

# West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association 2022 SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



**Welcome back to the world of Zoom meetings.** We have arranged with Clark County Outreach Office for a September Zoom neighborhood association (“NA”) meeting to be held from **6:30-8:00 pm on Thursday, September 29, 2022.** The link to that meeting is: <https://bit.ly/WHDNA-Sept29-22>. All residents in our area will have received a mailed postcard alerting them to this meeting. Please share this newsletter with any of your neighbors who may not have downloaded it.

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For more detail about neighborhoods, go to the county web pages: [www.clark.wa.gov/county-manager/west-hazel-dell](http://www.clark.wa.gov/county-manager/west-hazel-dell) and/or <https://clark.wa.gov/county-manager/about-neighborhood-associations>

## WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE SEPTEMBER 29th ZOOM MEETING

You can connect with your laptop, computer, iPad, or phone. The very nicely shortened address: <https://bit.ly/WHDNA-Sept29-22> is most welcome. Type it in a couple minutes prior to meeting start time (6:30 pm), settle back and see what you can learn and to whom you can turn. *(I keep pen and paper handy because I always have questions and often a little clarification is needed.)* We have two speakers, both of which are from county services that we all need although we never want to; sort of like life insurance, I guess.

Clark County Sheriff’s Office (“CCSO”) will provide a deputy to go over some of the crime statistics in our area. Residents have been asking what kind of changes have occurred for the officers with feet in the street, as it were, since the legislative modifications were put in place. Only recently the City of Vancouver has expressed hopes that a training facility may be located in Clark County which would allow access to law enforcement training and perhaps attract more young people to either the city or county agencies.

Additionally, we will have Eric Frank from **CRESA 9-1-1** who will walk us through the behind the scenes operations that provide us with essential, sometimes life-savings services when we call. And, the **3-1-1** option is something new to some, but frequently the best way to get issues resolved, or to be directed to someone with those answers.

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

WHDNA now has slightly adjusted **boundaries**. We still begin on the southern and western sides at the Vancouver city limits; on the north we go to NE 104<sup>th</sup> Street, NE 11th Avenue and NE 99th Street; on the east we now stop at I-5.

That adjusts our voting districts as well. We have added 212 residences to District 1 and 1,794 to District 2. WHDNA now provides liaison services to 7,231 homes. **Welcome to all the new West Hazel Dell NA neighbors.**

To make the association work for everyone, we need input, good or bad; it all helps us get a handle on things. Currently, we are asking for **volunteers to serve on our board** and others who could act as conduits for the widespread areas of West Hazel Dell NA boundaries. Please contact me if you are interested in seeing WHDNA continue to thrive. You are needed.

Thank you for considering this fun task, Ila Stanek

## HAZEL DELL PARADE OF BANDS' FUTURE

Every year on the third Saturday of May our country celebrates **Armed Forces Day**. Hazel Dell celebrates with the **HAZEL DELL PARADE OF BANDS**. Middle school and high school bands from around our area (some years as many as 28 bands appear, all decked out to strut their stuff and demonstrate their love for the music). This is sponsored by the **Hazel Dell/Salmon Creek Business Association** (“HDSCBA”) and many local business sponsors. This tradition started in 1964 and we have had 55 annual parades and one virtual parade (last year during Covid).



HDSCBA joins with **Clark County Fire District 6** (“CCFD6”), **CCSO**, the **Vancouver Lions Club**, **City of Vancouver** (through **CVTV** who broadcasts it for us), and many more too numerous to list. The usual attendance is over **20,000** with an average of **5,000** participants. That’s a lot of families and a lot of community—all marching for two hours up the middle of our neighborhood, bringing smiles and cheers year after year.



Why am I reiterating all this, you might ask. You live here. You know about the parade. Partly because it is such a big part of the summer start-up and partly because I love this event. Watching families gather up their chairs, blankets, coolers and kids to prepare to join the fun and see the bands, horses, floats—just to be part of a fun family day—reminds me of how fortunate we are to have organizations willing to spend their time and money to get this done. **And it is not cheap!**

**Aha!** You say. Yep, that’s the pitch. Actually, it’s a heads up to watch for the coming four months’ of fundraising activities that are attempting to secure funding for the **2023 Parade of Bands**. You will see announcements in the various shops and member businesses through the winter. The deadline to determine whether or not the parade happens is **March 1, 2023**. I’m happy to answer any questions you may have; drop me an email. **Thanks, Ila**

### ITEMS OF INTEREST:

[www.bikeclarkcounty.org](http://www.bikeclarkcounty.org)—checkout what’s going on along our streets for bikers.

[www.ccfid6.org](http://www.ccfid6.org)—Another great place to see what’s happen and when. November will bring the **Fire Safety Poster Contest** back with students from grades 3,4, and 5 participating.

[www.clark.wa.gov/aging](http://www.clark.wa.gov/aging) meets regularly to address issues of our senior citizens.

