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**Summer 2004 Newsletter - A service of your Neighborhood Association**

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**Presidents Message**

This summer I have had the opportunity to meet many of you as I've gone door to door. It confirms my belief that we live in one of the best neighborhoods in Vancouver! You guys are great and it was my pleasure to meet you! I was pleased to hear from so many of you how you really enjoy the newsletter and the events that the FCNA sponsors.

We continue to see changes on three sides of our neighborhood. The east side known as the Gables has recently broken ground. Plans have been laid for the development in and near the area formerly known as the Grotto. It will be called the Lakes at Fishers Landing and will be an exclusive gated community of high-end town homes. To the west, The Gardens development is well underway. My family has recently moved from Hiddenbrook Terrace to The Gardens and I am excited to watch this part of our neighborhood unfold each day! The park will be completed within weeks as well!

On a personal note I would like to express mine and my immediate neighbor's concern over traffic speed on 175<sup>th</sup> & 176<sup>th</sup> Avenues. These two streets in the Gardens have become a favorite short-cut or route of interest to many of you. While we don't mind the traffic, the speed at which some cars drive is alarming. There are many children that play in this area and crossing the street to one another's homes can be extremely dangerous. Often, the stop signs are ignored causing peril to adults and children alike. Please remember to watch your speed!! Thank you, thank you!!

Please read on about the completion of our park, results of our neighborhood clean-up, area coordinator program and more. Thanks once again to the volunteers who help make it all happen. You're wonderful and a great asset to our neighborhood!

**Please come and meet them at our next  
General Meeting in November. See you then!  
Stacey ☺**

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## Updates

### *Fisher's Creek Park*

As you read this, our park should be within a week or so of completion! What a wonderful asset it will be to our neighborhood. As repetitive as this is, thanks once again to all who have donated money, time, and energy to this project. The official dedication ceremony will be held in the spring, once the grass is strong enough to support a party.

Please be aware of any signage, as in "Please keep off the grass," or any information concerning the play equipment. As long as we've waited, and as hard as we've worked, we need to be sure to wait until the grass is strong (ideally a few months) and the play equipment secure (look for any signs) before we use it, so we don't ruin this great achievement. Thank you, and enjoy your park!!!

### *The Gables*

You've all noticed by now that work has begun on The Gables, to the west of QFC. Construction on the homes will begin this fall. Development details are not yet on the website, but visit [www.kimballhillhomes.com/vancouver.htm](http://www.kimballhillhomes.com/vancouver.htm) to obtain contact information if you or someone you know is interested in pre-sales. For other questions about The Gables, contact Sandy Moszer at [msmoszer@comcast.net](mailto:msmoszer@comcast.net).

## **192<sup>nd</sup> Interchange**

**For more info:**

**<http://www.ci.vancouver.wa.us/transportation/192ave/index.html>**

## FCNA Mission Statement

The mission of the Fisher's Creek Neighborhood Association is to preserve, protect, and enhance the quality of life in the Fishers Creek neighborhood. It is through this effort that we strive to increase community awareness, and be proactive on those issues that affect residential property values

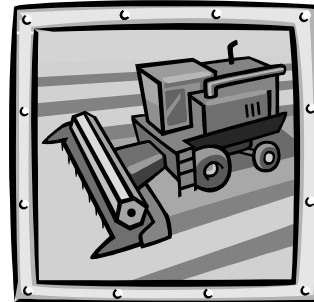
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## Vancouver Sparkles award goes to:

Wayne & Deborah  
Norwood  
and  
David & Bonnie  
Schweitzer

Thanks for all your hard work in  
making our area sparkle!



**Dozer Day**, an amazing family event, happening right in our back yard at the rock quarry, is being planned for next May. Imagine your child operating a bull dozer, or your wife panning for diamonds. It will be an important fundraiser for the Parks Foundation, which was so instrumental in making our park a reality. It will also benefit some other important local organizations. **We need at least one representative from our neighborhood** to work with the planning committee in organizing this great event. Dozens of people across Vancouver are already involved, so you can devote as much or as little time as you are able.

