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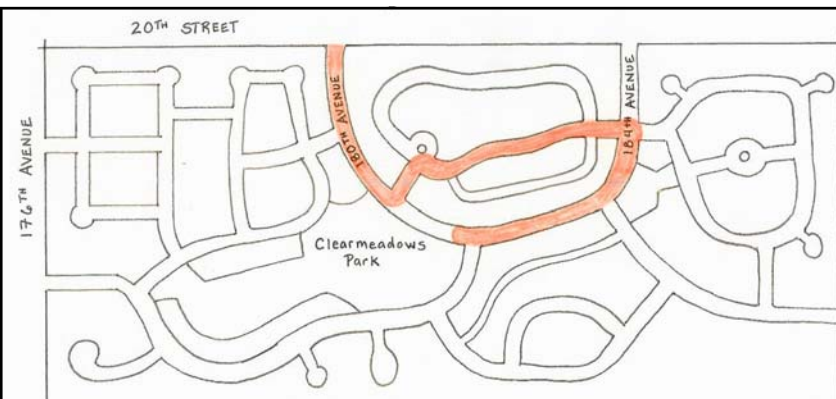
Clearmeadows Neighborhood



Catch The Clearmeadows Holiday Spirit!

5th Annual Santa Parade • Sunday, December 19th • 5:00 p.m.

Once again Santa will be visiting Clearmeadows residents, young and old! Look for Santa, his elves and his friends from our local fire department #89 to arrive in the neighborhood, riding in a big red fire engine with lights a glowing! Santa's journey (see map below) will



start at 20th and 180th at approximately 5:00 p.m. He expects to arrive at the park at about 5:30 where he will pose for photos and hand out special treats! Hope to see you all there!

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Holiday fun—**Our Annual
Christmas Lights Contest!**



Clearmeadows
Community Association
Board of Directors

President: Marc Jones

Vice President: Shan Kingston

Treasurer: Bea Weimer

Secretary: Tiffany Mendez

Director – Scott Spicher

Association Board Meetings Are Now Every Second Wednesday Of The Month!

Please call Marian at Northwest Management at 892-8798
for exact times and places
or watch for our entrance signs as a reminder.

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A Note From The President

While we are all turning our attention to celebrating the holiday season, your association board and other volunteers have been faithfully working to complete the final tasks of the year. We have completed the annual meeting and board election, prepared for the holiday activities, and are getting ready for the coming year.

If you have any ideas about how to improve our neighborhood, then please come to the board meeting in January to help us set the agenda for next year. The board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the 15th Street Fire Station meeting room. If you can't come to the January 12th meeting, please contact us through the web site or by calling NW Management (contact info on page one).

Our annual group activities are one of the things that make our neighborhood special. We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to the homeowner volunteers of the past ten years who have established and organized these wonderful celebrations. Thank you! We now have a pattern to follow and can improve the events from year to year as new people step up to organize the events. That is, *if new people step up to organize the events.*

New volunteers are vitally important to our association. If you have watched a hundred screaming children race out onto the grass to gather Easter eggs or have seen the wide-eyed, freshly-painted faces of three year olds riding the ponies at the Fourth of July Festival, then you know the value of our volunteers.

Even as rewarding as it is to volunteer, we can't expect the same people to manage these events year after year. We need a good number of people to keep individual time commitments low. We need you if you can only spend an hour or two, but we also need people to lead the events next year. Most of the event design has been done during previous years. Now it is just a matter of bringing the pieces together and enjoying the results.

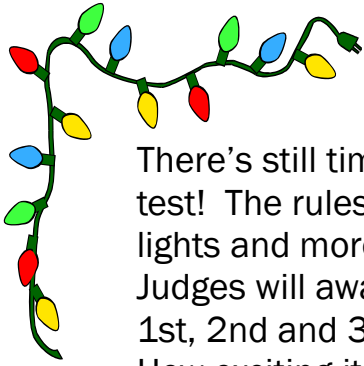
These events encourage a tightly knit neighborhood where people make friends and enjoy living. Please contact the board to volunteer some time.

