

# Happenings

## East Minnehaha & Roads End Neighborhood Association

Summer 2014

### Neighborhood Meeting 31 July (Thursday) 7pm

**WHERE** : Northside Baptist Church,  
5201 NE Minnehaha St, Vancouver

**AGENDA:**

Dr. Bill Ritchie – CC Commission on Aging

Pat Jollota - Freeholder Presentation

Thanks to Robert Butler for his help in organizing this meeting.

### Board Elections

Serving your neighborhood and community can take only a few minutes of your time each month or each quarter.

Are you interested in or have a passion for issues about barking dogs or other noise complaints; crime or vandalism; sidewalks; outdoor burning, arson, or other fire related issues; modifications, additions, deck construction on your or a neighbor's house; parks (new or maintenance of current ones); what Clark County will "look like" in 10 years, law, justice and the elderly; potholes, streets, or traffic; or one of a myriad of other concerns? If so, pursue that interest as part of your neighborhood association's leadership team.

At the Jan 2015 NA meeting we will elect new board members for:

**East Minnehaha NA** -- The East Minnehaha NA Board members President, Secretary and Treasurer will be retiring in January 2015. Interested: Call Sue Lintz.

**Roads End NA** -- Currently Barbara Murray is serving as the sole member of the NA. Road's End Neighborhood Association is looking for candidates to serve in the positions of President, Secretary and possibly Treasurer. We do not currently have an account for our association. The person who holds the office of Vice President is willing to continue in that role, if someone else does not want that position. If you are interested in taking on any of these jobs in our neighborhood, please send an e-mail with your name, phone number and any other pertinent information to: bemur@comcast.net.

### Clark County Form of Government Changing??

Clark County Resident will find Home Rule Charter on the ballot in August. The first step toward making Clark County a home rule county was to elect a group of freeholders in November 2013. In November 2013, voters elected five county residents from each of the three Clark County Commissioner districts to serve as the Board of Freeholders. The 15 residents were sworn in and held their first meeting as the Board of Freeholders Nov. 26, 2013. Freeholders are responsible for drafting a specific charter to put before voters in a subsequent election. The Board of Freeholders met twice each month since they were elected to create this charter.

Pat Jollota represents District 3, East Minnehaha & Roads End NAs, on the Freeholder Panel. Her background includes local historian; Elder Justice Center, board member; Justice for Children, chair; Vancouver City Council member, 1990-2010.



What is a home rule charter? Allowed by state law, a charter gives voters more say in the structure of county government. Most county functions are set by state law and cannot be changed regardless of home rule. For example, a county provides courts and law enforcement, builds roads, assesses property, collects taxes, and conducts elections.

These questions, as well as others, may be addressed during our meeting:

- What does home rule charter do?
- What other counties currently have Home Rule Charter?
- What is the home rule charter process?
- Can the charter be changed?
- How would future changes be made?
- What additional costs, if any, will be incurred with this new form of government?



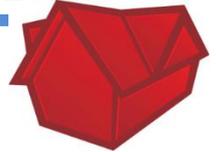
### Brief Summary of Proposed Clark County Home Rule Charter

This Charter makes only three main changes to the way we are governed. It can be amended by voters in the future to meet our county's changing needs.

- Increases representation from three commissioners to five council members, with four elected by district and one at large (the chair). Salaries are lowered so that cost for all five will be no more than the current cost for three.
- Establishes council-manager form of government. Eliminates the commissioner form of government where three commissioners serve as "co-chief executives" as well as "policy makers." Council hires/fires professional manager who has the responsibility and authority to implement policies adopted by council and manage the administrative branch.
- Provides for local initiative and referendum powers that are limited by state law as well as additional safeguards in the charter. (More - Pg 2)

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**Felida Parade and Picnic**

Neighborhood residents participated in and enjoyed the Parade and Picnic. A big thanks to both Linda Demorgan and Sue Lintz who hosted the East Minnehaha booth with prizes donated by residents. They were asking kids historical/patriotic questions for prizes. Linda organized and set up the very popular booth.

**Did You Know**

**Are you protected by your landscaping?**

Landscaping can help keep your home safe from intruders. Tip: keep tall bushes away from windows and doors to make it harder for someone to hide or break-in.



**Proposed Home Rule Charter**

The 2014 proposed home rule charter is the work of the 15-member Board of Freeholders.

In November 2013, voters elected five county residents from each of the three Clark County Commissioner districts to serve as the Board of Freeholders. Its only purpose was to draft a home rule charter to put before voters. Members met from November 2013 through May 2014, disbanding when the charter was completed.

