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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2012!

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Salmon Creek—The Year in Review

Businesses came and went, road construction was completed, gas prices fluctuated, gold skyrocketed, and groundwork was laid for our first neighborhood park. Here are some highlights of 2011—



New Salmon Creek Park & Ride opened



New Salmon Creek roundabout. Love it or hate it?



Ground clearing completed at Chinook Park. What's next?



Construction on new storm water ponds in old Park & Ride location

The NSCNA was active this past year in promoting our neighborhoods. We were at various open houses and the farmer's market. We partnered with other neighborhood associations in fundraising for various charities as well. We look forward to a productive 2012, although we have two open director positions so our executive board is running a little thin. In 2012 our plans are to present at least one event for Salmon Creek to bring recognition to the area. We also plan to pursue the postponement of the Chinook Park development (see related article below). Active fundraising for this project has been suspended, however we are always happy to accept any and all contributions to make the park happen.

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Chinook Park Construction Delayed

The undeveloped 5.4-acre neighborhood park featuring trees, wetlands, and riparian areas is now scheduled to remain undeveloped. Due to a lack of park development funding resulting from the ongoing economic recession, the Board of County Commissioners decided in early December 2011 to use the remaining tax revenue available to make debt payments on other county facilities instead of on road and park projects. The county will also reduce park maintenance and operations expenses until the economy recovers. Chinook Park is not the only park affected by this decision. Nine other parks and 15 sports fields have been put on hold until funding becomes available.

Sheriff's Citizen Academy Begins March 7

If you want to learn about crime scene investigation, officer survival techniques, and the drug taskforce, the Sheriff's Office Citizen's Academy is for you and it's FREE. The annual 12-week program is scheduled to begin March 7 and conclude May 23. Classes run 6:30—9:30 pm each Wednesday. In the academy, citizens become familiar with the Sheriff's Office and local law and justice programs. Topics include the 9-1-1 system, canine unit training, Children's Justice Center services, and tours of the Clark County Jail and Medical Examiner's Office. To register, please contact Val Deming at 360-397-2244 or Valerie.Deming@clark.wa.gov.

Win a Valentine for Your Sweetie!



In 50 words or less, tell us what is so special about your significant other and you could win flowers, chocolates, and a massage for your special someone. Submit your responses to asksammy.nscna@gmail.com by Feb. 12th to win. The winning submission will be published in the next newsletter coming in March.

Salmon Creek Lowdown — Local Business Scuttlebutt



Business Spotlight—The Goddard® School

We'd like to welcome Clark County's newest Goddard® School and owner Michelle Solari to Salmon Creek. The brand new state-of-the-art 8000 sq. ft. building will be built between Legacy Salmon Creek Hosp. and WSU near the junctions of both I-5 and I-205. The school will feature a year round extended day program for ages six weeks to six years and will offer an accredited education program designed to enhance the development of its students.

Salmon Creek Lowdown—your local business news that is guaranteed to last longer than Kim Kardashian's marriage. Farrar's Bistro located in Felida has added an additional 550 sq. ft. of seating and bar space. Farrar's offers a menu utilizing local produce, beverages, and locally grown chickens so come on out and support your community! For a while there it looked like the Days Inn was closed down and boarded up, but appearances can be deceiving. The Days Inn is undergoing a renovation! We'll keep you posted as to the reopening date. A new shipping store has opened up at 14300 20th Ave. building B in the Albertsons shopping center next to Sparky's Pizza. Springleaf Financial has opened an office

in the Wayside Market shopping area. They can help you with personal loans, college loans, bill consolidation, home improvements, etc. Once the weather clears up a little, Chuck's Produce will be movin' the dirt and beginning construction on their new 40,000 square foot store. They plan on a 2012 opening. It looks like we'll be saying "goodbye" to Blockbuster. Their site is now available for lease. If you have a business and are new to the area or know of a new business moving into Salmon Creek, please keep us advised at asksammy.nscna@gmail.com.

