



ANNUAL CLEAN UP Saturday, May 4, 2024 8am to 2pm

Evergreen Public Schools District Headquarters
13413 NE Leroy Haagen Memorial Drive
Free event, but donations are gratefully accepted!

**Come get rid of your bulky trash, yard debris, scrap metal,
and donate items to Habitat for Humanity ReStore!**

Accepted Items

Household items that do not fit in your trash can - such as furniture, small appliances -- none with freon or refrigerants.	Metal for recycling & redemption
Small quantities of home improvement projects, such as roofing tear-off	Yard debris and tree cuttings with max size of 5" diameter and 5' length

Please NO

Debris from remodeling projects	Hazardous household waste like pesticides and cleaning supplies	
Tires	Electronics	Styrofoam

Habitat for Humanity will be at the clean up to accept donations from 9am to noon
 Follow this link for details: <https://www.ehfh.org/store/#donation-guidelines>

*Pack your items so that the scrap metal is accessible first,
then your bulky trash,
then yard debris.*

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Disposing Of Bulky Items (through Waste Connections)

If you are not able to make the Annual Clean Up on May 4th, remember that you can have a one-time, free curbside pickup for up to five bulky items (e.g., worn-out furniture, old mattresses, broken lawn chairs, bulky rugs). You can schedule the pickup by going to <https://wcnorthwest.com/> and then clicking on “Free Bulk.”

Save The Date!

August 6, 2024 5pm to 8pm

Eastside Annual Picnic and National Night Out



Come on out to LeRoy Haagen Memorial Community Park for our Annual Eastside Community Picnic and National Night Out. There will be food, music, games, bounce house, obstacle course, and lots of booths/vendors! Attendance is free although some vendors will charge for their products/services.

As usual, the bounce house and obstacle course will cost 25 cents per turn or \$5 for unlimited turns.

Thank You!

Thank you to Mike and his four-pawed companion, Lucy, who have shown kindness in our neighborhood by helping to keep Haagen Park free of trash!



Sadly, Lucy passed away recently.
We will miss seeing her in the park with Mike.

Looking For Volunteers

Did you know that there is a super easy way to donate food to local food pantries? With the Clark Neighbors Food Project, every time you go to the grocery store, you just pick up a couple of extra items. When you get home, put those extras into your Green Bag. Every two months a Neighborhood Coordinator will come pick up the Green Bag and leave you with a new one. You can find more information by going here → <https://clarkfoodproject.org/>, including how to sign up as a Food Donor AND/OR as a Neighborhood Coordinator.



Emergency Preparedness
(Part 2)

by Mike A.



In the last Fircrest Newsletter, the article on emergency preparedness emphasized that you should have someone out of the area that your family can use as a go between when texting to keep in touch.

Once you have gotten hold of family, you now need to prepare for food, water, sanitation, shelter and possible first aid needs over the next week or two as local emergency services will be overwhelmed and need time to respond.

There are classes scheduled in Emergency Preparedness offered by Clark County through the Community Emergency Response Team starting in April with a lot of detailed information. The website with the registration information is:

www.certclarkcountywa.com

On this website you can also find detailed information for each of these subjects on the left hand side of the Home page. Emergencies can happen at any time. When they happen, it's too late to start preparing, so you should start now. It does not have to be hard or expensive as you may already have some of what you will need. By reviewing the information on the CERT website, you will see what you already have versus what you need. Some things like Sanitation are often overlooked, but are critical. Remember "what goes in must come out," so how you handle sanitation may keep you and your family from getting sick.

Please take the time to check out the website. Information is presented in an easy to understand format, it won't take much time and is very practical.

Thank you.

CURRENT FNA DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Maple Valley Site Plan and Short Plat

Project Site: 520 NE 117th Ave

Project Description: 9 lots with 34 dwelling units. A combination of single-family detached homes and single-family attached townhouse units

Fircrest Site Plan and Short Plat

Project Site: 420 NE 117th Avenue

Project Description: 9 short plat, 8 single family-homes attached and 20 apartment Townhomes on lot 9

Crestwood Corner

Project Site: 300 NE 117th Ave

Project Description: 4 new low-income housing apartments and 5 tiny home units.

