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The Meadow Times

Clearmeadows Neighborhood News

Here Comes Peter Cotton Tail...



...hopping down the Clearmeadows Bunny Trail...It's time again for **Clearmeadows' 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt!** Kids, come on down to the park on **Saturday, March 26th** at **11:00** to hunt for Easter eggs - 3000 of them to be exact!

There are 3 age categories—0-3 year olds (parents may help), 4-6 year olds (no parents help, please) and 7 and up. After the egg hunt, the Easter Bunny will arrive at approximately 11:20. He will pose for photos and hand out a special treat!



If all goes well, you and your family will be able to enjoy a ride around the park provided by **Golden Carriage** in a horse-drawn carriage (\$1 per person). This event is always a blast, so grab your cameras and your kids and hop on down to the park!

Clearmeadows
Community Association
Board of Directors

President: Marc Jones

Vice President: Melissa Waits

Treasurer: Bea Weimer

Secretary: Tiffany Mendez

Director - Ed Arevalo

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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Rules, Rules, and Reminders

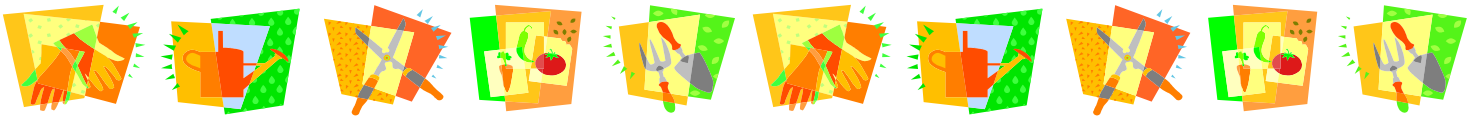
Reminder Letters Have you received a “friendly reminder” letter from the Association recently? It can be an uncomfortable experience and can even cause some anger, but take the letter for what it is, a friendly reminder, and remember that the board is always willing to entertain an appeal or talk about it. The board sends out many such letters every month, you are not being singled out; even board members get them.

Yard Care Is it spring already? According to the weeds, it is. It is not too early to start fertilizing your lawn. A lawn that is well fertilized in the winter and spring requires much less water to keep green in the summer. Well-nourished grass plants grow deeper and stronger roots that help it utilize more of the water you sprinkle when it is hot and dry. You will save money on water in the summer by starting now and applying fertilizer to your grass three or four times per year.

Architectural Change Requests If you are going to significantly change the appearance of your house or yard, you must submit a request to the board and receive an approval prior to beginning work. Such changes include, but are not limited to: new siding or paint, constructing a porch or patio cover, adding or removing trees, installing an air conditioner, changing the fence, or mounting a satellite dish. (Clearmeadows CC&R's, Article XI). Forms for submitting requests can be obtained by contacting the management company at the address and phone number listed on the first page of this newsletter or on the Clearmeadows.org web site.

Parking Clearmeadows homeowners are allowed to park motor vehicles in driveways and garages only. Parking on the street, blocking a sidewalk, or on any other part of the property is prohibited. Commercial vehicles, inoperable vehicles, boats, and other recreational vehicles are allowed to be parked in garages only. Visitors and contractors may park on the street for short durations, but you are asked to limit this as much as possible for safety reasons. (Clearmeadows CC&R's, Article XII, Section 2)

Board of Directors The Clearmeadows Community Association Board of Directors is comprised of five homeowners elected by the community to two year terms. Its duty is to uphold and enforce the CC&R's, and to serve the community. (Clearmeadows By-Laws, Article III). All regular board meetings are open and homeowners are encouraged to attend. They are normally held on the second Wednesday of each month at the 15th street fire station and announced via signs placed at the entrances to the neighborhood. The board can be contacted through the management company at the address and phone number listed on the front page of this newsletter or through the Clearmeadows.org web site.



Dear Clearmeadows Homeowners:

I am a Clearmeadows resident and a professional arborist for the City of Portland. I have noticed that several homeowners are topping their street trees. **Stubbing back large limbs has a very damaging effect on the trees** and the neighborhood for years to come. It is also **not permitted by the City of Vancouver**, which regulates these trees.

