

Airport Green Neighborhood Association

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Neighborhood Tree Planting Program

The neighborhood association has obtained another matching grant from the Clark County Watershed Council that gives Airport Green residents a 50% discount on the purchase of trees from the Friends of Trees. Each tree will cost you only \$25! You should have received a flyer on January 25. As a reminder, the deadline for placing orders is Friday, February 17.

How the program works

Go online to the Friends of Trees website (www.friendsoftrees.org/), click on ORDER Street & Yard Trees, and follow the directions. There is information along with photos of trees that are available for selection. You can also call the Friends of Trees (503-282-8846) to place your order. Payment is not required at the time you place your order. The planting in Airport Green is scheduled for Saturday, March 17 (yes, St. Patrick's Day). Keep in mind that the trees available for planting along the street are limited in order to prevent rooting problems with sidewalks and curbs. In fact, a permit is required for street trees but the Vancouver Urban Forester will take care of that at no charge, as well as contact the company who will check for and mark any utility lines (the "Call Before You Dig" people). You will be contacted by the Vancouver Urban Forester, who will come to your home and help you decide where to plant your tree(s). A day or two prior to the planting, a crew will dig the holes for the street trees. (Holes for the yard trees will be dug the day of the planting.)

Your trees will be delivered and planted on March 17. Your discount requires you to keep them staked and watered for the first year.

Oliver Sasse, the AGNA Tree Program Coordinator, can be reached at 885-4460. He can answer your questions and help with the ordering process.

Note: A separate planting program is being planned for the RS Medical green space along SE 1st Street. Those adjacent homeowners will be contacted at a later date about a meeting to discuss that tree planting program.



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President's Message

The Airport Green Neighborhood Association continues to support residents wishing to add value to their homes and enhance the neighborhood by planting street and yard trees. Real estate appraisers typically add about \$7,000 per attractive, mature tree to a home's market value. Please try to take advantage of the price reduction (50% discount = \$25 per tree) and the convenience of having the work performed by volunteers, who will let you help plant your own trees, if you wish!

I want to take this opportunity to recognize Oliver Sasse for his efforts in coordinating the Neighborhood Tree Planting Program again this year. The new trees will add beauty to the neighborhood and help increase the tree canopy of the city, which is below national standards.

I have reduced the Essential Phone Numbers in the hope that you will consult it to report malfunctioning streetlights and park equipment as well as potholes in city streets.

There are no free yard debris disposal coupons being issued with neighborhood newsletters. The coupons will be inserted into Waste Connections bills in April, so look for them then!

Ross Montgomery



Voluntary Dues Reminder

Membership Chair Dave Schwarzott requests that 2012 voluntary dues (\$12) be paid by March 1 to meet the budget approved by the Executive Board at its January 12 meeting. We will need to have 40 families step up! Please use the Membership Application in this newsletter to submit your voluntary dues payment and confirm that you have not changed your phone number or e-mail address – or to update them – to

register your voting membership if you are new, and/or to request that your house number be painted (or re-painted) on the curb. THANKS!



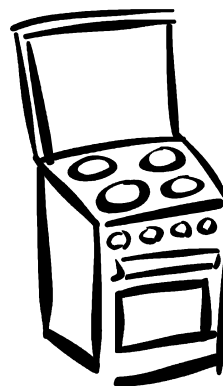
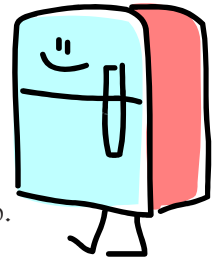
Used Appliance Pick Up, Credits, and Rebates

Those residents wishing to dispose of refrigerators and/or freezers (working or non-working) can qualify for a credit up to \$60 on their electric bills by contacting Clark Public Utilities (992-3000) now to arrange for pick up.

The refrigerator or freezer (\$30 each with a limit of two per customer) has harmful refrigerants that must be disposed of properly by the utility. Pick up of the old appliance may be within a few days of your call.

To encourage more energy-efficient refrigerators, freezers, and clothes washers, Clark Public Utilities is offering customers point-of-purchase rebates on energy-saving appliances (\$25 on a refrigerator or freezer; \$50 on a clothes washer) from participating Clark County retailers. For details and a list of retailers online, go to www.clarkpublicutilities.com, click on "Find out about rebates and other incentives." Big box stores are on the list.