Allowed by state law, a home rule charter gives local voters the opportunity to make the structure of county government fit the community's needs.

The Board of Freeholders represented a wide array of positions on various topics, but members' common goal was to create a better, more effective government for Clark County. Despite varying ideas about how to achieve that goal, members were nearly unanimous about what issues should be addressed in the charter. Still, the document is one of compromise; no freeholder got all he or she wanted in the final product.

This proposed charter contains checks and balances freeholders think will help maximize good governance. Still, a document cannot prevent bad governance. Voters must remain vigilant about electing people who will make wise, fair and far-sighted decisions for the good of the entire county, freeholders said. For the full text of the charter, please go to [www.clark.wa.gov/freeholders/index.html](http://www.clark.wa.gov/freeholders/index.html).

**Home Foreclosure Prevention and Information**

Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program Home Foreclosure Project is two-fold, with a bi-monthly community Seminar dedicated to educating on foreclosure prevention and general information, and a weekly appointment based clinic where clients can meet with an attorney for advice and counsel on their specific foreclosure situation. Based on each situation, attorneys can explain and refer clients to Mediation and assist in negotiating a loan modification or other foreclosure alternative

**There's help and there's hope!**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Are you at risk of defaulting?</li> <li>→ Are you facing foreclosure?</li> <li>→ Do you want to understand your options?</li> <li>→ Are you aware of your rights?</li> </ul>	<p>Learn More about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Foreclosure Fairness Act</li> <li>→ Foreclosure Alternatives</li> <li>→ Mediation</li> <li>→ Free Legal Help</li> </ul>
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Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program Home Foreclosure Project is holding a FREE seminar for Clark County homeowners facing foreclosure.

JOIN US the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at  
 1409 Franklin St Suite 101 Vancouver, WA 98660  
**Upcoming dates:**  
 Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 6pm-7pm  
 Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 6pm-7pm



**(360) 334-4007**  
[www.ccvlp.org](http://www.ccvlp.org)

**Discovery Corridor Wastewater Project**

Have you heard about this project? Although it will not directly affect our neighborhood, you may be interested to know that the Discovery Corridor Wastewater Transmission System (DCWTS) is a 20 year, multi-phase program to provide for the conveyance of wastewater from the Ridgefield Urban Growth Area to the Salmon Creek Wastewater Management System (SCWMS). The current project, DCWTS Phase 1, is a \$25 million capital investment in Clark County's economic future. The project includes construction of a new wastewater conveyance pipeline to connect the City of Ridgefield's Interstate 5 Junction area to the Salmon Creek Treatment Plant. For more information see:

<http://www.crwwd.com/projects/dcwts/index.php>

**Vote By August 5**

**VOTE - Let's express our personal convictions by exercising our Constitutional Right.** Primary Ballots are scheduled to be mailed to every registered voter in Clark on July 16th and will be counted on August 5th. To ensure getting your ballot, it is necessary that you keep your address current with the Elections Office. The Postal Service will not forward ballots. If you need to update your address or have questions, call (360) 397-2345, or go online at [www.clarkvotes.org](http://www.clarkvotes.org). — [by Robert Butler]



**WHEN FIRE STRIKES: GET OUT! STAY OUT!**

**Did you know This? ?**

[FROM VANCOUVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE]

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Portland International Airport (PDX).  
. . . 10 Miles from Downtown

**MAJOR METROPOLITAN CENTER –**

Portland, Oregon (Downtown). . . 6 miles

**INTERSTATE FREEWAYS – I-5 and I-205; I-84. . . . 1-6 miles**

**OCEAN BEACHES –** Washington and Oregon Coast . . . 90 miles

**WORLD CLASS SKI SLOPES –** Mt. Hood . . . 60 miles

**RECREATION AREAS –**

Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area . . . 15 miles

Gifford Pinchot National Forrest-. 40 mi

Altitude .10 to 3,000 ft above sea level

**Average monthly temperatures**

Month	High	Low
March	54.9	36.4
June	71.8	49.2
September	72.9	47.1
December	45.2	32.5

(Source: National Weather Service)

