



# FELIDA NA

(FELIDA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION)

NEWSLETTER – JULY 2009

**JULY 4, 2009 (Saturday) -- ANNUAL CHILDREN'S PARADE IN FELIDA**  
**NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES or CANDY! All riders must wear HELMETS. Be SAFE!**  
**AFTER PARADE: LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION CAMP**  
**AND OTHER ACTIVITIES in FELIDA PARK**

Tentative schedule: 10:45am – line up in Felida Park, at NW 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
 11:00 am - streets close for parade  
 11:15am – parade commences  
 11:35am – parade returns to Felida Park --picnic, lunch, exhibits, games  
 12:30pm – Lewis & Clark Expedition formal half-hour presentation #1  
 1:30pm – Lewis & Clark Expedition formal half-hour presentation #2

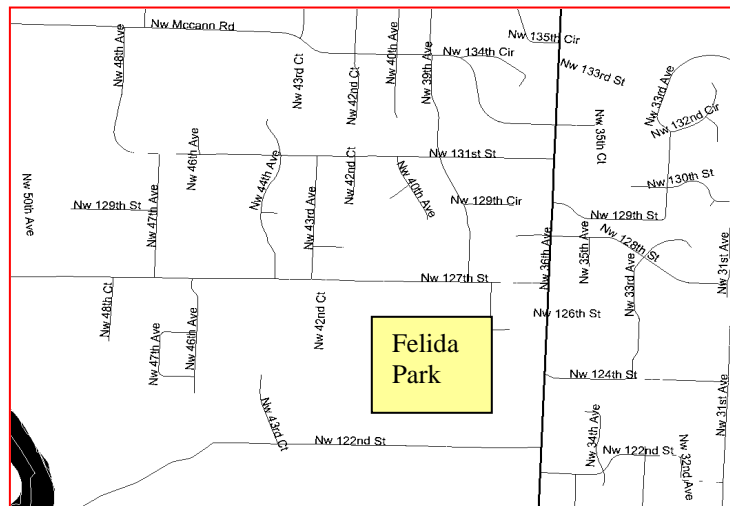
*Bring lawn chairs, blankets, suntan lotion, and sun/rain umbrellas. Wear a costume and decorate your bike, trike, or wagon (red, white, and blue). March, ride, watch, and wave to music!*

- ⇒ Various displays and activities after parade -- including a replica of Lewis & Clark Expedition camp with "George Drouillard" (Roger Wendlick), #3 member of the expedition with many items, tools, furs, stories, and facts for Q&A (SEE pp. 2-5 & 7)
- ⇒ Free antique fire engine rides, face painting, button making, and other activities
- ⇒ Free Krispy Kreme donuts & picnic lunch (SC Lion's Club – donations accepted (p. 2)
- ⇒ Free toys for points earned during games and Lewis & Clark Expedition Q&A (p. 3)

*If you wish to sponsor activities, volunteer, or set up information booths, please contact:  
 Dr. Milada Allen, President or Jamie Allen, President Ex-Officio President  
 360-573-4030*

**JULY 4, 2009 CHILDREN'S PARADE (Proposed Route – Subject to Change)\***

Begin and End in the Felida Park. Make left turns – at approved intersections.  
 Line up: 10:45am to 11:15am  
 Proposed Route:  
 East on NW 122<sup>nd</sup> Street  
 North on NW 36<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
 West on NW 131<sup>st</sup> Street  
 South on NW 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue\*  
 East on NW 127<sup>th</sup> Street\*  
 South at NW 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue\*  
 Return to the Felida Park for after parade activities.  
 Roads will be blocked along the parade route. Be safe!!!



\*The proposed route may change from NW 44<sup>th</sup> Ave back to NW 39<sup>th</sup> Ave, depending on the weather.

**Executive Board  
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Annette Cleveland, Sec  
Shirley Albeck, Treasurer**

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**Jamie Allen  
Ex-Officio President  
& Parks Committee Chair**

**If you would like to join  
volunteers or serve on the  
volunteer Felida NA Board;**

**If you have community  
projects, suggestions or  
concerns that should be  
addressed during annual  
or other meetings;**

**If you would like to sponsor  
a community event/project,  
park benches, or bricks;**

**OR If you have questions  
about Felida NA,**

**PLEASE CALL:  
(360)573-4030**

FYI: Clark County pays for publication and postage for up to three newsletters per year. Felida NA also provides other news and projects information that must be distributed by volunteers and/or e-mailed. (Make arrangements if you do not live/work in Felida NA.)

