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FRUIT VALLEY

CALENDAR---ALL NEIGHBORS ARE WELCOME!!

FVNA meeting	Sept 2nd	7:00 P.M.	Community Center
Bunco	Sept 13th	6:30 P.M.	Main Room Com.
TOPS	Tuesday's	6:30 P.M.	Main Room Com Center
Ladies of the Valley	Sept 10th	7:00 P.M.	Community Center
NA	Tuesdays,	7:00 P.M.	Com. Center, upstairs room
NA (men)	Wednesdays,	7:00 P.M.	Main Room, Com. Center
PTO	Tuesday Sept 14th	7:00 P.M.	School Family Resource Center

REPRESENTATIVES & CONTACTS

Lee McCallister	President	360-695-5647	Karen McCallister	Secretary
Eric LaBrant	Vice President	360-852-1389	Merril Firestone	At Large
Sharon Kersting	Treasurer	360-693-1201	Dan Thulin	At Large
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Patty Boehlke	At Large			
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COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS: CALL KAREN AT 360-695-5647.

\$150.00 DEPOSIT, \$150.00 RENTAL. IF CLEAN WHEN DONE, YOU WILL GET YOUR DEPOSIT BACK. PLEASE SCHEDULE AT LEAST 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE

GRAFFITI

Please watch for persons committing graffiti against the neighborhood. We, the Neighborhood Association, will pay a reward for information given to us, leading to the arrest and conviction of said persons. Please keep your eyes open! It is your neighborhood, too. We need everyone's eyes on this subject.

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NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

Fruit Valley PTO

The PTO meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at Fruit Valley Elementary School Family resource center.

President Jessica Trickett, Vice President Valerie Ackerman, Secretary Carrick Weber,
Treasurer Karen McCallister, Communications Dana Claborn.

If you have any questions about the PTO, please get in touch with one of them.

The PTO meets at the Family Resource Center at Fruit Valley Elementary School

Clothes Closet at River's Edge Church at 3801 Fruit Valley Road

The next clothes closet will be October 16th. From 11 AM-1 PM. Set-up is the 14th at 4 PM. Volunteers welcome. We need your gently used donations. Please make arrangements to leave clothes at the church. Please don't leave them if no one is present. Call Stacie at 360-313-1904.

Access to Healthy Food – We asked...You told us...

The survey says...

- ✓ Almost 50% of residents raise or grow their own food.
- ✓ 42% buy food at the convenience store at least monthly.
- ✓ Residents are interested in sharing their knowledge and resources about healthy eating – especially cooking and gardening.

These are just some of the findings from the Access to Healthy Food survey conducted in April-May. Learn more about the results of this survey, some new healthy food choices being implemented as well as exciting opportunities for food and gardening related workshops happening this fall at the September neighborhood association meeting.

Elsbeth Durek - 360-397-8200 ext 7291 or elsbeth.durek@clark.wa.gov

Rental of the Community Center

The hours to contact Karen McCallister to rent the Community center for events or parties are 9 A.M. to 7 P.M. daily. If there is no answer, please leave a name and contact number and she will get back to you as soon as possible. Please schedule at least 30 days in advance. The phone number is 360-695-5647.

Back to School Barbecue

The 2010 Back to School Barbecue will be held September 7th from 5:00P.M. To 6:30 P.M. at Fruit Valley Elementary School. Come and have something to eat and meet your child's teacher and see the room that will be their home away from home for 180 days.

Fruit Valley Neighborhood Association Minutes

5 August 2010

6:00 Block Watch Update

Fruit Valley Neighborhood Association Minutes

President, Vice President, and Secretary were in attendance with no other attendees present. The Update was not discussed due to lack of quorum.

Call to Order and Roll Call Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

Meeting schedule was abbreviated to accommodate time to discuss the primary issue before the Association. Attendance was approximately 60 persons. A sign-in sheet was available for those attending.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Port of Vancouver Proposed Expansion

The Port of Vancouver is currently discussing a potential lease on the west side of Vancouver Lake. President L. McCallister outlined several stipulations he has discussed with the light industrial manufacturing lessee. The operation will create 150-200 jobs, and President McCallister has stipulated that those hires would be primarily from the Fruit Valley Neighborhood. He has also stipulated that the company will make several donations to support the local school and Neighbors On Watch program. No action is requested at this time.

2. Fruit Valley Neighborhood Picnic

Secretary K. McCallister shared that the community picnic was a success, and would like to thank all who attended.

3. Proposed Residential Design Guidelines

The City of Vancouver Planning Commission has proposed a sub-area overlay district for "Fruit Valley Homes" which would modify existing building codes for the area, with the stated goal of maintaining the overall design appearance of homes from the street. These changes would revise the city building code as Section 20.590.030. A copy is attached.

Action Requested

Ask that President McCallister represent to the City of Vancouver that the residents of the affected sub-area either support or oppose the suggested building code changes.

Discussion

Gretta Lavadour summarized the proposed overlay requirements: would be part of mandatory building code in the area. She also discussed that the original intent was for Historical Preservation. As a whole, the neighborhood will not qualify because too many modifications have been made. She also discussed the prior lack of public involvement and awareness.

John Ransone read a statement in opposition to the sub-area overlay. Mr. Ransone noted that in an unofficial door-to-door tally, 163 were opposed, 9 were in favor, 104 were absent or not counted, and 25 were undecided.

The floor was opened to several statements for and against the overlay. Rhetta Drennan noted an historic lack of feedback either for or against from the affected residents.

City Planner Sandra Towne was given the floor to clarify the proposed overlay requirements and provide an overview. The process was started 14 months ago, and 3 mailings have been made by the City of Vancouver attempting to notify residents. An historic inventory of the area has been completed, and sent to the State of Washington for future reference. That inventory and area design guidelines will remain available from the State upon request.

President McCallister reiterated that he would be representing the neighborhood's wishes to the City Council. A request from the floor asked for a vote to elect a special representative. The request was overruled in light of the fact that City Council meetings are open to all members of the public, and President McCallister is already responsible for representing the concerns of the neighborhood in his current role.

The vote was called to support or oppose the sub-area overlay district. The vote to oppose was carried by an overwhelming majority. Five votes were in support.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric LaBrant, Vice President Pro-Tem

Westside Firefighters Help Needy Kids Year Round

Vancouver Firefighters from Westside Fire House #2 are making plans to enlarge their successful winter coat distribution effort. They are asking the community to help them gather basic necessities for needy kids at two schools in their westside service area.

"I talked with the school resource officers and learned that many of the kids are homeless, move often and most qualify for free or reduced price meals based on family income," says Station Capt. Duane Schuman of the City of Vancouver Fire Department. "We want to take decisive action to help these kids from very low-income and homeless families stay in school."

Some of the children lack basic needs such as tooth brushes, soap and other toiletries, school supplies and new shoes. The firefighter drive will focus on Washington and Hough elementary schools.

Schuman says his station's firefighters will launch a community collection program similar to their annual coat drive, and re-distribute the items to the school children. In recent years firefighters from the Westside Fire House have collected and redistributed thousands of coats and blankets to help needy people during the coldest winter months.

Residents may drop off items at the station located at 400 E. 37th Street any day of the week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Direct questions about donations via email to Capt. Schuman at duane.schuman@ci.vancouver.wa.us, or Vancouver Fire Department PIO, 360.418.5429 (pager).

