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FIND YOUR INSPIRATION AT THE HOME & GARDEN IDEA FAIR

It won't be long now until you dust off those gardening tools, or set the construction date for your next big home improvement project. Start the season off on the right foot by finding the inspiration, local vendors and contractors, products and supplies you need at the Clark Public Utilities Home & Garden Idea Fair—the largest event of its kind in Southwest Washington and a local tradition for nearly 30 years.

This year's show will be held at the Clark County Event Center from April 24 to 26.

More than 200 regional home and garden businesses, farmers market vendors and community organizations will be there, ready and able to help you get the most out of your living space—indoors and out.

To maximize comfort and convenience, this year's plant sale will be held inside the climate-controlled Exhibition Hall, so the beautiful flowers and trees you see in the full-scale landscape displays will be just a few steps away.

Utility employee-volunteers will be there to share energy efficiency tips and tricks, and answer questions about the programs and services Clark Public Utilities offers to keep your home comfortable and energy costs down.

Bring the whole family and have fun with free interactive and educational activity stations in the KidZone.

As always, the event is free and open to community members of every age! Event Center parking is \$6 and free shuttle service is available from two local Park and Ride locations. More information at www.homeandgardenideafair.com.

LIGHT LINES



GET THE SCOOP BEFORE YOU DIG

Gardening season is around the corner. No matter if you're building a fence or planting flowers, it's critical to know the location of buried utilities on your property. Striking buried power lines or other underground utilities can have expensive and disastrous consequences.

Always call 811 two business days before you dig. One call will send all local utilities out to your property to mark underground lines with water-soluble paint, completely free of charge.

Property owners are responsible for all damage caused to underground electric, water and other utility lines. So call 811 before your project begins.



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DIG IN WITH STREAMTEAM AT EARTH DAY FEST



Join us for a fun-filled morning of planting trees and celebrating our local natural landscape at the 21st annual Earth Day Fest.

Held Saturday, April 18 at Salmon Creek Regional Park, this popular event is brought to you in partnership with Clark County Public Works.

Want to get your hands dirty? Volunteer to participate in the largest tree planting event in the county. All training and supplies are provided and

people of all ages are welcome to join in. Tree planting, trash pick-up and weed pulling run from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. followed by a free lunch for volunteers.

Space is limited and the event is held rain or shine. Register today by calling 360-992-8585 or email StreamTeam@clarkpud.com.

To continue the Earth Day celebration, join StreamTeam and numerous community organizations from 10 a.m. to

2 p.m. for fun and educational activities and entertainment during the free Earth Day Fest.

All are welcome and participation in the tree-planting is not required to attend Earth Day Fest. Everyone will find something they love among the hands-on games, raffle prizes, OMSI activities, interactive storytelling and even amphibians and reptiles! More information at StreamTeam.net.

6TH ANNUAL RACE FOR WARMTH A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

A record number of runners and walkers of all ages, more than 1,500 in all, hit the pavement and, with the support of local businesses, raised more than \$63,000 for Operation Warm Heart.

Long-time supporter of Operation Warm Heart, Area Heating and Cooling, contributed generously to offset event costs and ensure every dollar of registration went straight to local families in need. Operation Warm Heart also received a big boost this year thanks to Burgerville customers, New Tradition Homes, and Columbia Credit Union. Thank you to all participants and local businesses who donated to help local families stay safe and warm!

For more information on the many local partners that make this event a success, visit RaceforWarmth.com.

HOLD THE LINE AGAINST BACKFLOW!

Think twice before turning on your sprinkler system for the watering season; first take steps to ensure your backflow device is working properly.

Under state law, sprinkler and irrigation systems must have an approved backflow device installed that is tested annually by a certified backflow tester. This ensures the community water supply remains safe and unpolluted by pesticides, fertilizers or other toxins.

Clark Public Utilities water customers can visit our website for a list of state certified backflow testers and information on the utility's optional annual backflow testing program.



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