



# North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association News

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## NEXT MEETINGS

MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!



Sept 27th  
Nov 15th

Starts at 7 PM -

Riverview Community Bank

800 - D NE Tenney Rd

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## September Meeting Promises Hope

Welcome one and all to our next Salmon Creek Neighborhood General Meeting. This month we have two very important speakers joining us. The American Red Cross, represented by **Kelly Anderson**, will talk to us about disaster preparedness. Following the recent devastation mother nature has just brought to our eastern shores, the timing of this reminder is perfect. She will also explain how the local chapter of the Red Cross is organized, the demands on their resources and how you can contribute your resources to their cause.

**Stacey Donovan**, a Waste Reductions Specialist, from Waste Connections will also be joining us. The focus of her talk will be recycling in Clark County including the Fall Leaf Program (see coupon bottom of page 5). She has suggestions on how to divert waste from the land fill and how to make better, now termed "green", decisions when buying items.

As always we will gather at the Salmon Creek Riverview Bank Branch on Tenney Road, located in the Fred Meyer Parking lot. Join us at 7pm for something light to eat and some hot coffee from

**WE WILL HAVE A FOOD / TOY BARREL OUT TO BEGIN COLLECTION OF HOLIDAY DONATIONS FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE - IF YOU ARE ABLE TO, PLEASE BRING A CONTRIBUTION.**



A memorial fund has been established by the children of long time Salmon Creek residents **Jack and Meta Bland** (pictured above) benefiting our new Chinook Park see related story on pg 3

## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

The perception of the North Salmon Creek and Felida neighborhoods as a stable middle income area is predominately true. However in today's struggling economy we are seeing more and more homes going into foreclosure, short sales and an increasing number of homes besieged by lowered incomes and fraught with worries to simply maintain. Statistics from the 2010 - 2011 school year show us with an identified population of 26% of our elementary aged children living near or below the federal defined poverty level.

The NSCNA is collaborating with the Felida NA to provide a holiday celebration for 400 of these needy children. There are many opportunities for you to help; eat at Burgerville (see below), attend the pancake breakfast (see pg 8), bring a toy or food to meetings or talk with any NSCNA board member about other ways you can help. Please don't turn your back on a neighbor in need.



Salmon Creek Burgerville is partnering with Felida Neighborhood Association and Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association and would like to invite you to help support a fundraiser for a **Children's Holiday Celebration**

by **bringing this flier** into Salmon Creek Burgerville at 13309 NE Hwy 99 anytime between **7:00 am and 11:00 pm** on  
Thursday Sept. 22  
Sunday Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>

**10%** of your purchase will be donated back to Felida and Salmon Creek Neighborhood Associations  
**\*\* A donation barrel will be available for unwrapped toys**

Thank you for your support!

## NSCNA Meeting 7 - 8:30 PM on September 27th, 2011

### Agenda

- Minutes
- Treasurer's report
- Committee Reports



### SPEAKER:

- \* Kelly Anderson, American Red Cross
- \* Stacey Donovan, Waste Connections

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR - Resident comments and announcements



Stay and chat a bit, enjoy the refreshments and door prizes from **Burgerville** and **Salmon Creek Cleaners**.



### Up coming Events

September 27 - 7 pm - NSCNA meeting at Riverview Community Bank see the calendar on our website for more listings:

[WWW.SALMONCREEKLIVE.COM](http://WWW.SALMONCREEKLIVE.COM)



NSCNA residents volunteer on 4th of July (l-r) Shealenn Guion, Chance Coogle, Avril Massey and Monica Coogle

LOOKING FOR. . . arts and crafts vendors for future events. If you have a talent for arts and crafts and enjoy networking with other vendors and selling your specialty items at bazaars, festivals, and other events please contact [nscna.smith@gmail.com](mailto:nscna.smith@gmail.com) with your information.

### JULY 4th VOLUNTEERS - THE HEARTBEAT OF NSCNA

The 2011 4th of July Children's Celebration at Felida Park was again a rousing success with over 5,000 attendees! I think our NSCNA booth serving snow cones and cotton candy was one of the more popular booths. It could not be the success it was without the wonderful volunteers who gave so generously of their time.