Rainfall: 41.3 inches average annual

Snowfall: 6.5 inches average annual

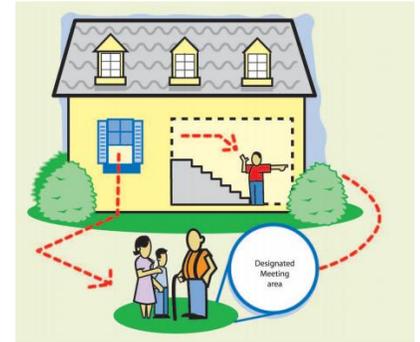
Growing Season: 218 days

**Easy Reference Telephone Numbers**

- Battle Ground School District . . . (360) 885-5300
- Camas School District . . . . . (360) 817-4400
- Child Care Resource & Referral . (360) 750-9735
- City Hall . . . . . (360) 696-8200
- Clark College. . . . . (360) 992-2000
- Clark County Courthouse . . . . . (360) 397-2000
- Clark County Health Department . . . . . (360) 695-9215
- Clark County Medical Society. . . (360) 576-0987
- Clark County Regional Emergency Services . . . . . (360) 397-1911
- Columbia River Economic Development Council . . . . . (360) 694-5006
- Columbia River Mental Health Services . . . . . (360) 695-3416
- The Columbian Newspaper . . . . (360) 694-3391
- Emergency Service, County wide. . . . . 911
- Evergreen School District . . . . . (360) 604-4000
- Fort Vancouver Regional Library. . . . . (360) 695-1566/ 892-8256
- Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce . . . . . (360) 694-2588
- Information & Referral/ Human Services Council . . . . . (360) 694-8899
- Port of Vancouver, USA . . . . . (360) 693-3611
- Social Services, Information and Referral. . . . . (360) 694-8899
- Southwest Washington Medical Center . . . . . (360) 256-2000/ 696-5000
- Vancouver School District . . . . . (360) 696-7000
- Washington State Department of Revenue. . . . . (360) 260-6176
- Washington State Job Service . . . . . 735-5000
- Washington State Patrol. . . . . (360) 696-6161
- Washington State University - Vancouver. . . . . (360) 546-9788

**Home Fire Escape Plan**

- Draw a floor plan or a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Mark two ways out of each room.
- Mark all of the smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be in each sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- Pick a family meeting place outside where everyone can meet.
- Remember, practice your plan at least twice a year!



Do not waste any time saving property. Call the fire department (Use (9-1-1) from a neighbor's home. Take the safest exit route, but if you must escape through smoke, remember to crawl low under the smoke!

**.ITCANWAIT.COM**

Texting while driving is involved in 200,000+ vehicle crashes each year, often involving injuries and deaths. . . . yet many of us ignore the risk.

**Use #X as a signal that you're driving**

#X lets friends know that you're getting on the road and can't respond. It can also mean you're ending a text string until you're done driving. You can draw X on your thumbs to remind yourself not to text while you are driving too—whatever works you!

Check out other tips, downloads and join the other 4.7million people who have made the "Pledge Not to Text and Drive" found at [itcanwait.com](http://itcanwait.com).

**Protect Your Vehicle (Car, Truck, RV, Boat)**

This time of year more people are walking through our neighborhood, many just enjoying the weather and the scenery. Others have different motives. To avoid having your car, truck or other vehicles broken into or stolen **DO**



**NOT** leave items such as wallets, keys, GSP, camera, etc. and anything else of potential value in your car. If you can see them then they are a **"Welcome"** sign to a potential thief.



**WELCOME**

**Veterans & Benefits**

In June the **Veteran Access to Care Act of 2014** that allows veterans to get care outside of the VA system was passed by the US House of Representatives. This bill, HR 4810, specifically allows veterans who resides more than 40 miles from a VA medical facility, or have experienced extensive delays for an appointment, to access non-VA care. Under this bill, the VA must report to Congress on its efforts to improve care to veterans. It also suspends bonuses for VA employees for two years.

If you are a veteran who is having trouble accessing your benefits contact your Congresswoman Herrera Beutler) 695-6292, or one of your Senators Senator Maria Cantwell (360) 696-7838 or Senator Patty Murray (360) 696-7797

## Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

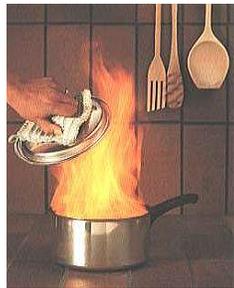
You can make a difference during a disaster- when first responders, like the fire department, are overwhelmed due to a significant earthquake, flood, or fire, Trained CERT members act as an extension of first responder services by providing immediate assistance to victims until professional services can take over.

Clark County CERT is a county coalition where Fire District 6 and the Vancouver Fire Department pool their resources to train citizens of all ages and backgrounds, such as students, stay-at-home moms, engineers and seniors, to assist in their neighborhood in the event of a disaster.

