



# North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association News

*You don't have to move to live in a better neighborhood!*

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## NEXT MEETINGS

MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!



January 25th, 2011  
March 22nd, 2011

Starts at 7 PM -

Riverview Community Bank

800 - D NE Tenney Rd

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## JANUARY MEETING - BUILDING PLANS FOR CHINOOK PARK

Can you believe it - after an almost five year wait Chinook Park is about to become a reality. We are now in the developmental planning stage, which will be the topic of our January NSCNA meeting on the 25th.

Staff from Clark County Public Works and Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation will present two draft conceptual development plans for Chinook Neighborhood Park to residents for review and input at the Jan. 25 meeting.

The plans are being developed based on comment forms sent in by park neighbors in December and the available construction budget. I have received comments from a number of residents that you didn't receive this questionnaire. We will get the definition of "walking distance", which is the designated distribution area, from staff at the meeting.

The Chinook Neighborhood Park is located between Northwest 139th and 149th streets, east of Skyview High School. Access to the property is from Northwest 7th Place on the north and

Northwest 142nd Street on the south.

This currently undeveloped 5.4-acre neighborhood park features trees, wetland and riparian areas. The property connects to the Whipple Creek Greenway and a tributary of Whipple Creek runs across the north side of the park. These features created the roadblock to development but now that we have additional land suitable for the play area they will add to the park-like beauty and enhance the enjoyment of nature trails.

After the presentation the draft plans and documents will be posted on the project Web page for two weeks starting on Jan. 26, along with an electronic comment form, for those who can't make it to the meeting. Please do try to attend - it's so important for the neighborhood to come out in strong support of this park - **we really need you to attend!**

For more information about this project, please visit the Web page at: [www.clarkparks.org/projects/chinook.htm](http://www.clarkparks.org/projects/chinook.htm), or call Project Manager **Robin Washington** at (360) 397-6118 ext. 4572.

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## COMMIT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN 2011



YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS YOU!



### NSCNA Meeting

7 - 8:30 PM on January 25th, 2011  
**NOTE THIS IS ONLY CHINOOK PARK PUBLIC MEETING THAT WILL BE HELD - don't miss it!**

#### Agenda

- Minutes
- Treasurer's report
- Committee Reports
  - Zoning Committee
  - Hospitality Committee
  - Parks Committee



**SPEAKER:** Staff from Clark County Parks and Recreation will be presenting design concepts and gathering resident input for our new Chinook Park

**NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR** - Resident comments and announcements

Stay and chat a bit, enjoy the refreshments supplied by **Starbucks** and our local **Wayside Market**. Door prizes from **Burgerville** and **Salmon Creek Cleaners**.



### PARKS COMMITTEE GETS TO WORK

NEXT MEETING JAN 31st 1-3 PM

The parks committee has worked over the past several years with a focus on raising awareness and priority of the need for a park in the NSCNA within Clark County departments, staff and advisory boards. Now that the land has been acquired and development plans are underway it's time for the real work to start.

Monies from PIF, REET and taxes for development of the park sound like a lot; but the reality is that it doesn't go very far in providing amenities. Many residents have voiced interest in NSCNA funding a larger BMX and skate boarding area to get our kids off the streets as well as the need for additional park benches on a nature trail, and hopefully some additional picnic tables and play equipment. This means FUND RAISING.



The next meeting of the team will be on Monday Jan 31st from 1 - 3 pm. We will be brainstorming ways to fund raise over the next year. One of the more popular suggestions to date is the idea of a Salmon Creek Festival this summer that would include carnival rides, good vendors and some really good food. Bring your ideas for the proposed Festival and ideas for other fund raising to the meeting.

This team is also the primary liaison for the NSCNA with the Parks and Recreation team responding to questions, concerns and resident inputs for the Chinook Park. This is your opportunity to make sure we get what we need to assure a safe and fun place for our children to play.