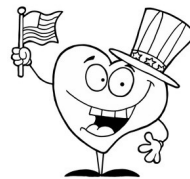
A heartfelt NSCNA THANK YOU also goes out to the residents and merchants who provided generous donations ensuring that all food and activities were free to participants!

#### NSCNA HONOR ROLL

#### NSCNA SUPPORTER HONOR ROLL



- Barbara Anderson
- Dawn Anderson
- Chance Coogle
- Monica Coogle
- Ann Foster
- Mardy Guion
- Shane Guion
- Shealenn Guion
- Lois Kullberg
- Merle Kullberg
- Avril Massey
- John McFatrige
- Michele McFatrige
- Sarah McFatrige
- Carla Priddy
- Fliz Reutz
- Darcie Smith
- Steve Smith
- Alicia Wallingford
- Jared Wallingford
- Kari Wallingford
- Ken Wheeler



- Clark County Humane Society
- Ed Daly - State Farm
- Foster Farms
- Fred Meyer
- King Tiger Marshall Arts
- Mt St Helen's National Volcanic Monument
- OMSI
- Oregon Zoo
- Pacific Rentals
- Regal Cinemas (Hwy 99)
- Riverview Bank
- Safeway - Salmon Creek
- Salmon Creek Lions
- Soundcircuit
- Tiffini Anderson Feliciano
- Umpqua Bank
- Wayside Market
- Western Boxed Meats

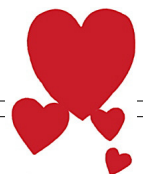
### LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE

It is election season again right here in Salmon Creek. Each year the North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association officer positions are available to anyone interested in running for President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. Also we have openings for our district directors in **District 3** (south of Tenney Road west, of I-5 to NW 2nd Avenue) and **District 5** (west of NW 2nd Avenue, south of 139th Street to NW 21st Ave.). Should you be interested, we'd love to have you join in the fun and fulfillment of giving back to the area. Contact Paul Scarpelli @ [nscna+president@googlemail.com](mailto:nscna+president@googlemail.com).



The in-person election will be held at our November 15th general neighborhood meeting, as always at the Riverview Bank branch located in the Fred Meyer Salmon Creek parking lot, starting at 7pm. The term of office for each officer is for one year, while a district director is asked to fulfill a two-year commitment. Both begin January 2012.

The key to our success rests in people like you, who embody the spirit of greatness by saying, "Yes I can, and so can you!" Thanks for your inspiring dedication and tremendous example to the world.





## RECYCLE CORNER

Some Good news on the garbage front in Clark County:

A recent article in the Columbian newspaper (August 18) indicated that an increase in garbage and recycling is on the rise in Clark County. An increase in the amount of garbage sent to the landfill was recorded in 2010, according to the Columbian article. This generally indicates an improved economy.

The flip side is that, although recycling increased as well, "out of all the waste that could have been recycled, **less than half of it actually made it to the right place.**" The article continues by saying that collection crews are still finding misplaced items in the blue recycle bins at curbside. This calls for a review of What Goes Where?

**Put It IN:** Newspaper, mixed paper, cardboard, rinsed juice, milk and soup cardboard containers, aluminum and tin cans, clean foil, empty aerosol cans, plastic tubs, buckets, nursery pots, plastic bottles.



**Leave It OUT:** Glass, plastic bags, paper towels, paper plates, food-soiled foil, auto parts, Styrofoam anything, motor oil bottles, any frozen or refrigerated food package (embedded with wax), rigid plastics (like Costco packaging), small pieces of aluminum foil, bottle lids – both of which are small and therefore float out of the recycling machinery.

Other Stuff: There are lots of places for "other stuff" that is getting thrown away. Before tossing it in the garbage or mistakenly throwing it in the recycling bin, visit [www.recyclinga-z.com](http://www.recyclinga-z.com) for other options.