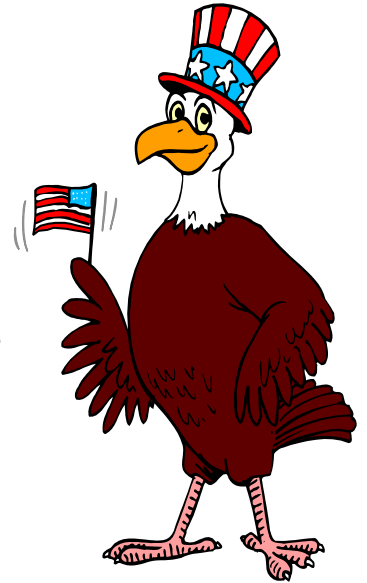
Topping causes serious, irreversible damage; usually causes a lot of decay that can lead to tree failure; puts a lot of stress on trees, making them susceptible to disease; removes the tree's ability to produce its food; and leads to a massive growth spurt of weakly-attached limbs that will be a persistent future problem.

Please keep our neighborhood beautiful by not topping your trees. Feel free to contact me if you would like some free tree-care advice.

Thank you,
Frank Krawczyk—360-253-5791

4th of July Update

The 4th of July will be here faster than we know it!! We are excited about what has been accomplished for the 4th of July Event already. If you have never volunteered in the past or even if you have, this would be a great opportunity to meet and interact with fellow neighbors. In years past, this event has been such a success! The adults love it as much as the children. However, we need lots of help to continue the success of this wonderful event. There will be **sign-up sheets** (for volunteers, prize donations, the use of tables, and large propane gas grills for the hot dogs, etc.) **at the Easter Egg Hunt**. Be sure to include your first and last name and telephone number. There will then be a meeting at the end of April. Watch for detailed flyers and/or contact **Melissa Waits** for more information. You can call Melissa at **891-2759** or email at **mmwaits@aol.com**.



Dump-It Day!

*Mark your calendars
for this one!*

There will be large, construction-type dumpsters in the neighborhood on Sat. and Sun.

April 2nd & 3rd

A great opportunity to clean out your yards and garages of all that junk you've been meaning to take to the dump. And you won't even have to leave the neighborhood!

The Tradition Will Continue...

Thank You Melissa!

A great big Thank You to Melissa Waits and family for taking on the huge job of organizing Clearmeadows' 7th Annual 4th of July Kids Parade and Festival.

Please support her by volunteering!

Publisher's Note:

Clearmeadows has been a huge part of our lives...we've been here from the beginning, ten plus years now. We've seen lots of good things happen here—the births of our children the most exciting. And we've made many, many new friends over the years—some of whom have moved on to new adventures. And now it's our family's time to move on. We just wanted to say "thanks for the memories"—to our neighbors, our friends. Our family has so enjoyed coordinating the holiday events (my son has made me promise to get these events going in our new neighborhood or he's not moving!) and putting together the newsletter over the past several years. Keep the Clearmeadows spirit alive and the traditions going and this will always be an awesome place to live...

Sincerely, Laura, David, Daniel and Amaya Gray

Wanted: Newsletter Publisher

This is a volunteer position which includes reporting, writing and producing Clearmeadows' Meadow Times Newsletter, 4 times a year. If interested please contact Marian at Northwest Management Exclusive, Inc.—892-8798

More News From Around The Neighborhood...



Ho, Ho, Ho...

Santa came to visit Clearmeadows once again, arriving with our friends from Fire Station #89 on their big, red fire engine. Santa handed out treats and posed for photos with kids of all ages and then everyone enjoyed chocolate milk and cookies, Santa's favorite!



And The Winners Were...

Congratulations to the winners of Clearmeadows 2nd Annual Christmas Lights Contest! 1st place went to Andrew & Kathleen Angus, 2nd place went to Erich & Denise Koehn and 3rd place went to Elliot & Lynda Troutman. All winners received gift cards to Fred Meyer.

Thank you Gray Family for organizing this wonderful event, and to Wanda and Sam for serving up refreshments. And a great big thank you to Santa's elves—Head Elf Daniel and his helpers Brooke and Nicole.