My favorite saying is **many hands make light work** - and since there is so much to do we need many hands. **Please volunteer yours!**

Questions or to get directions to the meeting please call **Barbara**, chair of the parks committee, on 573-2240. If you are unable to make this meeting and have ideas on the Festival please email them to **Steve** at [NSCNafestival@gmail.com](mailto:NSCNafestival@gmail.com). He is leading the festival sub-team.

### Up coming Events



Jan 25th - 7 pm - **NSCNA meeting** at Riverview Community Bank

The best place to find current events is our new online calendar. Our new and improved website has it all!!!

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

### TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT YOUTH IS DOING RIGHT!

The **Feb 10th deadline** for Marshall Youth Award nominations is fast approaching. The Award selection committee, on behalf of the Fort Vancouver National Trust, is seeking nominations for the General George C. Marshall Youth Leadership Award presented by the 40 et 8, Voiture 99. The award, established in 2000, will be presented to an 11th or 12th grade high school age Clark County student who demonstrates leadership, takes a stand for the rights of others, serves as a role model, shows initiative and motivates others to become involved.



Nomination forms can be picked up at the Fort Vancouver National Trust's Celebrate Freedom office (General O.O. Howard House, 750 Anderson Street), downloaded from the Website ([www.fortvan.org](http://www.fortvan.org)) or by calling the Trust office (360- 992-1800). The nomination submission deadline is 5 p.m. on February 10, 2011.

You likely know a high school student who demonstrates many of these attributes. Please take the time to acknowledge them by nominating them for this award. Marshall Youth Award recipients receive a \$2,500 college scholarship provided by 40 et 8, Voiture 99, a summer internship with the Fort Vancouver National Trust, and the opportunity to participate in Celebrate Freedom programs throughout the year including Vancouver's Independence Day at Fort Vancouver! Not to mention the good feeling that someone actually noticed the things they did right! Give that special teen the acknowledgement they deserve.



**Best wishes for 2011 from your NSCNA Executive Board.**

If you haven't made a New Years resolution yet might we suggest you **Resolve to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood by becoming involved in the NSCNA**. As an all volunteer organization we are always looking for people who want to help. There are several opportunities right within these pages or call 573-2240.

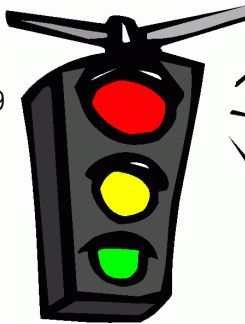
### SALMON CREEK INTERCHANGE PROJECT PROGRESSES ON TIME

The county recently completed an upgrade of traffic signals on Northeast 134th-139th Street in Salmon Creek. The project involved 17 different intersections, including NE 20th Avenue at Highway 99 and NE 129th Street at Highway 99 intersections.

That project will be tied into additional signal, road and freeway work that will be done with the Salmon Creek Interchange Project. The signal optimization project allows the county to adjust signal operations and better manage traffic during construction, instead of simply defaulting to a programmed cycle for signal operations. It also permits remote monitoring with real-time adjustments.

I believe we have already seen measurable improvements on 134th traffic flow from the optimized signal coordination. It gives some

hope to the landlocked residents north of 134th that have to rely on NE 10th ave for access.



Residents can help keep things moving. If you see a malfunctioning traffic signal, please call the Customer Service line at 397-2446

Clark County has wrapped up construction on Phase 1 of the Park and Ride migration. The next phase of work - construction of local road improvements - is on

schedule. It was advertised in December and construction is expected to begin in the next few months..

WSDOT's portion of construction is scheduled to be advertised this spring with construction expected to begin in late summer. Right of way acquisition is underway now. WSDOT is in the appraisal process and meeting with property owners.

### FREE TRAINING - Become a Master Composter/Recycler

The Master Composter/Recycler Program invites Clark County residents to join others in the community with a passion for sustainability and become a Master Composter/Recycler. Applications are being accepted for free volunteer training in composting, recycling, and other waste reduction and sustainability techniques. This comprehensive volunteer training will include backyard composting, vermicomposting, green building, recycling, and more.