Malicious Mischief in Our Community

Last month some merry prankster added soap to the fountain at Salmon Creek Square. While all the foam may look pretty cool, amusing even, damage can be done to the fountain's mechanisms. Generally this type of prank is done as a joke, but putting soap in a public fountain is not a prank—it's vandalism that costs taxpayers and businesses money. Maintenance crews have to drain the water and clean the fountain after this type of



"prank." If you happen to see this type of "joke" being executed, please call 9-1-1 and report it. If you're the prankster, think twice!

Camp Fire Columbia

Camp Fire Columbia is a community based nonprofit organization with a mission to build caring, confident youth and future leaders. Camp Fire partners with local kids, schools, and families in order to:

- Support academic achievement
- Build social and life skills
- Foster community engagement
- Develop career and college readiness



For more information on how to join or ways to get involved contact April Joy Brown at 971-340-1598 or visit www.campfirecolumbia.org.

THANK YOU!

To all of our wonderful donors and sponsors to the children's holiday party; and to all the hard working volunteers whose hard work and dedication gave the disadvantaged children in our community a more joyous holiday season. For a complete list of donors, sponsors, and volunteers please visit www.salmoncreeklive.com.

"VOLUNTEERS DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE THE TIME; THEY JUST HAVE THE HEART!" - Elizabeth Andrew

Top Five Things We Miss About Christmas:

5. Cookies
4. Candy
3. Lights
2. Santa
1. Presents!



Holiday Lighting Contest Winners



1st Place: The Bozarth Family —709 NE 134th Street.



2nd Place: The Castleberry Family—14201 NW 27th Ave.



3rd Place: The Finnigan Family—14203 NW 8th Ave.

Honorable Mention

1. The Dodderidge Family—15000 NE 5th Ave.
2. The Sprague Family—14300 NW 25th Court

Volunteer Your Time in 2012



Learn what you can do to maintain healthy watersheds for your community, fish and wildlife, and future generations. Take a free volunteer training series, learn for yourself, and then teach others to protect our precious resources. Training offered by WSU Clark Co. Extension in partnership with Clark Co. Environmental Services. To apply or for more information please contact: jenifer.naas@clark.wa.gov 360-397-6060 ext. 5712 or apply online at www.surveymonkey.com/Spring2012WatershedStewards. Get involved!

Neighbors on Watch (NOW) - community policing effort. Contact Kelly Cheney @ 360-487-7464.

Fire Corp—designed to build partnerships between citizens and their fire department. Contact Alan Fung @ 360-487-7219.

Big Brother, Big Sister— provides at risk youth with strong one-on-one relationships. Contact 360-636-2765.

Boys & Girls Club—a great way to start building your volunteer experience. Contact Julie Pachico @ 360-313-5704 or on line at volunteer.ok@mybgc.org.

Did You Know. . .



Incandescent



CFL



LED

The standard light bulb as you know it is about to become extinct. The Federal government is phasing out incandescent light bulbs originally invented by Thomas Edison 131 years ago due to congressionally mandated efficiency standards. As of January 1, 2012 the traditional 100-watt bulb will not longer be manufactured or imported. Stores will still be allowed to sell them until current stock runs out. The 75-watt bulb will follow in January 2013 and in January 2014 the 40-watt and 60-watt bulbs will be phased out. Most consumers may not be paying much attention to all the changes in the light bulb industry, but you should because your next bulb could cost you up to \$50. The next time you shop for a light bulb, expect to find new marketing and new items. The changes on the label will help you pick a better bulb. Some energy efficient alternatives to the standard incandescent bulb are CFLs (compact fluorescent) and LEDs (light emitting diodes).



January 2012

Schedule of Events

- Jan. 10, 17, 24, and 31: Games @ Three Creeks Library for grades 4–12 from 4 pm–6 pm
- Jan. 17: Three Creeks Teen Council 7 pm
- Jan. 17: Teen Book Club 6 pm @ Three Creeks Library (ages 12–19)
- Jan. 20: Chinook PTSA Family Arts Night
- Jan. 20: Teen Night: The Return of Humans vs. Zombies 7 pm–9 pm @ Three Creeks Library (ages 12 –19)
- Jan. 21: America’s Largest Antique & Collectibles Show 9 am–6 pm @ Clark Co. Fairgrounds
- Jan. 22: America’s Largest Antique & Collectibles Show 10 am–5 pm @ Clark Co. Fairgrounds
- Jan. 24: NSCNA general meeting 7 pm @ Riverview Community Bank
- Jan. 26: Lego Lovers 4 pm @ Three Creeks Library (ages 5 - 11)
- Jan. 28: Harvesting Rain workshop 9 am–2pm (see article for details)
- Jan. 28: Family Movie Series 2 pm @ Three Creeks Library.
- Jan. 29: NWDRA Automotive Swap Meet 8 am–3 pm @ Clark Co. Fairgrounds

