



# NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association

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## Neighborhood News



### Meeting Schedule for 2021:

**Meetings are canceled until further notice due to COVID-19 Pandemic. We will continue to keep you informed of local issues via the newsletter, e-mail notification and Facebook postings. Thank you and stay safe!**

### Newsletter Publication

The NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association will publish six issues of the newsletter each year. Here are the issue dates for the newsletter and deadlines for 2021 and 2022:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
1. Jan/Feb	December 10, 2021
2. Mar/Apr	February 4, 2022
3. May/June	April 8, 2022
4. Jul/Aug	June 10, 2022
5. Sep/Oct	August 5, 2022
6. Nov/Dec	October 7, 2022

The deadline date is for submitting newsworthy items for publication. Thanks!

### NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association is on Facebook

Check out our neighborhood association on Facebook:



<https://www.facebook.com/NEHazelDellNeighborhoodAssociation>

*For the latest information about COVID-19 and cases in our area check these websites:*

### Clark County Washington Website:

<https://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/novel-coronavirus>

### Christmas Ships Sail Again



complete schedule with route details including viewing locations and times for outdoor viewing.

The Christmas Ship Fleet averages about 55 to 60 boats between the two Columbia and Willamette River fleets.

2021 marks the 67th year for the Christmas Ship Parade on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers in Portland, Oregon. Go to their website for a

### **Reminder: Newsletter Format Update-**

You may notice that we have adopted a new 4 page newsletter format, this is to meet printing requirements by the county. While the overall size of the newsletter has changed, we will still be sending our newsletter out via email and it will be posted on our web page on the county's website at [www.clark.wa.gov/county-manager/ne-hazel-dell](http://www.clark.wa.gov/county-manager/ne-hazel-dell) for you to view and read. If you know of a neighbor or friend who would like to receive these, please email Bill Cline, at [nehdna2021@gmail.com](mailto:nehdna2021@gmail.com) Why be left in the dark, sign up now!

Both fleets will be out for 15 nights beginning December 3rd, 2021 through December 21st, 2021. They are a volunteer organization and not all the boats make it out every night. Christmas Ships, Inc. is a non-profit organization.

For schedule and location see this web site: <http://www.christmasships.org/>

### Posse kicking off holiday giving



Santa's Posse is a partnership between the Clark County Sheriff's Office and the local community, working together to collect and distribute toys and food to make a special Christmas holiday for less fortunate families.

In 1997, Santa's Posse was created as a way of contributing back to our community and to help families in need during the holiday season.

Food boxes and gifts are delivered, prior to Christmas, by the Clark County Sheriff's Office; Rotary Clubs of Clark County; Fire District 6; KinderCare Learning Centers; and many community volunteers.

#### How Can You Help?

Volunteers are needed to help wrap gifts and assemble food boxes. You can also make donations to Santa's Posse in the form of: new, unwrapped toys; non-perishable food; personal care items; and/or monetary donations.

Delivery day will be **December 19, 2021**. Follow the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SantasPosse> for more details or email Kasey Frazier for more information or to volunteer.



### Drive & Drop Food Drive – December 4th

The Walk & Knock Food Drive returns as Drive & Drop Food Drive again this year.

This Inter-service club is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has been serving Clark County for the past 37 years by soliciting charitable donations of food, supplies and money, which in turn are given to the Clark County food banks to provide food to

needy individuals within our community.

The members of this food drive include local Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary and Optimist clubs, members of the Clark County Amateur Radio Club, and adult leaders of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America.

This year, we are asking the community to help in one of 3 different ways:

1. You can bring donations of non-perishable groceries or toiletries to one of eight drop-off sites throughout Clark County on Saturday, December 4th from 9AM to 2PM. You can find a map of these locations at: <https://walkandknock.org>
2. Volunteers will unload donations from your vehicle to reduce risk of exposure to COVID-19.
3. You can also drop off non-perishable groceries or toiletries at designated drop-off barrels from December 1st through December 14th at all Riverview Community Bank, Les Schwab Tire Center and Cost Less Auto Parts locations.
4. You can also make a financial contribution. All the money collected goes directly to the Clark County Food Bank to help those in need. Drive & Drop is 100% privately funded by supporters like you. No public funds are used for anything other than for the purchase of food. Checks can be sent to:

Interservice Walk & Knock,  
P.O. Box 353  
Vancouver, WA 98666  
Phone 877-99-KNOCK / 877-995-6625

#### *Inspirations*

- 1- Compliment someone and you'll feel better than they do!
- 2- Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others.
- 3- Knowledge is everything.

**Recycling reminder:** *Light bulbs cannot be recycled at the curb. Collect them and deliver to Waste Connections facilities for proper recycling.*

### What to do if the Power Goes Out

1. If you lose power, first look outside to see if your neighbors still have power
2. If your neighbor's lights are on, check your electrical panel or breaker box to rule out problems with electricity inside your home
3. Report the outage online or call PowerLine at 360-992-8000 to report this to Clark County Public Utilities. Remember, cordless landline phones won't work during a power outage
4. Immediately turn off all major electrical appliances, especially heating or cooking units, to prevent unsafe situations once power is restored. Leave a porch light and one inside light on.