Master Composter / Recycler volunteers help promote a healthy and sustainable community as waste reduction ambassadors.

They contribute thirty hours of service over the course of the following year in exchange for the free training – sharing their skills and knowledge about sustainability

Training will be held Thursday evenings, February 3rd through April 7th from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Clark County Operations Division Conference Center located at 4700 NE 78th Street. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To download a volunteer training application visit [www.columbiasprings.org/mcr](http://www.columbiasprings.org/mcr) For more information call 360-882-0936 x 224 or email [mcr@columbiasprings.org](mailto:mcr@columbiasprings.org).

*WHILE WE TRY TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN ALL ABOUT LIFE, OUR CHILDREN TEACH US WHAT LIFE IS ALL ABOUT.*

Angela Schwindt



### FREE BRIDAL FAIR

Brides, grooms and their families will find helpful wedding-related information at the Firstenberg Community Centers' free Bridal Show from 1 - 3 pm on January 29th. This is the time to find all the services you will need to plan your perfect wedding all in one place!

Show includes photographers, caterers, wedding dresses & tuxedos, boutiques and much much more. Experts will be on-site to answer all of your questions. It's the perfect place to start planning for your special day! For more information call 487-7005.



Second Saturdays at the Water Resources Education Center are not only fun, they're free!

4600 SE Columbia Way  
487-7111

Each second Saturday of the month, from 1 to 3 p.m., kids and their families are invited to explore a different topic through hands-on activities, games and stories.

On Feb 12th you can pretend to "Be a Scientist." Ever wonder what scientists do? Come and do different activities and experiments to experience how scientists work, or, make a piece of art from reused materials! There's always something new waiting at Second Saturdays!

### CUPIDS KITCHEN



Saturday Adventure Club at the Jim Parsley Community Center will be a cupid's delight from 9 am until 3 pm on February 12th. Students aged 6 to 13 will be making sweet treats for family and friends. They can enjoy kitchen time in the morning then swim in the afternoon and take home several handmade items. Lunch, all supplies and swim fee are included in the \$25 fee. Pre-registration is required. For more information see their website at [www.vansd.org/jpc](http://www.vansd.org/jpc) or call 313-4960.



### MOMS CLUB SPONSORS PRESCHOOL FAIR

The local Moms Club is sponsoring a Preschool Fair on Jan 22nd from 2 - 5 pm at the Three Creeks Library. This is a great opportunity to gather information and compare programs on a variety of Vancouver area preschools.

The fair is free but non-perishable food donations are appreciated. Proceeds will benefit the SHARE Backpack program.

More information is available at their website [momsclubvancouvernw.org](http://momsclubvancouvernw.org) or call 314-6347 or email questions to them at [MOMSClubVancouverNW@gmail.com](mailto:MOMSClubVancouverNW@gmail.com).



**NSCNA BUSINESS LOW DOWN**

Welcome to the first issue of the Salmon Creek *Low Down* where you'll find all the tittle-tattle on local business, growth, and any other local gossip we feel the need to pass on (minus the Lindsay Lohan news).

Businesses seem to come and go in Salmon Creek and changes in growth can happen super fast. People had been clamoring for a sushi restaurant in our neighborhood and now we'll have two with the opening of **Mio Sushi** in the former **Donovan's** location at 13317 NE 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. suite 103 across the parking lot just west of **Wayside Market**. If you like the food at **Donovan's**, don't despair, they will be just down the road inside the **Vancouver Clinic**.

Speaking of medical, it appears we're about ready to get a new branch of **SW Washington Medical Center** in our very own neighborhood. We'll pass on more details as we get them.

Rumor alert . . . rumor has it that **Verizon** will begin carrying an iPhone after the first of the year. For all of you who resolved to get one, a new authorized **Verizon** retailer will be opening soon next to the **7-11** on Hwy 99 across from **Safeway**.



