

# Happenings

East Minnehaha & Roads End Neighborhood Association

Spring 2014

March 2014

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**26 March 2014 - 7:00pm**

### Neighborhood Meeting

**Walnut Grove Elementary School**  
6103 NE 72nd Ave

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#### Agenda:

Call to Order:	7:00 pm
Acknowledge Board Members – New Volunteers	7:05 pm
Speaker: Commissioner David Madore	7:15 pm
Questions & Answers	7:45 pm
Deputy Sheriff & Brian Salsig	8:00 pm
Other Business & Closing Items	8:25 pm
Closing	8:30 pm

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**Commissioner Madore** speaker has agreed to be our featured speaker.



David Madore (District 2) was elected as a county commissioner in November 2012 and took office January 2, 2013. Commissioner Madore believes our community can thrive if successful free-enterprise leaders serve in the public sector. He is encouraging others to make Clark County a better place by focusing on making others successful.

County Commissioners are responsible for:

- Adopting the biennial budget
- Developing and implementing planning and zoning policies
- Making citizen appointments to advisory committees & boards
- Adopting all county ordinances

**The Deputy Sheriff** will address concerns and answer questions about crime in East Minnehaha and Roads End. (See articles on pages 5 & 7 regarding crime in our neighborhoods). Are you concerned about traffic speeding through your neighborhood, gang tags, incidents of gasoline being syphoned from gas tanks, etc.? These and other issues will be addressed by OUR Deputy Sheriff.

**Brian Salsig's** forte is crime statistics. He is a crime analyst with the Clark County Sheriff's Office. In his short 12 year career he has performed the usual assortment of analytical tasks: Strategic Forecasting, Tactical Analysis and Guidance, Intelligence Analysis, and the always ambiguous "Other Duties as Assigned". So far, his favorite day at work was Operation Gang Green where he helped develop and then use a system that coordinated 10 strike teams to do 56 search warrants in a single day. His most challenging couple of months was trying to support 3 different OCDEFT cases (These are high profile cases that are usually done in conjunction with federal agencies such as the DEA and FBI), while doing his regular workload.

#### EAST MINNEHAHA ASSOCIATION

**President:** Sue Lintz [693-9153]  
**Vice President:** Megan Hill  
**Secretary:** Angela Coleman  
**Treasurer:** Henry Hughes  
**Board Members:** Andrew Hill, Lynda Maguire  
**Treasury Report:** Activity 2014: zero donated-\$30 –March mtg room and\$5 spent on stamps

#### ROADS END ASSOCIATION

**President:** Barbara Murray [694-1689]  
**BOARD MEMBERS ARE NEEDED – VOLUNTEER A FEW MINUTES OF TIME TO HELP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

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## Did You Know ? (Aging Questions)

1. Why is Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) focusing effort on older Americans?
2. What are common environmental hazards that may affect the health of older Americans?
3. How can individuals get involved in their community to help reduce environmental hazards?
4. Does the Aging Initiative have any funding opportunities?
5. How can I stay current on Aging Initiative activities and resources?
6. Whom can I contact if I have further questions?
7. What is an intergenerational program?
8. Why is EPA interested in promoting intergenerational programs?
9. Are there any examples of intergenerational programs?
10. How can individuals get involved in intergenerational environmental projects in their communities?
11. Is EPA working with any national organizations?
12. What is the Rachel Carson Intergenerational Sense of Wonder Contest?

To learn the answers to these questions and more visit <http://www.epa.gov/aging/questions.htm>

## Commission on Aging

Clark County, is anticipating a huge surge in the number of residents who are 60 or older. Today, one in six residents is 60 or older, and the number will increase to one in four by 2030. With a silver tidal wave coming, the Board of Clark County Commissioners appointed a 9-member Commission on Aging in June 2012 charged with implementing the 91 strategies in the Aging Readiness Plan to improve the community's capacity to support its growing older population.