<https://www.clarkpublicutilities.com/outages-safety/>

### Package Theft Prevention

Package theft is a crime that occurs throughout the year but can be



especially high during the holidays, as online shopping increases. The Vancouver Police Dept. wants to remind you to consider package theft

strategies when ordering gifts/products online. Packages delivered while you are away from home are easy and ideal targets for thieves. With the increased volume in home deliveries, thieves have more opportunities to steal your packages. Here are some crime prevention tips:

- 1- Pick up packages promptly after they are delivered.
- 2- Ask neighbors to receive and store your package deliveries when you are not at home.
- 3- Consider shipping the package to a relative that will be available to receive the package.

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- 4- Require signature delivery to avoid the package being left unattended.
  - 5- Utilize tracking services offered by the delivery company.
  - 6- Request specific delivery times that are suitable to when you will be home.
  - 7- Invest in a camera system to monitor your packages and home.
  - 8- Send packages to secure delivery, holding, or pick-up locations.
  - 9- Many parcel delivery companies offer secure locations for packages to be delivered and stored until you are available to pick items up. There are many companies and locations throughout Vancouver & Clark County that offer these services.
- If you see a package theft occurring, CALL 911.
- If you are the victim of a package theft, please report it to the police and follow up by reporting the theft to the US Postal Inspection Service by calling 877-876-2455 or [www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov](http://www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov)

#### Ridwell Recycling

Finally there is a place that will collect your hard-to-recycle items. Ridwell, a Portland company, will provide you with bags for collection of your batteries, light bulbs, plastic film and clothing with a monthly bonus collection item. Door step collections are scheduled for every two weeks for a modest fee. Your stuff is recycled or reused by local partners dedicated to wasting less. For more info go to [www.ridwell.com](http://www.ridwell.com) Waste Connection offers a similar program called RecyclePlus. However, at present is only available within the City of Vancouver limits.

#### Emergency School Closure Information

Vancouver School District emergency closure website provides up-to-date information about school closures [www.vansd.org](http://www.vansd.org); 360-313-1401.

#### Earth Facts

1- A year on Earth isn't 365 days. It's actually 365.2564 days. It's the extra .2564 day that creates the need for a leap year once every four years --- 2012, 2016, 2020, 2024.

- 2- Earth has one moon, but it has 2 co-orbital satellites (asteroids called 3753 Cruithne and 2002AA29)
- 3- Roughly 30% of Earth's surface is land consisting of continents and islands.
- 4- The Earth travels at 67,000 mph around the sun.
- 5- The majority of Earth's fresh water is locked up in Antarctica.
- 6- The Earth is spinning on its axis. Depending on where you are standing on Earth, you could be spinning at 1,000 mph. People on the Equator move the fastest, while someone standing at the North or South Pole would be still.
- 7- Earth's moon actually has moon-quakes. However, they mostly happen between the lunar surface and the moon's center.
- 8- The hottest daytime temperature was recorded in El Azizia where it hit 136 degrees Fahrenheit (57.8 Celsius) on September 13, 1922.
- 9- The coldest place



can be found in Antarctica with an unbelievable chill factor. Winter temps can drop to minus 100 degrees F (minus 73 degrees C) The lowest temp ever recorded came from Russia's Vostok weather station at a bone-chilling minus 128.6 degrees F (minus 89.2 degrees C) on July 21, 1983.

10- Antarctica is actually considered a desert. Inner regions get 2 inches (50 ml) of precipitation a year (typically as snow).

11- There is a tie for tallest mountain ... either Mount Everest or Mauna Kea. The summit of Mount Everest extends some 29,029 feet high above sea level. Volcanic mountain Mauna Kea when measured from its true base to summit is higher at 56,000 feet. However, its actual height above sea level is 13,680 feet but its flank extends 16,400 feet to the sea floor and its total mass has depressed the sea floor another 26,000 feet.

#### Origins of Phrases / Idioms

Flying off the handle - Meaning: To lose one's temper suddenly and unexpectedly. Origin: This metaphoric expression alludes to the loosened head of a hammer flying off after a

blow.

More than Carter has pills - Meaning: A huge number of something; an amount of something that is greater than one can count. Origin: A reference to a popular patented and heavy promoted medicine created in 1868 called "Carter's Little Liver Pills."

Sleep tight - Meaning: Used to tell someone to sleep well. Origin: One possible origin of this phrase dates back to when mattresses were supported by ropes; sleeping tight meant sleeping with the ropes pulled tight, which would provide a well-sprung bed.

Jump the shark - Meaning: It is pejorative, most commonly used in reference to unsuccessful gimmicks for promoting something. Origin: An episode of a TV comedy, Happy Days, with the gimmick or unlikely occurrence (Fonzie jumping a shark) desperately attempting to keep viewer's interest.

#### Financial Support Needed

We need your continued financial support more than ever to cover our costs of operating the neighborhood association.

Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this form with your donation to:**

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Vancouver, WA 98665**



**NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association**  
**3109 NE 96<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Vancouver, WA 98665**

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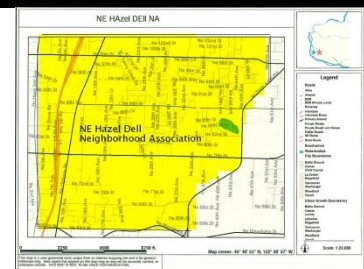
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**Neighborhood Association  
Mission:**

The residents of the Hazel Dell area established the NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association (NEHDNA) in order to unite the common interests and promote the welfare of the area. 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 or neighboring areas not within an existing neighborhood association are 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 NEHDNA does not subscribe to any religious affiliation or political party. Our desire is to work together for the common good of the neighborhood in which we all live. You don't have to live in the area to be a member or to come to the meetings! All are welcome.

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