



North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association News

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NEXT MEETINGS

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!



July 26th
September 27th
November 15th


Starts at 7 PM
Riverview Community Bank
800 - D NE Tenney Rd



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Our next guest speakers

Join us July 26th when we will be hearing from the State of Washington and Clark County for a project update on our brand new 139th Street widening and interchange project. We hope to have speaker from C-tran available as well to fill us in on the new Park & Ride lot that is nearing completion. **C-TRAN** 



For the latest news surrounding this \$84M project, go to
www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i5/ne134thi205

Brian Salsig from the Clark County Sheriff's Office will also be presenting more insightful information about crime in our neighborhood. We learned valuable information at our last meeting from Deputy Bob Carder who works the Salmon Creek beat. He suggested the best way to get panhandlers to leave our area is to NOT give them anything. Despite our willingness to always help others he believes we are only exacerbating the issue and sending a message that panhandling is lucrative in Salmon Creek. Also we were advised to avoid giving a panhandler money as often this lead to the purchase of drugs and not food.



Come prepared to ask the experts any question you may have about either the interchange project or safety issues here in Salmon Creek. See you at 7pm!

NSCNA Meeting
7 - 8:30 PM on July 26th, 2011

Agenda

- Minutes
- Treasurer's report
- Committee Reports

SPEAKERS

- 139th Street Interchange Project
 - Clark County
 - WSDOT
 - C-tran
- Clark County Sheriff's Office—Area Statistics

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Stay and chat a bit, enjoy the menu items supplied by our local **Spanky's Pizza** and cookies from **Fairlight Bakery**. Door prizes from **Salmon Creek Cleaners**. We should even have some **Peet's Coffee** to share.



Summer Water Conservation

Following are some suggestions on ways to save water:

- Take showers rather than baths. Showers use about a third as much water.
- Take shorter showers.
- Avoid leaving the water running while shaving and brushing teeth.
- Don't use the toilet as a trash can.
- Use the dishwasher and washing machine only with full loads.
- Don't run water continuously for vegetable and dish washing.
- Water lawns in the morning to avoid evaporation.
- Keep grass at least two inches high to shade roots.
- Use mulch or ground covering plants to prevent excessive evaporation.
- Use waste water from the house to water your garden.
- Plant native or drought tolerant plants.
- Water trees slowly, deeply and infrequently to encourage deep rooting. A slow drip for an hour once a week should be sufficient for most trees.
- Use a broom rather than the hose to clean off walkways, patios and other outdoor areas.
- When washing your car, use a bucket of water or a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle instead of letting the hose run.



Recycling News

Your NSCNA Recycling reminder returns this month with the (literally) age-old question of what to do with old paint stored in your garage or basement. This dilemma comes up during the summer months when tackling that once-every-five-year cleaning. Here's the answer!

Clark County Solid Waste, in cooperation with Miller and Rodda paint stores, will recycle, reuse, or safely dispose of your unused paint.

- Residents of Clark County may bring up to 25 gallons per household per day to the Miller or Rodda paint store where purchased.

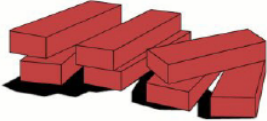
- The returned paint should be in five gallon containers or smaller.
- You may not return paint in leaking, damaged, or unlabeled containers. Latex paints will be recycled and oil-based paint and paint products will be reused as alternative fuel. Each paint company will accept only those paint and paint-related products sold by their company.

For old paint that was not purchased at either Miller or Rodda, contact Clark County Solid Waste at (360) 397-6118 ext. 4352, or try the Habitat for Humanity Store, open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 5000 E. Fourth Plain for donating used paint in good condition.



MAKE YOUR MARK ON YOUR PARK

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



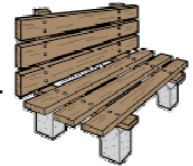
Another way to help is to sponsor a bench or a picnic table. In honor or memory of someone special, or just so you can have a place to sit, sponsoring one of these is a lifetime tribute to our neighborhood and your generosity. They will be built to last a lifetime. *Bench Sponsorships are \$750 and Picnic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

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

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Payment Enclosed: _____



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

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

Brick 1

Brick 2

Brick 3

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

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

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



Salmon Creek Farmers' Market promises summer weather and fresh food from local farmers, Thursdays, 3 pm to 7 pm. It is located on NE 134th St., just west of the I-5 southbound on-ramp and behind Biscuits Café, Wayside Market and the Shell Station. Special thanks to Dale Lang, who owns the property, for offering the use of his land to the community for the market this year.

Expect to see your favorite vendors returning from last year, along with lots of new vendors bringing fresh food from farms and small businesses local to Wash-

ington. Live music every week entertains from 4 to 6; the Barnyard from Crossway Church is back to offer fun farm crafts for kids and their families; Chef Britt returns with Highgate Senior Living entertaining and informing us with cooking demonstrations and recipes using fresh produce.

Columbia River High School's horticulture students sell organic, northwest-produced vegetable seeds - proceeds benefit CRHS and the farmers' market.