**ANNUAL JULY 4 CHILDREN'S PARADE IN FELIDA**

Felida and North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Associations, Salmon Creek Lions, Hazel Dell – Salmon Creek Business Association, Fire District #6, Clark County Sheriff's Office – West Precinct, WSU – Extension Programs, Family of Christ Lutheran Congregation, Clark County Restorative Justice - Juvenile Program, Felida Christian Church and others partner with the Felida NA and volunteer or provide support for the annual Children's July 4 Parade and Celebration in Felida. Many organizations provide info on community services and environment.

Several of our stakeholders asked us to provide some information about history of the July 4 Children's Parade in Felida. Pastor Joe Aalbue provided the following info:

*"In the late 1990's Family of Christ Lutheran Church began a process called Redevelopment. One of the goals was to re-connect with our neighborhood in positive ways. This led to a Healthy Community initiative and the beginning of neighborhood events. One of the first events was the Felida July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and BBQ. In the early years, the parade ended at the Family of Christ Lutheran Church with a BBQ and various activities. From the beginning our intention was to have these neighborhood events adopted by the community. It is with great joy that we see the growth and success of the Parade. We continue to support and encourage a strong and healthy neighborhood."*

As many of you recall, the parade began with about 50 participants. Since then the July 4 parade participation increased each year as viewers decided to march in the parade. Beginning 2004 through 2009, Dr. Milada Allen & Jamie Allen were elected several times as Felida NA presidents. During that time, participation increased dramatically each year (3,500 in 2008) as the Allen & Allen team added activities. For several years, The Allen family (all volunteers) donated supplies and toys (+/- \$1,500/year). Kids earned points playing games and/or for team efforts, costumes, and community spirit. These points were redeemed for toys, seashells, rocks, school supplies. From 2006 to 2009 the Hazel Dell-Salmon Creek Business Association gave Felida NA small grants. These grants were used to pay for a portion of toys, supplies, and activities expense (see a picnic table dedicated to the HDSC Business Association.). Later Felida NA also received one-time activities sponsorships from Brad & Leah Lothspeich, Felida Scout Leader, IKEA, MJ Gecho Foundation, Best Buy and Wal Mart - both in Hazel Dell. Felida NA will need more fundraising/grants for 2010 community events. (Any suggestions? Call 360-573-4030.)

For years, Salmon Creek Lions' volunteers provided a free picnic lunch with hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, beverages. They do accept donations that go toward sight and hearing impaired programs in Clark County. This year, we will have the popular Krispy Kreme donut truck (Eleanor) and owner (Mr. Ranger) offering free donuts to our parade/after parade participants. Mr. Ranger, partners with the Felida NA for many events, including the Sgt. Crawford Park naming (2005) and dedication (2008) ceremonies. (Thank you all!)

For over 5 years, Felida NA stakeholders requested participation from organizations that provide public services and/or improve the quality of life in our community & environment. There is no fee to set up approved booths, but sales of merchandise and services are not allowed. Felida NA and partners need to review all proposals for booths in the park.

**Several regular and new environmental, nonprofit agencies, and public service booths will be set up at the Felida Park along with the replica of a Lewis & Clark Expedition Camp. (See associated stories provided in this newsletter.) Kids can earn prize points by participating and then redeem points for toys/prizes.**

**NO political campaign booths, slogans, or brochures – Felida NA is a 501(c)(3) org.**

**Come See “George Drouillard” and a Replica of a Lewis & Clark Expedition Camp:  
Get “in Touch” With History of our Nation and the Pacific Northwest!** *By Dr. Milada Allen*

In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson asked Captain Meriwether Lewis (his personal secretary) to be the leader of the expedition west. The official reason given was to find a water route to the Pacific Ocean and to explore the ‘Louisiana Purchase’ land. However, Jefferson’s interest in land between the Mississippi River and the Pacific Ocean began in his childhood and grew with many reports of “explorations.” In 1783, he wrote to General G.R. Clark of his suspicion of British plans to colonize “*from the Mississippi to California.*” In 1785, Jefferson, Minister to France, learned that Louis XVI was sending a “scientific” expedition to the Pacific Northwest. Jefferson suspected that the King planned to start “*factories for the fur trade.*” Admiral John Paul Jones reported to him that the expedition’s goals included “*French fur trade and colonization on the northwestern coast.*”