## CALLING ALL GHOSTIES, GHOULS, GOBBLINS, AND HOUSE ELVES

It's time to scare the pants off your neighbors! The sixth annual "Best in the NSCNA" Halloween house/yard decorating contest is almost here. All entries are judged on originality, creativity, and best use of the Halloween theme. This year's theme will be **ZOMBIES**. Special lighting, special effects, and sound effects are encouraged. Remember, Dobby says that small details such as lit pumpkins and playing spooky music can be keys to winning the big prize. A special prize will be awarded to the entry with the most lighted carved pumpkins. To enter, send your name, address, and contact information to [nsena.halloween@gmail.com](mailto:nsena.halloween@gmail.com). You may also enter your neighbors as well as your own home. Judging will take place on Sunday evening October 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 pm.

### RULES:

1. House must be within the NSCNA boundaries (S=Salmon Creek, N=164<sup>th</sup> Street, E=I-5, W= NW 41<sup>st</sup> Ave.).
2. Entries must be received by midnight Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.
3. All zombies must be kept chained up!



The winners will be contacted via the email address they enter with or by phone (you must leave your phone number when you enter for this option) and be announced at the November general meeting on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at Riverview Community Bank. There will be some great gift certificates and prizes for the Halloween decorating contest winners.

## Harvest Fun Day 2011

September 24, 2011  
Time: 10 AM to 4 PM



Harvest Fun Day is the Clark County Historical Museum's annual free-family-fun-on-the-farm day! Come join us for a day filled with scarecrow-making, face-painting, pie-eating and corn-shucking contests, live music, and farming demonstrations and activities. The fun begins at 10 am and ends around 4 pm. Call (360) 993-5679 for more information or to register for the contests.

**Location:** 78th Street Heritage Farm in Hazel Dell

**Address:** 1919 NE 78th Street

**Additional Info:** [www.cchmuseum.org/harvest-fun-day-2011/](http://www.cchmuseum.org/harvest-fun-day-2011/)



## Sturgeon Festival

September 17, 2011  
Time: 9 AM to 1 PM

Join us at the Water Center for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Celebration of Columbia River Ecosystems.

Every year the Water Resources Education Center recognizes sturgeon

and Columbia River ecosystems. This **free fun family** event offers opportunities for the entire family to learn about fish and other animals in and around the Columbia River. Highlights for this year's Sturgeon Festival include fish dissections and the Creature Feature reptile show. Call 360-487-7111 or visit [www.cityofvancouver.us/watercenter](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/watercenter) for more details.

## JACK & META BLAND MEMORIAL FUND

(see related picture on pg 1)

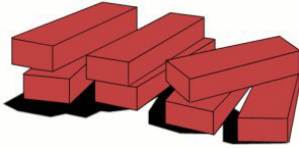
Fond memories of a childhood on the family's Salmon Creek "mini farm" and a desire to remember their parents, **Jack and Meta Bland**, in a significant way was the motivation for establishing a memorial fund to help provide park benches in the new Chinook Park. The three children, **Sandi Bland Roberts, Debbie Bland Stewart** and **Dan Bland** were talking about how much the neighborhood has changed over the years and how nice to have areas such as the Chinook Park property that maintains that long ago feeling of openness. Reminiscent of the time where homes were several blocks from each other with trees and pasture between, they would ride horses all around the property that will become our Chinook neighborhood park.

Donations to the Meta Bland-Nagel memorial fund can be made at the **Riverview Community Bank** located at 800 Tenney Road, next to the Three Creeks Library. Checks should be made out to NSCNA, which is a 501 (c)(3) charity.

If you are interested in setting up a memorial fund benefiting additional amenities for Chinook park or making a direct tax deductible contribution contact **Samantha Guse**, NSCNA Treasurer, at 314-6347 or [samguse@gmail.com](mailto:samguse@gmail.com).

# MAKE YOUR MARK ON YOUR PARK

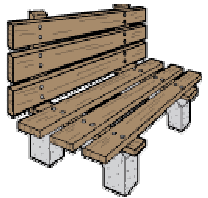
**The North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association (NSCNA) has agreed to sponsor a brick sale to provide the park with benches and picnic tables.** You have the opportunity to put your name in the new Chinook Park when you donate for a brick. Bricks are \$75 each and the proceeds will improve the park for everyone. This is our first Neighborhood Park and we hope that it will make the NSCNA proud!



