What makes a neighborhood safe, livable, healthy and friendly? Is it expensive, new housing? Is it tall fences and bigger, stronger locks? The answer is **YOU!** You have the power to make a big difference, with the smallest effort and no cost. How? Simple. Walk, wave, smile at your neighbors. Introduce yourself. It doesn’t take much. Your neighbors are your greatest ally in keeping you safe. Ask any police officer, nothing beats the eyes and ears of a neighbor for strengthening a neighborhood against crime. Paying attention and knowing your immediate neighbors can make a huge difference in your personal safety. No matter the crime, criminals seek a place to go unnoticed and unchallenged. Don’t make it easy for them.
Just pay attention to who and what is happening on your street. Pick up that litter when you pick up your mail. It doesn’t take a big commitment of time or energy. With just a bit of effort from each of us, we can all enjoy a neighborhood that is a safe, attractive, and friendly place to live. And we can feel more connected and have some fun, too. Please come to the next meeting: **Thursday, September 18 Unitarian Universalist Church, 4505 E 18th Street.** Meet your neighbors. Find out what’s happening in our neighborhood and in our city. Meetings are limited to 90 minutes. Your presence is requested and your ideas very welcome. What are your concerns? Come and tell us, we want to know. We can make a difference with your help. **Meetings are held every other month.** This meeting we will elect officers, please consider serving your neighborhood. Cynthia Powers has served as our Chair for two years, and it is time to elect a new Chair. Will it be you? Make a difference while you make friends.

**QUESTION:** What do Arnada, Carter Park, Columbia Way, Esther Short, Fruit Valley, Harney Heights, Hough, North Image, Northwest, Riverview, and Shumway have in common with Maplewood? All of these Vancouver neighborhoods have joined together in speaking out against the proposed oil terminal that would bring more than 380,000 barrels of explosive oil through our town. It’s not ordinary crude. It’s called Bakken oil and a mere quart spilled of this highly toxic oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water. Where does it come from? The increased use of hydraulic fracturing — fracking — has made oil that was previously inaccessible available to drillers. There is a boom in North Dakota, and the crude has to make its way to refineries, and roughly 60 percent of it travels by rail. Tesoro-Savage wants to build an oil terminal at our port, to disperse this oil to other places, like China, at great profit to them, and terrible risk to us. Last July, a tanker train filled with Bakken
crude derailed in the middle of the night in Lac-Mégantic, a small Canadian town near the border with Maine; the resulting inferno killed 47 people and leveled their town’s center. Since then, there have been explosive derailments in Casselton, North Dakota, and Lynchburg, Virginia. Just in case you are wondering, we are in the blast zone. For more information, and to be included in all the important updates, please contact Don Steinke, Washington State Sierra Club Beyond Oil Campaign at crvancouverusa@gmail.com or call 892-1589. Don is our neighbor, a dedicated volunteer, and a science and math teacher of 27 years. He is a great resource, and very organized. He makes it easy for you to be a hero.

**Do you have a problem property near you?** To report a City of Vancouver code violation, including property maintenance or solid waste violations, call the automated Code Compliance hotline at 360-487-7810

The Code Compliance Team is charged with maintaining the safety, health, welfare and livability of neighborhoods through the use of various Vancouver Municipal Codes, including the Minimum Property Maintenance Code, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinances. The Code Compliance Team's goal is to gain voluntary compliance through education and assistance. If voluntary compliance cannot be achieved, civil or criminal penalties may be imposed to the violator.
**Have some fun at Second Saturday at the Water Center**

Second Saturdays at the Water Resources Education Center are not only fun, they're free! Each second Saturday of the month, from 1 to 3 p.m., kids and their families are invited to explore a different topic through hands-on activities, games and stories. Water Resources Education Center, 4600 Columbia way. Call 360-487-7111 or visit [http://www.cityofvancouver.us/watercente...](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/watercente...) for more information.

**Local Community Partners:**
Vancouver Action Network is a new, local community group working to expose polluting corporations and hold them accountable by scientifically monitoring and reporting their findings. Find out more by attending meetings every Thursday, 6:00 pm, Blind Onion Pizza 2900 Mill Plain Bl. vancouveractionnetwork.blogspot.com

**Your Neighborhood Leaders:**
- Cynthia Powers, Chair 360 694-2459
- Steven Powers, Co-Chair 360 694-2459
- Derya Ruggles Co-Chair 971 506-1730
- City Liaison, Peggy Furno 360 487-8604

**Neighborhood Police Officer, Cpl Duane Boynton (NPC) Vancouver Police Department: 360 487-7359**

The City of Vancouver supports the Neighborhood Associations in their effort to share vital information with residents to create a more informed public. However, the information provided and the opinions and views expressed in the Neighborhood Association newsletter or other documents do not necessarily represent the position of the City of Vancouver, nor does the City determine whether the information published is accurate or appropriate. Printed by the City of Vancouver Office of Neighborhoods.
Compost is rich in nutrients that help plants to grow, acts to retain soil moisture and can help suppress plant disease. Using compost is good for your soil and can reduce the need to irrigate your garden or use toxic herbicides or pesticides. It's easy to turn your yard debris and kitchen scraps into compost. Just as in nature, leaves and plant debris feed and enrich the soil, you can recycle the food scraps from your kitchen and yard debris back into your soil.