Please contact Sandy Moszer at [msmoszer@comcast.net](mailto:msmoszer@comcast.net) or 892-3698 to volunteer or for more information.

Thanks for volunteering at  
the park.



## VOTE

As this might be the last chance that I'll get to address the FCNA audience before November 2nd, I thought I'd take the opportunity to urge everyone over the age of 18 who reads this to vote on Election Day. Whatever your political bent, whichever issues you deem most important, whatever candidates you think will best represent your interests, it is so important that you express yourself by voting. If you intend being out of town on that date, please secure a mail-in ballot and use it accordingly.

Studies have shown that the 18-30 crowd doesn't vote as often as their elders. Turned off by politics and frequently of the mind set that "they're all the same" or feeling alienated from the system, our younger citizens need to be made to feel that they have a stake in America's future. As a long-time high school teacher, I've often convinced teens that they need to vote if for no other reason than because they owe it to so many people who have sacrificed so much in the course of America's history to win that right. Discussing political issues with them is also helpful; you might be surprised by how well informed and caring they are. Hopefully, many of you will take your younger children behind the curtain with you as you cast your votes; we can't start educating them too early.

In this era of heightened terror alerts when leaders are already planning major changes in government, an informed, participating citizenry is the most effective means we have of maintaining our liberty.

See you at the polls on November 2nd.

Norm Krasne



## FCNA ANNUAL PICNIC

It's already time for the Fishers Creek Neighborhood  
Association Annual Picnic.

That sure went fast!

Mark this date on your calendar so you won't miss the fun:  
Sunday, September 12, 2004

This year the picnic will be held at:  
Fishers Landing Elementary School.

Starting at 1:00 in the afternoon,  
Come and visit with your neighbors, play volleyball,  
basketball or some of the other games we have planned for  
kids big and small. And be sure to try your luck at winning  
one of the great prizes donated by local businesses in by  
purchasing a couple raffle tickets. (tickets: 2/\$1)

To make things easier for everyone this year, we will be  
having a "bring your own picnic- picnic". Meaning, each  
family is to bring their own meal, drinks, tableware &  
blanket. FCNA will be providing a treat for everyone after the  
meal.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to make our picnic a big success.  
If you have collapsible tables that you can lend us or if you  
have a prize you would like to donate for one of the games or  
for the raffle, give us a call.

\*\*\*We also need help with greeting, setting up, and some  
help running the games for the kids.

\*\*\*Do you have a secret talent like face painting, palm  
reading, or hair braiding?

**Remember:** If you live in Hiddenbrook, Hiddenbrook  
Terrace, Hiddenbrook Glen, Village Vista, The Gardens or  
The Gentry's this is YOUR picnic—being involved makes it  
more fun!

If you can give us a hand, give us a call!

Rachelle Moehring: 896-2950

Or email: [rmoehring@comcast.net](mailto:rmoehring@comcast.net)

## Earth Saving Kitchen Tips

Bob Blumer's cookbook, "The Surreal Gourmet" (Chronicle, 1992), is a lighthearted book filled with working recipes, and good advice. In the back of the book you'll find the 10 Environmentally Friendly Things you Can Do for your Kitchen.

He recommends that you:

