

Fircrest Neighborhood Newsletter

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- Fircrest NHA monthly meeting is scheduled for Sept 7th.
- Know what's going on in YOUR neighborhood! Last 90 days of criminal activity. Map dots indicate criminal incidents. The pie chart indicates property crimes per 1000 population. Go online: www.vanpolice.org and click on Fircrest or contact Vancouver Police Analyst John Laws at 487-7539.
- The newsletter is now available on Fircrest's very own website! Check out <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Fircrest/home> for great community communication tools— upload YOUR profile today!

Annual Fircrest Picnic/Potluck

The Annual Fircrest Picnic/Potluck will be September 25th. Watch for more info here in next month's newsletter and contact Alice Glessner to volunteer to help with this event 896-8379.



Code Compliance Update

Tammy Neblock from Code Compliance spoke at the August meeting. She reported that the Code Compliance staff was down from seven officers to 4, due to budget cuts. In addition, they are losing their staff assistant in November and the officers themselves will be taking the complaints off the complaint line. Tammy explained that the department is complaint driven, meaning they only act on citizens' complaints. They don't drive through looking for issues- they ask that if you see one, please report it. If you leave your name and number, that info will be in the public record. If you request to report anonymously, it will be an anonymous request in the public record.

Code Compliance Officers address complaints of excessive garbage, tall grass, inoperable vehicles and/or parking on unimproved surfaces, housing code issues, sign violations and zoning violations. They first try to gain compliance on issues through education, assistance and resources. They can, and do, issue criminal citations on unresolved compliance issues. For more info or for online reporting go to: <http://www.cityofvancouver.us/page.asp?menuID=10465&submenuID=15828>. Funds are limited and demand is high, but all complaints will be responded to.

Upcoming events:

Sept 1: 1st day of school

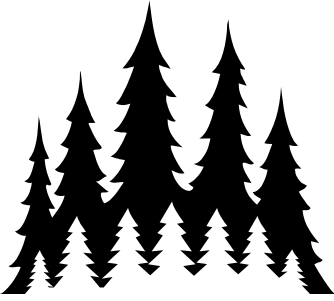
Sept 7: FNA Monthly Meeting at Firstenberg Community Center @ 700 NE 136th Ave. Meeting starts at 7pm, Come at 6:30 to socialize!

Sept 18: Tree dedication 1pm @ Fircrest Park on 5th St.

Sept 24: Oktoberfest 5:30-11pm @ Shorty's Nursery on Mill Plain

Sept 25: Fircrest Annual Picnic. Watch here or on your website for details and updates.

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Thank You!!

Thank you to Becky A., Fircrest Parks Chair, for coordinating with Jesse Beatty and Jessica Antione and AmeriCorps and New Heights Church volunteers to clean up Starke Natural Area. Thank you to Becky A., LeeAnn O., and Vincent L. for hand-watering new trees in Haagen Park and thank you to the Brodin household for donating some of the water for these trees.

Thanks to our Parks Maintenance crew for their hard work in our parks. We love our parks!!

Tree Dedication

The neighborhood will dedicate two trees September 18th to Harley Hall, a Vancouver native who led the Blue Angels and was the last pilot shot down in Vietnam and for Ralph Peabody for his twenty years of service to the Fircrest neighborhood.

Garden Addition

The raised beds have arrived in Haagen Park and will hopefully be full of veggies next planting season. Thank you to Tyler C. from Ridgefield who's skill and determination made these boxes sturdy and beautiful! This project completed his Eagle Scout Service and makes him a "scout for life." He did a wonderful job and we're extremely grateful for his hard work!

Litter is Not Like Weeds

(it doesn't grow on its own!)

Please remember the dumpsters and park garbage cans are for PARK garbage. Please dump household garbage at home. The city maintenance and Parks & Rec are looking at ways to cut costs and work together to handle reduced budget levels. Garbage service in the parks may disappear if it's abused.

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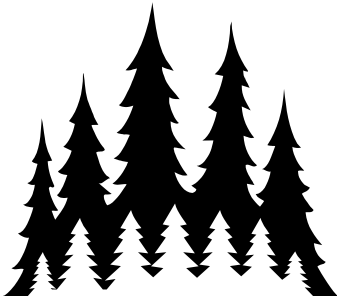
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Higher Tickets for Speeding on 112th

Please remember that 112th Avenue is currently part of a Safety Corridor Project and that traffic fines are higher. 112th Avenue is mostly 35MPH zones, but from 9th Street to McGillvray is 25MPH.

Evergreen School Board Meeting Info

Now that school will be starting up again, people might like a reminder about school board meetings.

They are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month (except June, July, November, December). Meetings begin at 5:30pm and are held at the Evergreen Public Schools Administrative Service Center - Evergreen Room at 13501 NE 28th Street.

More details (including meeting agendas) can be found at <http://www.evergreenps.org/AboutEPS/Pages/SchoolBoard.aspx>

Open Chair

There is currently an opening for a Zoning & Development Chair person. This position will be discussed at the September 7th meeting. Please attend if you are interested in this committee and the position of chair-person.

On the Agenda for September 7th Meeting

The guest speaker for September will be a representative from C-Tran.

Bylaw Section IV (Voting section) discussion and update. Check website for existing Bylaw and proposed changes.

Final picnic planning. Come be a part of it!

The Chili Feed has been postponed until January or February 2011.

From the Editor: Newsletter Delivery

Last month I requested volunteers in delivering newsletters and had several responses from various areas in the neighborhood. However, I'm still without regular coverage of the entire area from Memorial Gardens on 9th Street south to Mill Plain, on the west side of Fircrest Elementary. Basically 117th, 118th Avenues from 9th to Mill Plain and all the streets in between. Also, the west half of the "water-tower neighborhood" needs a volunteer. If you live in these areas you may not get every Fircrest newsletter and risk missing out on important dates and local updates. If you'd like to volunteer to deliver 10, 20, 30 or more newsletters; or if you'd like to sign up for e-newsletters, please contact FNAnews@gmail.com or call LeeAnn at 360-910-2451. THANK YOU to our longtime delivery volunteers and to the new recruits! You make Fircrest an even better community to live in!