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <small>New Year's Day</small>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 <small>MLK Jr. Day</small>	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 <small>Chinese New Year</small>	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

“All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.” Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

THANKS TO THE NSCNA SPONSORS/DONORS!

NSCNA January General Meeting

The NSCNA will welcome Michelle Solari from the Goddard® School and Dave Brown from Northwest Wild Fish Rescue to the January 24th general meeting to be held at 7:00 pm at Riverview Community Bank. Michelle will give a short presentation on her new school that is being built in Salmon Creek. Dave will be speaking about salmon restoration efforts being undertaken in and around our area. We will also be presenting the awards for the 2011 Holiday Lighting Contest! Come for the Peet’s coffee, stay for the information. If there’s a specific topic you would like to hear about or discuss at the next meeting on March 27th send an email to

asksammy.nscna@gmail.com.

Salmon Restoration in Washington

Dave Brown grew up in Northern California and had the luck to be able to fish for steelhead on some of their most storied rivers. But the fish started to disappear. Jobs took him away but he always managed to continue fly fishing. He eventually settled in north Clark County where he has lived for 20+ years. In the early nineties he decided to try to make a difference for the fish. Using his own funds and a lot of hard, physical labor, he started to rescue wild coho and steelhead fry from Mill Creek in areas where the water had dried up. When he started he rescued only about 600 fry. He has since expanded his rescue work to Mason Creek and Salmon Creek. Last year he formed a non-profit, Northwest Wild Fish Rescue. To hear more about this program, please attend the meeting on January 24th.



“Money is like manure; it’s not worth a thing unless it’s spread around encouraging young things to grow.” - Thornton Wilder

“It is every man’s obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it.” - Albert Einstein



February 2012

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4
5 Super Bowl XLVI	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20 President's Day	21 Mardi Gras	22 Washington's Birthday Ash Wednesday	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Leap Day			

- Feb. 2: Skyview HS Winter Play "A Midsummer Night's Dream"
- Feb. 4: Clark Co. Fair Court Coronation 5:30 pm—8 pm @ Clark Co. Fairgrounds
- Feb. 4: Skyview HS Winter Play "A Midsummer Night's Dream"
- Feb. 8: Chinook PTSA Skate Night
- Feb. 9: S. T. A. N. D. Social (Alki MS) 3:30 pm—5 pm
- Feb. 10: VSD Patron Tour. Contact susan.knable@vansd.org (see back page)
- Feb. 11: Stream Team volunteer planting event 8:45—1:00
- Feb. 16: Storm Forecast Choir Concert 7 pm
- Feb. 16: College Bound Parent Night 6—7 pm @ Alki Media Center
- Feb. 23: Chinook PTSA Read With Dad Night
- Feb. 25: Stream Team volunteer planting event 8:45—1:00

If your organization has a community event and would like us to post it on our calendar, please send an email to asksammy.nscna@gmail.com

"It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one." — President George Washington

Energy Efficiency Services—Free Duct Testing Program

Clark County Building Safety has started a heating duct testing program with funding they received from a Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. The Duct and Home Performance Inspection is free to home owners in unincorporated Clark County. An energy efficiency expert will come to your home and hook up a duct blaster and a blower door to pressurize your heating duct system and house to test the duct leakage rate. Ducts often lose 10% - 30% of the heated air that is produced by a furnace or heat pump. A 30% leakage rate with a new 80% efficient furnace turns that furnace in a 50% efficient furnace—a big money loser each month. After testing and inspecting your house, furnace and duct system the inspector will review the test results with you. If your ducts or house need repair or air sealing he will provide you with a list of approved contractors that perform the needed repairs and give you a list of local utilities incentive plans that give rebates for various energy savings investments. If your house has leaky ducts and a contractor repairs it you will receive a \$100 rebate from Clark County to help offset the cost of repair. For more information or to see if your home qualifies call Steve Alexander at 360-397-2375 ext. 4752 or visit www.planetclark.com.