What do CERT members do? In the event of a disaster CERT members are trained to:

1. Check on neighbors safety
2. Suppress small fires using a fire extinguisher
3. Conduct light urban search and rescue
4. Provide emergency medical aid and psychological comfort to their neighbors
5. Organize and direct other neighbors who offer assistance
6. Assist, on a volunteer basis, outside their neighborhood. For example, sandbagging during a flood emergency.

For more information please contact: CERT Coordinator: Firefighter/Paramedic: Dave Sinclair (Phone: 576-1195)



### Kitchen Fire Safety

Safety is everybody's responsibility! With all that goes on in our lives, it's easy to forget that you placed that pan on the stove. It's a very common mistake. You put something on the stove to cook then you get sidetracked. You forget about it until the fire starts and the smoke alarm goes off.

If you're still home, you may have time to react. But if you've left the residence and the pan is still on the stove, you may not find out about it until you return. By then, if you're lucky, your neighbors have noticed your unit is on fire and called the fire department!

Tip: Never, never put water on a grease fire! Water will splatter the grease and dramatically increase the size of the fire. You will easily get burned! NEVER try to carry a flaming grease fire outside. It will quickly be too hot to carry and you will certainly spread the fire over the entire area

If you have news, notes or information you would like to share with the neighborhood, please drop Sue an e-mail at [tonsuel@aol.com](mailto:tonsuel@aol.com)



### Sidewalks - Your Help Needed

We are still concerned about the lack of sidewalks on 58<sup>th</sup> Street. Please take a few minutes to contact Commissioner Madore ([david.madore@clark.wa.gov](mailto:david.madore@clark.wa.gov)) regarding the need for sidewalks or walkways on NE 58th St, approaching Andreson.. Without your help, sidewalks may be deferred to sometime in the future. This area is a heavily trafficked, entrance to our neighborhood. Pedestrian safety is a very real concern. Alternatively, you can sign a petition at 5914 NE 65 Ct. call first 693-9153. Send a copy of your letter or e-mail to Sue at [tonsuel@aol.com](mailto:tonsuel@aol.com).

If you prefer, start your own sidewalk petition to get signatures and bring it to the neighborhood meeting on 31 July. Sue will combine these petitions to present to the County.

## Outdoor Burning Ban From Tuesday, July 15, Through Sept. 30

Vancouver, WA- As of 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, July 15, all land clearing and residential burning in Clark County will be restricted until further notice.

Also, the Fire Marshal is rescinding all burning permits issued prior to the ban. Permits can be reissued or extended when the ban is lifted. The burning restrictions do not apply to federally managed lands. In an effort to have predictable and consistent burn bans, Clark, Cowlitz and Skamania counties jointly implement a policy to ban outdoor burning from July 15 through Sept. 30 each year. Designating this period was based on years of information about fuel conditions. However, in extreme fire hazard conditions, a ban can begin sooner or end later. "We want the public to know about the annual burn ban dates so they can plan to burn during safer times of the year," said Fire Marshal Jon Dunaway. "After Sept. 30, please contact the Fire Marshal's Office to be sure the ban has been lifted before burning."

Recreational campfires on forest lands are allowed only if built in improved fire pits in designated campgrounds, such as commercial campgrounds and local, county and state parks. On private land, recreational fires are permitted when built according to the following regulations:

- Recreational fires must be in a metal-, stone- or masonry-lined fire pit such as those in improved campgrounds or available at home and garden stores.
- Size may not exceed 3 feet in diameter by 2 feet in height.
- Fires must be at least 25 feet from a structure or other combustible material and have at least 20 feet of clearance from overhead fuels such as tree limbs, patio covers or carports.
- Fires must be attended at all times by a responsible person at least 16 years old with the ability and tools to extinguish the fire. Tools include a shovel and either five gallons of water or a connected and charged water hose.
- Portable outdoor fireplaces, also known as patio fireplaces, designed to burn solid fuel (wood) should not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material and must always be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Completely extinguish recreational fires by cocampfivering them with water or moist soil and stirring with a shovel until all parts are cool to the touch.

Self-contained camp stoves are a safe and easy alternative to camp fires. For more information, please contact the Fire Marshal's Office at (360) 397-2186 or visit the county's website at <http://www.clark.wa.gov/development/fire/burning.html>.