In June 1803, Lewis asked his old friend, Captain William Clark, to help him lead the expedition. In October 1803, Captains Lewis and Clark went to St. Louis to finalize plans. In May 1804, Lewis and Clark, 45 men, and 150-pound Newfoundland, in 6 canoes and 2 boats, embark from Camp Wood (near St. Louis) on a challenging and dangerous 4,000-mile trek west. They journeyed on to find the water route to the Pacific Ocean. Sacagawea, a Shoshone woman, joined the expedition as a guide and interpreter and became “diplomat/messenger of peace.”

On October 10, 1805, the Lewis & Clark Expedition, a.k.a. “the Corps of Volunteers for Northwest Discovery” (“Corps of Discovery”), reached the Washington State (Clarkston). A few days later, they reached the Columbia River (near Pasco) and proceed on. On November 7, 1805, Capt. William Clark wrote: “O’cean in view! O! the joy.” (They see it on November 18, 1805.)

The winter in the forested Pacific Northwest was wet and harsh. Discouraged, exhausted, cold, and wet members of the expedition voted to build a winter camp/fort on the south side of the Columbia River. In March 1806, the expedition embarked on the return journey home and reached St. Louis in September 1806. (They missed the Pacific Northwest summer!)

Lewis never wrote books on the expedition as planned. Later books were published using Captains’ journals written as Jefferson directed. These journals detailed day-to-day events; motivation, management, rationing, ailments, “first aid”; negotiations, trading; native people, chiefs, cultures, customs of many tribes; plants, insects, animals; topography, geography, geology; and detailed sketches and maps. These and other journals, and letters describe hopes, dreams, and goals; daily accomplishments and challenges; relatively primitive and limited tools and resources; creative solutions and innovations; human perseverance and undaunted courage.

In 1986, 182 years later, Roger Wendlick embarked on his own journey to gather the most complete collection of Lewis & Clark literature. In 1998, he sold it to the Lewis & Clark College to pay off huge acquisition expenses, to protect the collection, and provide research opportunity to thousands of Lewis & Clark fans. He was awarded “Lewis & Clark College Collector in Residence” title and regularly visits his vast collection and other resources housed in the Watsek Library Special Collections. Mr. Wendlick continues to acquire literature and “memorabilia” to share with Lewis & Clark fans. At the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, he joined the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, Missouri and began a new career as a re-enactor and public speaker. His story was told on “***This American Life***,” NPR; the front page of ***The Wall Street Journal*** in 2003; ***Le Monte*** newspaper in Paris, France in 2004; and in ***The Columbian*** in March 2009 (dressed as Drouillard).

On July 4, 2009, you will have an opportunity to see a “Lewis & Clark encampment” and meet “George Drouillard” (Drewyer), the third most important member of the Corps of Discovery/First Person Interpreter. Roger Wendlick, a.k.a. “George Drouillard,” brings many visual aids and display items, shares history facts and trivia, and answers many questions that take years to research. In 2004, Mr. Wendlick received a **National Award for Preservation of History from the Daughters of the American Revolution**. He is a nationally recognized Lewis & Clark historian; an excellent public speaker; and an engaging and entertaining re-enactor. His audiences include conventions, book clubs, and schools. Don’t miss it! Come listen, “see and touch” history! Times on p. 1. (FYI: On May 30, 2009, Wendlick/Drouillard received a **standing ovation** from community leaders & members.)

## **Children's Celebration Area in Felida Park**

Many Felida NA members asked us about the status for the previously planned children's celebration area in Felida Park. Conceptual sketches were developed by the Vancouver-Clark Parks for an area to be added in the Felida Park. These were unveiled on July 4, 2007 during annual children's parade activities. In 2008, Felida NA was asked to wait for guidelines to be developed by the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Clark County Public Works. Felida NA, Vancouver-Clark Parks, and County Public Works final plans will depend on criteria/guidelines, fundraising, plans, and permits. If you have suggestions, we will have displays of conceptual drawings based on public input at three events designed to celebrate children, their dreams, goals, and life.