The commission has established work committees based on the five elements of the plan to include: Housing, healthy communities, transportation and mobility and supportive services. **Want to become involved in the planning process with the Commission on Aging? Contact: [comm-aging@clark.wa.gov](mailto:comm-aging@clark.wa.gov).**

The 2013 Annual Report details the results of the first year's work and includes information on projects underway to implement some Aging Readiness Plan strategies. Projects include Universal Green Design, time banking and TeleHealth.

For more info contact Mary Beth O'Donnell at (360) 397-2280 or email [MaryBeth.O'Donnell@clark.wa.gov](mailto:MaryBeth.O'Donnell@clark.wa.gov).

## Stealthed Wireless Facility

A Building Permit has been requested (# PAC2014-00017) for an AT&T Stealthed wireless facility at 5604 NE 40th St (Roads End). The County staff person for this project is Jan Bazala 397-2375 x 4499. Public Input will be accepted after March 6 2014. –Check with Barbara or Sue for more specifics.

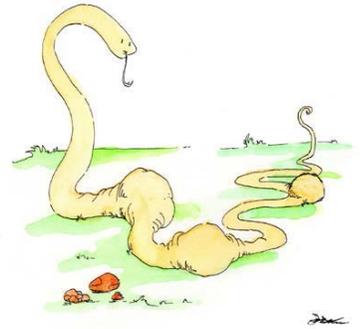
## Annual Report-- Clark County Commission on Aging 2013

**“The Coming Age Waves - - What’s the Problem?”**

**“Why Should We Care?”**

“Never before have so many people lived so long. Older adults have many names – baby boomers, silver tsunami, elders, seniors. As the baby boom generation – those born 1946-1964 – reaches retirement age, one in four Clark County residents will be 60 or better. However, our aging society is not just about baby boomers. Generation X will likely live longer as will the Millennial Generation.

“The baby boomers have been referenced as a pig in the python. The generation was so large that, like a pig in a python, it created a large bulge in time.”



To read more from this report go to <http://www.clark.wa.gov/planning/aging/documents/2013>

## Heart Care

PeaceHealth Southwest Health Education Center (NE 92<sup>nd</sup> Ave & E. Mill Plain is hosting these events. Register at [www.swEvents.org](http://www.swEvents.org)

**Hypertension: The Silent Killer** 25 Feb 6:00-8:00pm

**Healthy Eating 101:** Food as a Medicine – Mar 11-6:00-7:30pm

**Smoking Cessation 101:** How to Quit Smoking – Mar 12 6:00-7:30pm

## Gas Theft

As the price of fuel goes up, so does the likelihood of opportunistic thieves stealing gasoline. By remembering a few simple steps you can reduce the probability of your vehicle being a target. The Sheriff's office offers these suggestions:

1. Always park in well-lighted and well-traveled locations where passerbys can easily see your car.
2. At home consider parking in a locked garage or in a driveway whenever possible, not on the street.
3. Avoid parking in public places for extended periods of time.
4. Park your vehicle so the fuel door can be easily seen from the main road,
5. Consider installing a locking gas cap—even if your fuel door locks.
6. Remember to call 9-1-1 if you see suspicious behavior.
7. Do not leave your vehicle running unattended!

## Good Neighbors In Action

Tyler and a group of his friends were caroling in East Minnehaha on December 20th. He invited neighbors to let him know to come "a'caroling" to their home. Marsha appreciated the neighbors letting her know her garage door was open on one cold winter's night! If you know of neighborly actions or good deeds, be sure to share with Sue or Barbara.

## Recreational Centers Fees

Excerpted from Columbian article by [Stephanie Rice](#), Columbian Vancouver city government reporter - Published: 15 Nov 2013, 9:11 PM

Starting Jan. 1, people who don't live in the city will pay a few more dollars a month to break a sweat at Vancouver recreation centers or rent one for a party, while city residents either won't see an increase or will save a few bucks.