## HOME SAFETY INSPECTION

### FIRE PREVENTION CHECKLIST FOR THE HOME

Is your home really safe? A few simple steps can save your life and the lives of those you love. This simple checklist will help you prevent fire in your home. Check each box as you complete the tasks.

#### Fire Protection and Preparedness:

- Smoke alarms are installed on every level of your home and near each sleeping area.
- Batteries are working in all smoke alarms.
- Test your smoke alarm monthly.
- If you are hearing and/or vision impaired, install the appropriate smoke alarm.
- Create a home escape plan.
- Practice your home escape plan.
- If you use a wheelchair or walking aid, check each possible exit route carefully.
- Windows and doors open easily from the inside.
- Keep all important papers together in a safe place.
- Catalog and update your household inventory list for insurance.

#### Living Area:

- Space heaters are kept at least 36 inches from everything that can burn.
- Electrical cords and plugs are in good condition.
- Candles are blown out when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Candles are only burned in sturdy, non-tip, and non-combustible holders.
- Bathroom and kitchen outlets are protected by ground-fault circuit-interrupters.

#### Kitchen:

- Install a fire extinguisher within easy access of the kitchen area and know how to use it.
- Keep cooking area free of clutter.
- Keep a close eye on the food you are cooking.
- Keep clothing away from burners or other open flame.
- Unplug appliances when not in use.
- Ensure electrical outlets are not overloaded.
- Maintain appliances free from grease build-up.
- When cooking, turn pot and pan handles in to keep them from being knocked over.

#### Bedroom:

- Never smoke in bed!
- Keep flashlight readily available with fully charged batteries.
- Keep a whistle by your bed to warn others of a fire and to alert rescuers of your location.

#### Bathroom:

- Ensure curling irons and hot rollers are unplugged after each use.
- Ensure your water heater is set at 120 degrees Fahrenheit or lower to prevent scalds and burns.

#### Garage:

- Keep newspapers, empty boxes, paints, and gasoline cans away from pilot lights, heaters, and outlets.
- Store gasoline and other flammable liquids in approved safety cans that prevent the escape of flammable vapors.
- Store paints, gasoline, and other flammable liquids away from open flames and sparks. Keep paints, gasoline, and other flammable liquids in a shed or detached garage.

#### Exterior:

- Address numbers are at least 3-5 inches in height, are contrasting color from the rest of the exterior, and are clearly visible from the street.
- Firewood is stacked at least ten feet from your home.
- Ensure the exterior of your house is clear of trash and dead grass or shrubs.
- Ensure when barbecuing you are at least three feet from the house when cooking. Never use charcoal-type grills on a wooden deck or porch.
- Dispose of ashes and coals in a metal container away from the house.
- Ensure your chimney is clean and in good repair.

#### Before You Go to Bed or Lie Down:

- Fully extinguish smoking materials (cigarettes, cigars, etc.).
- Turn off the oven and burners.
- Unplug the coffee pot.
- Fully extinguish all candles or oil lamps.
- Turn off heating pad.
- Keep eyeglasses near your bedside so you can see to escape and avoid injury.
- Keep house keys and car keys near your bedside so they are easily accessible.

#### Smoking Materials:

- Use only large, deep, non-tip ashtrays for smokers.
- Keep matches and lighters up high, out of children's sight and reach.
- Smoke outside!

References: Home Checklist for Older Consumers [www.cpsc.gov/CPSC/PUB/PUBS/701.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/CPSC/PUB/PUBS/701.html);  
Home Safety Council [www.homesafetycouncil.org](http://www.homesafetycouncil.org); Fire Safety Checklist for Older Adults,  
United States Fire Administration [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov).

### ..Listen Live:

Clark County Public Safety (Fire, EMS, Sheriff's Office, etc.)

<http://www.radioreference.com/apps/audio/?action=wp&feedId=2236>

### WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT FIRE ALARMS? , First - Make Sure They Work

Once you have selected and installed your smoke alarms, it's important that you periodically test and maintain it. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions as well as the following:

- Smoke alarms should be replaced every 8 to 10 years
- Test the alarm every month
- If you purchase a smoke alarm powered by a 9-volt battery, the battery should be replaced at least once per year
- If you purchase a smoke alarm with a 10-year lithium (long-life) battery, do not try to remove or replace the battery as this will destroy the device

For more information, contact the Clark County Fire Marshal's Office at (360) 397-2186.

### Did You Know

Electric fans may provide comfort, but when the temperature is in the high 90s, fans will not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath, or moving to an air-conditioned place is a much better way to cool off.

