

**PLEASANT HIGHLANDS
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER**



Next Meeting

Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Clark Public Works Ops Center

4700 NE 78th St. Bldg. B-1



Board of Directors

President/Treasurer—Debbie Throop

V.P.—Ken Lund

Secretary—Kristie Brown

Without YOU, There is no US!

Meeting Agenda—10/10/2024

Call Meeting to Order 5:30 p.m.

Introductions & County Reports

Special Speakers

Clark County Assessor's Office

Senior Tax Exemption Program

CRESA 9-1-1 /CERT Volunteers

Emergency Preparedness—

Are you Ready for a Disaster?

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment 7:00 p.m.



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Does anyone want to be on a committee?
Community Activities
Picnic
Spruce up a park
Ice Cream Social
Green Bag Pickup
Fund Raiser for a Cause
Spruce up your own Neighborhood Day



We had a great time at our Ice Cream Social on August 24 at the Pleasant Valley Middle School.

With your support, we hope to have more events like this in the future.

Please send your ideas to us at pleasanthighlands.na@gmail.com or join us at our next meeting!



Our Association is part of Clark County's Neighborhood Outreach program.

Our neighborhood boundaries are quite expansive and include:

North: NE Salmon Creek St. to NE 50th Ave., follow UGB east then south to NE 139th St. to NE 72nd Ave.

East: NE 72nd Ave.

South: NE 19th St., from I-205 to NE 72nd Ave.

West: I-205 to NE Salmon Creek Ave., to Ne Salmon Creek St., to NE 50th Ave.

There are 2,140 households within the boundaries.

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Washington's new Foodborne Illness Notification System (FINS) aims to catch unsafe food and protect people's health.

Help keep our communities safe by reporting foodborne illness and food safety concerns.

OLYMPIA – The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) launched a new tool that makes it easier to report food poisoning and file a food safety complaint. Beginning today, DOH encourages everyone in Washington to share food safety concerns through the state's online [Foodborne Illness Notification System](#) (FINS).

Foodborne illness, commonly known as food poisoning, is caused by eating or drinking contaminated foods or beverages. Although it's preventable, one in six Americans gets food poisoning every year. People over 65, children under 5, and people who are pregnant or immunocompromised have an increased risk of severe illness. FINS is a one-stop shop to help [local health jurisdictions](#) identify the source of food-related illnesses and respond faster to outbreaks.

Foodborne illnesses can cause severe sickness and even death, but outbreaks often go unreported. Reporting using FINS is the best way to ensure action can be taken to promote food safety in Washington.

FINS is not a replacement for medical care. If you have vomiting or diarrhea, be sure to drink plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration. Seek medical care if you have bloody diarrhea or diarrhea that lasts more than 3 days, a high fever (over 102°F), are vomiting so often that you cannot keep liquids down, or are showing signs of dehydration, which include not urinating much, a dry mouth and throat, and/or feeling dizzy when standing up.

Learn more about food safety on our [website](#) and [get tips to protect you and your loved ones from foodborne illness](#).

The [DOH website](#) is your source for a *healthy dose of information*. [Find us on Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [follow us on X \(formerly Twitter\)](#).



How to report with FINS in three easy steps:

- 1. Submit your food safety concern through the [FINS website](#) if you have a:**
 - a. case or suspected case of foodborne illness. [Symptoms](#) include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain, or fever.
 - b. food-related concern at an establishment such as a restaurant, grocery store, food truck, group event, or food delivery service. You can anonymously report what you saw, such as bad food handling, pests or rodents, a sick food worker, a facility sewage issue, or intentional contamination.
- 2. FINS sends your concern to the local authority.** Once you submit your report using the form on the FINS webpage, an email notification is sent to the local health jurisdiction.
- 3. The local health jurisdiction reviews your FINS report.** All concerns are reviewed. Local health jurisdictions have different methods to analyze reports to determine if further action is needed. Responding to outbreaks may involve contacting the food establishment, interviewing food workers, conducting an inspection, or contacting the person who reported the concern to gather additional information.

DID YOU KNOW? You can check any Clark County restaurant's inspection ratings!

Facilities serving food to the public must obtain a permit and be routinely inspected. Clark County has more than 1,500 permitted food service facilities that receive one or more unannounced inspections per year. **Go to: <https://clark.wa.gov/public-health/restaurant-inspection> and type the restaurant's name in the search bar.**

Search Restaurant Inspections

To view inspection results enter a restaurant name or part of the name in the search box below or [view a list of all restaurants inspected in the last 30 days](#).

Restaurants that are new or have undergone an ownership change will generally receive their first inspection within 3 months of opening. These inspections are educational in nature and those inspection scores are not available through our website.

Restaurant name

Tips for searching:

- Use a partial name or first three letters
- Use a different part of the restaurant name

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**Pleasant Highlands Neighborhood Association
Vancouver, Washington 98686**

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We'll hear from Holly Hill from the Clark County Assessor's office about the Senior Property Tax Exemption program, how property is assessed, and where you can find more information on how your property tax is distributed AND we'll hear from CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) volunteers about Emergency Preparedness tips for your home and family.



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