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# Fisher's Creek Neighborhood Association Newsletter



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## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade & 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Picnic in the Park

More than 75 kids participated in this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July bike parade. The bikes (and kids) were decked out in festive colors and were led by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July "band". Thank you to Sandy Moszer and Laura Bauer for making this such a success.

The parade ended at the park, where 200 neighbors enjoyed a BBQ picnic hosted by FCNA and the Hiddenbrook Terrace Homeowner's Association. Lance Thompson did a fantastic job of coordinating this event. Thanks Lance! Many neighbors walked home with prizes (from pizzas to pedicures) that were donated by our local merchants. *Please make sure to return the favor and frequent the following local businesses when you can: **Diva Den, Garlic Jim's, Hiddenbrook Floral and Starbucks.***

*A special thanks to our local QFC for providing the great food at the picnic!*

## Friendly Reminders

Now that school has started back up, please remember that young children will be walking through our neighborhoods in the mornings and afternoons again each day. Please adhere to the speed limit signs and pay close attention at crosswalks, especially as you near the Fisher's Landing School area. Your children and my children may be crossing guards near the school, remember that they serve an important purpose in helping walkers get to school safely. Let's all work together to make sure that they are kept safe as well by respecting what they do and following their lead.

Also please don't forget that where you walk, play, picnic, walk your dog, etc., someone else will follow. Don't leave a mess behind or along the way for someone else to pick up or the unsuspecting to step in. The quantity of litter on our pathways and sidewalks has increased a great deal in past months. Please remember to clean up after yourself, your family and your pet.

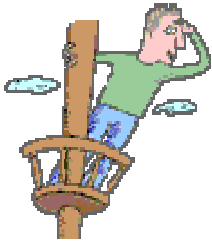
We all live here together so let's all work to make it as nice as we can. Show some respect for your neighbors and some pride in your neighborhood and it will be a better place for us all.

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## New 192<sup>nd</sup> Outlook

The 192nd Outlook is open, and the view is worth a visit to the top. However, some in our neighborhood have already noticed a problem with vandalism. Sprinkler heads have been broken off, and recessed lights in the floor of the open area have been shattered. Plastic water and soda bottles have been tossed over the edge. As some of the closest neighbors, we need to exercise good neighbor practices when visiting the Outlook. If you see an act in progress, please note a good description of the people and the incident and report it to police as soon as possible. Teach your children environmentally-responsible practices by returning home with the same number of cans and bottles you took along. Take along a bag and collect trash as you go. Clean up after your pet. These small contributions can make a big difference if everyone practices them -- not only at the Outlook, but on our own streets and trails as well. Please contribute to a cleaner, safer environment. The City has confirmed that the Outlook access complies with ADA standards. For follow-up questions or comments, please contact Bob Bess ([Bob.Bess@ci.vancouver.wa.us](mailto:Bob.Bess@ci.vancouver.wa.us), 360-735-8777) or Hassan Abdalla ([Hassan.Abdalla@ci.vancouver.wa.us](mailto:Hassan.Abdalla@ci.vancouver.wa.us), 360-696-8290).



## Garage Sale

We had over 50 houses participate in this year's annual neighborhood garage sale. The weather was great and the buyers were out in full force (many from within the neighborhood). While this was a successful event, based on input from neighbors next year look for more (and larger) signs along with maps of participating households.

## Dump Day

The annual "dump day" was a huge success, with over 200 households participating – most of which made multiple trips through. BBQs were again a common item with more than 25 being disposed of that day. But, we saw everything from tree stumps to couches, and even 1 kitchen sink! In all, the neighborhood disposed of 3 truckloads of junk weighing over 16 tons, and 3 drop boxes of yard debris weighing almost 9 tons! This was a FREE service for the neighborhood that would have cost almost \$2000 if it were taken to the dump. A HUGE thank you to the neighbors who volunteered their time and muscles to help out (Lance Thompson, Dave Bauer, Mo Brock, Robin Smith, Norm Krasne, Chris Bene, Tony Black, Mark Miller, Rolf Vellek, and the Vaanderings). We couldn't do these events without you. Thank you to all of the neighbors who made generous donations to the Fisher's Creek Neighborhood Association. FCNA is a non-profit organization. These donations will help us continue to beautify our neighborhood and put on special events throughout the year.

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## FCNA General Meetings

FCNA General Meetings are usually held twice a year. They are generally held on the second Thursday of May and November at 7pm at Fisher's Landing Elementary School. The dates we have scheduled for 2006/07 are below:

**FCNA General Meeting:** November 9, 2006

**FCNA General Meeting:** May 10, 2007

For more information on the FCNA or happenings within your community, visit our website at [www.fisherscreek.org](http://www.fisherscreek.org).

## President's Message

As you have read in this edition of our newsletter, this was a very busy summer for neighborhood events. We successfully held a neighborhood garage sale, got rid of 25 tons of stuff at dump day, held a kids bike parade and a 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic. All of these events were well received and attended by our neighbors, with over 500 people participating. These events are brought to you by FCNA through the work of many volunteers. I personally want to thank all of those who volunteered. But, I also want to ask for all of your help in making these events happen in the future. Too often, it seems to be the same people volunteering, which can cause burn out. This year, had it not been for a few key volunteers stepping up again, our dump day would have been cancelled.

If you have participated in these events, enjoyed them, and would like to see them continue, please consider volunteering next year. In most cases, it is just a few hours out of your day and makes a big difference.

With John Stouffer having to resign as President of FCNA, I've assumed these duties temporarily. There will be Officer Elections held at the next General Meeting, which is scheduled for November. Anyone interested in becoming more involved in our neighborhood is encouraged to attend.

As a reminder, you can find a lot of valuable information on the FCNA website – [www.fisherscreek.org](http://www.fisherscreek.org).

***We could use your help. To volunteer for any of the neighborhood events, please contact Kris Miller at [kris.m.miller@comcast.net](mailto:kris.m.miller@comcast.net) or 260-3245!***

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## FCNA Board

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