### Things to Do in Clark County

**Canning Sat – 16 Aug, 1000-1200n, Shorty's Garden & Home, 10006 S.E. Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver**

The Clark County Master Food Preservers will discuss the pressure canning process (vegetables, meat, fish & poultry), why it is necessary and the safe steps to using a pressure canner. Learn the specific techniques in canning low acid foods safely. Pressure canner gauge testing will be provided. Bring your lid with dial gauge, rubber gasket/ring and safety plug.

**Oktoberfest - Shorty's Garden & Home, <http://www.shortysgardenandhome.com/?cid=1101>**

Shorty's annual Oktoberfest & Harvest Celebration is our largest event each year, with the proceeds benefitting the Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation. The authentic German style Oktoberfest features true German cuisine, beer & wine, and showcases Donaumusikanten - an amazing Bavarian band, straight from southern Germany. Donaumusikanten also plays at the renowned Mt. Angel Oktoberfest in the Willamette Valley each year. Each year we raise over \$20,000 that directly helps our community.

**Friends of the Poor Walk/Run --Sat, 28 Sept 218 W**

12th St, Vancouver - contact Veronica Nguyen - [fpwalkrun@gmail.com](mailto:fpwalkrun@gmail.com) . a simultaneous, nationwide event to raise national awareness of the challenges faced by the nation's poor and to raise significant funds for use in direct service to the poor.. <http://www.facebook.com/VancouverCamasFOPWalk> <http://twitter.com/FOPWalkRun>

## Top 5 Social Media Scams

We're wired to be social creatures, and sites like Twitter and Facebook have capitalized on this to great success. According to its COO Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook draws 175 million logins every day.

But with this tremendous popularity comes a dark side as well. Virus writers and other cybercriminals go where the numbers are -- and that includes popular social media sites. To help you avoid a con or viral infection, we've put together this list of the top five social media scams.

### 5. Chain Letters

You've likely seen this one before -- the dreaded chain letter has returned. It may appear in the form of, "Retweet this and Bill Gates will donate \$5 million to charity!" But hold on, let's think about this. Bill Gates already does a lot for charity. Why would he wait for something like this to take action? Answer: He wouldn't. Both the cause and claim are fake.

So why would someone post this? Good question. It could be some prankster looking for a laugh, or a spammer needing "friends" to hit up later. Many well-meaning people pass these fake claims onto others. Break the chain and inform them of the likely ruse.

### 4. Cash Grabs

By their very nature, social media sites make it easy for us to stay in touch with friends, while reaching out to meet new ones. But how well do you really know these new acquaintances? That person with the attractive profile picture who just friended you -- and suddenly needs money -- is

probably some cybercriminal looking for easy cash. Think twice before acting. In fact, the same advice applies even if you know the person.

Picture this: You just received an urgent request from one of your real friends who "lost his wallet on vacation and needs some cash to get home." So, being the helpful person you are, you send some money right away, per his instructions. But there's a problem: Your friend never sent this request. In fact, he isn't even aware of it. His malware-infected computer grabbed all of his contacts and forwarded the bogus email to everyone, waiting to see who would bite.

Again, think before acting. Call your friend. Inform him of the request and see if it's true. Next, make sure your computer isn't infected as well.

### 3. Hidden Charges

"What type of STAR WARS character are you? Find out with our quiz! All of your friends have taken it!" Hmm, this sounds interesting, so you enter your info and cell number, as instructed. After a few minutes, a text turns up. It turns out you're more Yoda than Darth Vader. Well, that's interesting ... but not as much as your next month's cell bill will be. You've also just unwittingly subscribed to some dubious service that charges \$9.95 every month.



As it turns out, that "free, fun service" is neither. Be wary of these bait-and-switch games. They tend to thrive on social sites.

### 2. Phishing Requests

"Somebody just put up these

pictures of you drunk at this wild party! Check 'em out here!" Huh? Let me see that! Immediately, you click on the enclosed link, which takes you to your Twitter or Facebook login page. There, you enter your account info -- and a cybercriminal now has your password, along with total control of your account.

How did this happen? Both the email and landing page were fake. That link you clicked took you to a page that only looked like your intended social site. It's called phishing, and you've just been had. To prevent this, make sure your Internet security includes antiphishing defenses. Many freeware programs don't include this essential protection.

### 1. Hidden URLs

Beware of blindly clicking on shortened URLs. You'll see them everywhere on Twitter, but you never know where you're going to go since the URL ("Uniform Resource Locator," the Web address) hides the full location. Clicking on such a link could direct you to your intended site, or one that installs all sorts of malware on your computer.