Sammy says:

Did you know Three Creeks Library has job help available?

GET JOB HELP AT YOUR LIBRARY

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

JobNow—available for a limited time in all FVRL libraries. Allows you to chat with a job coach 1-10 pm every day.

WinWay Resume Deluxe—use to compose resumes, cover and thank you letters; proof-read and edit resumes using Auditor; search for jobs nationwide.

WOIS/The Career Info. System—match your strengths with occupations; locate training programs.

COMPUTER TIME

CLASSES FOR JOB SEEKERS

For more info contact Three Creeks Library or visit www.fvrl.org

Fire Prevention Safety Tips

Prevent Fires Caused by Cooking—always remain in the kitchen while cooking and know how to put out a small pan fire by sliding a lid over the flames.

Prevent Fires Caused by Heating:

Space Heaters—space heaters need space. Keep them at least three feet away from things that can burn such as curtains or stacks of newspapers. Always turn off heaters when leaving the room or going to bed.

Furnaces—have a service person inspect chimneys, fireplaces, wood and coal stoves and central furnaces once a year. Have them cleaned and filters replaced when necessary. It's a good idea to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors at the same time.

Fireplaces and Wood Stoves—keep things that can burn away from your fireplace and keep a glass or metal screen in front of your fireplace. Even if you use creosote logs, fireplaces should be inspected by a professional each year.

Do NOT use your BBQ or gas grill as a heater inside your garage or home. If using a charcoal grill, dispose of your embers in a metal bucket or can.

Prevent Fires Caused by Smoking:

Smoke outside and use a large, deep ashtray on a sturdy surface like a table; douse cigarette and cigar butts with water before dumping them in the trash.

Prevent Fires Caused by Candles:

Always use stable candle holders made of material that won't catch fire such as metal or glass; do NOT allow children to keep candles or incense in their rooms.

Keep Your Family Safe At Home—

*Make a fire escape plan for your family. Find two exits out of every room and pick a meeting place outside. Hold a family fire drill at least twice a year.

*Install smoke alarms on every level of you home; test them monthly and put in new batteries once a year.

*Teach every family member to "Stop, Drop, and Roll" if clothes catch fire and teach them how and when to use a fire extinguisher if age is appropriate.

REMEMBER: IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 9-1-1



Harvesting Rain, Water Rights Workshop

Know your Washington water rights and how you can supplement your water supply with rainwater by attending the Harvesting the Rain and Understanding Water Rights workshop on Jan. 28. The session will be 9 am to 2 pm at the Dollar's Corner fire station, 21609 NE 72nd Ave., Battleground. Cost is \$5 and includes lunch. Because space is limited, registration is required. For details and registration please go to www.brownpapertickets.com/event/218755. The program is co-sponsored by WSU Clark Co. Extension and Environmental Services' Clean Water Program.



5 WAYS TO KEEP YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Make your goal attainable!**
- 2. Tell everyone**—If you tell everyone about your resolution, you are more likely to keep it.
- 3. Be specific**—For example, if you want to get fit, say you want to lose 10 pounds and tone your arms and legs.
- 4. Start small**—create small goals for yourself. For example, if you want to organize your house, assign one room every month.
- 5. Write it down**—it's important to motivate yourself throughout the year. Write your resolution down every month in your calendar. Don't let yourself forget about your resolution as the year goes on.

Don't forget **phone apps** and **social media** offer new ways to help us keep our resolutions. That's the goal of Smartphone apps like "Resolutions 2012" which lets users choose goals, identify habits they need to change to meet them, and track progress. "The Daily Burn" app for iPhone manages workouts and counts calories. The Android "Noom Weight Loss Coach" app gives day-by-day tips on eating, working out, and slimming down. "The My Quit Coach" app from Livestrong is for those who literally want to kick butts in 2012. The app presents daily guidelines for quitting smoking gradually over time or for helping you go cold turkey.

