



**West Hazel Dell Neighborhood
Association
SEPTEMBER 2024
NEWSLETTER & MEETING
NOTICE**

Welcome to your neighborhood newsletter and meeting announcement for the fall.

Our next bimonthly neighborhood meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 26 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**. It is a hybrid meeting.

Zoom link is: <https://clark.wa.gov.zoom.us/83276994146>

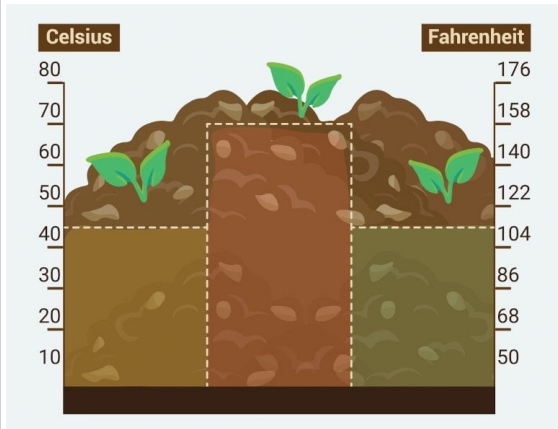
Meeting ID: 832 7699 4146. Log in a few minutes early to ensure connection.

The in-person meeting will be held at the **Public Works Operations Center, 4700 NE 78th Street, Bldg. B1, Vancouver 98665**.

Traffic is an ongoing problem and representatives from **Clark County Sheriff's Office (CCSO)** have been invited to address our concerns. Consider attending in person and sharing your issues. *Thank you from your NA board.*

***FREE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE WORKSHOPS PROMOTE
COMPOSTING AND SUSTAINABLE LIVING***

Clark County's Composter Recycler program is offering a series of free in-person and online workshops about composting and sustainable living strategies. The series will teach participants how to reduce their impact on the planet through composting, green cleaning, recycling, food waste prevention and low waste living.



The Composter Recycler program educates the community about easy ways to reduce waste, increase recycling and create healthier homes. For more information about the program, visit the website or email info@clarkcountycomposts.org.

Think about putting those autumn leaves to work in your gardens and/or flower beds as mulch. (See back page for fall program schedules.) Or see their website:

<https://info@clarkcountycomposts.org/workshops>

CLARK REGIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICE AGENCY (CRESA) SCHEDULED ON 9/26

We will have a timely presentation from **CRESA911.org** to provide us with logical, workable emergency preparedness measures we can take in our homes. Presenters will be Lynne and Peter Harrison who have done a lot of community outreach events over the years and are ready to answer your questions.

Emergency preparedness means having a supply of food, water, and other items to take care of yourself, your family and your pets in the first few days and weeks of an emergency. But what happens if you need to evacuate your home with just a few minutes notice? Some things we don't often think about are wildfires, but they happen and, like any fire, require immediate action from residents. Just last year residents in La Center were evacuated for a brief time to stay safe. From a spreading wildfire.

Join us on September 26th to learn about the potential disasters in our area and what you can do to prepare for them, both inside and outside your home. Whether you are just getting started or have been preparing for years, there will be tips for everyone -- along with a **few take-home items** to add to your supply!

Included in the discussion will be some basic preparedness information: how to put together a **go-bag**, and directions on how to sign-up for Clark Public Alerts. Lynne and Peter will also bring some **informational handouts** and give-away items for everyone to take with them.

Check out the CRESA911 website (www.cresa911.org) to see the multiple ways to stay connected when you need to be. See how to: Sign up for **Smart911**; find out "When to Call **911 or 311**;" get Current Clark County Alerts, and so much more.

Fall and pre-holiday time is a perfect time to start looking at keeping your family, home, pets, and yard ready for whatever might come down the path. It's only an emergency if you aren't prepared. This neighborhood meeting will help you be prepared, not scared. Put it on your calendar—**Thursday, September 26 from 6:30-8:00 pm** at the Clark Public Works Operations Center, Building B1, 4700 NE 78th Street, Vancouver, 98665. Take the first left turn right after the light and the railroad tracks.

