



## NEWS AND INFORMATION

Welcome to 2022. The new year has started at a rapid pace, and it looks like things are going to pick up from here.

CRIME IS ON THE RISE, and Clark County and Meadow Glade are no exceptions.

**SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO:** Deputy Shane Clemenhagen and I have met recently to discuss some things we can do. Well-lighted property discourages thieves and adding motion-activated floodlights above your garage and near your doors can be a good preventative measure. Home security cameras are becoming less expensive and the camera quality greatly improved. If a prowler photograph is taken and submitted to the Sheriff's Office, often the individual can be identified in mug shots. Front porches and driveways are good places for capturing pictures that can help find these law breakers. If you have a delivery on the way, be on the lookout and bring it in ASAP, as criminals are looking for easy targets. Cars parked in driveways or on the streets at night are extremely vulnerable, as auto theft in the County has increased nearly 50% in the last 3 years and catalytic converters are still being stolen. If you park in your driveway, don't leave anything in the car that might invite a break-in.

**BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR** and be aware and report any unusual activity that appears suspicious. Call 911 if someone is in clear and present danger or 311 to report a situation that has already happened. It is important that law enforcement has as much crime data as possible to evaluate the need for increased budget and staffing, so please... if you see something, say something! Call it in and make a report.

**NUMBERS TELL THE STORY:** The number of deputies in the County is 0.67 per 1,000 population compared to a national average of 1.25. Our one and only County jail is currently limited to approximately 350 inmates. The Jail was built in 1984 and designed to hold up to 300 inmates in a population of 192,000. Today, the county population is approaching 502,000 and still growing! In 2019 The Corrections Facility Advisory Commission submitted to the Council several alternative proposals to meet current and future needs, but there are no current plans to expand the jail. The current jail capacity affects court sentencing and so it has relevance on our residents' expectations to reduce crime.



**SPEEDER HOTLINE!** Do you and your neighbors have a problem with speeders in your neighborhood?

Now there is a Sheriff's Office Speeder Hotline.

**Call 564-397-2211 Ext. 5482 to report offenders.**

## YOU'RE INVITED, MGNA MEMBERS!

We have scheduled an **IN PERSON meeting for Thursday, April 14, 2022** at Columbia Adventist Academy Conf. Room 11100 NE 189<sup>th</sup> Street Battle Ground, WA 98604

**Time:** 7:00-8:30 PM

**Peter Van Nortwick will be presenting information on real estate tax assessments. Find out if you're eligible for the county's senior tax exemption program.**

Join us at the meeting! Or you can still Zoom in virtually at: <https://clark-wa.gov.zoom.us/j/87369531794?pwd=NDA2NFREb3pZYk1YRTRWSGJpeXVqZz09>

If you haven't submitted your email to stay on our notification list, please send it in. MGNA needs two more members for our Board of Directors and three more non-voting Directors. If you're interested in serving our neighborhood, please contact us and continue to email us with your suggestions or ideas of what MGNA can do for our neighborhood at [meadowgladena@gmail.com](mailto:meadowgladena@gmail.com).

Thank you!

*Roger Entrekina, Chair*

*Meadow Glade Neighborhood Association (MGNA)*

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**COUNCIL DISTRICT REALIGNMENT:** The Charter vote in November changed the number of council districts from four to five. We were previously in District #4 but will now be in the new District #5. The council has taken applications and will appoint someone soon to fill that seat until the end of 2022. The District #5 seat is still scheduled for election in November 2022, so new candidates can file to run for the 4-year term in May. Several other County positions will be on the November ballot including a new Sheriff. MGNA does not endorse candidates, but we'll keep you updated on any scheduled public meetings and debates as much as possible. For more info on elections, go to: <https://clark.wa.gov/elections>

**Meadow Glade Neighborhood Association**

Battle Ground, WA 98604

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*Upcoming IN PERSON Meeting Notice!*

*Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 7 PM*

*See inside for details!*



**See inside for our latest neighborhood newsletter!**

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/488286598643963/> and

our Neighborhood Association information page hosted by Clark County at

<https://www.clark.wa.gov/county-manager/meadow-glade>

*Working together as neighbors to keep our community  
safe and friendly!*