

WINTER 2005

CLEARMEADOWS
COMMUNITY

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BOARD MEETINGS

Board Meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of every month. The meetings will be held at the Fisher's Landing Assisted Living Facility at 17171 SE 22nd Drive at 6pm. Please call to confirm, this info is subject to change.

You are all welcome to attend!

Leasing/Renting of a home in Clearmeadows is strictly prohibited. If you are found leasing; a fine of \$150.00 will be applied to your account every 14 days.

THE MEADOW TIMES



Naughty or Nice.....
Santa Claus is comin' to town!!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 2005
6:00 P.M.**

YES, we will be having our Annual milk and cookies with Santa Claus who will ride into our community on a bright red fire truck, driven by our wonderful Station #89 firefighters!!

Santa will arrive in the community around 5:30pm and circle a few streets, then head up to the Clearmeadows park around 6:00pm. We will have cookies, milk and gift bags for the young children.

We ask parents to accompany their children to this event. And please be sure to bring along a flashlight so passing cars can see you!!

Please call the Community Rep, Melissa with any questions.

See you there!!

We would like to thank Marc Jones for his many years of dedication and effort serving the Clearmeadows Community. He has sold his home and will be moving from the area. He will be missed!

GARBAGE CANS & RECYCLE BINS

Please remember that you must pull your cans and bins back up to your house before going in for the night and store in your garage or behind an enclosed fence.

Not only do owners have to walk in the street to go around those items but it is extremely unsightly to see them out on the sidewalk or up against the front of the garage days after garbage day.

Thank you for your efforts!

COVENANT OF THE QUARTER:

Leasing Prohibited. In order to protect the equity of Owners of Units; and to carry out the purpose for which the properties were formed by preserving the character of the properties as a homogenous residential development of predominantly owner-occupied homes and by preventing the properties from assuming the character of an apartment, renter-occupied complex,
LEASING OF A UNIT SHALL BE PROHIBITED.

Vehicle prowls have drastically increased recently in East County/Camas. When garage doors have been left open, thefts have occurred of supplies and cars. Cars left in driveways over night have been broken into with both theft of contents and vehicles stolen, within the area. We are asking that everyone in Clearmeadows remember to check their garage doors at night and if possible to put their vehicles in their garages. Please also keep your porch lights on at night. Prowlers seem less likely to strike on a well lit street. There were 13 theft reports in October and 16 so far in November and we've just passed the halfway point this month.

- Always lock your vehicle and roll up all windows.
- Never leave valuables in plain sight.
- Don't park in areas with limited visibility, large shrubs, etc.
- If your stereo has a detachable face-plate, remove it every time you leave your car.
- Keep glove-compartment free of important identification papers/and credit cards.
- Don't leave your garage door opener on the visor or in plain sight.
- Keep a record of serial numbers for stereo equipment and other valuables.
- The people who commit vehicle prowls are looking for easy targets. The items they steal are things that can be easily exchanged for drugs or pawned for cash. Lastly, never confront someone in the act of a vehicle prowl. Call 911 and report what you see.

Also, please be aware of your surroundings. Keep an eye and ear out!! We all need to watch out for each other.

We are asking owners to keep their porch lights on during the night or partially through the night.

FYI - On average to run three 60 watt bulbs for 8 hours is approximately \$2.70, for one month.

WIND VS. RECYCLING

Doesn't it seem as though the wind blows the hardest on garbage pick-up day?

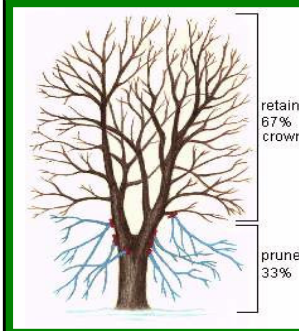
The winds are definitely blowing so please make sure that your trash can lids are secure and put your heaviest recycle container on top and secure your paper, cardboard and anything else that has potential to blow away.

A brick placed on top of the recycling bin is an effective tool to prevent you recyclables from blowing around.

You would be amazed at what shows up in yards and in the streets.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE OWNERS WHO HAVE CLEANED UP THEIR LEAVES AND DISPOSED OF THEM IN A RESPECTFUL MANNER.

WE WOULD LIKE OWNERS TO KNOW THAT YOU MUST CLEAN UP YOUR LEAVES; NOT DOING SO COULD RESULT IN A VIOLATION NOTICE AND POSSIBLE FINE. OUR GOAL IS TO KEEP THE COMMUNITY LOOKING BEAUTIFUL.



PRUNING TREES FOR SAFETY

Now is a good time to examine your trees that line the sidewalk and make sure the lower branches are not creating a hazard for pedestrians.

Crown raising is the practice of removing branches from the bottom of the crown of a tree to provide clearance for pedestrians, vehicles, lines of sight, or buildings. For street trees the minimum clearance is often specified by municipal ordinances.

Branches to be removed are in the lower 33% of the above picture, which shows the branches must be trimmed to at least 8 feet. Please also see below picture for reference.

You may have noticed that the common area fencing along 20th Street were pressure washed and had some touch-up painting done. The contractors noted that several homes bordering the common area fences had significant amounts of dirt piled up against the fence.

THIS DAMAGES THE FENCE.

Please pull the dirt and bark away from the bottom of the fence and trim your trees, bushes and ivy away from the fence as well. Do not let your plants, trees or bushes grow through/over the fence.

Thank you!