URL shorteners can be quite useful. Just be aware of their potential pitfalls and make sure you have real-time protection against spyware and viruses.

Bottom line: Sites that attract a significant number of visitors are going to lure in a criminal element, too. If you take security precautions ahead of time, such as using antivirus and anti-spyware protection, you can defend yourself against these dangers and surf with confidence.

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## Fire District 5 Operated by Vancouver City Serves Us

Clark County Fire District 5 (FD5) was first organized in 1954. Beginning as a volunteer fire station in Orchards, the Fire District grew to eight fire stations, employing approximately 80 Fire, EMS, Prevention and support personnel. In 1994 the City of Vancouver Fire Department assumed responsibility, under contract to Clark County FD5, to provide the same level of emergency and fire prevention services for CCFD5. As a result, all employees, equipment and assets of the Fire District became the property of the City of Vancouver. The Fire Station and the Fire Warden located at 63<sup>rd</sup> & Andresen serves the East Minnehaha & Roads End area.

The Clark County Fire District 5 operates the Northwest Training Center (NWTC) at 1606 NE 66th Street which provides EMT basic training as well as a wide variety of other safety education classes to the public, healthcare workers, first responders, businesses, etc. (visit [www.nwrtc.org](http://www.nwrtc.org))

Clark County FD5 residents elect three commissions who represent our concerns and interests with the City of Vancouver and oversee all aspects of the Fire District. Our three Commissioners, Mike Lyons, Roy Rhine, and Ron Gibson meet to discuss FD5 issues and all residents are welcome to attend the first Tuesday at 5:30pm in the NWTC.

**DID YOU KNOW ??** Each year our firefighters are dispatched to more emergency medical services calls for unintentional injuries than for actual fire related emergencies.

## Port of Vancouver Tours

Tours of the Port of Vancouver USA are provided to the public throughout the year and include a brief overview of the port and a tour of the maritime facilities. To make your reservation, call 360-693-3611 or email your name, phone number, tour date and number of guests to: [rsvp@portvanusa.com](mailto:rsvp@portvanusa.com). \*Reservations are required and all our guests must be six years of age or older. The last 2014 public tour -Thur, Sept 11, - 5:30-7:00 p.m.

## Clark County Fair Aug 1-10

**Hours:** 8am-11 Opening Fri, 1 Aug 10am - 10pm Sun thru Thursday 10am - 11pm Fri-Sat

**Tickets:** available online and at participating Fred Meyer Stores, Wilco Farm Stores, People's Community FCU, and Columbia CU. Adv discounted tickets purchase thru 31 July

[Clarkcofair.com](http://Clarkcofair.com) or call 360-397-6180

# Vancouver City Chief's Report for 5FD Services in 2013 (Fire & EMS)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013
VFD Call Volume <sup>1</sup>	1964	1688	1944	1757	1931	1876	2025	1991	1875	1881	1695	1991
FD5 Call Volume <sup>1</sup>	446	372	436	389	441	365	458	432	426	397	370	430

**Need Fire or EMS Service - call 9-1-1**

## Clark County Park Events:

**Trail Counts: September 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> -- 5 pm to 7 pm; 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> -- 9 am to 11 am.** Every year we count trail users at various trails and sidewalks in Vancouver and Clark County. This information is used both nationally and locally for grant writing, project funding, etc.

**Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> -- 9 am to 12 pm:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clark County Day of Service. Join hundreds of volunteers at various locations throughout Clark County. Clark County Parks is hosting NINE park cleanups and ONE roadside cleanup.

**Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> -- 9 am to 1 pm:** Whipple Creek Park Trail Maintenance. The Whipple Creek Restoration Committee will continue efforts to restore sections of trail and improve drainage at Whipple Creek Park.

**Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> -- 10 am to 1 pm:** SOLVE Beach Cleanup at Frenchman's Bar Park. Celebrate SOLVE's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and help us cleanup the beach at Frenchman's Bar Park.

**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> -- 9 am to 1 pm:** Whipple Creek Park Trail Maintenance. The Whipple Creek Restoration Committee will continue efforts to restore sections of trail and improve drainage at Whipple Creek Park.

**Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, -- 10 am to 1 pm:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Make a Difference Day Cleanup Challenge. Each year, our beaches, parks, trails, and sidewalks became ashtrays for thousands of cigarette butts, polluting our water and becoming a danger to wildlife.