The North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association has its own community table. Stop by and introduce yourself to neighborhood association representatives.

New this year, the market is pleased to participate in the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, with benefits for Women Infants & Children and Senior clients.

Volunteering is fun and greatly appreciated. It doesn't have to be every week or all four hours of the market. Every little bit helps. **Send an email to info@salmoncreekfarmersmarket.com or call Ann Foster at 574-5093.**

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



Chinook Elementary Calendar

September 2011

- 1 New Parent Meeting/Orientation 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- 6 Welcome Back Social (Full School/4:30-6:00 pm) Classrooms open 5-6 pm
- 7 First Day of School/Welcome Back Coffee (Gym/Café 8:30-10 am)
- 12 Curriculum Night Gr. K 6:00-6:45 pm
- 13 Curriculum Night Gr. 1 6:00-6:45 pm
- 14 Curriculum Night Gr. 2 6:00-6:45 pm
- 15 Curriculum Night Gr. 3 6:00-6:45 pm
- 19 Curriculum Night Gr. 4 6:00-6:45 pm
- 20 Curriculum Night Gr. 5 6:00-6:45 pm



Vancouver School District Reminder

Attention: Families on Boundary Exceptions

In-District Student Transfer Forms are now being accepted for the 2011-12 school year. Transfer forms must be renewed yearly. Approval will be based on space availability at each grade level. Decisions may not be made until late August or the first day of school, depending on enrollment at a particular grade level.



2011 NW NATURAL PARADE OF HOMES AND OPEN HOUSE TOUR

In a few short weeks, the 2011 NW Natural Parade of Homes and Open House Tour, with the Remodeled Homes Tour, will be in full swing. This year's Parade at Moongate subdivision in Felida promises to be the

best yet, with seven amazing homes, a gorgeous location, fantastic sponsor participation and lots of excitement leading into the event. Head west on NW 127th Street off of Lakeshore Ave. Visit the parade website for map and directions.

www.ClarkCountyParadeofHomes.com

Don't miss the fun and excitement of all the events and activities:

VIP NIGHT - ESCAPE TO MOONGATE, July 21st 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

This evening promises to be a wonderful mix of lively music, Southern-inspired cuisine and chocolate fondue dessert, and an eclectic assortment of guests perfect for mingling with, all under the stars at Moongate! Plus you'll have a chance to see the homes before the Parade officially opens Friday morning! Tickets can be ordered now at

www.ClarkCountyParadeofHomes.com.

FAMILY DAY July 30th

This year's Family Day will be based in the cul-de-sac from 11:00 – 3:00. NW Natural will provide lunch for the first 300 people. We have lots of hands-on fun for young and old, including inflatables, a rock climbing wall, heavy equipment, a SWAT team with all their gear, and so much more!

COLOR & DESIGN TOURS

There will be 2 Color & Design Tours:

The day tour will be 11:00 – 1:00 Thursday, July 28 through homes #1-3.

The evening tour will be 6:00-8:00 Thursday August 4th through homes #4-7.

Tour participants will gather in the cul-de-sac for an introduction, light refreshments and will then be divided into touring groups. Designers will be in each home to share their insight and inspiration for the interiors of these beautiful homes.

UMPQUA BANK DAY with K103 and Black Gold Potting Soils

Get your \$2 off admission with a coupon from their website or at an Umpqua bank branch.

GLOBAL SECURITY HALF-PRICE DAYS, July 27 and August 3 – \$5 general admission

The 2011 **REMODELED HOMES TOUR** will take place July 30 and 31. This popular tour will offer the chance to tour freshly remodeled homes, and for those ready for a remodeling project and wanting to meet contractors who are the best of the best in Clark County. We are selling an outstanding value combo-ticket to see the Parade of Homes & Open House Tour and Remodeled Homes Tour. Visit their web site: www.RemodeledHomesTour.com

Volunteer for Parks & Trails

Whether you are part of a group or would like to help out individually, parks throughout the county can benefit from your time and talents. To find out about current volunteer opportunities at your favorite parks and trails, or to learn how to become a volunteer, call (360) 397-6118 ext. 1627 or visit www.clark.wa.gov/publicworks/parks/volunteer.html

Free Computer Education Resources at Empower Up

Empower Up, Clark County's computer education and reuse non-profit organization is providing the following free computer classes and resources to the public. The Empower Up Education Center is located at 5000 E. Fourth Plain Blvd. Suite E-101 in Vancouver. Some of their classes include:

Intro to the Internet

Online Resume using Linked-In

One-on-One Mentoring

Free Internet Access

Free PC Clinics

Free Mac Clinics

Call 360-735-0888 or send an email to: info@empowerupnow.org

Parks Foundation launches Nature Explore Club

The Parks Foundation of Clark County, in partnership with Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation, is launching a Nature Explore Club program. A Nature Explore Club is a group of friends and family members that commit to meet at, and explore, a new park or trail at least once a month throughout the summer. There are no set rules, except what individual club members develop to meet their interests and schedules. To learn more about the Nature Explore Club program visit the Parks Foundation website, www.parksfoundation.us, or call 360-487-8370 for more information.