As an example, adults currently pay \$37 a month to work out at Marshall. In January, a noncity resident will pay \$40 a month, while a city resident will pay \$35. Starting May 1, 15 percent higher fees will be charged to noncity residents for swim lessons and other programs, although families with more than one child might consider paying a flat annual fee of \$70 to essentially buy resident status, Perlick said.

Perlick said the decision doesn't relate to the fact that county commissioners decided in September to cut ties with Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation. The county had been contracting for services including parks and trail planning, but it hadn't been contributing money for the three recreation facilities, Perlick said.

## Safe Communities Task Force

This group meets the second Friday of every month from 10am-noon at the Department of Fish & Wildlife (2108 Grand).

The agenda usually consists of updates from local law enforcement, participants will learn more about a local agency serving youth and families, and we will all have an opportunity to network and share information at the end of the meeting. Everyone is invited!

## Did You Know ? ?

Clark County owns, inspects and maintains 78 bridges, two of which are pedestrian bridges. Under intergovernmental agreements, Public Works also inspects another 25 bridges owned by cities and six bridges owned by the Railroad and inspected with respect to roadway safety.

## Disaster Proof Yourself

Backup plan for personal information – wills, credit card information; etc.

## Crime Tip: Burglary Prevention



The Sheriff's Office recommends you secure your home before leaving and avoid leaving a hidden key near the door. Keep a watch on your neighbor's property and report any suspicious behavior by calling 911. If you are going to be out of town put a stop on your mail and paper delivery, set automatic light timers, and request your neighbors keep an eye on your house.

Make your house a less attractive target: keep hedges and bushes trimmed back, allow open views to all sides of your home, & use exterior motion sensor lights.

## 11 Home Security Tips

1. Keep outside doors locked. Place a dowel or stick in a sliding window or door track.
2. Install drapes or blinds on all lower level windows and doors to obscure the visibility of expensive items such as computers, stereos and TV.
3. Use a caller ID system and screen all phone calls. The outgoing message on your answer device should never indicate that you are NOT at home. Always use plural nouns even if you live alone.
4. Cut up cartons for TVs, computers, stereos, etc. of highly valuable household items before placing in garbage.
5. Do not put your name and residential address on your key ring or on your GPS system.
6. When service or delivery people come to your door, ask for ID.
7. When traveling, make sure you have someone checking on the house, and collecting your mail and newspapers. Or put a hold on the delivery of mail and stop delivery of the newspapers.
8. Never leave notes on your door for delivery people.
9. If you hear or see something suspicious call the police immediately.
10. Do not post you are out of town on your social network, i.e., Facebook, Twitter, etc.

## File A Crime Report



Check out <http://www.clark.wa.gov/sheriff/> to file a crime report..



Help solve a crime! Help locate a fugitive! Help identify someone detectives are looking for! Visit our [most wanted page](#) and "[Can you ID me?](#)" page.

Drug tips can be reported using our [online drug tips form](#). You have the option to remain anonymous.

## Keep Your Cool When Cooking

Extracted from Clark Public Utilities "Currents" Nov 2013

- There's a good reason for an oven light: Use it to peek at what's cooking inside. Opening the oven door wastes energy and lowers the temperature by as much as 25 degrees, increasing cooking time.
- Fast and efficient microwave ovens use around 50 percent less energy than conventional ovens, and they don't heat up your kitchen. Consider using them to bake yams, steam favorite fresh vegetables, or reheat leftovers.
- Remember your small appliances like slow cookers, or crock pots. They can be great energy savers. On average, crock pots can cook a whole meal for about 10 cents worth of electricity.
- When cooking on your range, match the size of the pan to the heating area. A six-inch pan on an eight-inch burner will waste more than 40 percent of the energy!
- If you're baking or broiling small food items, a toaster oven is ideal because it uses one-third the energy.

## Railway Crossing Repairs

The Clark County Railroad has been awarded grant funding which will permit several rehabilitation projects to include reconstruction of the grade crossings located at NE St. Johns Road and NW Fruit Valley Road, and additional track work at the Rye Yard (along NE St. Johns Road).