If you're craving a snack, rumor has it that another fast food chain is looking for a pad in the Salmon Creek area on which to build a new restaurant. We'll keep you posted on the eats. It looks like we may have lost a pizza parlor near **Fred Meyer**. We'll keep you informed on their status. While we lost the pizza parlor, we gained a taco stand, "**Los Tacos**," next door to **Wayside**. Please give them a try and support the businesses in our neighborhood; their tacos are fabulous.

If you'd like to pass on any tidbits about local businesses coming and/or going, businesses you would like to see in our neighborhood, or any other gossip specific to Salmon Creek, feel free to send an email to [salmoncreeklowdown@gmail.com](mailto:salmoncreeklowdown@gmail.com).

**PLAY BALL!**

It's time to sign up for the 2011 Salmon Creek Little League season. The season starts March 12th with a 10 am ceremony with first games beginning at 11:30.



To join the fun you / your child need to register. You can do so now on their website [www.salmoncreekll.com](http://www.salmoncreekll.com) or in person at one of the sign up events held at **Salmon Creek Round Table Pizza** (13009 NE Highway 99):

- Wednesday, January 19, 5pm-8pm
- Tuesday, January 25, 5pm-8pm



*North Salmon Creek  
Neighborhood Association*  
**2011 NSCNA MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to join our mailing list. E-mail is our most effective method of communication. Be assured, **your e-mail address will be protected!** Regular newsletters, meeting notices and important community announcements are sent via e-mail. Paper copies are mailed only three times a year, or as finances allow, so timely information is not always possible except through email.

**MEMBERSHIP IS FREE**

Membership in the NSCNA is free and open to all home owners, residents, property owners, managers of multi-family dwellings, businesses and other non-profit organizations within our boundaries. Members, 18 years and older, are eligible to vote.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT NEEDED**

We need your financial support more than ever. Because we have no budget most of the costs of the organization are carried by your Executive Board members. Costs for mailing, photocopies, website, and a multitude of day-to-day costs. Some of the needs for NSCNA include accounting software, adding Welcome to Salmon Creek signage, and the big one will be adding amenities to our neighborhood park - building starts in 2012.

*Please contribute what you can – no amount is too small!*

**YES**, I can help. Enclosed is my gift to use where the NSCNA board sees need: \$5 \$10 \$20 \$30 \$40 \$50 or Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**YES**, I want to donate a brick paver for our park for \$150 - or engraved memorial brick for \$200 donation (enter name or message on lines below)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**NO**, I can't help financially, but I would like to volunteer to help with:  
(check any that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Meeting set up / hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/> July 4th event	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Open House	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Deliver Newsletters	<input type="checkbox"/> Fold Newsletters	<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood watch

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO: NSCNA 105 NE 150<sup>th</sup> Street  
Vancouver 98685**



# Library News

## Family Movie Afternoon

Three Creeks Community Library  
Saturday, January 29, 2:00 p.m.

It's show time! Pull up a chair and enjoy a movie about the adventures of toys that are mistakenly delivered to a daycare center. Can you guess the movie? Popcorn and punch will be provided. Call the library at (360) 571-9696 for information

## Free Computer Classes & Tutorials

Computer classes and personalized individual instruction are available at the main branch and many local branches throughout the district. There is no cost to attend but reservations are needed. Self-paced online tutorials are available anytime on the Electronic Resources Computers at your library branch or with your library card number on any internet-enabled computer. Call (360) 695-1566 for more information.



Available anytime under the Research Databases button on the library homepage – choose Learning Express.

