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# Fisher's Creek Neighborhood Association Newsletter



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## Next FCNA General Meeting!

- **When – Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**
- **Where – Fisher's Landing Elementary.** Just enter through the front doors of the school and go down the right hand hall to the music room. There should be someone in the office area to direct people.
- **Why –** Along with general business, we will have speakers talk about two very important topics – Identity Theft Prevention and community services provided by the Vancouver Fire Department. There will also be information on The Landing at Evergreen available for those who are interested. The Landing at Evergreen is the new mixed-use development planned to replace the airport next to Mill Plain Blvd. We encourage everyone to attend so that you and your neighbors can contribute to the preservation of our wonderful community. Hope to see you there!

## Friendly Reminders

Now that the access to 192<sup>nd</sup> Ave is open through our neighborhood, it's time to remember that folks live along the routes you will be taking to get to the new on-ramp. The long, straight section which is 42<sup>nd</sup> St. is especially affected. The families who live there have children and pets, and the front doors of the houses on 42<sup>nd</sup> face directly out to the street. Please offer them the safety and respect that you would expect in front of your own house. Driving fast might make you think you will get somewhere faster, but if you hit a child you can never take it back.

Also please don't forget that wherever you walk with your dog, someone else will follow. Don't leave a mess along the way for the unsuspecting to step in. The quantity of dog litter on our pathways and sidewalks has increased a great deal in the past couple of months. If you have a dog, be a good owner and clean up after your pet.

We all live here together so let's all work to make it as nice as we can. If we all show respect for our neighbors and take pride in our neighborhood, it will be a better place for us all.

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## Messages from Fisher's Landing Elementary School

The following message is being passed on to you at the request of Fisher's Landing Elementary.

We have been having a lot of problems lately with kids stepping in dog "stuff" when out at recess and then tracking it back into the classrooms. Well, you can imagine how disruptive it can be to the learning environment when the room wreaks, not to mention the health concerns. It is posted at the entry to the playground that dogs are not allowed on school grounds. However, we have a lot of visitors after hours and on the weekends that think the school grounds are open to the public, including their animals, especially for ball games, practices, etc. We also have parents arrive to pick up their children to walk them home and bring "Bowser" along for the walk. Again, this is against school rules. Any help you can provide in getting the word to the neighbors would be appreciated.

## Camp Bonneville Regional Park

Camp Bonneville is a 3,800-acre piece of property north of Camas, south of Hockinson, and about a 15-minute drive from Hiddenbrook. This property was owned and operated for over 80 years by the U.S. Army. It was used as a munitions training facility, and was closed in 1995.

On July 1, 2006, Clark County will acquire the property for the purpose of developing a regional public park to include tent, yurt and RV camping; hiking, mountain biking and equestrian trails; and a public firing range. Other uses will include Outdoor School for all 4<sup>th</sup>- and 5<sup>th</sup>-graders in the Vancouver, Evergreen and Camas School Districts; facilities for church and recreational events; and an amphitheater.

To date, problems with contamination on the site have not been fully addressed. Bombs, missiles, rockets and grenades that failed to explode on impact litter the site. These are termed unexploded ordnance, or UXO. Up to 70% of the 3,800 acres will not be cleared of UXO. Other unresolved issues include appropriate fencing and signage; plans for fire response; and cleanup of contaminated groundwater.

Clark County needs additional park space that provides the amenities proposed for Camp Bonneville. The question remains whether this site is the right site for that purpose.

To express either support or concern, please contact Brian Vincent, Public Works, Clark County, 360-397-6118, ext 1626, or [brian.vincent@clark.wa.gov](mailto:brian.vincent@clark.wa.gov). Ecology is also accepting public comments through May 5 on its draft cleanup plan: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/>. (Scroll down and click on the link next to May 5: Camp Bonneville, Vancouver.) For informal information, contact Lynelle Hatton, FCNA Secretary, at [lynellehatton@comcast.net](mailto:lynellehatton@comcast.net), or 882-5153.




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## Grant Application for New Park Bike Rack

FCNA is eligible to apply for money from city government. Sometimes the city will match the amount we are able to raise toward a specific project, as was done to help develop our neighborhood park. We can also offer labor and materials to offset the cost of some projects, such as our recent planting at the park.

Because FCNA has established a Neighborhood Action Plan (NAP), we can also get money for specific projects related to the action plan. These funds are granted without strings attached.

This year, FCNA has applied for a NAP Grant for the purchase and installation of a bike rack at the park. The proposed rack would go on the cement pad next to the existing benches. This will help keep the bikes out of the walkway and promotes safety.




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*The current estimated date for opening the North bound lanes on 192<sup>nd</sup> is the week of May 8<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.*

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## 192<sup>nd</sup> Phase III Completion

The long-awaited completion of the last phase of the 192<sup>nd</sup> Avenue is imminent! The current estimated date for opening the northbound lanes is the week of May 8<sup>th</sup>. This is all weather-dependent of course. Final tasks include Clark Public Utilities moving their overhead lines underground, landscaping, and painting the street lines. As part of this road improvement project, there is a scenic overlook east of the roadway that should also be completed around the same time. This overlook will be a great destination using the existing network of trails currently available in our neighborhood.



## FCNA Board Changes

As with other changes in the neighborhood, the FCNA Board is also in the process of change. This is the last newsletter with Rachelle Moehring as Treasurer. We are sad to lose Rachelle to another community. At the same time, we are glad Judy Fox is joining the Board. Thanks to Rachelle for her contributions to our community on many levels, and thanks to Judy for her commitment to serving on the Board.

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# FCNA General Meetings

FCNA General Meetings are usually held twice a year on the second Thursday of May and November. The meetings are held at Fisher's Landing Elementary School and take place at 7pm. The dates we have scheduled for 2006 are as follows:

**FCNA General Meeting:** May 11, 2006

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

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

# Upcoming Neighborhood Events

The thermometer finally hit 70 degrees. Does that mean summer is right around the corner? Well, we wouldn't go quite that far, but some of our favorite neighborhood events are drawing near. You may want to mark your calendars for these dates.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual FCNA Garage Sale – Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

Cost to participate is \$5 per household. This covers newspaper advertising, signs directing traffic into our neighborhood, and balloons to identify participating houses. To register, contact Kris Miller via email at [kris.m.miller@comcast.net](mailto:kris.m.miller@comcast.net) (preferred), or by calling (360) 260-3245.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Dump Day – Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

Remember to save up the stuff you can't get rid of at the garage sale, because one week later it's dump day! No hazardous materials allowed, but feel free to bring lawn furniture, BBQs, and other miscellaneous junk, including yard debris. This is a free service for those living within our neighborhood (addresses are verified); however, donations are encouraged.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fourth of July Parade – Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

This year, the parade will start at the school and follow the traditional route up to the neighborhood park. Once there, everyone is invited to stop for a BBQ being held in conjunction with Hiddenbrook Terrace HOA! There will be food, drinks, games for the kids and raffle prizes for adults. Don't forget to decorate your bikes, trikes, strollers, etc. with festive holiday colors. For safety, please refrain from using anything motorized. Contact Kris Miller (info listed above) if you have a classic car and would like to lead the parade.

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## FCNA Board

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