

Next Meeting:
Thu, Apr 23
7 - 8:30 p.m.
Franklin School

Northwest Neighborhood

Spring 2009



Highlights of Thursday's meeting

To help us celebrate the **25th anniversary of the NW Neighborhood Association**, Tanya Gray, our liaison with the City of Vancouver, will bring cake for all!

The focus of the evening will follow that of this newsletter with the appearances of guest speaker Tricia Mortell of Clark County Public Health and neighbor Tom Koeninger.

Time permitting, Leonard Bauhs will take us on a virtual tour of CREAM, the new computer recycling facility (story page 6).

Annual Dumpster Day
Saturday, May 16,
from 8 - 2 p.m.
next to Franklin Park

Pack up the stumps, bushes and other yard debris that won't fit in the tubs provided for curbside pickup. But, please, no sod or grass clippings. And round up the old sofa, carpet and computer that have been replaced. But no large appliances, tires, solvents or other hazardous waste, and no household garbage (story page 6).

Local farming and gardening seen to raise more the crops

by Leonard Bauhs

Only in spring can we walk the streets of our neighborhood and admire the stands of daffodils and tulips, spreads of violets, and displays of flowering dogwood trees overhead.

It doesn't take much to set mother nature in motion and what a joy it is to see the result!



This can be true, too, of a vegetable garden or fruit bushes and trees, too, even if they might need a bit more attention. Getting out of the house and away from our workaday routines can result in fresh, healthy produce for the dinner plate.

Community gardens at the Marshall Center or in Fruit Valley are growing in popularity as they improve

nutrition in the community. Local small farms are making a comeback, too, in Clark County and elsewhere in the country.

In this spring edition of the NW Neighborhood newsletter, we will look at gardening past and present, locally and beyond, for food and for pleasure.

We will start with a tour of success stories from across the nation on page 3, then be impressed by what folks accomplished with Victory Gardens during World War II. There are two stories about what's possible and happening on small farms in Clark County and Vancouver. An excerpt follows from a much lengthier piece by Allen Wilson, who writes the regular column "Northwest Gardener".

Finally, a story from The Columbian 24 years ago popped out of the past yesterday like a crocus in early spring. It's a real treat for both the gardener and local history buff!

If after all of that a seed has been planted, come to the meeting Thursday evening, celebrate our 25th anniversary with a piece of cake and a toast from the City of Vancouver, and hear a pair of guests talk about the value and opportunities of personal and community gardens.