We hope to see you there in person or online.



NA ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT NOVEMBER MEETING.

As more and more neighbors reach out with concerns about issues in their areas, I am even more convinced that we need a wider representation on our neighborhood board. I'm encouraged that West Hazel Dell NA can charge forward with fresh faces and energies. If you have a couple of hours every other month to get together and discuss what might make our lives in West Hazel Dell more enjoyable, safer, or richer in any way, please put your name forward either by connecting with me or raising your hand during the election portion of the meeting (last half of meeting, after speakers). We have four officers (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer) and multiple at-large positions. My hope is that we can have seven or eight board members and better cover the NA.

It is my hope to make 2024 my last year at the helm of WHDNA. Your help in making this happen is needed.



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

WHDNA'S boundaries have been adjusted again. We still begin on the southern and western sides at the Vancouver city limits; on the north we now go to NW 99th Street, NE Hazel Dell Avenue, and NE 105th Street; on the east we stop at I-5.

That adjusts our voting districts as well. WHDNA now provides liaison services to 6,180 households. **Welcome to all West Hazel Dell NA neighbors.**

To make the association work for everyone, we need your input; 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



Help Frog and F.O.G.G. be sewer smart by flushing only tissue

WIPES – Clean and disinfect, but don't flush! Flush only toilet paper!

Reminder guidelines for keeping sewers flowing:

Never pour grease down sinks or toilets. Pour grease and oil into a can and put it in the trash (**freeze the grease**).

Scrape food scraps into the trash.

Catch food scraps with baskets or strainers in sink drains and throw scraps in the trash.

Alternatively compost food scraps.

Do not flush non-dispersible material such as rags, hair, latex, personal hygiene products, cleaning wipes. Dispose of this material in the trash.

Flush only toilet paper down the toilet.

Questions? Please call **Clark Regional Wastewater District** at **360-993-8833**.

A message from your president:

Our neighborhood association (“NA”) now includes over 6,180 households. It’s quite a diverse area. It is difficult to know what our community members want to know about, let alone what their problems might be. As a neighborhood association, our power is in our people and we have a voice. Our concerns need to be put forward to our county councilors and/or agencies so they can be acted upon. They can’t fix what they don’t know about. Our area is served county councilor for District 2, **Michelle Belkot**. She represents us on the Board of County Councilors (BOCC). **Sue Marshall**, District 5 councilor, is also a great resource.

WE NEED TO ADD MEMBERS TO OUR BOARD and this is the time to do it. Our Bylaws have been previously approved and are on the county website (in the Neighborhood Directory section; click on our name). Board members are unpaid volunteer positions. The board can consist of as many wonderful neighbors as want to help out and for whatever amount of time. Currently any money given to any WHDNA events is a *donation* and not tax exempt. The board members can decide how often they meet, bimonthly or quarterly for an hour or two (or via email) to determine topics for the bimonthly NA meetings. We will also look at the meeting frequency at the September meeting. Send any thoughts on that to whdna@comcast.net, please.

We have residents from all over. Yet, there is no representation of any of those 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, those diversities remain untapped. That is a loss to us all. I will welcome anyone who is interested in seeing WHDNA continue to thrive and grow. Clark County Outreach Office and Print Shop prints, mails and/or posts our newsletters three times a year and provides a NA listing on its website.

We have our own website: <https://westhazeldellna.wixsite.com/west-hazel-dell-neig>

Your WHDNA continues to have representation at the Neighborhood Association Council of Clark County (“NACCC”) monthly meetings. I am the current vice-chair of NACCC and recognize its value. 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 from 6:30-8:00 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. Email me at whdna@comcast.net or call (360) 573-7376 and I’ll get back to you. *Thanks again, Ila*

DID YOU MISS A PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER?

View prior newsletters by visiting our neighborhood’s county web page at www.clark.wa.gov/county-manager/west-hazel-dell.