The grade crossings located at NW Fruit Valley Road and NE St. Johns Road currently have a hardened rubberized panel crossing surface. The hardwood railroad ties to which the rubberized panels bolt down have deteriorated, and the ties no longer hold the bolts sufficiently, creating an uneven roadway surface that tilts or wobbles under loads such as roadway traffic. Both crossings will be excavated and replaced with new subgrade and ballast rock, hardwood ties, and concrete panel crossing surfaces. The reconstructed crossings are expected to withstand the increasing roadway and railway loads, and hold up for a much longer period of time, generating a better return on the investment of Washington's taxpayers. Both crossings are in the planning stage now, with construction cited to begin in the May/June timeframe. Project completion is anticipated to take about 4-6 days. (Jeff Swanson, Clark County General Services)

## Did You Know ??

The Chelatchie Prairie Railroad is a 33-mile short line located in Clark County, Washington. It is southwest Washington's only operating short line, with connections to the BNSF. The line is owned by Clark County government and operated by the Portland Vancouver Junction Railroad Company, a private operator.



## Clark County Parks

With the start of 2014, Clark County is expanding its parks program, including building two neighborhood parks this year. The changes are part of the county's decision to reorganize its parks program within Clark County Public Works instead of continuing its parks partnership with the city of Vancouver.

This will be a seamless transition to the general public. Parks will remain open the same hours and provide the same amenities. County workers will continue to provide the same level of maintenance.

### Organizational changes

The new parks manager is Bill Bjerke, the county's longtime parks maintenance superintendent. The two program coordinators, Eric Christensen and Jeremy Kanooth, previously worked for Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation. They will continue doing much of the same work as county employees, Eric as Parks Facilities Coordinator and Jeremy as Parks Resource Management Coordinator.

Beginning April 1, Clark County Parks will have a new phone number. Until then, county residents can call (360) 397-2446 to report a maintenance issue or to reach parks employees.

## Shelter Reservations

In 2013, the Board of County Commissioners eliminated parking fees at larger regional parks and boat launches. The county will continue to collect fees for reserving picnic shelters, scheduling sports fields and obtaining special use permits for weddings, regattas and other large events.

Clark County Parks is in the process of developing an online system so park users can make reservations electronically using credit cards. During the interim, the county will begin taking shelter reservations at 7 a.m. Monday, March 3, 2014, at the Public Works Operation Center, 4700 N.E. 78th St. in Hazel Dell. The center will open its doors at 5:30 a.m. on March 3. Shelters can be reserved in the following county parks for events between May 1 and Sept. 30 by calling (360) 397-2446:

- Lewisville Regional Park (13 shelters)
- Vancouver Lake Regional Park (2 shelters)
- Frenchman's Bar Regional Park (2 shelters)
- Captain William Clark Regional Park at Cottonwood Beach (2 shelters)
- Salmon Creek Regional Park/Kliline Pond (2 shelters)

**NAMES AND CONTACT INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER NOT INTENDED FOR USE BY SOLICITORS**

## News From The Sheriff's office

"The Clark County Sheriff's office has made a long-term commitment to the philosophy of community oriented policing. As part of this commitment, deputies are assigned as liaisons to support the association by providing current information regarding criminal activity or public nuisances, to assist the association in community functions related to health and safety, and to

act as a resource in solving community problems within the association." Clark County Sheriff's Office



### *Offender Watch*

Our office is pleased to provide OffenderWatch® for the citizens of WASPC. OffenderWatch® is the nation's leading registered sex offender management and community notification tool with hundreds of leading agencies in dozens of states utilizing it. OffenderWatch® provides the most accurate and timely information available and now this information is available to you!

You may enter any address in the county and see information on the publishable offenders within the specified radius of the address you enter.