Corel WordPerfect X3: Basic -- Advanced

Microsoft Access 2003: Basic -- Advanced

Microsoft Access 2007: Basic -- Intermediate

Microsoft Excel 2003 for Windows: Basic -- Advanced

Microsoft Excel 2007 for Windows: Basic -- Intermediate -- Advanced

Microsoft Excel 2008 for Macintosh: Basic -- Advanced

Microsoft Outlook 2003: Basic -- Advanced

Microsoft Outlook 2007: Basic -- Intermediate -- Advanced

Microsoft PowerPoint 2003 for Windows

Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 for Windows: Basic -- Advanced

Microsoft PowerPoint 2008 for Macintosh: Basic -- Advanced

Microsoft Word 2003 for Windows: Basic -- Advanced

Microsoft Word 2007 for Windows: Basic -- Intermediate -- Advanced

Microsoft Word 2008 for Macintosh: Basic -- Advanced

Microsoft Vista Business: Basic -- Advanced

Microsoft Windows XP: Basic -- Advanced

Mac OS X Leopard Desktop

## Story time Resumes Jan 4th at Three Creeks

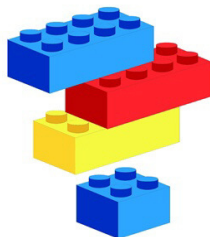
After a short holiday vacation Story times will resume starting January 4th.

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages 18 months – 3 years.

Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-6 years.

## Lego Lovers Unite

Love your legos? Join others each month for a new Lego challenge at the Three Creeks Library. **Thursday, January 27, 4:00 p.m.**



## RECYCLING CORNER

Recycling is processing used materials (waste) into new products to prevent waste of potentially useful materials, reduce the consumption of fresh raw materials, reduce energy usage, reduce air pollution (from incinerations) and water pollution (from land filling). We've all seen or heard of the "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" slogan but have you put it into practice?



Did you know that **plastic bags should never go into your recycling carts!** Collecting used bottles, cans, and newspapers is one of the easiest ways we can help out the

environment. Plastic shopping/grocery bags however are not accepted in our curbside recycle bins because although they are recyclable, they can easily get stuck inside machinery during the recycling process. Waste Connections tells us that plastic bags clog their machinery. "At least twice a day, we have to shut the entire sorting facility down and send in people with box cutters to cut the plastic bags out, by hand."

Please help them out by NOT including plastic bags in your recycling carts. If you use bags to collect recycling, empty the items into the cart, but do not include the bag. Better yet, use a tub, box or bucket to collect recycling and reuse it each week.

The good news is that many major grocery chains, (Fred Meyer, Albertsons, and Safeway in our Salmon Creek neighborhood) now accept ALL plastic bags at their stores for recycling. Plastic bags are used in the production of composite decking material which is a healthy industry. An extra bonus - some stores will actually reward you for bringing your own bag!

Similarly, although you may recycle your newspapers, the bags that they are delivered in are not allowed in the curbside bins. **Your local Columbian and Oregonian newspaper carriers can reuse these bags.** If you would like to have your plastic newspaper bags reused, simply collect them over a period of a few weeks or months then

leave them in a conspicuous place for your newspaper carrier to pick up and reuse. You can leave them tied to your doorknob, on your doormat, inside your paper box, etc. as long as they are visible to your newspaper carrier. You will also be helping your newspaper carrier save money from having to purchase more bags! So... let's get involved and "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!"





Southwest  
Washington  
**Agency on  
Aging and  
Disabilities**

**Senior Information & Assistance Program  
694-8144 or 637-6060**

If you are a person 60 years of age or over, an adult with disabilities and/or a family caregiver, you may be eligible for a wide range of services through the Southwest Washington Agency on Aging and Disabilities. The Southwest Washington Agency on Aging and Disabilities (SWAAD) is the federally designated agency on aging for the five southwest Washington counties which includes Clark county. It is one of thirteen agencies on aging in Washington State and is part of the state and national network of area agencies on aging.

By providing access to a wide range of resources, SWAAD makes it possible for older individuals, adults with disabilities and their families to choose the services and living arrangements that suit them best. To assist older persons in making informed choices and decisions, the SWAAD directly provides specialized services called Senior Information and Assistance. Senior Information & Assistance offices are located in Vancouver, Kelso, Goldendale, Stevenson, and White Salmon.