- 1) **Recycle:** Separate and recycle paper and plastic bags: if you are not going to reuse them, put paper bags in with mixed waste paper; take plastic bags back to the grocery store they came from.
- 2) **Buy recycled goods:** Buying products such as recycled paper towels and napkins generates demand for them, which in turn drives the whole recycling machine.
- 3) **Use environmentally friendly cleaners:** Biodegradable dishwashing detergents and spray cleaners are readily available. This one is a no-brainer since these products achieve the same results as the "unfriendly" ones. Exhaust all options before using heavy-duty drain cleaners.
- 4) **Use washable rags:** Keep a couple of rags and sponges in the kitchen and get into the habit of using them instead of paper towels. Wash them with a non-phosphorous, environmentally friendly detergent.
- 5) **Buy bulk and minimally packaged products:** Besides saving packaging, this increases the demand for simpler packaging in the long run. This is the only barometer manufacturers pay attention to.
- 6) **Compost:** Composting, if you have the backyard space, is like a low-tech science-class experiment. It decomposes kitchen and garden wastes, converting them into a rich soil additive. It serves three great purposes: It reduces the volume of garbage going to the dumps; it returns to the soil nutrients from discarded food; and it's an easy-to-understand concept for children that demonstrates the fundamentals of recycling.
- 7) **Use fresh instead of canned goods;** Think fresh instead of canned, frozen or prepackaged. You save packaging – and you usually get healthier, more flavorful food without preservatives.
- 8) **Ask your produce person to stock organic vegetables:** The demand for vegetables grown without the use of toxic chemical pesticides will help bring them into the mainstream of the food supply.
- 9) **Support your local farmers:** Shop at farmer's markets.
- 10) **Share you awareness with friends and neighbors:** Pass on your environmentally friendly discoveries – so many people still haven't caught on.

Paraphrased from: Daily Record Associated Press Morris County, NJ 04.18.01

## ~WAYS TO RECYCLE~

### Your phone book may have the answers...

If you received a Clark County Qwest Dex phone book, then you have a wealth of recycling, yard debris and garbage information at your fingertips.

Check out the Brown Pages, (right behind the green Community pages in the front of the book) and you will find the answers to your

1. Garbage Service
2. Yard Debris Recycling Service,
3. Curbside recycling Instructions,
4. Transfer Stations,
5. Household Hazardous Waste, and other frequently asked questions.

Article courtesy of Waste Connections Inc. 360.737.1727

### Computer REuse/recycling And Marketing CREAM

Clark County residents may now donate their used computer systems to the community by taking their computers and related hardware to the Clark County Jail Work Center to be evaluated for reuse or recycling. The Wok Center is located at 5107 NW Lower River Road and is open for donations Monday – Thursday, from 9:00-11:30am and 1:00-4:00pm. There is no charge for Clark county residents if the computers are from their households. Additionally, residents may recycle their old television sets at this location

Reusable computers will be reconfigured and loaded with a free operating system, then donated back to the community in need through a network of non-profit social service providers. Non-working computers and their components will be recycled responsibly. The CREAM program is possible through the cooperation of Clark County, the City of Vancouver, Clark College, Business Computer Technology Institute, Clark County Jail Work Center, The Salvation Army and Columbia Resource Company.

### ***Grants Awarded***

Fisher's Creek Neighborhood Association has been awarded two grants from the city! The first is for a pet refuse bag dispenser that will be installed in our new park. If you forget to bring a bag with you while walking your dog near the park, you will be able to grab one, so people can play without worrying about where they step. Our wonderful Norm Krasne has agreed to refill the dispenser as well as he can. Thanks, Norm!

The second grant is for \$1000 towards the purchase of a **picnic table for the park**. Because of strict regulations for safety and maintenance, the full cost of the table is \$2500. Therefore, an additional \$1500 must be found if we want a picnic table in the park. No, we are NOT asking neighbors for another donation! You have given generously, and we won't insult you by asking again. What we are asking is that if you or someone you know owns a business that would like to contribute, or if you would be willing to help us approach those area businesses that have not yet donated to our park, please contact Heidi Olsen, kurtoly@comcast.net, or Sandy Moszer, msmoszer@comcast.net. We have until December to raise the \$1500, or the \$1000 grant money is forfeited back to the city.

A BIG THANKS to Heidi Olsen and the grant committee for all their hard work in obtaining these grants.

### **Thoughts from the Section 30/ Dump public meeting. Board of County Commissioners room - 7/27/04**

Stacey Johnson and Heidi Olsen attended on behalf of FCNA.