Airport Green residents can call Waste Connections year-round(!) to schedule a free pick up for a major non-working appliance, such as a stove, dishwasher, clothes washer, or a dryer (refrigerators and freezers, too, if you still have one after taking advantage of the Clark Public Utilities offer). Each resident is permitted to dispose of one (1) appliance each year for no charge (additional appliances can be picked up for a fee). This service is first called-first served and is only offered to residents of city-recognized neighborhood associations (Airport Green being so recognized). To obtain more information and to schedule a pick up, call Waste Connections (892-5370).



S.A.L.T. is for Seniors

The Clark County Sheriff, the Camas Police Department, and East County Seniors have a program dedicated to the safety and security of senior citizens. S.A.L.T. stands for Seniors and Law Enforcement Together. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month in Hazel Dell, and on the fourth Monday of each month in Camas. More information, including back issues of the monthly newsletter, is available online at www.clark.wa.gov/sheriff/ then click on "Get Involved." You can also call 397-2211, extension 3380, for more information about S.A.L.T.

Only one meeting is scheduled for February. It will be held on Monday, February 20 in Camas. The meeting will be a combined Senior Resources Fair with a free spaghetti lunch (featuring Sheriff Lucas' secret spaghetti sauce) and live music! Approximately 50 agencies/vendors will provide information about personal security, health and legal services, and other senior-related issues. Attendees are encouraged to car pool and arrive by 10:00 a.m. at Liberty Middle School, 1612 NE Garfield Street in Camas.

Airport Green resident Barbara Olson regularly attends the S.A.L.T. meetings. She invites other neighbors to contact her regarding possible car-pooling. Contact Barbara at 892-1468.



Neighborhood Police Officer's Report

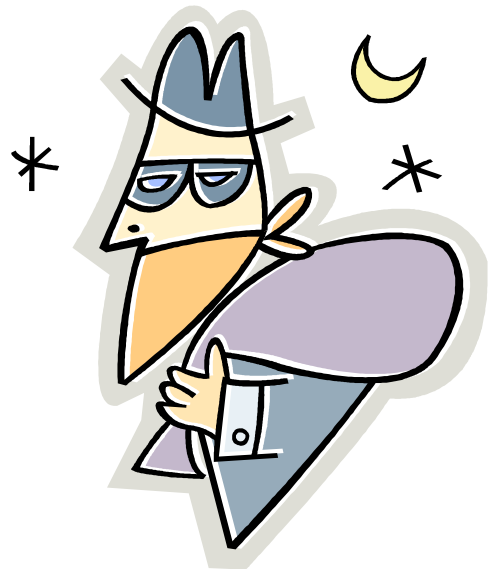
Our Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) is Corporal Charlie Ford. He reports that the police department has reconstituted the Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) to deal with street crime. All four NPO's have been assigned to the NRT. Evidence and observations that may relate to drug dealing and other illegal activities should be reported to him at 487-7540. Please be ready to describe specific actions and the individuals involved. (If you see drug dealing in progress, call 9-1-1.) Cpl. Ford says that drug activity may be occurring in the pedestrian pathway on the north side of Hearthwood Elementary School.

Neighborhood Watch Update

Prowler activity continues to occur in our neighborhood. Double-check that doors and windows are secured each night. In January a yard shed in a backyard was rummaged through (nothing taken) and a prowler set off the alarm on a truck (possibly by the same person). These incidents occurred at night. Please be alert to any unknown persons walking around the neighborhood – especially after dark. If the individual seems to be wandering without any real purpose and peering into homes or yards, feel free to call 9-1-1 to report this suspicious activity.

Not all crimes occur at night, however. A used dishwasher was taken from a driveway during one afternoon last month. Stealing metal for redemption is a favorite money-maker for drug users. A neighbor observed that the vehicle involved was a dark-colored older SUV with a utility trailer. No license plate was obtained. Don't hesitate to jot down the license plate of any service or work vehicle observed at a neighbor's home and hold on to it for a few days – just in case.

A neighbor also reported receiving a "Dear Grandma" phone call on January 26. This is a common scam in which the caller claims to be grandson or granddaughter who was in a car accident and needs money wired for medical expenses. Please be alert to this, and other scams, and warn seniors about these kinds of criminal activity. The S.A.L.T. program deals with scams that target senior citizens.



