

Fircrest Neighborhood Newsletter

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- Fircrest NHA monthly meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2010.
- 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!

Clean Up Fircrest

The Clean-Up Day is scheduled for May 29th and we'll be calling for truck driving volunteers to come help us with pick-ups. New this year will be a release form that residents will be required to sign before any items can be picked up. This service is for senior citizens and residents with disabilities. Absolutely no items will be picked up without a resident present at the home. No exceptions will be made. Sorry we cannot be as flexible on this as we have been in the past.

Please remember every one of us working on this event is a volunteer. We cannot express our thanks enough to every neighbor who gives their time to help beautify our neighborhood while helping their neighbors.

We will not accept household garbage, concrete, roofing, household hazardous waste or any liquids (including paint!).

New e-waste guidelines to keep in mind as you collect debris for the day: We cannot accept computers, TVs, monitors or laptops. These items can be recycled for free through the state-wide E-cycle Washington program. For more information about the program, visit www.ecyclewashington.org. See page 4 of this newsletter for a list of local drop sites.

Seeking Fircrest Historian

Fircrest neighborhood would love to have someone be our historian i.e.: keep our news stories, pictures and events for future projects in a scrap book.

FNA participates in many different types of projects over the course of a year. We need someone to help us record our history. Photos, news articles etc. Can you help?

Upcoming events:

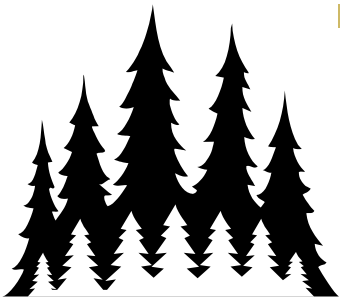
May 4: FNA Monthly Meeting at Firstenberg Community Center 7PM @ 700 NE 136th Ave. Come at 6:30PM to socialize!

May 19: Brown Bag Lunch with ESD Superintendent call 604-4000 for more info

May 22: Bike Rodeo @ Fircrest Elementary. Volunteers needed— see pg 2 and watch here for more info in April!

May 29: Fircrest Annual Clean-Up @ Fircrest Elementary

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18th St. Project Update

Chris Malone, Project Transportation Manager for the 18th Street Project, was the guest speaker at our April meeting. Phase 1A of the project has been fully funded and is scheduled to begin in August. This phase will be centered around the intersection of 112th Ave and 18th St, starting 200 ft to the west of 112th to about Mission Hills; and about 800 ft both north and south on 112th. It will increase the roadway to include dual left turn lanes, right turn pockets and 2 through lanes going each way. The sidewalk and landscaped area along 18th will be minimized from the original 15 ft walkway and additional landscaping to an eight foot sidewalk and smaller landscape strip than additionally planned. More information can be found online at <http://www.cityofvancouver.us/streetprojects.asp?menuid=10465&submenuid=10530>

Chili Feed/Cook-Off Challenge

The Fircrest Neighborhood Association has challenged other Vancouver neighborhoods to a Chili Cook-Off! Tentatively scheduled for Sept 25 at Fruit Valley Community Center, the cook-off will be followed by a Chili Feed with funds raised donated to a local charity. The entrance fees for the cook-off will be divided into 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards. Watch here for more information.

Open Delivery Routes

There are three areas of homes in Fircrest that we currently don't have a regular delivery volunteer for. The areas are: the west half of the area under the water tower; the western end of 9th from 112th to the school and 8th St just behind it as well as 117th from 9th to 5th; and a couple blocks near 123rd and 5th. If you live in one of these areas you might not get newsletters delivered to your home every month. Just a few homes here and there and we'd be fully covered! If you would be willing to drop off 10 or so newsletters on your street or block please contact

FNAnews@gmail.com. *Huge thank you to our regular delivery volunteers: Autumn R, Barbara R, Buck L, Carl C, Joan B, John M, Larry K, Margaret M and company, Nathan H. and friends, Paul T, Sandy F, Sarah H and family, and Vinnie L.*

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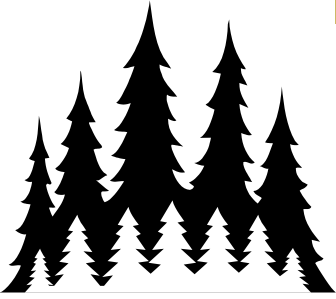
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Help at the Fircrest PTO Bike Rodeo!!