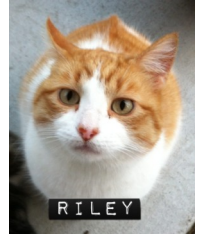
"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed, is more important than any other one thing." - President Abraham Lincoln.

GOOD LUCK IN 2012!

Pet Corner

Brrrr . . . It's cold outside! Take a few tips from Riley and Cuddles to help protect your companion animals when the mercury dips—

1. Keep your cat inside. Outdoors, felines can freeze, become lost, injured, or killed.
2. During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape before being caught in the fan belt.
3. Thoroughly wipe off your pet's legs, feet, and stomach when they come in from the sleet or snow. They can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking their paws.
4. Never shave your pet down to the skin in winter. A longer coat provides more warmth.
5. Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act like a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold.
6. Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle.
7. Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.



Ask Sammy

Q: I have a neighbor whose two dogs bark constantly on certain days of the week. What can I do about my noisy animal neighbors?



A: Try talking with your neighbor. Find out if you can determine why the dogs are barking. Respecting each other's privacy is important when inquiring about the barking dogs, but constant barking is your neighbor not respecting your privacy and the county has laws for this. If you have tried working with the neighbor and the problems persist, submission of proof the animals are barking 10 minutes continuously or 30 minutes intermittently, a citation from Clark Co. Animal Control may be issued. Having to pay a \$100 fine per violation is often enough for the owner to quickly recognize their inattention to their dog has ramifications. Call Clark Co. at 360-397-2448 to make a complaint, but be prepared to submit a video that clearly shows an uninterrupted incident.

Thanks for the question. If you have a question you'd like to ask, please send an email to asksammy.nscna@gmail.com

**"Dogs are not our whole lives, but they make our lives whole."
Roger Caras**

Salmon Creek Farmer's Market 2012 Resolutions

2012 brings healthy new plans for the market's third season with the following resolutions:

*In partnership with the NSCNA, introduce the market season with a special event in June, featuring local berries and plant starts, plus all our familiar vendors.

*Offer credit/debit capability to our customers, as well as EBT services to SNAP clients in our community.

*Remain in the 2011 site on Lang Enterprises property behind Wayside Market and Biscuits Café.

*Utilize a new 10'x10' wooden, weather resistant stage made for the market by Mike Snyder of Boy Scout Troop 14 for his Eagle project, build a center stage and expand the schedule for educational and special events.

*******WE NEED TO KEEP HEARING FROM YOU*******
Send a message to info.salmoncreekfarmersmarket.com and tell us what you'd like to see at your local farmer's market in 2012.

Is donating or volunteering on your resolutions list for 2012? If you'd like to do either, send an email to info@salmoncreekfarmersmarket.com or call Ann Foster at 360-574-5093.





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Or if you have a question send an email to asksammy.nscna@gmail.com

VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

PATRON TOUR

Join Superintendent Steve Webb on Friday, February 10. The tour will begin at 8:30 am and conclude at 1 pm. An optional luncheon prepared by students in the district's award winning culinary arts program will be provided for \$4. To register for a tour, please contact Sue Knable at 313-4720 or susan.knable@vansd.org. Space is limited, so sign up today!



WAYS TO SAVE ON YOUR HEATING BILL

If you spend much of your time in one room, using a space heater in that room while keeping the overall temperature lower can save significant cash. In fact, keeping your thermostat at 62 degrees and using a space heater in one room can save about \$200 a year. If using a space heater, make sure it's on a hard, level surface three feet or more away from anything flammable or that could block air intake or heat output and, of course, keep children and pets away.



Preschool Fair

Hosted by MOMS Club® Vancouver -NW

FREE ADMISSION!

Saturday, January 21,
2012
11:00am - 3:00pm
Vancouver Community
Library



Canued food donations for
Northwest Children's Outreach appreciated

- See Vancouver area preschools under one roof
- Gather information and chat with preschool representatives
- Discover which program is right for your child
- Support Northwest Children's Outreach

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