## **Northwest Children's Outreach Vancouver (NCO)\***

Many children in Clark County are living without the most basic things they need. According to the last census report, 9.7% of families and 16% of all children under the age of 18 lived below the poverty level in Clark County. With the recent economic crisis, higher unemployment, and recent budget cuts in social services, Northwest Children's Outreach Vancouver (NCO) must fill the rapidly widening gap between diminishing resources and growing percentages of children in need. NCO's community service and efforts are impressive!

NCO was formed in 2005 and served 4 agencies that year. Currently NCO serves 38 agencies working with families in need. Case workers identify specific basic needs and resources needed prior to placing 170 to 220 online orders per week. This volume is expected to grow as the economic recovery is just a distant glimmer in the near future. Therefore, the NCO would like to increase the "supply" to keep up with the growing "demand."

NCO is effective and efficient as it functions as a "one-stop clearing house" for a plethora of basic need items. Therefore, agencies do not have to contact a multitude of churches, friends, and organizations to gather needed items when and if available. The 2,600 square-foot warehouse contains shelves of used toys and books, racks of coats, and over 200 bins filled with assorted items (e.g., clothes from newborns to teens).

NCO is a non-profit charitable organization staffed by volunteers. Therefore, 99% of monetary (tax deductible) donations are used to provide assistance to children (after paying \$500 for rent, and \$150 electricity and phone bill each month). Volunteers purchase requested items frugally, on line, or buy in bulk to get discounts, in addition to using donated items to fill weekly agency orders (e.g., clothing, baby equipment, shoes, diapers).

NCO also has a list that helps others to donate items in a need-driven, organized, and meaningful manner. For example a layette bag may contain:

2 cloth diapers – for burping	1 stuffed animal – age appropriate	2 toy-child up to 6 months
2 receiving blankets	1 warm blanket or quilt	1 layette sleeping gown
2 small bibs	2 newborn or small onesies or T-shirts	2 med or large onesies or T-shirts
2 newborn or small stitch sleeper	1 0-9 month blanket sleeper or PJ	2 outfits (0-3 month, up to 9 months)
1 hat	2 pairs of booties/shoes	2 socks
2 wash clothes	1 towel	1 pacifier
1 baby shampoo/bath soap	1 diaper/ointment cream	1 baby q-tip package
1 pacifier	1 package of size 1 diapers	1 diaper wipe package
1 bunting bag	1 baby powder	1 baby lotion
2 large bottles with nipples	1 small bottle with nipple	1 bottle brush
1 baby care book or material	1 bunting bag	1 sweater/sweatshirt/warm layer

Slightly/gently used donated layette bag clothes must be "baby clean" and ready for distribution. (Don't want to drive to the warehouse? Bring donations to the booth set up at the Felida Park on July 4, 2009.)

**Joni Vilhauer, Director, founder, and Felida NA member can be contacted at:**

**Northwest Children's Outreach, 6623 E. Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98661;**

**or call (360)576-8024 or (360)909-0706; or visit the Website at [northwestchildrensoutreach.org](http://northwestchildrensoutreach.org)**

**If you would like to get additional information, partner, volunteer, or donate to NCO for agency orders, the NCO volunteers will have a booth in the Felida Park on July 4, 2009/Children's Parade. (See p. 1.)**

**RECYCLING INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ASKED BY MANY STAKEHOLDERS**  
**REMEMBER YOUR 4Rs: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, & REGIFT (#4 added by Allens)**

**The Season is the Reason for Yard Debris Service!**

**Provided By: Waste Connections Inc. 360-735-9718, ext. 3006**

Did you know that about 25% of the solid waste stream is compostable materials like leaves, grass and yard waste? For about the price of one matinee movie ticket, you can have up to 96 gallons of yard debris picked up every-other-week. Right at your curb! Yard debris that is placed in your garbage container is not pulled out at the processing facility; it ends up in the landfill as garbage. Waste Connections' yard debris service is a sanitary way to locally recycle yard waste that you cannot compost yourself. All yard debris from Clark County is processed within the region and is available locally for purchase as compost! Waste Connections' curbside yard debris service is a convenient alternative to self-hauling yard debris saving you time and fuel. If you've hesitated to sign up because you don't think that you would utilize the service year around, you don't have to! Waste connections offers an "on-call" service option that you can switch to during the months when you do not need the service as often. On-call service allows you to keep the cart until you decide it needs to be picked up! Find out more about curbside Yard Debris service at our web site [wcnorthwest.com](http://wcnorthwest.com). Starting service today will divert weight from your garbage and possibly help to lower your garbage bill. When you call or email Waste Connections to start service, a container will be delivered to you and will be picked up on the next area service day !