Offenders move frequently, so instead of having to check the maps on a weekly basis, the best way to stay informed is to take advantage of our free email alert system. You may confidentially register as many addresses in the county as you wish, and we will continuously monitor the addresses and send you an email alert if a new offender registers an address within the specified radius of any address you register. There is no cost for this service and no limit to the number of addresses you can register - your email address and physical addresses are all confidential. Tell your friends and neighbors and be sure to register your home, school, work, gym, day care, park, soccer field, parents or children's homes - any address of interest to you!

If you have any questions about OffenderWatch® or have any information about the compliance status of any offender in WASPC, please contact our office at the number below. More Information: **about our community awareness program, please call: 360-397-2211** or e-mail administrator at [sheriff@clark.wa.gov](mailto:sheriff@clark.wa.gov)

### *Teen Dating Violence*

Dating violence is controlling, abusive and aggressive behavior in an intimate relationship. One in three teenagers has experienced violence in a dating relationship. Nothing you say, wear, or do gives anyone the right to hurt you.

If you want to know more call the YWCA's Safechoice Domestic Violence Program or Sexual Assault Program anonymously at 360-695-0501

Watch YMCA Clark County videos at

<http://www.youtube.com/user/ywcaclarkcounty>.

Read the National Center for Victims of Crime's series on teen dating violence at [www.ncvc.org/gethelp](http://www.ncvc.org/gethelp)

## Speeding is a Major Problem

In Roads End Neighborhood 49th street used to be a dead-end street ; now as a through street people use it as a race track. We would appreciate everyone's help with this. Our quiet little neighborhood has changed so much in these past 25 years. There are many children that play out or near the street.

The situation is similar on 40th Street between 54th and Andresen which has been an ongoing problem. Many of the cars, in fact the majority of them, are driving much faster than the posted 30 mph. Since there are no sidewalks and in several sections no adequate shoulder to walk on, and in some of those same areas, there are open drainage ditches, it puts any pedestrians or bicyclists in danger. In addition, there are several school bus stops along 40th, with kids walking along the road on their way to and from catching the bus.

It is also a problem for vehicles trying to back out of their driveway onto 40th Street and for those people who must cross 40th Street to get to their mailboxes, some of which are located on the opposite side of the road.

Several measures have been tried or implemented – with little success: ► using a radar gun and writing down the license plates of speeders and turning them in to the county, ► using one of the little carts that shows the speed of vehicles, ► expressing concern to the sheriff liaison officer for this neighborhood, ► inquiring about "traffic calming devices", ► checking into getting sidewalks, ► speaking to Jon Creedon, the President of Vancouver Ford about the problems caused by some of the mechanics road testing vehicles in for service as well as some of the people test driving vehicles, etc.

Do you have some opinions, comments, concerns, or suggestions for improving this situation, please bring them to the Neighborhood Meeting on 26 March, 7:00pm at **Walnut Grove Elementary School, 6103 NE 72nd Ave**

## Fireworks

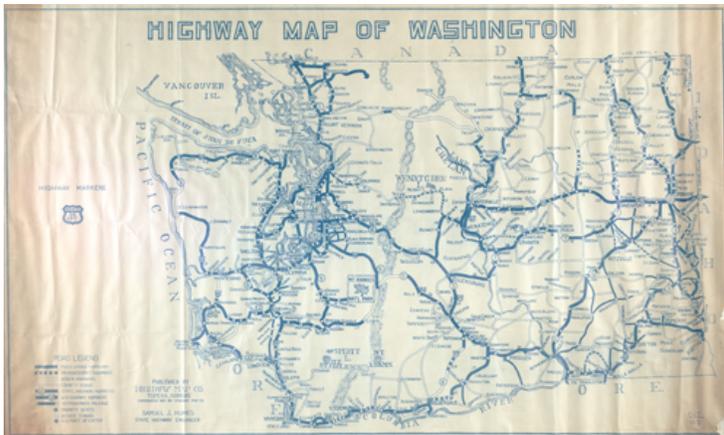
We have received numerous complaints of fireworks being detonated during inappropriate days & times. Bombs bursting in the air may be exhilarating to those setting them off, but to those who have served our country these unexpected "celebrations of light and sound" may have extremely adverse medical effects due to PTSD; and animals often are injured because of fear from the noise when owners are not prepared for fireworks. Times are changing with more "rural parts of the county becoming urbanized;" and the concern that injuries resulting from these "minor explosives." We need to be more respectful of the needs and well-being of our friends, neighbors and neighborhood.