The Senior Information and Assistance Program is a **free service** that acts as a main access point for a wide range of public and private resources that are available to older population, adults with disabilities, and family caregivers. Their goal is to support independence, dignity, and health of seniors. This may include information giving, service referrals, advocacy, assistance and caregiver services, and screening to determine if an in-home assessment is needed. Information and assistance can be provided on the phone, in person, by email, or regular mail.

**"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."**

....Marjorie Moore



**MORE TO COME FROM LOCAL FARMERS MARKET**

**Summertime,  
summertime.....**

The memory of warm summer

evenings at the Salmon Creek Farmers' Market seems part of the distant past! But planning is underway for 2011. The farmers' market season is just around the corner. The SCFM's goals for January are to find a location, corral some great sponsors and begin organizing!

The on-line survey immediately following the 2010 season of the market reported that the vast majority of those who were surveyed thought the availability of fresh produce and fruit most important, closely followed by the availability of having local produce and fruit. A convenient location took third place in the list of important factors. In addition, most of those surveyed shopped other businesses while at the farmers' market, such as Fred Meyer, Riverview Bank and the Library.

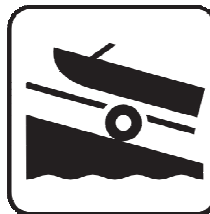
As to location, those who were surveyed responded strongly to the interest in staying close to the Salmon Creek "core", and were mixed in their responses to how willing they would be to travel south into Hazel Dell, west out to NW 36<sup>th</sup> (Seward), east to WSU Vancouver and north to the Fairgrounds neighborhood. So we have our work cut out for us in the coming months.

**WE NEED TO KEEP HEARING FROM YOU.** Take the survey referenced above; go to the [www.salmoncreekfarmersmarket.com](http://www.salmoncreekfarmersmarket.com) website – click on [TAKE A SURVEY](#) to give us your opinions. Or send a message to [info@salmoncreekfarmersmarket.com](mailto:info@salmoncreekfarmersmarket.com) and tell us what you'd like to see at your local farmers' market in 2011. Interested in donating or volunteering? Send an email to address above or call Ann Foster at 574-5093.

**2011 BUDGET RESTORES  
SOME PARK AMENITIES**

The budget approved in December by the Board of County Commissioners includes funding to keep Clark County regional parks and boat launches open year-round, bring lifeguards back to Kline Pond and reopens the sprayground water feature at the pond.

In 2009 budget cuts were necessary because of the economic downturn. These cuts resulted in reduced park services. The NSCNA's Parks Committee is researching how the remaining cuts will impact us. We need a better understanding of the maintenance provided by the Metro Bond as the funding approved in the 2011-12 budget does not restore all of the previous cuts to parks maintenance and operations. The parks and boat launches will remain open, but at a reduced maintenance level.



Another important source of maintenance funding is daily parking fees, which are now collected year-round at four parks and two boat launches. Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation sells annual parking passes for \$40, which provide regular park visitors with unlimited visits to all parks with parking fees for a calendar year. More information is available online at: [www.vanclarkparks-rec.org](http://www.vanclarkparks-rec.org).

**POTHoles and SNOW**

With cold winter weather upon us many residents have concerns on the snow plowing services provided by Clark County. Will residential streets be plowed is always a concern.

The County is responsible for maintaining 2,665 lane miles, roughly the driving distance between Vancouver and Atlanta, and does not have the resources to clear every street. We focus on the busiest roads to keep people, goods and services moving. Property owners are responsible for maintaining access to driveways and parking lots



What about all the potholes? Unless the county is notified of a problem they are not always aware it exists. This is where residents can help. **You can request potholes and other road maintenance by filling out an online request at** [www.clark.wa.gov/publicworks/roads/report.html](http://www.clark.wa.gov/publicworks/roads/report.html)

**The next workshop hosted by the  
Aging Readiness Task Force is on  
Healthy Communities.**

**You are invited!**

Thursday, January 20 at 2:00 p.m.  
Red Cross Building, 605 Barnes Street

Please call 397-2280 X 4958 to REGISTER.