Learn how by attending a Free Backyard Composting Workshop, or Wormshop ($35 materials fee). The Master Composter/Recycler Program is a volunteer-based community program whose mission is to educate the community about recycling and help keep recyclable materials out of the waste-stream.

Compost bins are for sale at Columbia Springs; the FreeGarden brand compost bin is $55 and the Seattle Composter is $65.

To purchase a compost bin, find out more about the Master Composter/Recycler Program, or register for a class: call 360-882-0936, ext. 224, or e-mail MCR@columbiasprings.org

Their website is www.columbiasprings.org/MCR

### Composting Workshops
Learn the basics of backyard composting.
Pre-registration is required.

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### Wormshops
Participants will learn about the care and feeding of redworms for vermicomposting. Family Wormshop participants assemble their own worm bin to take home. ($35 includes the cost of the workshop, bin and worms.) These workshops are family friendly. Pre-registration is required.

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#### Free Leaf Disposal
For Vancouver and Clark County residents only

Prevent street flooding – NEVER blow or place leaves in the street. Use this coupon for free leaf disposal from October 1 - December 20, 2014

2014 Coupon Disposal Locations:

City Bark, H & H Wood Recyclers and West Van Materials Recovery Center

Please see reverse for hours and addresses.

Coupons must be presented at the drop-off site and are for LEAVES ONLY, up to 5 cubic yards. Yard debris or mixed loads will be charged at regular prices. Leaves must be emptied from plastic bags.

To redeem coupon, complete the following information:

Name: ____________________________
Street Address/Zip: ________________

Sponsored by:

City of Vancouver residents: Funding for your participation in this program is provided through your garbage rates.
Clark County residents: Funding for participation is provided by Clark County Public Works and Environmental Services.
Clark County residents may dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste products at one of the following county sponsored HHW collection facilities or events. Seniors and persons with disabilities who are unable to transport material to a HHW facility or event can call 360-397-2121, ext. 4352 to see if they are eligible for free pickup. Business-generated hazardous waste will not be accepted.

**Central Transfer and Recycling Center**
360-256-8482
11034 NE 117th Avenue, Vancouver
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday

**West Van Materials Recovery Center**
360-737-1727
6601 NW Old Lower River Road, Vancouver
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friday & Saturday

**Washougal Transfer Station**
360-835-2500
4020 S. Grant, Washougal
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Third Saturday

**Mobile Collection Events**
Call Clark County Environmental Services 360-397-2121, ext. 4352 for collection event schedules. Coupon Not Required / No Expiration Date

**FREE, FALL RECYCLING DAY EVENTS**

**Accepted Items:** A/C units, batteries, block foam, e-waste, freezers and refrigerators, household hazardous waste, scrap metal, shredding, tires and woody yard debris.

- **Vancouver:** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13 Clark College, Red Lot 3, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way Shredding: Purple Lot 1, 1800 Fort Vancouver Way
- **Hazel Dell:** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20 99th St Transit Center, 9700 NE 7th Avenue
- **Battle Ground:** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4 Battle Ground High School parking lot 300 NW 3rd Way (enter off of N Parkway Ave)

**UNWANTED MEDICATION COLLECTION EVENTS**
Visit RXReturnClarkCounty.org for more details on the safe disposal of unwanted medications or attend one of these four free, collection events.

**Four Locations:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 27
- Clark College, Purple Lot 1, 1800 Fort Vancouver Way
- Kaiser Permanente, Cascade Park, 12607 SE Mill Plain Boulevard
- Kaiser Permanente, Salmon Creek, 14406 NE 20th Ave
- Battle Ground Police Department, 507 SW 1st Street

For additional information, please call: 360-397-2121, ext. 4352.

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**City Bark**
2419 NE Andresen, 360-253-8461
Hours: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday (in Oct)
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday (in Nov/Dec)
Closed Thanksgiving and every Sunday

**H&H Wood Recyclers, Inc.**
8401 NE 117th Avenue, 360-892-2805
Hours: 7 am to 6 pm Monday-Saturday (in Oct)
8 am to 5 pm Monday-Saturday (in Nov/Dec)
9 am to 4 pm Sunday (all months)
Closed Thanksgiving

**West Van Materials Recovery Center**
6601 NW Old Lower River Road, 360-737-1727
Hours: 6 am to 6 pm Monday-Friday
8 am to 4 pm Saturday
Closed Sunday
Closed Thanksgiving

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2014 Disposal Locations
Addresses and Hours for Leaf Coupon Use