Stacey stated that she represented many people in this neighborhood association, her previous neighborhood association, and adjacent neighborhoods who are concerned about the possibility of having the landfill request approved. Stacey stated that she had attended all the Section 30 meetings except for the last open house and was very pleased at the process by which the community as well as property owners were allowed to express their interest, vision, and concern. "While I felt that "we the people" were underrepresented in the meeting, it was my hope that they would keep my request in mind. I urged them to adopt the Section 30 zoning recommendations as presented." Stacey said.

#### **Dump/Sec. 30 Status:**

**August, 2003:** The County Commissioners denied the ECRC conditional use permit. Residents in the Fishers Creek Neighborhood Association participated in encouraging this decision by the County Commissioners.

**June 14, 2004:** Judge Nichols overturned the Commissioners' decision. Bjornsen/English will appeal this decision to the State Court of Appeals.

**July 27, 2004:** The WA State Court of Appeals overturned the ruling on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of East County Reclamation Center (ECRC) by Superior Court Judge John F. Nichols. The Appeals Court said the ECRC Environmental Impact Statement must be reevaluated based upon the law in place at the time application was made for the landfill rather than law at the time of publication of the EIS. Additionally, the Appeals Court overturned the entire Nichols decision. This was a major victory for the appellants, Nancy Bjornsen and Gene English. ECRC has appealed for reconsideration by the Appeals Court. The July 27 ruling is available by request: nancybjornsen@sbcglobal.net.

Earlier on the same day at the County Commissioner's meeting, it was expected that the County Commissioners would implement the Section 30 Zoning Map. Mining operators and landfill proponents delayed this implementation by requesting heavy manufacturing zoning and development agreements that would allow their uses to continue. Commissioners extended the hearing to August 17. The hearing has now been rescheduled for **August 31**.

Check out the website for neighborhood information and photos of past events.

**[www.fisherscreek.org](http://www.fisherscreek.org)**

**FIRSTENBURG  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
COMMEMORATIVE  
PAVERS AVAILABLE**

The Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department will open the doors of the new Firstenberg Community Center in the summer of 2005. The Firstenberg Community Center, at 700 NE 136th Avenue will be the City's first full-service community center since Marshall Center was built in the 1960's. It will be a landmark facility, drawing families from all over the region to swim, play and pursue fitness. It will also be a centerpiece for the east side of Vancouver – a "second living room" - where residents will gather with their neighbors in the meeting, party, classroom, and recreational venues the center will offer. We invite you to be a part of this new era in the future of Vancouver, and help create the spirit of community this building will represent, by purchasing a one-foot-by-two-foot paver inscribed with your name or the name of a loved one, to be placed on the terrace outside the Firstenberg Center's elegant Community Room. You will be supporting Parks and Recreation programs, and making your mark on a facility which will serve generations over the years to come.

**For only \$100, your name or the name of a loved one will grace the Community Room outdoor terrace for generations to come. You'll be supporting the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Scholarship Program, as well as furnishings for the center.**

For order form go to:

[http://www.ci.vancouver.wa.us/parks-recreation/facilities\\_locations/images/paverformweb.pdf](http://www.ci.vancouver.wa.us/parks-recreation/facilities_locations/images/paverformweb.pdf)

You can help!



**Interested in applying to serve on the Vancouver Lake Watershed Partnership?**

The Vancouver Lake Watershed Partnership, still in its early formative stages, is the result of efforts by the Port of Vancouver, City of Vancouver Department of Public Works, Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation, Clark County Department of Public Works and the Fruit Valley Neighborhood Association to bring together federal, state and local public agencies with interest and jurisdiction over Vancouver Lake and its watershed.

Applications are available on-line at  
[http://www.ci.vancouver.wa.us/release/VL\\_application.pdf](http://www.ci.vancouver.wa.us/release/VL_application.pdf).

You can also pick up a copy of the application form at Vancouver's City Hall, 210 E. 13th Street, and at various government offices around the area. You can even pick one up at Vancouver Lake Park!