If you know of a neighbor or friend who would like to be added to the electronic distribution list, please email Ila at whdna@comcast.net.

The screenshot shows the 'West Hazel Dell' page on the Clark County Manager website. The page features a navigation menu on the left with options like 'County Manager', 'Annual Report', 'News, Events and Meetings', 'Address', 'Contact', 'Legal Notices', 'Contact Your County Manager', 'Election Review Commission', 'GIS Commission', 'Charter Review Commission', 'Commissions', 'Neighborhood Outreach Program', 'Citizen Participation', and 'Newsroom and Alerts'. The main content area includes a header for 'West Hazel Dell' with sub-links for 'Home', 'FAQ', 'History', 'Layout', and 'Reviews'. Below this is a photograph of a house. The text on the page discusses the neighborhood's history, starting in 1952, and mentions its representation on the Board of County Councilors. It also includes a 'Neighborhood Staff Contact' section with names and phone numbers, and a 'Neighborhood Tax Status' section.

- **Backyard Composting** 10-09-2024 7:00 pm -8:00 pm Learn how to compost the SMART way during this virtual workshop. There will be in-person opportunity to construct a compost pile with experts, and view demonstration compost bins in action. **(Participants are eligible for a compost bin at no cost).** [Join via Zoom.](#)
- **Composting Field Training - Heritage Farm** 10-11-2024 10:00 am -11:30 am **Heritage Farm** , compost demo site is located at 1919 NE 78th Street, WA 98665.
- **Red Worm Composting** 10-16-2024 7:00 pm -8:00 pm Learn how to construct and maintain a worm bin. Turn your kitchen trimmings into nature's miracle grow fertilizer. (Participants eligible for a worm bin, bedding, and worms at no cost). Via Zoom.
- **Lasagna Composting** 10-23-2024 7:00 pm -8:00 pm Learn how to build and plant a raised bed garden. Turn urban wastes into rich soil. No tilling or turning required and most materials are free! Don't worry if your soil is clay, sand, grass or weeds - this method goes right over the top. Optional Field Training TBD to construct a lasagna compost garden with experts. [Join via Zoom.](#)
- **Bokashi & Other Indoor Composting** 10-30-2024 7:00 pm -8:00 pm Learn how to compost using the Bokashi method and new technology systems like Lomi. Participants are eligible for a bokashi bin and kitchen counter food waste pail at no cost) . [Join via Zoom.](#)
- **Composting Field Training - CASEE Center** 11-06-2024 10:00 am -11:30 am, **CASEE Center**, demo site, located at 11104 NE 149th St., Brush Prairie, WA 98606
- **Green Cleaning** 11-06-2024 6:30 pm -8:00 pm Learn how to make three versatile household green cleaners and see how fun and safe cleaning can be. This is an in-person workshop. Location TBD. (Participants are eligible for a green clean kit at no cost).
- **Recycling Done Right** 11-13-2024 6:30 pm -8:00 pm Learn how to be an expert recycler. Understand why only certain items can go into your Blue recycle cart and glass bin. This is an in-person workshop. Location TBD. (Participants are eligible to win prizes).
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All classes require pre-registration. Go to: <https://clarkcountycomposts.org/classes-and-workshops/current-offerings> for more info on each class and link to register.

MORE FROM YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PRESIDENT:

TO CLARIFY: Homeowners living in HOAs are also part of the greater neighborhood association and have access to our programs and information. There are no dues associated with the West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association as it's part of Clark County's Neighborhood Outreach Program. For more information on the neighborhood program go to: <https://clark.wa.gov/county-manager/about-neighborhood-associations>

To make the association work for everyone, we need input – about good, bad, strange, new or old things. Please visit <https://westhazeldellna.wixsite.com/west-hazel-dell-neig> and click “LOGIN” to **signup** to receive email updates regarding meeting updates and information on community events. Messages to (360) 573-7376 or send me a note to add you to our “NA only” email list (whdna@comcast.net). Thank you, ILA