**Disposing of Sharps, Medications, and Mercury Thermometers Safely**

**Provided by: Clark County, 2009**

Have you ever wondered what to do with unwanted medications? How to clean-up a broken mercury thermometer? Where to dispose of syringes and needles? If so, then Clark County's newest medical waste brochures and web pages are just what you need to answer many of your questions:

- \* The Medical Waste-Unwanted Medications (<http://www.clark.wa.gov/recycle/A-Z/Materials/Meds.html>).
- \* Medical Waste Sharps (<http://ww.clark.wa.gov/recycle/A-Z/Materials/sharps.html>) and
- \* Medical Waste-Mercury Thermometers (<http://www.clark.wa.gov/recycle/A-Z/Materials/MercTherm.html>)

Including questions like what sharps are, how to identify a mercury thermometer, how to safely clean up a broken thermometer, why improper disposal is dangerous, and where you can properly dispose of controlled substances and other unwanted medications, sharps, and mercury thermometers and other products containing mercury. To receive free copies of the medical brochures, call Clark County Solid Waste at 360-397-6118, ext. 4352. And for more recycling, reuse, and disposal information go to [RecyclingA-Z.com](http://RecyclingA-Z.com).

**E-Cycle Washington, CREAM and the ReStore**

E-Cycle Washington is a program that provides free recycling of computers, monitors, laptops and TVs. Peripherals and accessories such as mice, printers and scanners are NOT covered under the program. For recycling locations, please call 1-800-recycle or visit [www.ecyclewashington.org](http://www.ecyclewashington.org).

**CREAM**, the Computer Reuse, Education and Marketing program, is now a non-profit organization focusing on computer reuse. CREAM accepts used computers, computer parts and other consumer electronics from the public at no charge. CREAM prefers to accept only working equipment that is no more than 5 years old, though it will accept non-working or older equipment at this time. Used computers are available for purchase in the CREAM Thrift Store. CREAM is located at 5000 E Fourth Plain Blvd. Suite F, in the same building as the Habitat for Humanity Re-Store. Donation hours are 9am to 4pm, Tuesday through Saturday. For additional information, please see [www.upgradeyourcommcommunity.org](http://www.upgradeyourcommcommunity.org). (Need volunteers.)

**The Habitat for Humanity ReStore** is a thrift store that sells donated new and used building and home improvement products. The stock is constantly changing but often includes lighting fixtures, sinks, toilets, major appliances, floor coverings and furniture. Sales from the ReStore help build homes for low income families. The Clark County ReStore is located at 5000 E Fourth Plain Blvd. Store hours are 9am to 5pm Tuesday through Saturday. For more information on the ReStore, see [www.pdxrestore.org](http://www.pdxrestore.org). (Need volunteers willing to get involved in their community.)

**INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE IN FELIDA PARK AFTER THE JULY 4 CHILDREN'S PARADE.**

## FELIDA NA ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS - 2009

Felida NA annual meeting was held on April 30, 2009 at the Felida Fire Station. Commissioner Mielke made a presentation about his vision for Clark County, answered many questions from the Felida NA members present at the meeting; and promised to work on common goals to improve quality of life in the community.

Changes to the Felida NA Bylaws were adopted changing NA boundaries and terms for executive board members from one-year (all terms expire at the same time) to two-year staggered terms. This is consistent with the existing director (two-year) terms and provides for stability of the executive board leadership and continuity. Executive Board officers and directors were elected following adoption (unanimous) of the proposed Felida NA Bylaws amendments to update and revise existing Bylaws (revised/adopted in 2007):

### SUMMARY OF 2009 AMENDMENTS<sup>1</sup> FOR FELIDA NA BYLAWS

SEE FILE: 2007 (original) and 2009 ((strikeouts of original text (black) & narrative changes (red/italics))

#### SECTION II: BOUNDARY

##### Polygon 1 -- North of Salmon Creek:

**North:** Salmon Creek/NW 151<sup>st</sup> Street (from Lake River to NW 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue **Seward Road**)  
**East:** NW 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue **Seward Road** (from NW 151<sup>st</sup> Street to Salmon Creek)  
**South:** Salmon Creek (from Lake River to NW 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue **Seward Road**)  
**West:** Lake River (**from a point equivalent to NW 151<sup>st</sup> equivalent** to Salmon Creek)

#### SECTION V: FELIDA NA BOARD OFFICERS

The Felida NA Board shall include four (4) board officers' positions: president, vice –president, secretary, and treasurer. Board officers shall be elected **for two-year terms (staggered)**<sup>2</sup> from the general membership residing within the Felida NA boundaries. These officers shall preside over ~~all~~ **Felida NA** meetings, planning sessions, and activities ~~of the NA~~.

