

the Lincoln Voice

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LNA Regular Meeting

Monday, February 13
7:00 p.m.

Lincoln Elementary
4200 NW Daniels

*Please enter the doors closest
to the tennis courts, on the
North side of the building.*

Agenda

- Announcements
- Columbia River Crossing Project
- Community Bulletin Board Update
- Refreshments



Lincoln Needs You!

The Lincoln Neighborhood Association is looking for a Secretary. Volunteering a few hours a month is a great way to meet your neighbors and become involved in our community. Please contact Jenny Brown at 360-693-1947.

Looking for a great way to get exercise? Delivering the Lincoln Voice might just be the answer! Two delivery routes are available, requiring just a couple of hours per month. To volunteer, contact Caron Welch at 360-936-7690.

Neighborhood Response Teams Return

Those neighbors who attended the January Lincoln Neighborhood Association meeting were able to speak with Corporal Drue Russell, of the Vancouver Police Department, about neighborhood crime statistics and crime prevention.

A Proactive Approach

Corporal Russell, who is Lincoln's Neighborhood Police Officer, spoke at length about the formation of two Neighborhood Response Teams (NRT) in Vancouver. Each NRT is comprised of a sergeant and four detectives, and will work in tandem with neighborhood police officers and crime analysts to address crime trends in Vancouver neighborhoods.

The anticipation of budget

cuts in 2013 inspired Chief of Police Clifford Cook to form the NRTs as a proactive response to increased crime in Vancouver neighborhoods. Cook hopes the teams will prevent crimes before they happen. They will focus on short term, street-level investigations that directly address issues of community livability. The members of the NRT have extensive experience in specialty areas including fugitive apprehension, auto theft investigations, street level gang investigations, arson investigations and burglary/pawn investigations. Since their formation on January 4th, the NRTs have been responsible for the apprehension of a serial burglary suspect and the recovery of several stolen vehicles.

When Crime Happens

Corporal Russell stressed that accurate crime statistics will play an important role in determining where the NRTs will focus their attention. It is important to call 911 when you witness or suspect a dangerous or suspicious situation. 911 is the number to call for police, fire or medical emergency help. Authorities will respond to a crime in progress, to prevent someone from being harmed and to prevent property from being damaged. When calling 911, stay calm and be specific about the reason for your call. Providing details about the emergency will not delay the response, and may provide emergency services with the crucial information they need.

New Trees Planted on 39th Street

150 new trees were planted along 39th Street in December. They are part of the 39th Street Safety Project and include Rocky Mountain Glow Maples, Prairifire Crabapples, and Japanese Snowbells. As the trees grow, they will give 39th Street more of a neighborhood feel, encourage slower traffic, act as a buffer for pedestrians and residents, filter pollutants, and beautify the neighborhood. The trees were planted at no expense to the homeowners and come with a five year maintenance package. We wish to thank the Public Works Department of Vancouver and Charles Ray, Urban Forester, for helping to secure the funding so the trees could be planted.

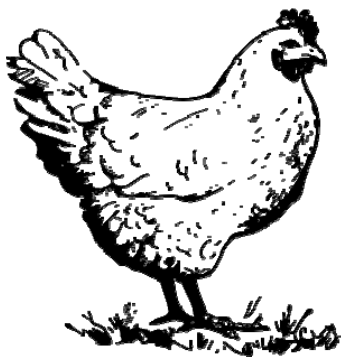
CRC to Conduct Drilled Shaft and Driven Pile Tests

The Columbia River Crossing project (CRC) will be conducting a construction techniques test project beginning in early 2012. The tests, to be conducted by Max J. Kuney Company, are expected to be completed by Summer 2012. A total of three drilled shafts and five piles will be installed at two on-land locations just west of the I-5 Bridge near the I-5/SR-14 interchange in Washington and near the Hayden Island interchange in Oregon. The locations were chosen to represent a range of soil conditions and required foundation depths for the replacement I-5 bridge.