Marc Jones



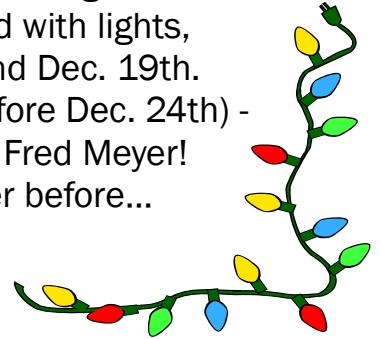
Annual Meeting Door Prize Winners

Congratulations to the following Clearmeadows' residents who won some awesome door prizes at the Annual Meeting held in October. Eileen Murdock won a TV, Angie Trumbauer won the DVD player, John Weimer won a Red Robin gift certificate and Heather Auman won a gift certificate to Spaghetti Factory.



2nd Annual Christmas Lights Contest

There's still time to enter Clearmeadows' 2nd Annual Christmas Lights Contest! The rules are simple...just decorate your house and yard with lights, lights and more lights! The contest runs between Dec. 1st and Dec. 19th. Judges will award 3 prizes (sometime after Dec. 19th and before Dec. 24th) - 1st, 2nd and 3rd places with \$25, \$50 and \$75 gift cards to Fred Meyer! How exciting it will be to see Clearmeadows brighter than ever before... (winning photos will be published in the Spring issue of The Meadow Times newsletter. Good luck!



Election Results Are In

Your Newest Board Members are...
Ed Arevalo
Melissa Waits and
Bea Weimer (reelected)

Thank You Shan Kingston and Scott Spicher for serving on the Board over the past couple of years. We really appreciate the time and effort you put forth to make Clearmeadows a better place for all of us to live!

Our Neighborhood Needs You!

2005 will be our 7th year of wonderful 4th of July Parade and Festival fun for the entire family. Except for one small problem—we desperately need some organizers to head up this memorable neighborhood event. All of the ground work is done, it's just a matter of volunteer and vender phone calls and donation letters (some as early as January). If you are truly interested and would like more info please call me, **Laura Gray at 604-0861** or contact the Board of Directors. A small group of friends could make it even easier by splitting up the duties...and it's actually a lot of fun (my family and I have coordinated 3 of the 6 years)!

Please don't let the tradition die!

Accountant's Corner

Happy Holidays.

It is time to start thinking about preparation of your tax returns. Some simple things to keep in mind, tax rules/laws continually change, and therefore it is important to keep abreast of those changes. Though many of us rely on tax preparation software, or one of the big tax preparation franchises, neither is foolproof with respect to finding all credits or tax deductions you may be entitled to.

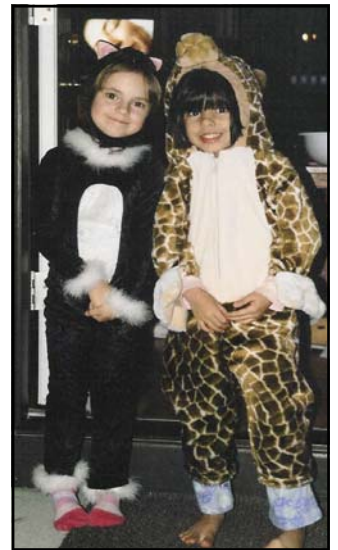
If you find you owe more then expected, or find your refund is less then anticipated, please seek the advice of a tax professional with experience. Tax preparation software generally can't find all credits you are entitled to, and many of those who work at tax preparation franchises have only minimal experience.

Get a second opinion. In many cases tax professionals charge a minimal fee for reviewing completed tax returns, and find errors that save their client thousands of dollars.

If you have any questions regarding taxes, please don't hesitate to give me a call. I'd be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Ed Arevalo, Clearmeadows Community Association Accountant
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*More News From Around
The Neighborhood...*



*Lots of little goblins
wandered the
chilly streets of
Clearmeadows,
searching for
Halloween treats...*



Scooters - There have been several complaints regarding motorized foot scooters around the neighborhood and park areas. The City of Vancouver has new regulations in place regarding the use of these scooters. Helmets are required, gas powered scooters must have mufflers and use of scooters on sidewalks, paths and in parks is prohibited. "Pocket bikes", which are considered mini motorcycles cannot be ridden within the city except on private property. Please obey these regulations and be considerate of your neighbors if you use scooters. Thank You!

Lights Out? Are there street lights out around your home? A very quick phone call to **Clark Public Utilities at 992-3000** is all it takes to brighten up our streets and keep them safe for everyone!