<https://clark.wa.gov/community-planning/historic-preservation-commission>—These hybrid meetings deal with the varied areas, buildings, etc., to preserve in Clark County.

**Salmon Creek Farmers Market**, at Salmon Creek Grange, corner of NE 20th Avenue and NE 154th Street (10 blocks north of Albertsons) from 11 am to 2 pm. **Don’t miss it!**

[Kindred Homestead Supply](#) hosts **The Downtown Alley Flea Market** through **October 8th from, 9 am—4 pm** at 606 Main Street, (360) 719-2745. With over 20 vendors, support your local community of collectors, makers, movers, and shakers. The October sale is the last of this season.

## League of Women Voters schedules general election candidate forums

Candidates in 12 Clark County races will participate in forums ahead of the November 8 general election. The forums, sponsored by the nonpartisan League of Women Voters of Clark County, will be aired on government access channel **CVTV** and links will be posted on [cvtv.org](http://cvtv.org). For the first time in three years, the forums will be open to the public; however, space will be very limited at some venues.

All forums are scheduled from **6:30-8:00** pm as follows:

- **September 26** – Clark County Council, Districts 1 and 2, and Clark County Auditor at Vancouver Community Library, 901 C Street
- **October 3** – 17th Legislative District, Positions 1 and 2, and Public Utility District, Commissioner, District 2 at Camas Public Library, 625 NE 4th Avenue
- **October 10** – 49th Legislative District, Positions 1 and 2, and Clark County Sheriff Vancouver Community Library, 901 C Street
- **October 12** - 18th Legislative District, Positions 1 and 2, and Clark County Council, District 5 at Washington State University, Dengerink Administration Building

*The nonprofit League of Women Voters was founded by leaders of the women's suffrage movement in 1920; for more than 100 years, the League has worked to empower voters and defend democracy.* For more information, contact [NewsLWVCC@gmail.com](mailto:NewsLWVCC@gmail.com)

Check out [www.WestVanForYouth.org](http://www.WestVanForYouth.org) and connect with organizer, Caitlin Ramirez, the Community Prevention Project Coordinator (360) 949-1551; [Caitlin.Ramirez@esd112.org](mailto:Caitlin.Ramirez@esd112.org). Her group is working hard and would welcome your attendance or questions. Check it out!

## FALL IS FARMING TIME—EVENTS, ANNIVERSARIES, PLANS

The Heritage Farm at 78th Street, once the County Poor Farm, is preparing for the fall harvest with community residents who have rented allotments (garden plots to most of us, but I'm feeling pretty British this week). In addition to the neighbors who use the Heritage Farm to grow their vegetables throughout the year, Washington State University Extension Service has an ongoing operation at the site (1919 NE 78th Street). If you have any ideas, interests or concerns about the Heritage Farm, please forward them to me prior to the early October Steering Committee meeting. *Thanks, Ila*

**Bi-Zi Farms** is celebrating **150 years** of producing fresh fruit and vegetables for our community. That's when the Zimmerman Family began their efforts at **9504 NE 119th Street** and where Bill and Peggy Zimmerman and their extended family continue the work today. Their children, Joe, Doug and Amy, are heavily involved as are many of their family members. While the family pronounces their farm name as "Busy" (and we know they are) many of us have been calling it "Bizi" for years. No matter what you call it, there is something there you will remember from the way your grandmother, mother or older neighbor used to prepare things. I personally love the Strawberry-Rhubarb Jam they produce. **They are there for us. Stop by!**

# Protect your health and the environment

Simple changes you can make around the house.

Each of us plays an important role in keeping our waterways healthy. From the products we purchase to how we dispose of them, our choices impact what ends up in our water.

Below are some actions you can take to help keep our water healthy and safe.

## In the Bathroom

- Only flush toilet paper, everything else goes in the trash.
- Don't flush prescription drugs or other medications.



### WHEN SHOPPING:

- Choose products with the EWG VERIFIED™ mark.
- Avoid products with plastic micro-beads, synthetic fragrances, parabens, or phthalates.



## In the Garden

- Use pesticides carefully and as a last resort.
- If you must, spot-spray on pests; don't spray pesticides over large areas.
- Dispose of pesticides at your local household hazardous waste facility.
- Scoop, bag, and trash pet waste.

### WHEN SHOPPING:

- Choose neem oil as a natural pesticide.

## In the kitchen

- Put fats, oils, grease, and grit in the trash—not down the sink.
- Cook at lower temperatures if using older non-stick pans.

### WHEN SHOPPING:

- Look for products with the EPA Safer Choice label.
- Choose stainless steel, cast-iron, or cookware with a ceramic coating.
- Avoid products with "PTFE" or "FLOURO."



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### **What is Household Hazardous Waste?**

The easiest way to determine if a household product is hazardous is to read the label. Look for the words "Poison", "Danger", "Warning" or "Caution" on the label. "Poison" and "Danger" indicate the highest hazard levels.

