 7:00 with the **Lions Club annual br**eakfast (\$6.50 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors and kids); it runs until 10:00. The Parade of Bands starts exactly at 10:30 from the fire station, 8800 NE Hazel Dell Avenue.



This year the commentators and CVTV filming will be done from the People's Community Federal Credit Union (7403 NE Hazel Dell Avenue) in case you'd like to see yourself in the parade coverage later when it rebroadcasts. This is a new location for the commentators and we hope to be able to avoid gaps in the process by filming early.

The 2019 parade theme is "Generations of Music—Celebrating 55 Years." We have our *first* ever father and son team as Parade Grand Marshals: Neil and Greg Kimsey are being honored for their decades of selfless actions for the betterment of Clark County. Neil Kimsey serves as a commissioner at Clark Regional Wastewater District and his son Greg Kimsey is our Clark County Auditor. (Greg also was a participant in the very first Hazel Dell Parade of Bands in 1964.)

Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, friends and family and come out and celebrate the 150 years of county fair fun with us. It's a great family and community event! MAKE A DAY OF IT!

The annual Parade of Bands is organized by the Hazel Dell/Salmon Creek Business Association and is paid for by that organization and a number of generous sponsoring businesses and individuals in our community. This year's primary sponsor is **Bomber Brothers Fireworks** who have been lending their support and energy for ten years. After the loss of the former owner, Dom Rinck this past year, we are pleased t welcome the new owner, **Tom Scott** as a naming sponsor.

Volunteers from several county and local agencies donate their time to help make this parade memorable every year. You can expect at least 27 entries from middle and high school bands in and around our area. We even have youth groups volunteering their time to clean things up.

**Residents will have limited access across Hazel Dell Avenue and** <u>no access to the 78<sup>th</sup> Street</u> <u>off-ramps to the I-5 freeway after 10:00</u>. The route is from 8800 Hazel Dell Avenue, south to 63<sup>rd</sup> Street - Minnehaha Street, east across the freeway overpass to NE Highway 99, and north to 78<sup>th</sup> Street where marchers will turn east and disband into the parking area. Clark PUD will furnish water there.

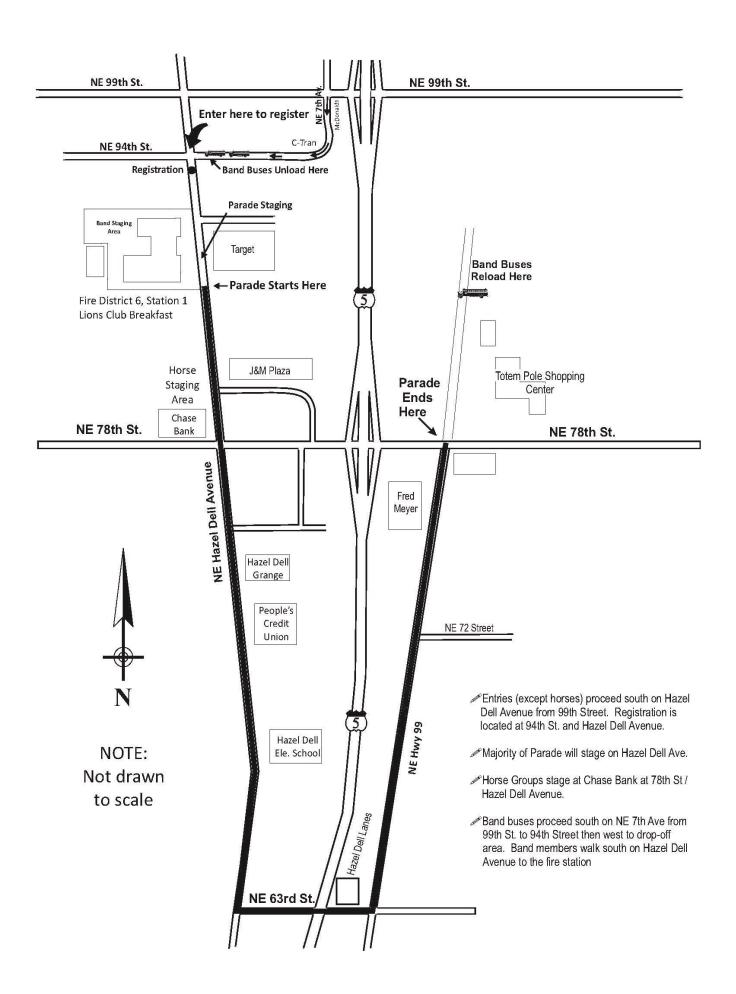
From **10:30** to **1:30** is the estimated impact period on parade day. If you have an access is-

sue, **PLEASE let me know EARLY**; <u>not</u> on Parade Day, but before so I can get with the CCSO officer in charge to work out a route and a time to safely cross the parade route.

**THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!** In addition to being able to follow the parade on your smartphone, (Apple and Android) you can post your photos and a whole lot more. <a href="http://">http://</a>

<u>hazeldellparade.com</u>. (This is a <u>new app</u> from prior years, so update your browser with the new address.) Businesses can pur-

chase app ads as well. It brings the parade atmosphere right into your hands. **Check it out!** 



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## Same old message from your president: Please consider stepping up

Our neighborhood association includes over 5,646 homes and more than 11,500 individuals. Providing information to a diverse group that large takes time that I no longer have. Your board now consists of three individuals who generously give their time to the WHDNA. The NA needs a person with a more flexible schedule to take over the association. It is an unpaid volunteer post. Clark County prints and mails three newsletters a year for us at no cost and we send out notices about meetings and events through our e-mail list—those currently come from our NA secretary Teresa Street. Many neighbors are using Nextdoor to connect with one another. There is no Nextdoor covering our entire area right now. That could be helpful to a new chairman of the NA board.

I want to avoid having the NA go dormant and without representation at the NACCC (Neighborhood Association Council of Clark County) meetings which are held monthly and provide good information and contacts. I have materials and information to hand over and am willing to help when and if needed. We have a small bank account. Currently, Laurel Whitehurst is our treasurer. It's all set up to hand over to anyone who can find a few hours a month (less once comfortable in the role). Please consider stepping into a position that will provide more smiles than frowns! Thank you.

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