Another way to help is to sponsor a bench or a picnic table. In honor or memory of someone special, or just so you can have a place to sit, sponsoring one of these is a lifetime tribute to our neighborhood and your generosity. They will be built to last a lifetime. *Bench Sponsorships are \$750 and Picnic Table Sponsorships are \$1,000.*

**North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association is a Federal 501(c) 3 organization. Check with your tax advisor for deductibility.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



**I am interested in sponsoring a park bench(\$750) or picnic table (\$1,000) please call me.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **NUMBER OF BRICKS @ \$75 PER BRICK** (2 lines of 12 characters per brick including spaces)

Brick 1


Brick 2


Brick 3


Simply print out and complete this form - mail completed form with your check made out to NSCNA to:

**NSCNA – c/o Samantha Guse (Treasurer)**  
**1108 NE 126TH ST, VANCOUVER, 98685**

If you are interested in helping with fundraising efforts for our park please contact any officer, names and phone numbers can be located on page one 1 of this newsletter.

# Library News

The lazy days of summer are almost past. Looming cool and wet weather means welcoming the return of Story Time to our local Three Creeks Library.



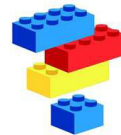
- **FAMILY** Storytime (all ages welcome)  
Sat at 10:30 am - starting Sept 17th
- **PRE-SCHOOL** Storytime (ages 3-6 years)  
Begins Sept 13th.  
Tues at 11:30 am & Wed at 10:30 am
- **TODDLER** Storytime (18-36 months)  
Tues & Thurs at 10:30 am
- **PREWALKERS** (newborn to 2 years - with participating adult) Fridays at 9:30 am

It's not all about books at your library - check out these fun family events:  
**GAMES** (grades 4 - 12) Drop in and join the fun. Choose from our fantastic

assortment of classic board games, card games, RPG and TCG's, or bring your own. Invite your friends to come with you. Join our Dungeons and Dragons 4.0 campaign group for beginning and intermediate players! **On September 13**, join us and the creators of "Bull's Eye," as we "test drive" the new board game. **Tuesdays from 4-6 pm**

**BUILDING BLOCKS TO SUCCESSFUL LEARNING Begins September 15.** Stories, songs and fun for families and child-care providers with children birth to age 5. No programs on non-school days. Call Barbara Jorgenson at Three Creeks Community Library, (360) 571-9696, for more information.  
**Fridays at 10:30 am at Chinook Elementary (1900 NW Bliss Rd., Vancouver)**

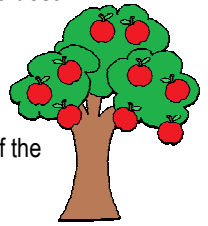
**LIBRARY LEGO LOVERS** (ages 5-11)  
Join us each month for a new Lego challenge.  
**Thursday, September 22 at 4 pm**



## Old Apple Tree Festival

October 1, 2011 from 11 AM to 4 PM  
Old Apple Tree Park 112 SW Columbia

Join in this year's Old Apple Tree celebration at Old Apple Tree Park. The annual Festival is a celebration centered on **the oldest living apple tree in the Northwest**, planted at Fort Vancouver in 1826. Old Apple Tree Park is located on Columbia Way just east of the I-5 Bridge.



The festival provides family fun, food and history of Vancouver's Old Apple Tree, the festival celebrates our community's legacy. Throughout the day Urban Forestry Commissioners give away cuttings from the Old Apple Tree. **This is a free, family friendly event** with activities and games for children, fruit tree pruning workshops, live music and food. For more information see: [www.cityofvancouver.us/urbanforestry](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/urbanforestry)



**SATURDAY OCTOBER 22nd**  
10 am - 3 pm

**ROSS "OFF LEASH" DOG RECREATION AREA**  
(NE ROSS ST & NE 15th AVE)

**FREE ADMISSION**  
**LURE COURSE COST \$5**  
**benefits off-leash DOGPAW**  
**(501C3) dog parks!**

- LURE COURSING
- COSTUME CONTEST
- DOGGIE OLYMPICS
- VENDOR BOOTHS
- RAFFLE DRAWINGS
- PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS
- PET EXPERTS
- MUCH MUCH MORE . . .