The work will be used to evaluate the strength of the soil and refine design assumptions for the replacement bridge project. Noise and vibration will also be evaluated during this test project. People may hear noise and or feel vibration from this test project up to 2,000 feet away. Information about the drilled shaft project will be distributed to area businesses and residents, and posted on the Columbia River Crossing web site, www.columbiarivercrossing.com, before the work begins. The Lincoln Neighborhood Association meeting on Monday, February 13 will feature a presentation on the entire CRC project, and provide an opportunity for Lincoln residents to have their questions answered. The meeting, at the Lincoln Elementary School, will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Nobody Here But Us Chickens

If you asked Lincoln neighbor Christopher Moor where breakfast comes from, he might just point to the backyard and say "the girls." The girls would be Rizzo, Frank and Louise, his family's pet chickens. And he wouldn't be the only one. Two years ago, the Moor's joined an increasing number of urban farmers in Vancouver who are growing their own food. The reasons vary. Some raise chicken to share lessons with their children about the food chain, or to have better control over how their family's food is produced. For others, it is merely a connection to a simpler time gone by.



Whatever the motivation, chicken keeping in Lincoln is becoming more common; some neighbors even participated in the 2011 Vancouver Coop du Jour Tour, benefitting the Hough Neighborhood Foundation.

If you are considering making the leap from urbanite to city chicken farmer, there are some things you should know. It is legal to keep hens within the city limits of Vancouver, but roosters are strictly forbidden. This is provided that the living conditions for the chickens are humane, and that the eggs produced are for personal consumption and not for sale. And while there is no limit on the number of hens you can house, other ordinances dealing with nuisances such as odor and noise may apply. To connect with other chicken owners in Lincoln, contact Alyson Williams at 360-433-5444 or alygal@yahoo.com, and Christiane Smith at 360-735-9474, or christiane40@hotmail.com.

Proposed License Tag Fee Increase

In February, Vancouver's Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance (NTSA) will vote on whether to recommend that the Vancouver City Council approve a proposed increase of \$20 per licensed vehicle tag fee. The proposed increase would be used to fund a Transportation Benefit District (TBD) in Vancouver, and be put towards transportation improvements within the district. As a participating member of the NTSA, the Lincoln Neighborhood Association is allowed to vote on this issue. Whether or not the LNA supports the proposed TBD has yet to be decided. At this time, it is felt that more input from Lincoln residents is needed before a decision can be made on their behalf. The proposed TBD will be discussed at February's LNA Meeting on the 13th.

Open For Business In West Vancouver

Within walking distance of our neighborhood, new West Vancouver businesses and community organizations are revitalizing downtown and offering a mix of entertainment, shopping and dining options.

The New Kiggins Theater (1011 Main St., www.kigginstheater.com) opened in September after a complete remodel. The theater shows second run movies and offers wine, beer and hard cider in the upstairs Marquee Lounge.

Recently voted the Second Best Library for children in the United States by livability.com, the new **Vancouver Community Library** (901 C Street, www.fvrl.org) opened on July 17th and offers free Wi-Fi, book groups, community events, chess clubs, and an outside terrace.

Since opening in October, **the Bleu Door Bakery** (2413 Main St., www.bleudoorbakery.com) has been providing fresh baked pastries, homemade soups and sandwiches that feature their specialty breads.

The Source Climbing Center (1118 Main St., www.sourceclimbing.com) opened on November 11th. Featuring over 5,000 square feet of varied climbing terrains, the Source also offers a kid's mezzanine for birthday parties and private events.

Latte Da Coffeehouse and Wine Bar (205 East 39th Street www.lattedacoffeehouse.com) is located in an old Lincoln home that was built in 1901. Latte Da offers gourmet coffee, a selection of wines from NW vineyards, micro brews and live musical entertainment.



Remembering Marcia Taylor



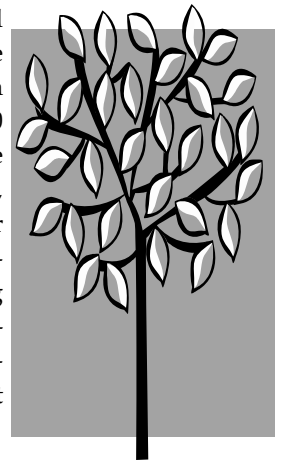
Lincoln neighbor Marcia Taylor passed away on October 25, 2011. Marcia will be remembered as a positive force in our neighborhood, sharing her warm smile and kind words with the people she met. Marcia served on the LNA transportation committee, helping to draft our neighborhood response to the Columbia River Crossing project, and as a newsletter carrier.