***Very Special  
Thank You to Our Area  
Coordinators.***

The close go-to people, the ones who deliver your newsletters and keep you up to speed on the goings on. Our great FCNA area coordinators are: Ted Smith, Leigh Anne Tyler, Lauri Stokes, Heidi Olsen, Maria Masson, Rachelle Moehring, Norm Krasne, Lance Thompson, Carrie Reschke, Jolynne Alger, Sandy Moszer, Lisa & Sharma Mageo, Jill Anderson and Stacey Johnson.

**Would you like to get email updates about the goings on in our neighborhood?  
All you have to do is email your name & address to Jill Anderson - [jlanderson02@comcast.net](mailto:jlanderson02@comcast.net)**

## June 2004 Neighborhood Clean-up Day

This year over 14 tons of bulky items and 3 tons of yard debris were collected at the annual Dump Day held June 26th at a savings of \$1369.14 to FCNA's residents.

One hundred and nineteen neighbors participated and some made several trips. Many neighbors contributed their time to help unload vehicles and make the event safe and successful.

Special thanks go to Heidi Olsen, Jill Anderson, Maria Masson, Stacey Johnson, Sandy Moszer, Norm Krasne, Lance Thompson, Heather Gasser, and David Gasser. FCNA would also like to thank the Waste Management team that makes Dump Day possible for neighborhoods like ours - Elsie, Tim, Casey and Roxy.

In addition, FCNA raised \$210 to go towards the everyday workings of FCNA and other neighborhood activities such as Welcome Wagon Packets and the upcoming Neighborhood Picnic. It was great to see so many members of our neighborhood take advantage of this opportunity. Several members of our community went above and beyond by not just hauling their own junk and yard debris to the dump site but they hauled their neighbors as well. We appreciate all those who contributed their time, effort and donations to our neighborhood and are really looking forward to next year's event. Thank you!

Dump Day tonnage and "would be" disposal cost...

**This years totals:** We had 3 boxes of yard debris totaling **3.34** tons plus **38** cubic yards with a disposal cost of **\$388.32** and four truck loads of bulky items totaling **14.24** tons with a disposal cost of **\$980.92**

**Last years totals:** 7.65 tons of material with a disposal cost of **\$562.84**

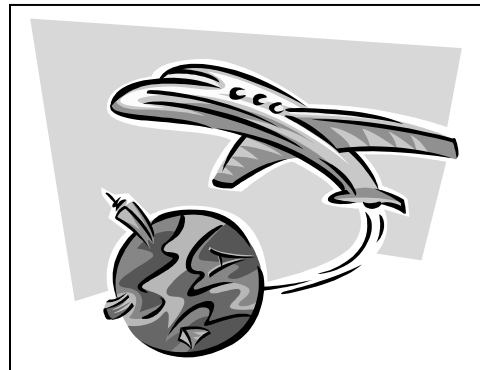
### COMPLAINTS & INFORMATION

#### **PDX Aircraft Noise Hotline 1-800-938-6647**

Get information or register a complaint on-line at  
[http://www.flypdx.com/web\\_pop/Noise\\_PDXnoise.htm](http://www.flypdx.com/web_pop/Noise_PDXnoise.htm)

**To contact the PDX Noise Management Office  
during regular business hours:**  
1-800-547-8411 ext. 4543

**To register complaints with the FAA call:**  
**Airport District Office, Hillsboro**  
1-800-847-3806 or 503-326-5288  
(ask for Operations Inspector)



The Port of Portland provides a 24-hour Noise Hotline, which takes questions and complaints regarding aircraft noise from aircraft utilizing Portland International, Hillsboro, Troutdale, and Mulino Airports.

Callers to the hotline receive information about arrival and departure procedures, noise abatement programs, and may receive additional information regarding specific operations. Callers should be aware that submitted complaints will not result in immediate changes in flight paths or airport operations because all aircraft operating at Port airports are under the direction of current FAA regulations.

The Noise Hotline is a part of the Noise Management Program. Inquiries and complaints are used as part of a comprehensive program to identify community concerns and work in partnership with citizens, local jurisdictions, airlines, and the FAA to reduce where possible, the effect of aircraft noise in the community.