Fireworks are permitted in Clark County ONLY during 28 June through 4 July generally from 0900am - 11:00pm. More information about fireworks can be found at <http://www.clark.wa.gov/development/fire/fireworks.htm>

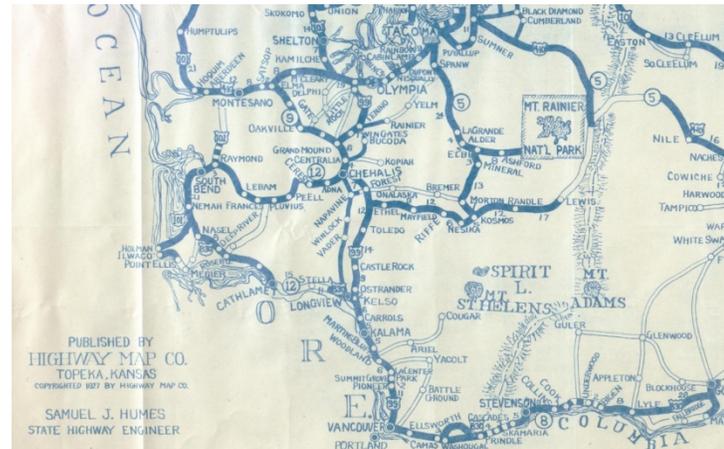
## Driving in Washington

<http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/>

The first image shows the highways of Washington c. 1927.



The lower image focuses on the Southwest corner of Washington. Note the lack of the now ubiquitous I-5 and



I-90 corridors. It is hard to imagine Washington today without them. Yet this snapshot is preserved in the digital archives. The Washington State Archives has a large collection of highway maps.

### Adopt A Road

**INTERESTED IN ADOPTING A ROAD?** -- The Adopt-A-Road program requirements are simple: Adopting a section of road 2 miles in length or less for at least 2 years, performing roadside cleanups at least 3 times a year, and abiding by the County's safety rules. Within 6 months of service, we will install an Adopt-a-Road sign to recognize the volunteers who have adopted the section of road.

For more information, please contact the volunteer coordinator: [Karen.llewellyn@clark.wa.gov](mailto:Karen.llewellyn@clark.wa.gov) -- Please put on the subject line: Adopt-A-Road.

## Youth & Nature Essay Contest

2014 Craig Tufts' Youth and Nature Essay Contest is now Open. In honor of long-standing employee and naturalist, Craig Tufts, the family of Craig Tufts, Family Summits Inc., and the National Wildlife Federation invites youth to enter the 5th Annual Craig Tufts Educational Essay Scholarship competition. This competition is open to any young person between the ages of 8 and 18 to submit an essay. ( guidelines and requirements are found at web link below.)

The selected entry will receive a once in a life-time experience to attend a week-long summer outdoor adventure camp with a parent or guardian in Pacific Grove, CA. Entries are due by March 28th. Check this link for more information and how to submit essay. call NPS Ranger Will George at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park at (503) 861-2471, ext. 220 or check [www.nps.gov/lewi/forteachers/youth-nature-writing-contest.htm](http://www.nps.gov/lewi/forteachers/youth-nature-writing-contest.htm).