- **"Poison"** means that a product is highly toxic and can cause injury or death if ingested, inhaled or absorbed through the skin.
- **"Danger"** means that a product is highly toxic, flammable or corrosive. Products containing the word "Danger" could be poisonous, cause serious damage to skin or eyes or easily cause a fire. Look for the word "Danger" on cleaners, polishes, paint strippers and pesticides.

Containers containing products like these should not go in the garbage at home or at a neighborhood cleanup event. Instead, they should be taken to a Hazardous Waste Facilities at any of the three Clark County transfer stations. Residents can bring products at no charge on certain days of the week.

**Central Hazardous Waste Facility** - Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. ; 11034 NE 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver (360) 256-8482

**West Van Hazardous Waste Facility** - Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 6601 NW Old Lower River Road, Vancouver (360) 737-1727

**Washougal Hazardous Waste Facility** - Third Saturday of each month, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 4020 S Grant Street, Washougal (360) 835-2500

### **What can I bring to the Household Hazardous Waste drop off facility?**

- **Aerosol products (NO compressed gas cylinders):** All varieties, including paint, cleaners, pesticides, etc.
- **Fire Extinguishers**
- **Automotive products** - Used motor oil (up to five gallons), antifreeze, gasoline, vehicle batteries, engine cleaners, degreasers, transmission fluids, oil filters
- **Batteries** - Household (AA, AAA, C, D, NiCad, lithium, mercury)
- **Corrosives** - acids or bases (alkalines)
- **Fluorescent bulbs, tubes and ballasts**
- **Household cleaners** - Disinfectant, furniture stripper, oven cleaners, partially full aerosol cans, floor cleaners/wax, furniture polish, spot remover, caustic cleaners
- **Medications (NO controlled substances)**
- **Mercury items** (thermometers, thermostats, switches)
- **Paints and solvents** - Turpentine, kerosene, rust remover, solvents, latex/oil base paint, paint thinner, wood preservatives, deck stains, concrete sealer
- **Poisons/Pesticides** - Fungicides, herbicides (including fertilizers with weed killer), insecticides (including slug bait), and rodenticides
- **Pool, spa and photographic chemicals**
- **Propane tanks, 1-5 gallon**

*Note: Any containers used to deliver materials will not be returned to customers.*

**Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Facilities Do Not Accept:** Amounts greater than 25 gallons or 200 pounds; leaking containers; containers larger than 5-gallons; asbestos; explosives or ammunition; radioactive material; infectious waste; or business-generated waste.

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### **A message from your president:**

Our neighborhood association (NA) includes over 7,231 homes. Providing information to a diverse group that large takes some time, but not much and it is a rewarding enterprise. During Covid it has been quiet as far as neighborhood meetings go. As I've said before, it is difficult to assess exactly what our diverse community finds interesting. That means residents are exposed to what interests me as your president and newsletter editor. I am always open to ideas from residents who have a different variety of interests—please, just let me know what you want to know about and I'll see what I can find out.

WE NEED TO ADD MEMBERS TO OUR BOARD. I promise it is not a difficult task. It is an unpaid volunteer position. Our board has dwindled recently due to relocations and health issues. I cannot do this alone and abide by our bylaws. The board consists of as many wonderful neighbors as want to help out. There are four elected positions: President, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. We are not presently a 503(c)(3) tax exempt association. It's always a possibility, but currently any money given to any WHDNA events is a *donation* and not tax exempt. The board members can decide how often they need to meet, quarterly for an hour or two over coffee works for me.

We have residents from literally all over the world. Yet, there is no representation of any cultures in our NA footprint. I think that is really sad, but without neighbors stepping up to spend a little time meeting and bringing issues and information forward, I'm not sure what I can do to improve the situation. It really is up to you neighbors. I need your help.

I will welcome anyone who is genuinely interested in seeing WHDNA continue to thrive. Clark County Outreach Office and Print Shop prints, mails and/or posts our newsletters and provides a NA listing on its website. Many neighbors are using **nextdoor** to connect one another. We have options available to communicate. We just need people.

You can be assured that your WHDNA continues to have representation at the Neighborhood Association Council of Clark County ("NACCC") monthly meetings. I am the vice-chair of NACCC and recognize its value. **whdna@comcast.net** (360) 573-7376 most evenings. If you are interested in sitting in on a NACCC Zoom meeting, please drop me a note and I will forward an invite your way. NACCC meets the second Monday of each month (holiday or not) from 7:00-8:30 pm. The neighbors who have attended have come away with a better understanding of what other Neighborhood Associations ("NAs") in our county are dealing with. Many of the concerns are shared county-wide. More voices equal more impact.

Please consider giving a little time to our community. It's worth every minute and I promise I won't ask anyone to do more than they are comfortable with. ***Thanks, Ila***