#### SECTION VI: EXECUTIVE BOARD

The **Felida NA** Executive Board shall consist of four (4) Felida NA board officers, identified in SECTION V, and ~~seven (7)~~ **Six (6)** Directors (Positions 1-~~7~~ **6**), described below. ....

##### DIRECTOR – POSITION 1: Approximate Sub-area Boundaries

**North:** Salmon Creek **from a point equivalent to NW 151<sup>st</sup>** **South:** NW 127<sup>th</sup> Street  
**West:** Lake River /Vancouver Lake **East:** **Seward Road & NW 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue**.....

##### ~~DIRECTOR – POSITION 6: Approximate Sub-area Boundaries~~

~~**North:** NW 151<sup>st</sup> Street **South:** Salmon Creek  
**West:** Lake River **East:** NW 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue~~

##### DIRECTOR – POSITION 7 6: Area Boundaries<sup>3</sup>

Cumulative Felida NA Boundary (Section II, Section VI -- Areas 1 to ~~6~~ **5**). ....If no member from the designated geographic area is willing to serve as a Director, the membership may authorize a waiver of the residency requirement until the next annual election. **However, directors (Positions 1-5) representing position-specific areas must reside within Felida NA boundaries. Director - Position 6 must reside, work, and/or own land or business located within Felida NA boundaries.**

#### SECTION VII: ELECTIONS

Officers and Directors shall be elected at the first annual general meeting, historically held in April. Officers ~~shall serve a one-year term~~ and the Directors shall serve a two-year term (**staggered**).<sup>4</sup> Odd-numbered positions/directors) shall be elected in odd-numbered years and even-numbered positions/directors shall be elected in even-numbered years.

<sup>1</sup> adopted unanimously at the annual meeting held on 4-30-09 at the Felida Fire Station

<sup>2</sup> Foot 3 on Page 4 **Except in 2009. To ensure staggered term expirations in future years, expiration dates for the Executive Board terms are proposed as follows: President – 4/11, Vice President – 4/10, Treasurer - 4/11, Secretary – 4/10.**

<sup>3</sup> To be consistent, other sections of the Bylaws were changed to reflect 6 not 7 positions.

## REPORT ON THE ANNUAL CLARK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6 OPEN HOUSE

**Dawn Johnson, Public Information and Education, Clark County Fire District #6 reports that :**

"This year's open house on Saturday June 6 was a blazing success, with well over a thousand people in attendance. Some of the top events this year included live auto extrications, life flight landing its helicopter, and Clark Co. Sheriff's Office K-9 demonstrations. Kids were taught how to hold a hose and aim it at a fire by using a wooden display with flames on a hinge. Kids were also taught how to safely exit a burning home. Their skills were then tested in a house filled with pretend smoke. There were also antique fire engine rides, face painting and lots of free food thanks to our sponsors.

We would like to thank all of the district's residents who help make this event such a success year after year. If you missed this year's open house you can always attend next year. Our annual open house is the first Saturday in June. In the meantime, if you'd like to tour a fire station or have questions about Clark Co. Fire District 6, please call (360)576-1195. We'd also like to thank those who sponsored this year's open house."