Fircrest Meadows

Project Site: 12301 NE 18th St

Project Description: A 57-lot planned development subdivision (single family homes - detached). Zone changes from R-6 to R-9 completed.

The Finch MFH (Contact is Housing Authority of the City of Vancouver)

Project Site: NW corner of intersection of NE 4th St and NE 136th Ave

Project Description: 5-story, 161-unit affordable multi-family housing development featuring parking, landscaping, children's play area, amenities, dog run and open space

Important Contact Information

Margaret Milem

Chair, Fircrest Neighborhood Association

360-836-6736 (call or text) fircrestna@gmail.com

CPL Jeremy Free

Neighborhood Police Officer

360-487-7372 jeremy.free@cityofvancouver.us

Public Works (streets, traffic signals, street lights, signs, sidewalks)

www.cityofvancouver.us/publicworks/webform/service-requests-public-works

360-487-8177

Concerned about speeding vehicles or other traffic safety issues?

Report your observations, so they can be entered into a database that is monitored by the Vancouver Police Department's Traffic Safety Unit:

<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/services/report-concern/#traffic>

You can also call the Traffic Complaint Hotline at 360-487-7402. Remember, the more data they have about our area, the better they can deploy their resources!

Concerned about people struggling with homelessness?

Initiate outreach by leaving a voicemail at 360-450-0802 or sending an email to

outreach@councilforthehomeless.org or by letting the city's Homeless Response and

Assistance Team know by calling 360-487-8626 or emailing hartteam@cityofvancouver.us

Also, please let Margaret (Chair of the Fircrest Neighborhood Association) know by calling/texting 360-836-6736 or emailing fircrestna@gmail.com, and she will pass the information on to our neighborhood police officer.

Non-emergency law enforcement situations

311

Important Contact Information (continued)

Code Compliance questions or concerns:

Call 360-487-7810

Or go to <https://www.cityofvancouver.us/cdd/page/code-compliance>

What are the rules for Recreational Vehicle parking?

<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Recreational-Vehicle-ROW-Permit.pdf> (Scroll down for the rules.)

“One Stop Shop” for concerns (parking, traffic, code compliance, public works like pot holes and lights):

Go to → <https://www.cityofvancouver.us/services/report-concern/> and scroll down.

How do I contact City Council members?

Go here → <https://www.cityofvancouver.us/departments/mayor-city-council/#form> and click on “Requests and Contact Form” to get to “Contact City Council.”

Go here →

<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/government/mayor-and-city-council/meetings-agendas-minutes/> for information about city council meetings, agendas, and minutes.

Making a Difference

YWCA Clark County has been a powerful source for social justice, advocacy, and support in SW Washington for more than 100 years. We have a long history of identifying inequities in our community and creating collaborative and empowering solutions to these challenges. Guided by our values of empowerment, diversity, teamwork, commitment, and respect, YWCA's six core programs serve nearly 13,000 community members annually regardless of socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, gender, age, or identity.

ENDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The SafeChoice Domestic Violence Program commits to advocate for, educate, and support those affected by domestic violence. We operate the only Emergency Domestic Violence Shelter in Clark County. In addition to providing advocacy and a gender-inclusive shelter, the SafeChoice Program offers specialized advocacy for lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people.

EMPOWERING SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

The Sexual Assault Program provides 24-hour legal, medical, and emotional support to victims of sexual assault and their families at no charge. We also offer advocacy, support groups, counseling, community outreach, and education. Sexual assault is any form of sexual contact without consent or permission—it is not an accident. People do not ask for, cause, invite, or deserve to be sexually assaulted.

CONNECTING COMMUNITY TO RESOURCES

Care Coordination Services (CCS) Program supports individuals and families in achieving stability and self-sufficiency by providing case management and access to resources and services. CCS connects community members to resources related to employment, affordable housing, applying for insurance benefits, access to food and other basic needs. We provide wraparound care through a holistic approach that fosters the well-being of those we serve. Services available in English and Spanish.



YWCA Clark County's mission is to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.



BUILDING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP SKILLS

Our Prevention Program emphasizes working with youth because we know that this is the most effective way to stop violence before it starts. Young people are susceptible to experiencing dating violence because they are still developing their sense of self and creating norms for their future relationships. We empower youth as leaders in changing norms around violence in our relationships and communities through schools and other workshops.