## Update on the Proposed "Grotto Trail" Project

By now, most neighbors are aware of the proposed "Grotto Trail" Project. It is a rare opportunity to add a beautiful and exciting amenity to our neighborhood—and at **no** cost to the residents. The proposal is to continue the existing trail (which extends from our new park to 180<sup>th</sup> Avenue) through a wooded area adjacent to Fisher's Creek, down through the property formerly known as *The Grotto*.

The land has been purchased by a developer who is willing to allow construction of a trail through his property, to enable access by our neighbors to the green space that will remain after construction has been completed. This narrow trail would meander through the woods, along Fisher's Creek, passing by an assortment of small ponds and other features; resulting in a continuous trail network. The Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation Department would incur all costs to develop and maintain the trail.

For those unfamiliar with the project proposal, visit the FCNA website at [www.fisherscreek.org](http://www.fisherscreek.org) to get more information, view the map and download a copy of the project report. For those who don't have Internet access, contact one of the FCNA Board members for a copy.

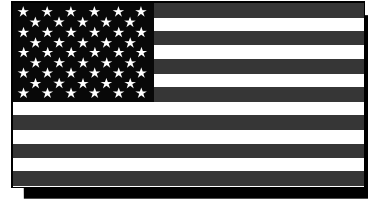
### **Current Project Status**

The trail is proposed to begin along a narrow strip of wooded property on the north side of Fisher's Creek. This small section of property is owned by all of the homeowners living within the Hiddenbrook Community Association (HCA) neighborhood. In order for the trail to be developed, the HCA Board must grant the Parks Department an easement to allow development.

On August 9, 2004, the FCNA invited residents of HCA, and the HCA Board members, to an informational meeting about the proposed trail. Representatives from the Parks Department, Vancouver City Attorney's Office, Vancouver Police Department, Nelson Development and others were there to answer questions. At the conclusion of the meeting, it was decided that several HCA residents would work with Dan George of the Parks Department to look at the proposed location of the trail in more detail, and determine any potential problems.

As of this date, the HCA Board has decided to ask their homeowners to vote on whether or not to grant the easement to the City. This will be done at the upcoming HCA annual meeting in November. Homeowners are encouraged to express their opinions to their board members.

## 9/11 Event



**Your Vancouver Police and Fire Dept. invite you to a very special event on Saturday September 11, 2004 as we host the 2nd Annual Police and Fire Public Safety Foundation 9/11 Commemorative Silent Auction** beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Esther Short Park. This year's silent auction items feature a vast array of jewelry and art. The signature item for this year's auction is an original bronze sculpture by Northwest artist Jim Demetro, depicting the heroism of 9/11. This piece was created specially for this year's Police and Fire Foundation auction.

Immediately following the silent auction, the Vancouver Symphony will be performing their annual Symphony Under the Stars on the Pavilion stage at the park, paying tribute to the heroes of 9/11 and our local heroes with patriotic music selections. The joint Police and Fire Honor Guard will be presenting the colors prior to the performance and it's guaranteed to be a moving experience.

The tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001 changed the role of local police and fire departments forever. Today, your local police and fire departments need to be concerned with intentional acts of terrorism in addition to our increasing traditional responsibilities. Your donation to the Vancouver Police and Fire Safety Foundation will directly impact public safety right here in Vancouver. Your participation in this partnership is extremely important to enhance our abilities to protect and serve the people of our city so please take a look at the catalog and join us at Esther Short Park on September 11th for the silent auction.

The full-color catalog featuring all the items up for bid at the September 11th silent auction is available online by visiting, the Vancouver Police Department ([www.vanpolice.org](http://www.vanpolice.org)) (click on the 9-11 Commemorative Auction link) and the Vancouver Fire Department ([www.vanfire.org](http://www.vanfire.org)) websites. Printed catalogs are also available at the Vancouver Police Department Administration building and Vancouver Fire Stations 81 and 82.