Celebrating 25 years of music in the park, the city of Vancouver has announced the line-up for the **2011 Terry Lee Noon Hour** and **Riverview Six to Sunset Concert Series**. Held Wednesdays at noon and Thursdays at 6pm at **Esther Short Park**, this is sure to provide great family-friendly entertainment. Check out the line-up, bring your lounge chair and your dancing shoes!

Wednesdays, 12-1pm

July 6 – Vancouver Pops Orchestra
July 13 – Justin Klump
July 20 – Key of Dreams
July 27 – Flexor T
August 3 – Tom May
August 10 – Misty Mamas



Thursdays, 6-8pm

July 7 - GruVbox
July 14 - 5 Guys Named Moe
July 21 - Patrick Lamb Band
July 28 - Quarterflash
August 4 - The Antics
August 11 - Hit Machine

\$100 Pet License fine

Starting July 1, 2011 the fine for not licensing your dogs and cats jumped from \$25 to \$100 per pet. Licensing your animals has been the law for several decades in all parts of Clark County and Vancouver. The rates for licensing have not changed, only the penalty for not licensing have increased. County and City officials understand the great work that Clark County Animal Protection & Control staff provide for citizens and its animal population, so they took action to help provide funding for services hoping to match ever-increasing demand. The intent of the dramatic increase was not to increase revenues via the penalty, but to get more people to comply with the licensing law.



In 2010 the program paid \$150,000 for shelter services, \$8,000 to remove unwanted coyotes, had officers working seven days a week, removed a rabid bat, 42 venomous snakes, 2 giant turtles, 4 alligators, 187 guinea pigs, as well as cases involving cows, sheep, hundreds of horses, raccoons and a 250 pound pot bellied pig that took eight people to lift. You can see how even licensing your indoor pets play a vital role in generating the funding necessary to make this a better community for people and pets. License your pets today to help in the effort.

If you take your dogs to one of the county 's four off-leash parks, they must be licensed. The new laws will allow for the \$100 fine to be reduced to \$50, but you will still owe the licensing fee.. Licenses for spayed/neutered dogs are \$16 while cats are \$10 for a calendar year. Unaltered are \$40 and \$20.

We expect our local governments to provide services to care for the lost, the homeless and the unwanted pet. We expect them to protect our society providing officers who are trained in socializing environment. It is the most of the funding for this pro-



against public health threats and social injustices by providing categories from infectious disease to criminal investigation care for to be provided veterinary care and a clean, safe law to license ALL your dogs and cats thereby providing

Can you imagine our city/county without an animal control agency? Who would take care of the stray animals, the abused pets and the puppy mill victims? How would you locate the owner of a stray puppy or kitten? Who would you call if your dog ran off during a thunder storm or 4th of July fireworks? Local animal control agencies must be supported by veterinarians and the pet owning community and the best way to support these agencies is through pet licensing. These funds reunite pets with families, protect the abused, house the unwanted, protect society and allow the officers to do what they do so well. Please license your pet by visiting Clark County 's website @ www.clark.wa.gov/pets to download an application or find the location of a licensing agent in your area. Support this dedicated group of professionals, the humane officers, as they protect us, our society as well as our pets.

THIS NEWSLETTER IS BEING HAND DELIVERED TO RESIDENTS OF THE NORTH SALMON CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION THANKS TO PARTNERSHIPS WITH:



A VARIETY OF SUPPORTIVE LOCAL MERCHANTS , and

A GROUP OF DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS WALKING THEM TO YOUR DOOR!



Clark County pays for publication and postage for up to three newsletters per year. NSCNA publishes bi-monthly (6 times a year) The County also pays for copying these additional three newsletters but they must be distributed by volunteers.

Newsletters such as this one are in your hands only because a volunteer delivered it.

Consider offering to deliver to just your housing development as you take an evening walk.
Remember membership in NSCNA is voluntary and free so we are really counting on you.

Send an email to barbara.anderson@msn.com or call our NDT coordinator Larry Gentry on 571-5293 to volunteer for the September delivery

VOLUNTEERING

We had so much fun this 4th of July giving kids, young and old, snow cones and cotton candy at the Felida 4th of July Parade and carnival. Thousands attended, and Mother Nature brought out all her best!



We live in a great part of Washington with so many opportunities to give of your time, talents, or treasures. The Neighborhood Association would love to incorporate you and your resources into our many endeavors. We have a booth at the Salmon Creek Farmer's Market, we have a highway clean up crew, we are raising money for our new park, we love where we live and want you on our team. Give any one of our board members a call to find out how your valuable resource will gladly be put to use. Even just delivering few newsletters to your neighbors is fantastic!



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NSCNA Meeting
Tuesday, July 26, 2011
7:00 P.M.



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

And please join us at our
upcoming meetings:

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November 15, 2011