## Free Duct Testing Program Energy Efficiency Services

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 inspector 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 and house leakage rate. Ducts often lose 10% to 30% of the heated air that is produced by a furnace or heat pump. A 30% percent leakage rate with a new 80% efficient furnace turns that furnace into a 50% efficient furnace, a big money loser month after month.



After testing and inspecting your house, furnace and duct system the inspector will review the test results

with you and 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 incentives 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. Local utilities offer rebates for duct repair as well. Combining rebates can cut the cost of repair significantly often in half.

For more information or to see if your home qualifies call **Steve Alexander** at (360) 397-2375 ext. 4752 or visit [www.planetclark.com](http://www.planetclark.com)

## HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Do you enjoy meeting and greeting people? Would you enjoy helping set up the meeting room or are you willing to distribute hand outs or perhaps solicit merchants for refreshments or door prizes? There are so many little things that make our NSCNA meetings a success.



**Jennifer Konopasek**, chair of the hospitality committee, is looking for a few residents who can help. If you are interested please give her a call on 604-5720.



## NEWS in the NSCNA

Skyview Choirs and Orchestra are proud to present their Storm Forecast Concert at **7 pm on Feb 10th!** in the Skyview Auditorium 1300 NW 139th street. This concert features music they have prepared for the competition season. Their invitation reads: "Come hear how we challenge ourselves! All are welcome, and **admission is free!**"



Mark your calendar for the next restaurant nights supporting Salmon Creek Elementary. These local merchants are donating a percentage of profits to our school so make a point of eating out these evenings to help make the events a real success.

- Jan 24<sup>th</sup> at Hazel Dell **Five Guys**
- Feb 28 at **Baja Fresh**

For more information or if you are interested in helping with these events contact: [pta.president@salmoncreekpta.org](mailto:pta.president@salmoncreekpta.org)

Salmon Creek Elementary PTSA is looking for parents to volunteer at the licorice table during lunch recess on Fridays. If you can help or want for more information contact **Erica Willis** at 991-2259 or email [cedricaneria@yahoo.com](mailto:cedricaneria@yahoo.com).

Mark March 19<sup>th</sup> on your calendars to save the date for this years '**All That Jazz' Silent Auction & Dinner at the Heathman Lodge** sponsored by the Chinook PTSA. The silent auction is one of the largest fund raisers for the PTSA. They are well on the way to breaking last year's record breaking donations. New this year, they will add a live auction along with the popular silent auction!

Volunteers are needed to assist with coordination of the auction events, including marketing, logistics, facilities, decorations, and a multitude of other tasks.



Donations are always welcome; if you or your employer are able to donate, please contact [auctions@chinookpta.com](mailto:auctions@chinookpta.com).

## PRICELESS WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE IS FREE

Take a walk down Clark County's memory lane by viewing "Picture Clark County" now through Feb. 4th in the library at Washington State University (WSU) Vancouver (14204 NE Salmon Creek Avenue ). The exhibit features 32 reprints from the digital photographic collections of the Clark County Historical Museum, along with several antique cameras from the curator's private collection.



The photos in the Clark County Historical Museum collection were taken by amateur photographers and include more than 7,500 images from all over Clark County. Photos from the 19th and early 20th centuries show Clark County as a

community based on trade and agriculture. They also demonstrate the county's growth in industry and commerce through the post World War II era. The collection features photographs of historic buildings, social life, scenic views, and

notable families and citizens from the area. Very intriguing!

A special Curator's Talk featuring co-curators **Jeannette Altman**, **Robert Schimelpfenig**, and **Susan Tissot**, executive director of the Clark County Historical Museum, will be held at 5 pm Jan. 14th in the WSU Vancouver Library.