Please bring a pet food donation for AniMeals. For many homebound and elderly

residents their pets are their beloved companion and even considered as family. "It's a fact: **Many seniors who receive home-delivered meals give up their food to feed their cats and dogs.**" AniMeals is a partnership with social service and Senior Meals programs to provide nutritious pet food for the cats and dogs of people who receive home-delivered meals.

For more information on Dogtoberfest, or other DOGPAW events call 888-899-0025 ext. 3 or visit [www.clarkdogpaw.org](http://www.clarkdogpaw.org)

# Free Leaf Disposal

For Vancouver and Clark County residents only

With this coupon

**October 1 - December 20, 2011**

Prevent street flooding - Don't place leaves in the street.

Instead, use this coupon for free leaf disposal at:

- H & H Wood Recyclers - 8401 NE 117th Avenue, 360-892-2805
- West Van Materials Recovery Center - 6601 NW Old Lower River Road, 360-737-1727
- McFarlane's Bark - 8806 NE 117th Avenue, 360-892-6125

See reverse side for map of above locations and hours of operation.

This coupon must be presented at the drop-off site and is for **leaves only**. Yard debris or mixed loads will be charged at the regular price. Leaves must be emptied from plastic bags.

Please complete the following information:

My Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

City of Vancouver residents: Funding for your participation in this program is provided through your garbage rates.

Clark County residents: Funding for your participation in this program is provided by Clark County Public Works and Environmental Services.

Sponsored by:





## SALMON CREEK FARMERS' MARKET ENDS SECOND SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Thursdays, 3 pm to 7 pm, through September 29  
On NE 134<sup>th</sup> St., west of the I-5 southbound on-ramp and behind Biscuits Café, Wayside Market and Shell Station.

By the time this edition of the NSCNA newsletter is

distributed, your farmers' market will be coming to an end for the 2011 season. This year, the market hosted more vendors with a greater variety of product than 2010, offered better parking, more space and red wagons for its customers. Although the sluggish spring and early summer slowed down the availability of local produce, "abundant" describes the late August and September market days.

The market organizers and volunteers experienced special delight at the high number of repeat customers that supported the market every Thursday. The market's mission encourages us all to learn where our food is coming from, how it is grown and to value the local and fresh; and the repeat visits tell us that we are reaching that objective. Vendors, as well, enjoy the familiar faces and conversation with returning customers.

As always, the market encourages all of you to give the market organizers feedback on their neighborhood market so that ongoing improvements can be made.

The market organizers wish to thank all of those who worked diligently to support the market:

- Dale Lang, owner of Lang Plaza and the market site, as well as all of the plaza neighbors who offered support to the market and who accommodated an influx of folks every Thursday. Special note of thanks to the Four Square Church who let us have access to the building's electrical power.
- The North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association for its participation and advocacy throughout the year.
- All of the volunteers in green shirts that helped before, during and after each market day – Bobbie and Bill Redington, Kay and Rob Hill, Ralph Edwards, Susan Low-Symes, June Lasch, Bill Sartorius, Becky Gyes and Maxine and Bob Silverman, Mary Schick and Steve Foster. This is a great team of people who dedicate hours every week to help make it run smoothly.
- Jill and Patrick Sughrue, who not only made a Multi-Pure water filter available to us for pure, clean drinking water (without the plastic bottles), but who also donated time to help at the market every week.
- Brad Vos, Pastor, and the volunteers from Crossway Church who produced the Barnyard every week, designing and offering crafts for kids and their families; a special treat this year were the visits from Crossway Church's Bounce House.
- Stephania Potter and the volunteer Master Gardeners – who always bring great advice and consult.
- And, of course, the three sponsors of the market this year: Columbia Credit Union, Legacy of Salmon Creek and Primerica. Thanks to you all for your ongoing financial support, participation and enthusiasm.

**"Come get fresh with us" at the Salmon Creek Farmers' Market.**



Susan Low-Symes, pictured above, a volunteer at the SCFM, takes a break.

