

*The mission statement for the Greater Brush Prairie Neighborhood Association (GBPNA) is to maintain the quality of life and well-being in our local communities yet direct healthy growth management strategies. This can be accomplished through building collaborative relationships between our state and local officials and the neighborhoods that are impacted*

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#### WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO THIS MONTH:

- We met with Eileen Quiring to discuss her viewpoint of the FRDU
- Attended the NACCC monthly meeting, see notes below
- Attended the Railroad Advisory Board meeting

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**GREATER BRUSH PRAIRIE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING**  
**Thursday, May 23 at 7pm, Hockinson High School- Multipurpose Rm**  
Mark your calendars to attend GBPNA's meeting. This will be our first joint meeting with Meadow Glade Neighborhood Association. We plan to provide updates related to GBPNA activities, community updates and will have 2 guest speakers: CRESA and Fire District 3 related to summer preparation.

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#### Highlights from Neighborhood Association Councilors of Clark County (NACCC) Meeting that may affect your commute!

- WSDOT is in the process of planning how to improve the congestion at the intersection of SR500/4<sup>th</sup> Plain as it is the most congested intersection in Clark County. More than 20 potential solutions were analyzed and has been narrowed down to a handful of possible solutions. For more information, attend the Open House later this month, see "Save the Date" or read the link: [WSDOT-SR500/4th Plain](#)
- If you work in Oregon, submit your vacation for September 2020! The I-5 bridge will be closed for up to two weeks as a cracked trunnion is replaced. Travelers going both north and south bound will share 3 lanes with a movable barrier to accommodate peak commute times. For more information and to receive updates, [Interstate Bridge Construction](#)
- Hazel Dell Parade of Bands will be held this weekend and the 78<sup>th</sup> ST exit will be closed at 10am.

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**Become "Friends" with us on Facebook!** Join our group, "Greater Brush Prairie Neighborhood Association" for current events and information.

#### WHO WE ARE

We are one of the many active neighborhood associations within Clark County. The Greater Brush Prairie Neighborhood Association Board (GBPNA) is a group of volunteers who are involved with community projects and concerns.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

**President:** Rick DeNise  
**Vice President:** Jeff Cox  
**Secretary:**  
Traci Vanderzanden  
**Treasurer:** Julie Kim  
**Director of Operations:**  
Mary Torjusen

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\*\*Please email us if you're interested in becoming a Neighborhood Captain

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#### **Our Boundaries:**

West to East:  
NE 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave to NE 212<sup>th</sup> Ave  
North to South:  
Battleground City boundary/NE 219<sup>th</sup>  
to NE 99<sup>th</sup> ST

#### **Online Boundary Map:**

[https://gis.clark.wa.gov/ccimages/MapGallery/PDF/NeighborhoodAssoc\\_GreaterBrushPrairie\\_36x48.pdf](https://gis.clark.wa.gov/ccimages/MapGallery/PDF/NeighborhoodAssoc_GreaterBrushPrairie_36x48.pdf)

## Facts About GBPNA:

- Established in 1999
- Participation with any activity is voluntary, not mandatory
- If you reside within our boundaries, you automatically are a member, and membership is free. There are no dues, fees or subscriptions.
- We do not oversee, regulate or manage HOA's
- We have 2 Deputy Sheriffs; Dan Fronk and Shane Clemenhagen who serve the Brush Prairie area
- If you want to be a part of our email distribution list, please email us at [greaterbrushprairie@gmail.com](mailto:greaterbrushprairie@gmail.com), we do not sell or share our email lists.
- Top Concerns: FRDU and possibilities of industrial development

## SAVE THE DATE!

Below are upcoming events and dates you might want to mark on your calendar.

**-5/18 and 5/19: Dozier Days**  
Clark County Event Center, Fairgrounds  
11am-4pm

**-5/18: Hazel Dell Parade of Bands**  
10:30am-1:30pm, route runs from Hazel Dell Ave to Hwy 99 and 63<sup>rd</sup> ST to 88<sup>th</sup> ST.

**-5/23: GBPNA 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting,**  
7pm at Hockinson High School

**-5/27: Memorial Day**

**-5/29: WSDOT Open House**  
Covington Middle School  
11200 NE Rosewood Ave 4-7pm

**-5/31 and 6/1: Hockinson Fun Days**  
We'll have a booth so stop by and say hi!

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### Update on County Hearings:

Earlier this year, the county temporarily held hearings in the evening to increase public involvement. Last week the Council voted to continue holding evening hearings to better accommodate schedules.

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**Warm Weather Reminders:** We hope everyone enjoyed last week's warm weather and got caught up on yardwork and gardening. Although the burn ban has been lifted, a few reminders when the sun comes out again!

- **Never leave your pet in cars.** Temperatures can reach over 102 degrees inside the car within 10 minutes.
- **Stay Hydrated:** Drink 5-7oz every 15-20 minutes throughout the day
- **Schedule Frequent Breaks and Pace Yourself**
- **Eat Smaller Meals.** Focus on foods high in fiber and natural juice

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### Memorial Day Facts

- Originated from honoring the Union and Confederate Soldiers who died in the Civil War. In the 1900's it became a day to celebrate all soldiers who died while serving.
- In 2000 Congress passed a law for everyone to stop what they're doing at 3pm to remember and honor those who died while serving.

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*“There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about”* – Margaret J. Wheatley