The Fircrest PTO is having a Bike Rodeo in May! Bring your kids to hear a bicycle safety course, pick-up your pre-ordered helmet at a discounted price and decorate their bikes for the Bike Parade down 9th Street!

Volunteers are needed. Anyone interested in helping in this event should contact sawray@comcast.net. Please call soon as any volunteers will need to go through a background check with the district and that may take up to 30 days.

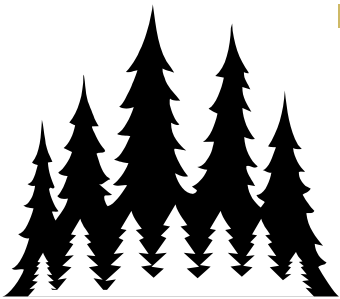
Plant Sale Success

The first annual FNA/Fircrest PTO joint plant sale was a huge success! Volunteers from both organizations worked together like we'd been doing it for years! Thanks to Keri W., of Cascade Nursery for providing the plants for us and being so flexible as we caravanned van loads of veggies, herbs and flower starts and gorgeous flowering baskets from their nursery to the Fircrest Elementary School. Thanks to the help of neighborhood volunteers Lynna H., Margaret M., Bill M., Larry K., Joan D., Rebecca M., Alice G., Bobby O., Garden Mentor Lanell W., and PTO Volunteers Monique M., Jenny T., Mr. D., Sam., and of course Lynn, the day went smoother than anyone could ask for. Thank you to James N., and United Rentals for providing a trailer for moving plants. Finally; a huge thank you to Sally W. of the PTO for connecting us with Cascade Nursery to get the plants, organizing the site and a dozen other detail driven tasks. What a great way to bring the Fircrest residents and the elementary school within our boundaries closer together.

May Agenda

The May Fircrest Membership meeting will feature a guest speaker from the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project to provide an update on the I-5 Bridge Project. Bring your questions and get the information you need.

We'll also be discussing proposed changes to the Voting section of our by-laws. Check our website to see the proposed wording change: <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Fircrest/home> and scroll down to Pages & Links section. Make sure to come to the meeting to cast YOUR vote!



Sites Accepting Computers, Monitors and TVs

Goodwill Battleground Store	101 NW 20th Ave	9-8pm 7 days a week
American Electronics Recycling	3315 NE 112th Ave, Ste 86	8:30AM-3PM Thur-Sat
CREAM (No TVs)	5000 E Fourth Plain Blvd	9am-8pm Tues-Sat
Goodwill—205 and Mill Plain	221 NE 104th AVE	9am-8pm 7 days a week
Goodwill—Main and Fourth Plain	2607 Main St	9am-8pm 7 days a week
Goodwill—Cascade Park	411 Chkalov Dr	9am-8pm 7 days a week
Goodwill—Fishers Landing Store	1200 SE 162nd Pl	9am-8pm 7 days a week
Goodwill—Hazel Dell Store	1600 NE 78th St	9am-8pm 7 days a week
Goodwill—Orchards	12512 NE 4th Plain Blvd	9am-8pm 7 days a week
Goodwill—Salmon Creek	13100 NE Hwy 99	9am-8pm 7 days a week
Goodwill—Salmon Creek Store	14300 NE 20th Ave	9am-8pm 7 days a week
Goodwill—SE Vancouver	SE 192nd Ave and 1st St	9am-8pm 7 days a week
Goodwill Vancouver Outlet	9021 NE 117th Ave	9am-8pm 7 days a week
Goodwill Vancouver Store	6425 NE Fourth Plain Blvd	9am-8pm 7 days a week
IMS Electronics Recycling	2401 St. Francis Ln	8am-5pm, Mon-Fri
Goodwill—Washougal	3307 SE Evergreen Way	9am-8pm 7 days a week

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