## FAMILY FUN @ PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX OPEN HOUSE

Join us at the eleventh annual Open House and Safety Fair on Saturday, September 17th. Fun starts at noon and lasts until 4 pm at the Public Safety Complex - 505 NW

179th Street (located by the Fairgrounds).

Be sure to stop by the NSCNA table to chat with your executive board members. It's a chance to share some of your ideas with us, ask questions, make suggestions, find out what's going on in the neighborhood or just share a friendly "Hi - how are ya!"

This Complex houses the Clark County Sheriff's Office West Precinct, the Clark County Fire Marshal's Office and a volunteer fire station shared by Fire Districts 6, 11, & 12. You can enjoy free



face painting, child ID and fingerprinting, a bounce house, the Jr. Firefighter challenge while you nibble on hot dogs, chips, pop, and popcorn throughout the day.

### Demonstrations

- 12:30 Auto Extrication
- 1:00 Life Flight arrives
- 1:30 Sprinkler Demo
- 2:00 K-9 Demo
- 2:30 Auto Extrication
- 3:00 Fire Extinguisher Demo.

*If you need auxiliary aids or services in order to attend, contact the ADA Office. Voice (360) 397-2000; Relay (800) 833-6384; Email ADA@clark.wa.gov*

## PRE-CONSTRUCTION WORK BEGUN ON CHINOOK PARK

Work on Chinook Neighborhood Park has begun! A contractor hired by Vancouver-Clark County Parks and Recreation has started the vegetation removal project on our long awaited neighborhood park. The underbrush, blackberries, and other noxious weeds have been removed from the park property along with about 40 trees of various sizes.



The vegetation removal project is designed to give parks and recreation staff better access to the property in order to conduct required soil testing. The vegetation was removed only in the areas of the park that are to be developed based on the draft concept plan (open lawn area, playground, trails, etc.). You can view a copy of the draft concept plan and a map showing wetland and habitat areas at [www.clarkparks.org/projects/chinook](http://www.clarkparks.org/projects/chinook)

or you can come see it at the Salmon Creek Farmer's Market every Thursday at the NSCNA information booth through September 29<sup>th</sup>.



**Chinook Park Fundraisers are still in progress!**

Discount coupon cards and bricks are still being sold to raise funds for additional Chinook Park amenities such as covered picnic tables and additional benches. The coupon cards have discounts to local area businesses and are available for \$10.00 each. Bricks are available for engraving at \$75.00 each. You may purchase the coupon cards or bricks by contacting your director, or swing by the Farmer's Market through September 29<sup>th</sup>. See form on page 4 to order your memorial bricks now.



### BOXTOPS EARN \$\$\$ FOR SCHOOLS

Box Tops from hundreds of participating General Mills products can generate *Free Money* for Chinook and Salmon Creek Elementary Schools.

You can help just by shopping for groceries, items you likely would buy anyway. Box Tops are worth 10¢ each. Save your Box Tops and have your child drop them in the collection box at school. **If you don't have school aged children you can still participate;** just collect the Box Tops and drop them off at your local school office collection box. Visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) where you will

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also find a complete, updated listing of qualifying products.- doesn't cost you a thing and the schools are most appreciative!!!

### Tyson A+ Project

Earn *Free Money* for Chinook PTSA just by buying Tyson eligible products that are both boxed & bagged. Each Tyson Project A+ Label has a value of 24¢. You need to clip the entire side panel or bag top including the 1-2-3 on the label. A list of Tyson products that feature the logo can be found at: [www.tyson.com](http://www.tyson.com)



### Campbell's "Labels for Education"

Earn *Free Money* in the form of educational merchandise, including computers, sports equipment and musical instruments for Chinook. All you have to do is save labels from participating Campbell's brands that families use every day. It's more than just soup! Simply

removed labels/UPC codes from participating products (look for the "Labels For Education" logo) and send them to school, so your child can deposit them in the collection bin.