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day Celebration

**When: Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> -- 8:30am – 2pm**

**Where: 800 NE 117<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Sponsor: Clark Public Utilities StreamTeam**  
**Free Shirt and Lunch (see details below)**

**\*\*Planting and weed pulling volunteers must pre-register\*\* Space is limited!**

Ride your bike or stroll down the Salmon Creek Greenway to enjoy free children's activities, wildlife shows, salmon tours and more! Volunteers are invited to join the effort and help plant native trees or pull invasive garlic mustard plants along Salmon Creek. Training and equipment will be provided. The planting begins at 8:30 a.m. and wraps up at 12:30 p.m. Volunteers who participate in the four hour planting or pulling effort will receive a t-shirt and are invited to join StreamTeam for a free lunch.

All are invited to the afternoon Eco-Fair following the restoration activities. Free fun and games for the whole family along with interactive nature demonstrations and entertainment will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. near Kline Pond. Please encourage friends, family and neighbors to come!

8:30am-- Volunteer Sign-in

9:00am-- Tree Planting and Garlic Mustard Pull

10:00am-- EcoFair Begins

12:30pm-- FREE Lunch for volunteers

2:00pm-- Event conclusion

**For more information, visit the StreamTeam's webpage at [www.StreamTeam.net](http://www.StreamTeam.net) or contact the Program Coordinator at [StreamTeam@clarkpud.com](mailto:StreamTeam@clarkpud.com)**



### Did You Know ? ?

Established in 1849 the Clark County Sheriff's Office is the oldest law enforcement organization in the state of Washington -- serving Clark County for over 150 years

## Neighborhood Crime Concerns

This article was excerpted from the East Minnehaha Neighborhood Association (EMNA) NEXTDOOR site (Admin -- Kathleen Cleary)

Trudy wrote; "I don't know if you all have had the same problem as we have had.. but we have a gas thief in our neighborhood. Every night..almost, our driveway alarm goes off.. We found our gas can laying on the driveway, once. We now have locking gas caps...I do hope someone catches these people or person."

Her comment started follow-up comments from Leroy who noticed eight sheriff vehicles parked on 58th St a deputy told him they were looking for a gold purse a vehicle prowler had ditched. Kristina in Roads End says she had a package stolen from her porch. Candie says her neighbors from 38th Ave and 56 Cir. Had a break in through a doggy door. Curtis reports a generator stolen from a garage in East Minnehaha. A tenant at the Tamarck Apts on 58th St held a car burglar for sheriffs deputies. Despite all this Marsha thanked a good Samaritan when a neighbor closed her garage door after she accidentally left it open. Good Neighborhood Watch over there.

Since Christmas the EMNA has also received complaints of gas syphoning, including a motorhome. Mike says he filled up for a trip (about \$150 worth of gas) He planned on getting a good night's sleep and leave early. That morning his tank was empty. In hind-sight he believes he was followed from the gas station. Kathy near St. Johns tells us she had an antique kitchen island/cabinet on her front porch, waiting for her handyman to get through the Feb. snow to install it. Apparently someone did get through the snow because it quietly disappeared, leaving only drag marks in the snow..

Another resident reports her house was broken in to on MLK day. I was gone or 20 hours. The police served a warrant and secured some of my things last Friday. I do not know what they found beside a Medal of Honor ribbon.

About 3 weeks ago we noticed orange and red gang tags in great numbers on Andersen from 500 to Van Mall Drive. I know one bank called after I spoke to them of my concern for the business. They made a call and the tags were painted over very shortly. Another citizen called the Sheriff's office and felt they were "a bother to the police." We are glad the tags are covered up, but "we cannot let our area go to the gangs." Citizens pay taxes and deserve a safe place to live near the Mall.

**On 21 Feb:** Our cars were broken into last night. A lot of stuff was taken from them including a set of keys, The thieves tried to steal one of our trucks but dead battery "kept it at home." We walked 58th going to the light and found many from our vehicles. Please keep a look out for any keys or items that belong to us. This is not my first experience with break ins. My house was broken into about five months ago. Also, the field next to our house is very scary as I have children. I have found countless alcohol bottles/cans, cigg and garbage. Homeless people and many travelers use the field. We walk through the field beside us and often find neighbor's opened mail. We have had our mail taken and found on the side of the road many times-- thanks to those who have put it in my box when they found it.