**Thank you community members/businesses, partners/sponsors, volunteers, Fire District #6, HDSC Business Assoc!**

### PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN OTHER MAJOR COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **JUNE 25, 2009 (Thurs), 4:30 – 7:30 pm -- 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL YWCA SUMMER SOCIAL at Pearson Air Museum, Vancouver.** \$30 per person fundraiser to support the YWCA Clark County mission and programs serving more than 10,000 people each year. Programs include : **Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault** victims, **Court Appointed Special Advocates** for kids, **Y's Care** for the homeless kids' preschool program, and the **Independent Living Skills** program helping kids transition from the foster care system. This year's featured program is the **Y's Care Children's** program, a well-rounded early education environment to 116 homeless kids and their families. Appetizers, desserts, live entertainment, and raffles. **RSVP:** Leslie Stose at (360)906-9157. Donation opportunities (tax receipts) are also available.
- **JUNE 27-28, 2009 (Sat & Sun), 9 am to 4pm – Recycled Arts Festival, Esther Short Park, downtown Vancouver.**
- **JULY 4, 2009 (Sat) – ANNUAL FELIDA CHILDREN'S PARADE AND AFTER PARADE ACTIVITIES IN FELIDA PARK.** Everything is **free** . Come see Lewis & Clark Expedition Camp, CERT, nonprofit agencies (e.g., children's outreach services), education opportunities, environmental organization information. Fingerprinting for kids, Neighborhood Watch, Legacy Hospital – Kids Safety, and lots more. Come learn about history, play games, earn points for toy prizes, enjoy food and Krispy Kremes, and meet your neighbors in Felida Community Park (**pp. 1 – 5 for time+**). Call (360)573-4030.
- **AUGUST 4, 2009 (Tue) – 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** - great activity for CERT & Neighborhood Watch block captains, neighbors, and groups to re-connect , communicate, socialize, exchange information and have fun .
- **SEPTEMBER 19, 2009 (Sat), 12-4pm – ANNUAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX OPEN HOUSE , 505 NW 179<sup>th</sup> Street.** Complex houses: Fire Districts #6, #11, and #12 volunteer fire station, West Precinct – Clark County Sheriff's Office and the Clark County Fire Marshal's Office. Sheriff's K-9 team, vehicle extrications, public safety, other community services exhibitions are planned for this popular event. Free food and refreshments will be available.
- **DECEMBER 2009 --ANNUAL CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CELEBRATION IN HAZEL DELL.** Felida NA partners with the NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association, and their partners -- that include the Vancouver School District, Fire District #6, other neighborhood associations, and many others -- for the Annual Children's Holiday Celebration in Hazel Dell. This event has several activities and is designed to provide an opportunity for children in need to celebrate the holidays and the spirit of community. All toys, food, decorated trees, bikes, helmets, books, supplies, photos, and holiday gifts are donated by the community partners and volunteers for distribution to children from families with limited resources. If you would like to participate, volunteer, partner , or donate items/activity, call : **Jamie Allen, Felida NA Ex-Officio President at (360) 573-4030, or Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell NA President at (360)695-1466, or the VSD.**
- **July 2009, 501(c)(3) class #2 for nonprofit organizations that wish to become tax-exempt. Call (360)573-4030.**
- **September 2009 – Volunteer, Partner, Sponsor recognition and celebration. Please nominate your favorite volunteer. We need more gift certificates to attach to AWARDS. STAY TUNED> (360)573-4030.**

**FELIDA NA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Proposed development projects, policy and code changes, infrastructure improvements, environment, storm water, watersheds, and other community interests (parks, trails, events) require 1,000s of volunteer hours to research and attend meetings. Therefore, WE NEED YOUR HELP TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE WHERE YOU LIVE< WORK<SHOP<PLAY.

**REMINDER: THERE WILL BE NO FIREWORKS DISPLAYS AT FORT VANCOUVER THIS YEAR.**

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT:** State Fire Marshall, Michael G. Matlick urges people to use caution in purchasing fireworks. Be sure the fireworks you purchase are legal to possess and discharge; obey bans and time restrictions; get facts before purchasing, discharging or storing legal fireworks. **POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL EXPLOSIVE DEVICES, INCLUDING ALTERED LEGAL FIREWORKS, IS A FELONY.** Many jurisdictions banned fireworks, increased fines, and changed from a “class 3” to “class 1” civil infraction. Enforcement officers can also confiscate all illegal fireworks. Check RCW 70.77 and WAC 212.17 for discharge dates and times, bans, sales, and discharge laws. Celebrate legally! **Be Safe!**



**INSIDE: CHILDREN’S JULY 4 PARADE, LEWIS & CLARK CAMP – GET IN “TOUCH” W/HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION // ROGER WENDLICK’S QUEST, NEW AND OLD PROGRAMS, FUNDRAISERS, EVENTS, UPDATES ON RECYCLING, & more**

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