Community Bulletin Board Update

Work has begun on the Lincoln Neighborhood community bulletin board! The bulletin board, located in the courtyard entrance of Latte Da Coffeehouse and Wine Bar, is the result of a \$1,500 grant given to the neighborhood by the Vancouver Watersheds Alliance. Neighborhood volunteer Bob Adams led the charge by installing the posts and constructing the frame. A work party followed on January 28th and 29th, with over 70 hours of labor generously donated by Richard Rystrom, Sean Evans, David Tang, Quentin Welch, Arvonn Tully, Ethan Adams, Dave Howard, Melinda Bell and Cynthia Thornton-Tang. Materials for the project were generously donated by Lincoln neighbors and Habitat for Humanity. Both Lowe's and Horizon provided additional, discounted materials. Finishing touches, including installation of plexi-glass, lighting and decorative tiles will be done in the spring.

Friends of Trees Planting on February 25th

The annual neighborhood tree planting with Friends of Trees will be Saturday, February 25. Volunteers are welcome to join us! We will meet at St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 426 East Fourth Plain (enter the parking lot from F Street). Volunteers can sign in at 8:30 a.m.. Youth volunteers will need to have a waiver form, available on line at www.friendsoftrees.org or at the volunteer sign in, signed by a parent or guardian. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Tools and work gloves will be provided. Refreshments will be served before and after the planting. The planting will be completed by 1:00 p.m. This is always a fun event, whatever the weather, and is a great way to meet neighbors while improving our neighborhood! For additional information, contact Cynthia Thornton-Tang at 360-695-0786.



2011 Lincoln Neighborhood Real Estate Sales

More Lincoln neighborhood homes were sold in 2011 than in 2010, and were on average on the market for fewer days. During 2011 there were 41 properties sold in the Lincoln Neighborhood. This number was comprised of 39 single family residences, 1 commercial property and 1 lot of land. Of the 19 single family residences sold, there were 4 short sales (defined as a sale of real estate in which the proceeds from selling the property will fall short of the balance of debts against the property) and 9 bank owned sales. These single family residences sold for between \$63,920 and \$255,000 with an average sold price of \$155,481 and were on the market for an average of 77/98 days (original listing/plus cumulative listing total days on market). The commercial property sold for \$210,000 and was listed for 842 days. The lot of land was sold for \$15,000 and was spent 356 days on the market.

As of December 31, 2011 there were 17 active listings for Lincoln in the Regional Multiple Listing Service (RMLS); 13 single family residences, 3 multi-family properties and 1 lot of land. Six of the 19 single family residences are short sales and none of them are bank owned. These 13 active single family residences have listed prices ranging between \$85,000 and \$410,000, with an average list price of \$196,681 and have been on the market an average of 190 days. Currently there are six pending sales, with 1 short sale and 1 bank owned property. These six pending single family residences have listed prices ranging between \$115,000 and \$279,000, with an average pending price of \$175,475. Final prices will be updated once the transactions have closed. These pending single family residences have been on the market and average of 143/222 days.

Sixteen RMLS listings for Lincoln Neighborhood did not sell in 2011. These listings included 15 single family residences with an average price of \$240,489 and an average of 162/201 days on the market. The lot of land was listed for \$110,000 and was on the market for 365 days. For more information, please contact Shawn Sturos at 360-606-5389 or lincoln.neighborhood@gmail.com

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CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

Friday February 10th

Five Guys Playing Jazz

Latte Da Coffeehouse and Wine Bar

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Monday February 13th

Lincoln Neighborhood Association Meeting (page 2)

Lincoln Elementary School

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday February 14th

Valentine's Day

Saturday February 18th

Lantern Tour of Fort Vancouver

Fort Vancouver Historical Reserve

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday February 25th

Friends of Trees Neighborhood Tree Planting (page 3)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday February 25th

Open Mic Night Sponsored by River City Band

Latte Da Coffeehouse and Wine Bar

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Monday February 27th

President's Day

No School for Vancouver School District

Friday March 2nd

First Friday Art Walk

Downtown Vancouver

Monday March 12

Lincoln Neighborhood Association Meeting

Lincoln Elementary School

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.