### PAYBACK BOOKS EARN \$\$\$ FOR SCHOOLS



Payback books will be on sale soon, - or you can request via email at [paybackbooks@chinookpta.com](mailto:paybackbooks@chinookpta.com). The Payback book is full of discounts in the Vancouver area on fine dining, casual and fast food, shopping, movies, local attractions and lodging (Unlike the Entertainment books, which mostly feature Portland area discounts).

Payback Books sell for only \$20 - and \$10 **from each book benefits the school!** Here's how you can help: 1. Buy a book for family or friends when you order yours - they make great gifts! 2. Ask friends and co-workers if they want a book. THANK YOU for your support!

# Thank you

A big THANK YOU to business supporters of NSCNA



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## Redistricting key to keeping democracy healthy

By Cathy Cochrane communication director

Like everything else in life, democracy needs an occasional checkup to make sure it's working the way we need it to. One of the key parts of healthy democracy is getting a sprucing up right now, **and it involves you.**

The health check is called "redistricting," it happens nationwide, and it starts with taking a look at how the population has changed over time. We use the U.S. Census, which happens just once every 10 years, to measure this change. Next comes the critical part. The U.S. Constitution requires that each state must go through redistricting, a process of readjusting the boundaries of legislative and congressional voting districts to make sure everyone is equally represented in government.

In Washington State, redistricting is up to the legislatively appointed Redistricting Commission. The commission includes two Democrats and two Republicans as voting members plus one non-voting, non-partisan chair. The Democrats appointed **Tim Ceis**, Seattle; and **Dean Foster**, Olympia. The Republicans appointed U.S. Sen. **Slade Gorton**, Bellevue; and **Tom Huff**, Gig Harbor. **Lura Powell**, from Richland, serves as the Commission chair.

In the first phase of redistricting, which just

ended, the commissioners gathered information from the public about their concerns, and what is important to them in their communities. We held 18 public forums in cities around Washington to hear people's views on the where the new boundaries should go. Maybe you were able to attend. If not, you can still watch the forums—just go to the Commission's website at [www.redistricting.wa.gov](http://www.redistricting.wa.gov) and clicking on the "Get Involved" tab.

Now the Commissioners are developing their own redistricting plans and talking together about the best single plan for the whole state. They will show the public their individual draft plans on September 13. This marks the beginning of a month-long opportunity for public comment. We'll post the draft plans on our website, [www.redistricting.wa.gov](http://www.redistricting.wa.gov). Please take a look and send us your thoughts. We plan to wrap up the month of public comment with a hearing on October 11, to give people a chance to speak in person to the commissioners. The commissioners hope to have a final plan out in early November. Check our website for more information and to give us your comments about the draft plans. If you have questions—or just want to learn more about redistricting—you can call us at 360-786-0770.

**EAT PANCAKES - HELP KIDS!!!**

The NSCNA along with Felida NA and Applebee's are sponsoring a pancake breakfast to help fund this years Needy Childrens Holiday Celebration.

**WHEN: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19th  
from 8 - 10 am**

**WHERE: APPLEBEES  
13006 NE Hwy 99**

**TICKET COST: \$7.00**

- GOOD FOOD
- ENTERTAINMENT
- SILENT AUCTION

Tickets are on sale now from any NSCNA board member and will also be available at meetings.

For more information or to volunteer for this event please contact Paul at 901-8478 or Barbara at 573-2240.

**GET OUT YOUR CHOPSTICKS AND SUPPORT YOUR PARK!**

Clip this section and present it at **Kc Teriyaki** at 800 N.E. Tenney Road, Building B, Suite 207 in the Fred Meyer shopping center on **Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** and support your local park!

From 11:00 am until 9:00 pm **15%** of all sales that accompany this portion of the newsletter will go to the North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association to help fund additional amenities at the new **Chinook Park.**

Thanks Michael Choe for all of your support, kind donations, and great food!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**NSCNA Meeting  
Tuesday  
SEPTEMBER 27th, 2011  
7:00 PM**

**Riverview Community  
Bank  
800-D NE Tenney Road,  
Vancouver, WA 98685**

- September 27th, 2011
- November 15th, 2011

**\*Nov Meeting will be 1 week EARLY  
because of Thanksgiving Holiday**