**26 March – Learn if Neighborhood Watch could be an effective tool in protecting our homes and property. Come to the Neighborhood Meeting on 26 March.**



EXCERPTED FROM CRESA BLOG: POSTED: 29 JAN 2014

9-1-1 does receive nuisance calls on a daily basis. and I'm sure CRESA could add more than a few to the list. Within the social media comments on KGW-TV; however, CRESA noticed an important question: "why CRESA does not currently have a non-emergency number for the public to call?" That is an excellent question and the answer has a lot to do with technology. Unlike the 911 lines, our current phone system does not provide caller name, address or call back number on our business lines. Because we feel it is important to have that information no matter if it's an emergency or non-emergency and because the same people who answer our 911 lines would also be answering our non-emergency line, we have chosen to have all calls for police, fire and medical come in on our 9-1-1 lines.

This is not a perfect plan and we intend on establishing a non-emergency number with the replacement of our telephone system sometime later this year. With our new system we expect to have a non-emergency line for our citizens to call that will provide caller ID.

What is important to know right now is that, when there are multiple simultaneous 911 calls, the very first question you may hear in Clark County is "Is This an in-progress Emergency?" If you do not have an emergency, say "no" immediately. This allows us to triage the call so that emergency calls are prioritized over non-emergency calls. If you are calling about a non-emergency and we have other 911 calls, you may be placed on-hold until all emergency calls have been taken. CRESA is always looking for creative ways to educate and inform people about our 9-1-1 services. If you have ideas on how to positively get these messages across, please let us know. We are stronger and smarter and better together!

## Concerns or Problems

### Contact Your Representatives

- **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS -**  
<http://www.clark.wa.gov/bocc/emailform.asp>
- **YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS**  
Legislative Building, Room 106 | P.O. Box 40600, Olympia, WA 98504-0600  
Toll-Free Hotline 1-800-562-6000  
(TTY for Hearing Impaired 1-800-635-9993).
- **YOUR US CONGRESS (SENATE & REPRESENTATIVES)**  
<http://www.leg.wa.gov/senate/senators/pages/cleveland.aspx>  
<http://www.leg.wa.gov/house/representatives/pages/wylie.aspx>
- **STATE/FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS & GOV. AGENCIES**  
<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>

### Save the Date!

- ▶ **14 Mar.** – 5:00pm - St. Paddy’s For Parks (Adults) Shorty’s Garden & Home on Mill Plain, 21+ only • Live music by Five Guys Named Moe \$20 Cover/\$25 at the door
- ▶ **15 Mar** – 10:00am -2:00pm - Free St. Paddy’s for Kids Shorty’s Garden & Home on Mill Plain  
A truly special benefit for parks, trails, and recreation programs in Clark County. There are still sponsorship opportunities available.

More Info: [www.parksFoundation.us](http://www.parksFoundation.us) (360-487-8370)

- ▶ **26 Mar – 7:00pm** Neighborhood Association Mtg
- ▶ **18 August** 14<sup>th</sup> annual Parks Foundation Classic Golf Tournament, , at Camas Meadows Golf Course!  
Register your team now for this popular event which is sure to sell out quickly. Register before June 18 and save \$50 per team! For more information about sponsoring call (360) 487-8370 or email [cheri.martin@parksfoundation.us](mailto:cheri.martin@parksfoundation.us)

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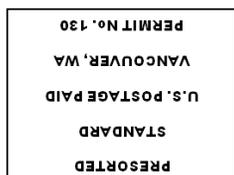
Boundaries: North: Minnehaha Street and 63rd Street / East: I-205 / South: 51st and 52nd Streets and Vancouver City boundary/ West: St. Johns Rd.

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