## Cedar Creek Grist Mill

**30 August--** Cornbread Day – Munch on a dozen varieties of cornbread and listen to great music

**27 September --** Watch wool being turned into yarn and maybe have a chance to try it yourself

**25 October –** Apple Cider Pressing (Come Early!)

All events are from 1pm to 4pm in Woodland on Grist Mill Road. See: [Cedarcreekgristmill.com](http://Cedarcreekgristmill.com) for more information or call 360-225-5832

## Green Neighbors Collection Events

You will have several opportunities to safely dispose of household hazardous waste and other items commonly found in garages, kitchens and utility rooms in Sept and Oct.

Green Neighbors, a Clark County Environmental Services program that promotes environmentally friendly and sustainable practices, will sponsor nine free Saturday collections. The events are in partnership with every city and town in the county and the Washington State Department of Ecology, which provides grant funding for the program.

Collections will accept block foam, electronic equipment and household hazardous waste, such as pesticides, paints, solvents, thinners, motor oil and cleaners; as well as old tires, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioning units, scrap metal and woody yard debris at most events. Free shredding for a limited amount of paper also will be available at most sites.

For details about specific events, visit the Green Neighbors' website, [www.clarkgreenneighbors.org/recyclingday](http://www.clarkgreenneighbors.org/recyclingday). This program is open only to residents of Clark County, including its cities and town.

Here is the schedule for events in the City of Vancouver:

**Sat., Sept. 13** - 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Clark College, Purple Lot 1, 1800 Fort Vancouver Way

**Sat., Sept. 20**, - 9am - 1pm., 99th St Transit Center, 9700 NE 7th Ave, Hazel Dell

**Sat., Oct. 4**, - 9am - 1pm., Battle Ground High School parking lot, 300 NW 3rd Way (enter off of N Parkway Ave

Clark County Environmental Services 360-397-2121 x4352. Please bring non-perishable food items for local food banks.

## Pioneer Project Begins - You Are Needed!!

The Clark County Genealogical Society is seeking volunteers for the Clark County Pioneer Project. The purpose of this project is to develop short biographies of early Clark County pioneers. Our initial emphasis is on pioneers buried at the Old City Cemetery. We need individuals to research and develop these biographies which will then be placed on a new website sponsored by the Genealogical Society. If you are interested, please contact Richard Engstrom at [rengstro60@yahoo.com](mailto:rengstro60@yahoo.com). A format and set of guidelines have been developed which will assist the volunteer in their development of the individual biographies



Neighborhood Associations were established to unite the common interests and promote the welfare of the neighborhood. The association is involved with a variety of matters which affect the livability of the neighborhood and community in general. All residents within the neighborhood association boundaries are invited and welcome to attend and participate in the association. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact one of the officers or board members listed on this page. The EMNA & RENA do not subscribe to any religious affiliation or political party. The desire is to work together for the common good of the neighborhood in which we all live.

Neighborhood Association newsletters are copied free of charge by the Clark County Public Information and Outreach Office. The information and views expressed are solely those of the neighborhood Association and not Clark County Government or the Public Information and Outreach office.

**East Minnehaha Neighborhood Association**

President: Sue Lintz [693-9153] [tonysuel@aol.com](mailto:tonysuel@aol.com)  
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**Vice President:** Megan Hill

**Secretary:** Lynda Maguire (temp)

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**Board Members:** Andrew Hill, Lynda Maguire

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Treasury Report: Activity 2014: zero donated-

\$30 –March mtg. room and \$5 spent on stamps

Boundaries: North: Minnehaha Street & 63rd Street / East: I-205 /

So: 51 & 52 Streets 7 Vancouver City boundary/ West: St. Johns Rd.

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Boundaries: North: 51st St. / South: Vancouver City limits

(SR-500) / West: 54 Ave. / East: Vancouver City limits (66 Ave.)

(Please put Minnehaha or Roads End your subject line to ensure it is read and not "junked, trashed, or deleted")

**Volunteers are needed to serve on the boards of both associations.—Call Sue Lintz or Barbara Murray for more information.**

**Did You Know??** It is estimated that about 173,000 accidents take place in yards annually. . ▶ Maintain a well-pruned and watered landscape to serve as a green belt and protection against fire. Keep plants green during the dry season and use supplemental irrigation, if necessary. ▶ Trim grass on a regular basis up to 100 feet surrounding your home. ▶ Stack firewood at least 30 feet from your home. ▶ Store flammable materials, liquids and solvents in metal containers outside the home at least 30 feet away from structures and wooden fences.

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