

West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association
January 18, 2017 Meeting Reminder



January 18th 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.**

The **Vancouver Public Schools** will be presenting a talk at this first meeting of the New Year. There is a bond issue in about a month to continue funding for the education of our children, grandchildren – and all the rest of our youth, related or not. Please join us on January 18 if you have any questions or concerns that you would like to talk about with the school district representatives.

The school district has provided us with the basics on the February 14th ballot measure for your consideration. The information is included on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter. The more you know early on, the more “educated” your vote will be.

It would be great if we could add some members to our neighborhood board. We have such a diverse neighborhood and it's impossible to meet everyone's needs, but more people willing to sit down a few times a year to plan for NA activities would be more than welcome.

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 whdna@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.*

Ila Stanek, President

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**Clark Regional Wastewater District
Completed Highway 99 Sewer**

The Clark Regional Wastewater District (District) Board of Commissioners, who had awarded the contract to Nutter Corporation Inc. of Vancouver, WA, has completed construction of the Highway 99 Sewer South project. The project included 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 replaced 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. Well done, CRWWD! Thanks. Next in line on that piece of roadway is the work by Clark County Public Works which should start soon in conjunction with a grant received in late 2016.

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
- **2017 Parade of Bands** is Saturday, May 20 from 10:30-1:30
- **WHDNA needs board members!** Please contact Ila Stanek if you've any interest in being part of the 2017 board. (360) 573-7376 messages

VANCOUVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Bond measure for schools will go before voters on Feb. 14

Aging schools, growing elementary enrollment and low interest rates prompt Vancouver Public Schools to plan for the future now.

A bond measure for Vancouver schools will appear on the Feb. 14, 2017, ballot. If approved by voters, the bond would allow the district to build three new schools; replace, remodel and/or enlarge several schools; and provide improvements and updates to all other schools in the district.

The bond measure would:

- Replace seven aging schools: King, Marshall, Ogden, Truman and Walnut Grove elementary schools; McLoughlin Middle School; and Fir Grove; and relocate Lieser Campus to a remodeled Marshall school building.
- Partially remodel and/or enlarge Columbia River High School, Vancouver School of Arts and Academics and Sacajawea and Franklin elementary schools, and renovate Kiggins Bowl and Columbia River High School stadiums.
- Build two new elementary schools and a new, consolidated Vancouver iTech Preparatory.
- Remove portables and add permanent classrooms to relieve overcrowding and support smaller class sizes.
- Construct safe, secure entrances at schools throughout the district.
- Upgrade roofs, flooring, windows and heating and cooling systems where needed.
- Add accessible surfaces for playgrounds.
- Modernize facilities to support technology and today's teaching and learning needs.
- Create spaces for family and community use.

On average, the schools slated for replacement are more than half a century old. They were built without adequate wiring for computers and the Internet, and they lack current safety standards for earthquakes. They are less energy-efficient and have more maintenance requirements than newer schools.

The plan is projected to cost \$562.8 million. The board and district leaders hope to be able to take advantage of historically low interest rates to reduce the financial impact on taxpayers.

Local voters will vote on a bond measure to provide \$458 million of the funding. Bond measures require a 60 percent supermajority of 'yes' votes for approval.

How much would local property owners pay?

If approved, the proposed \$458 million bond measure is projected to increase temporarily the bond tax rate by \$0.09 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for three years.

When combined with the existing bonds, the bond rate is projected to be \$1.52 per \$1,000 of assessed value for tax collection years 2018–2020 and then drop to \$1.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value starting in 2021.

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If approved by voters, the bond measure would:

- 1** Improve and upgrade **every school** in the district.
- 2** Qualify the district for **state matching funds**.
- 3** Take advantage of historically **low interest rates**, saving taxpayers money.
- 4** Remove portables and add permanent classrooms to **relieve overcrowding** and support smaller class sizes.
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Vancouver Public Schools election date: Feb. 14, 2017



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This year's annual **HAZEL DELL PARADE OF BANDS** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 20**, 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 about 10:00. The general parade starts 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.)

Our theme is "Follow Your Dream" and our Grand Marshal is the former Miss Clark County.