Airport Redevelopment Roadwork

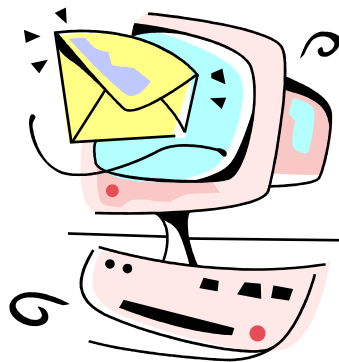
A recent article in *The Columbian* confirms that the roadwork for the Evergreen Landing project on the former Evergreen Airport property, consisting of the extensions of SE 1st Street and Olympia Drive, is being decided to the City of Vancouver. The Public Works Department has received numerous comments from city residents both in favor of opening the streets to traffic and keeping them closed. The article reports



that concerns expressed by residents that opening the streets will cause safety and vandalism problems are shared by the Vancouver Police and Fire Departments. At this time, there is “no date nor estimate as to when the street will open to the public.”

AGNA Newsletter Opt-Out?

Many neighborhood associations have decided not to print their newsletters, and make them available only via e-mail or by posting them on the neighborhood’s website. If you would be willing to forego a written version of the newsletter, please e-mail Ross Montgomery at montre2ecs@aol.com. The number of neighbors willing to opt-out of receiving a hard copy of the newsletter will be helpful to the AGNA Executive Board when it takes up this issue at a future meeting.



Essential Phone Numbers

Emergency Services

Police, Fire & Medical	9-1-1
Report a Crime in Progress or Dangerous Situation	9-1-1
Report “Non-Emergency,” such as Suspicious Activity	9-1-1

Other Police Contacts

Neighborhood Police Officer Cpl. Charlie Ford	487-7540
Police Services/Information	487-7355

City Services

Street, Park and Street Light Maintenance	696-8177
City Hall	487-8000

Parks & Recreation

General Information	487-8311
Firstenburg Center	487-7001

Utilities

Call Before You Dig	800-424-5555
City Water/Sewer	487-7999
Clark Public Utilities	992-3000
NW Natural Gas	800-422-4012
Waste Connections	892-5370

Ft. Vancouver Regional Libraries

Administration	695-1561
Cascade Park Library	256-7782



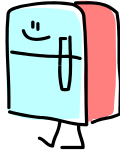
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2012 Activities Calendar

More details will be provided for each activity as the date approaches, either in a flyer or newsletter. Also check the AGNA website, shown on the front of this newsletter, for information.

Free Non-Working Major Appliance Pick Up

Sign-ups are now year-round for appliance pick ups. One appliance limit. Call 892-5370. See article on page two of this issue.



Neighborhood Cleanup

Saturday, May 19, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Free disposal for household items, yard debris, and certain recyclables. Watch for details closer to event date. See article in this issue regarding disposal of electronics (page 2).

Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale

Friday, June 15 – Sunday, June 17
(third full weekend in June)

Residents hold sales at their homes. AGNA advertises and posts signs. Watch for details closer to event dates.

Kids Parade and Neighborhood Picnic

Wednesday, July 4, 11:00 a.m.

Kids Parade (and family fun walk) to be followed by picnic and games at Hearthwood Park. Watch for details closer to event date.



National Night Out Against Crime

Tuesday, August 7

Ice cream in Hearthwood Park will coincide with national event. Watch for details closer to event date.



AGNA Annual Meeting

Tentatively: Thursday, November 8

Subject to availability of meeting space at Hearthwood Elementary School and program presenter (TBA). Election of Executive Board for 2013 term, Audit Report, and special presentation.

2012 Executive Board

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2012 Neighborhood Recycling Champion

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Hearthwood Park, Hospitality

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Newsletter

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Permanent Membership Application

Application information is for AGNA purposes only.

Check box if you do NOT want your name(s) published as a voting or dues-paying member.

Check the box(es) that apply:

Current resident(s)

Property owner(s)

Name _____

Signature _____

Name _____

Signature _____

Name _____

Signature _____

Name _____

Signature _____

Street/property address _____

Mailing address _____

Phone _____

Email (1) _____

Date of Submission _____

Email (2) _____

NOTE: Voting rights are established by registering a signed membership application, provided it is received at least seven (7) days prior to the next membership vote. All residents or property owners 18 years or older are eligible to register their membership. Payment of dues is not required to register.

Please submit your signed application to AGNA with your \$12 check (voluntary dues) to:

David Schwarzott, AGNA Membership Chair
410 NE 139th Avenue
Vancouver, WA 98684

Current members: Detach & submit with check for voluntary dues payment if there is no change in personal information, such as phone number or e-mail address.

Check box for free curb painting

Application for non-profit organization or business licensee can be obtained by contacting the AGNA Membership Chairperson.