



MEADOW HOMES

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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

6:30 P.M.

Dawn's home at 2205 General Anderson

We will have a potluck so bring a dish to share.

We will be reorganizing after a period of inactivity. This will include election of officers and a call for volunteers for activities for the coming year.

If you think you might be interested in helping with a particular activity like the garage sale, picnic, ice cream social, neighborhood watch, neighborhood clean up, Halloween Parade, walking club, garden group, Teen group or some other activity that supports the people of our neighborhood, please let one of us know. We do not plan to have a lot of formal meetings but do want to continue as a neighborhood association both to encourage friendliness and cooperation and to reap some of the benefits of being a recognized neighborhood association.

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What benefits?

Having a neighborhood association offers many benefits. Through the neighborhood association we have gotten curb cuts at the corners on General Anderson. It took us seven years because there are so many neighborhoods and so little money.

We got picnic tables in our park through the hard work of the association and in cooperation with the City of Vancouver. Carlson Rd. was resurfaced and drainage issues were improved. We got a reduced speed on 18th Street by the park. We have additional street lights thanks to our neighborhood liaison.

This may not sound like much and it certainly is only a start for us for through our Neighborhood Action Plan we have many more goals defined.

One of the most important functions of a Neighborhood Association is to foster neighbors getting to know each other and care for each other.

Our annual garage sale, picnic, ice cream social, clean up, pie social, and Christmas party give us a chance to do just that. I encourage you to join us and put in your "two cents" worth.

Thanks

We had so many homes in the neighborhood that had beautiful Christmas decorations.

Thank you so much for taking the time, spending the money and sharing your creativeness. I love to see the darkest days (or longest nights) lit up as is obvious from our light display. It is time to publicly thank my husband Fred for sharing my enthusiasm and for getting up on the roof in nasty weather to put up lights and to take them down. Thanks honey!

Crime Prevention Tips from Vancouver Police

This is the time of year that police often see an increase in crime, due to warmer weather and the prevalence of open windows and doors. However, recently there have been an unusually large amount of residential burglaries occurring in Vancouver. In the last six weeks there have been 13 residential burglaries and all of them involve a suspect entering the home while the resident is inside. While the motives may vary, the common denominator is the same; all suspects have entered through an unlocked or open door or window.

We've all heard over and over again to keep doors and windows closed and locked when you're away but with the recent increase in residential burglaries another component is now being encouraged to improve personal safety. Keep doors locked and windows that are easily accessible from the outside closed and locked, even when you're home.

Here are some additional crime prevention tips to implement to make sure you have a safe home.

- Make sure to leave your garage door closed and locked whether you're home or not.
- When closing your garage door, either on your way out or on your way home, watch it to make sure it goes down all the way and that no one sneaks in.

- Never leave your gate unlocked or doors and windows open or unlocked while doing yard work or other outdoor chores (washing the car, taking the dog for a short walk, getting the mail).
- Move all ladders, garbage cans, tool sheds (anything that can offer easy access to windows or decks) away from the side of your house.
- Treat second story windows and doors the same as the ones on the ground level. Keep them closed and locked.
- Never leave windows or doors open or unlocked while sleeping.
- Have an emergency plan for escape in case you hear someone breaking into your house. Get out of the house, have a cell phone ready if possible to call police, and go to a safe place to wait for police.
 - If getting out of the house is not possible, call 9-1-1 and lock yourself in a room. Stay on the phone with 9-1-1 and wait for police.
- Join a Neighborhood Watch, if you don't have one...start one!
 - Getting to know and communicating with your neighbors about safety plans and working together to keep an eye out for suspicious circumstances happening in your neighborhood can be an effective deterrent to crime.
 - Contact the Vancouver Police Department for help with forming or reviving a Neighborhood Watch program in your neighborhood.

Volunteers Needed

We need people to help deliver newsletters. Stapleton, Carlson, Bergeron, Murray, and businesses need new people. Routes are short and usually take less than 30 minutes per month. Please call Sue at 735-1949 if you can help.