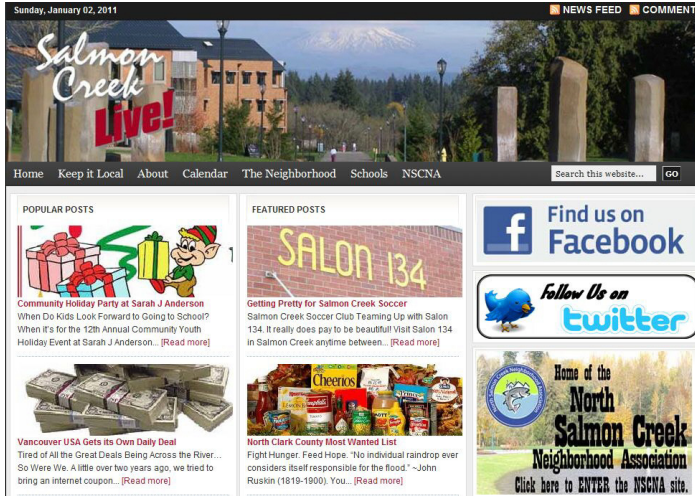
**Admission is free!** For more info call 546-9552.

## HAVE YOU VISITED OUR NEW WEBSITE YET? [WWW.SALMONCREEKLIVE.COM](http://WWW.SALMONCREEKLIVE.COM)

**Mitch Canton**, NSCNA Director of District 3 has another talent - building websites. We have enjoyed watching the evolution of the new one he has built for our neighborhood. If you haven't looked lately it's a good time to start a new habit for the new year. It has all the neighborhood business information from the old site - governing documents, meeting minutes and all the dreary minutiae that is necessary to keep a Neighborhood Association running smoothly. But the new site adds some fun spice to the mix.

You will find the new website is updated almost daily. It is a wealth of information on upcoming events; both on the calendar and with articles, and reporting on current events that include pictures and videos.

You will find information on where to go, what to do, and even coupons from some local merchants. There is even a link to popular networking sites Facebook and Twitter - yep you can "friend us now"!



This is YOUR website. If you know of upcoming events that would be of interest to the neighborhood you can submit them to the web master with a link at the bottom of the page. If you have suggestions to improve the site we want to hear them - contact any officer or director (listed on page 1). Our desire is for this to become your "go to site" for all local information. Help us achieve this goal in 2011.

### NSCNA RESIDENTS MEET WITH COMMISSIONER STUART on ZONING CONCERNS

A group of residents concerned with the County's response to zoning complaints associated with several proposed developments in the NSCNA last year decided to take action. Loopholes in the building code (title 40) were leveraged by developers to essentially down zone several areas in our neighborhood which places them out of compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. The fact that these projects were approved despite being strongly contested by the neighborhood was very perplexing. (down zone =10,000 sq ft minimum lot size became 3,200 sq ft) These deviations are certain to change the flavor of our neighborhood .

The group met over several months reviewing and documenting issues with title 40. On Nov 23rd four members of the group met with **Commissioner Steve Stuart** to present the concerns. We were very impressed with his knowledge and obvious interest in improving title 40. It was refreshing to feel that neighborhood input was both heard and valued.

**Commissioner Stuart** was aware of several of the issues we presented and agreed they needed resolution beyond current drafts from the title 40 re-write team. He made a commitment to work with us in 2011 and we anticipate some positive changes.

The work product of this diligent group will be turned over to **Carrie Palandrani**, the new Chairperson of the NSCNA Zoning Committee as she leads the charge in 2011 follow-up. Copies of the document will also be available for interested residents at the NSCNA 's January 25th meeting at Riverview Bank.

While it may be too late to stop what has happened we can close the loopholes so it gives residents a better chance to envision what might be built on vacant lots adjacent to their property. Remember - if you are not part of the solution you are part of the problem. **Carrie** is looking for other interested residents to help in this effort. Join in, give her a call on 573-5509.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NSCNA Meeting  
 Tuesday  
 January 25th, 2011  
 7:00 PM

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

- March 22nd, 2011
- May 24th, 2011
- July 26th, 2011
- September 27th, 2011
- November 15th, 2011

### MANY THANKS TO MERCHANT SUPPORTERS OF THE NSCNA

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