SUPPORTING FOSTER YOUTH INDEPENDENCE

The Independent Living Skills (ILS) Program assists youth in transitioning from foster care to independent living. Education, resources, and advocacy allow participants to define and achieve goals. Foster care youth between 15 and 23 years old are eligible to participate in the ILS Program.

READYING PRESCHOOLERS FOR KINDERGARTEN

The Y's Care Children's Program offers high-quality preschool education to children and families on a sliding scale. Inspired by world-renowned schools in Reggio Emilia, Italy, our goal is to help children learn the skills they need to thrive. Staff provide resources and referrals for childcare funding, health care, housing, emergency funding, and family support.

**24-hour hotline 360 695 0501
main/tdd 360 696 0167
toll free 800 695 0167
ywcaclarkcounty.org**

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HISTORY OF SAFECHOICE

The SafeChoice Domestic Violence Program advocates for, empowers and supports those affected by domestic violence. SafeChoice has served Clark County since 1974.

In addition to operating the **only emergency domestic violence shelter serving Clark County**, SafeChoice offers free and confidential services for the immediate needs of survivors in our community.

SafeChoice serves over

1,000 SURVIVORS

engages in more than

6,500 HOTLINE CALLS

and supports more than

1,500 CHILDREN

in a year.

**WITH YOUR SUPPORT,
WE CAN HAVE AN EVEN
GREATER IMPACT.**

HOW WE HELP

By supporting the YWCA Clark County and the Adopt-a-Room Program, you are making sure adult and children survivors fleeing domestic violence have a **safe place** to connect with advocates, develop a personalized safety plan, and be empowered with information and referrals to community resources.

Because of community partners like you, YWCA Clark County is able to **address all elements of the cycle of violence** and provide a **customized pathway toward healing for each survivor**.

To become an Adopt-a-Room Sponsor or get more information about the program:

Contact:

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Adopt-a-Room

YWCAClarkCounty.org

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ADOPT-A-ROOM PROGRAM

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A ROOM AT A TIME.**

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ADOPT-A-ROOM PROGRAM

YWCA Clark County is inviting individuals, businesses, and organizations to adopt one of the rooms in its SafeChoice Domestic Violence Shelter and Transitional Housing. Your gift helps offset the cost to operate these rooms and provide safe and comfortable spaces for adult and children survivors fleeing domestic violence.

Be a part of making the YWCA Clark County shelter rooms and transitional housing warm and welcoming for domestic violence survivors who come to us seeking safety.

Families often times come to us with nothing but the clothes they are wearing.

When they finally are able to enter their room, we want them to feel welcomed and cared for.

Because of you, we can.

By sponsoring a room for the year, you/your business will have a name plate to recognize your gift by the room sponsored, be listed on our website, be recognized in our newsletters, and will receive recognition on social media.

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**24-HOUR HOTLINE:
(360) 695-0501**

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS | Rooms available to adopt:

COMMUNAL SPACES | \$10,000

Join hands with us as a Communal Spaces Sponsor with a \$10,000 contribution. Your support fuels the heart of our shelter and shared housing, creating vital spaces like the **kitchen, living room, dining room, and resource area.**

Together, we provide survivors a warm, healing environment to rebuild their lives.

PRIVATE BEDROOM IN SHELTER | \$5,000

For \$5,000, sponsor a **Private Bedroom in our emergency shelter.** Your impact resonates every 60 days as a new survivor finds safety, hope, and renewal.

Empower survivors to take their first steps towards healing and independence.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING | \$2,500

Empower survivors with a \$2,500 sponsorship for **transitional housing.**

Your contribution offers stability for up to a year, providing survivors and their children a safe space to rebuild and thrive as they journey towards a brighter future.

Domestic violence can happen to anyone, regardless of age, educational background, income level, religion, ethnicity, and sexual and gender identity.

Domestic violence is abusive behavior used to gain power and control over an intimate partner. Abuse can be physical, emotional, sexual, or financial. It is a learned behavior, and is not caused by anger, drugs or alcohol, or stress.