



# 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!



March 22nd  
May 24th  
July 26th

Starts at 7 PM -

Riverview Community Bank

800 - D NE Tenney Rd

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## MARCH MEETING SPEAKERS HELP SAVE RESIDENTS TIME / \$\$\$\$

Hello fellow neighbors of Salmon Creek. I hope you read cover-to-cover this month's newsletter as it is packed with important, timely and fun information that affects you, your family and possibly your business.

We hope you are planning to join us at our next neighborhood meeting where we have guest speakers discussing the Salmon Creek Interchange Project. This month we will focus on the streets that Clark County will be rebuilding, which are 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue as it heads north past IQ Credit Union, the Park & Ride lot, and 139<sup>th</sup> Street as it heads East/West behind Fred Meyer. Contracts were just awarded, so you should see/experience the construction upgrades very soon. As Washington State's portion of the project begins construction on and over I-5, we will have speakers attend our meeting this summer to discuss. To learn more about the Salmon Creek Project, we will be

meeting **March 22, 2011 at 7pm in the Riverview Bank** or you can visit the WSDOT website at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i5/ne134thi205/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i5/ne134thi205/).

The two-hour meeting will begin with a brief discussion by **Mike Selig** from Clark County's Energy Efficiency Program. Mike will share with us how federal grants are available right now to have your home's energy efficiency checked. With tax savings incentives to upgrade your home, there is never a better time to invest in your home, lower your energy bills, and enjoy the tax benefits. Come hear Mike explain how you can take advantage.

**Starbucks Coffee** will be served along with those wonderful cookies from **Fairlight Bakery**, so please come join your neighbors in learning what's new and important in Salmon Creek.

## PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING - WANTED: RESIDENTS WHO LIKE TO HAVE FUN WHILE THEY WORK

Our Chinook Neighborhood Park will begin construction in spring 2012. That gives us a year to do some fund raising for additional amenities. Right now the objective is to add three additional benches to the two funded benches along the walkway and a gazebo to house two picnic tables near the play area. We also have a few ideas for adding some educational elements.

The ground work began several years ago when we organized as a

501C3 non profit to support this anticipated fund raising.



Salmon Creek Round Table Pizza has generously donated a meeting room and refreshments for our next committee meeting. Please join us:

**Wed - March 30th @ 7 pm  
Round Table Pizza  
13009 NE Hwy 99**

## FELIDA NA TO HONOR JULY 4th VOLUNTEERS

There is no disputing the fact that the Felida Childrens July 4th Parade and Celebration is one fun-filled day! Over the years NSCNA residents have moved from simply attending the event to being fully engaged. Last year we had 27 NSCNA Volunteers that helped make snow cones, cotton candy, organize games and a multitude of other crazy fun chores.

**Dr Milada Allen**, President of the Felida NA along with guest host Commissioner **Tom Mielke** will honor these NSCNA volunteers with other honorees at a special event:



**Wednesday March 23rd 7 pm  
BOCC Hearing Room  
6th Floor  
1300 Franklin**

*If you are one of the volunteers we especially want you to join us there. But the invitation is open for all NSCNA residents. Come and cheer on residents supporting the community. Let them know that you appreciate their gift of time / talent in helping to sustain the livability of our neighborhood.*

It will be a good time - Felida knows how to put on a Party - Come have a little fun!

Hope 2 C U THERE!

**NSCNA Meeting  
7 - 8:30 PM March 22nd, 2011**



Agenda

- Minutes
- Treasurer's report
- Committee Reports



SPEAKERS:

- \* WSDOT & Clark County Public Works on I-5 Interchange project
- \* **Mike Selig** from Clark County's Energy Efficiency Program on weatherproofing your home and grant opportunities available to help homeowners.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR - Resident comments and announcements



Stay and chat a bit, enjoy the refreshments supplied by our local **Starbucks** and **Fairlight Bakery**



**DOOR PRIZES** from **Burgerville, Salmon Creek Cleaners and KC Teriyaki.**



**Up coming Events**

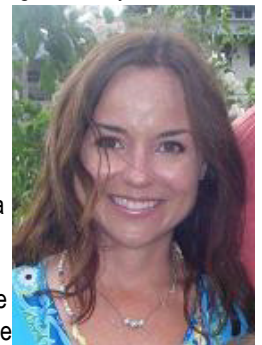
March 22nd - 7 pm - **NSCNA meeting** at Riverview Community Bank

The best place to find or **add your own groups current events** is our new online calendar. Our new and improved website has it all!!!

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**NSCNA BOARD SELECTS NEW DIRECTOR**

At our last general membership meeting we said goodbye and thank you to **Dan Bodell**, Director for district 4. After serving on the NSCNA board as both President and Director over the last five years Dan is relocating his family to Salt Lake. He will be missed!



We would like to extend a hearty NSCNA Welcome to **Carrie Anne Palandrani** who was elected new district 4 Director at the last NSCNA Executive Board meeting. Carrie is a familiar face having been active with zoning and parks issues for the last three years. She recently took on the chairmanship of the zoning committee and has, lucky for us, been willing to take on the added responsibilities of representing residents of district 4 (NW 11th Ave to 21st/41st Ave and from 151st to 154th Street).

Carrie relocated to Vancouver with her husband and three daughters from Kirkland Washington in 2004. Her husband graduated from Columbia River High school. She stated one of the primary reasons for moving back home was because "We love all the community and out door activities Vancouver has to offer." She is very involved in the Chinook Elementary PTSA where her daughters are students and was sure to remind us of their upcoming auction and carnival (see related article on pg 7).

District 4 residents can contact Carrie via email at [carmurphy@msn.com](mailto:carmurphy@msn.com)

**KIDS FISHING AT KLINELINE POND**

On April 9, 2011, the 12th Annual "Klineline Kids Fishing" event will be held at Klineline Pond. Over 1,500 children, ages 5-14, along with their parents, are expected to attend and will have the opportunity to experience and learn about the sport of fishing.

The program is a chance for kids from 5 to fourteen years old to go fishing without the bother of a long trip or organizing tackle. Every child gets their own Zebco rod and reel, a tee shirt and a goodie bag to take home. **All this for only \$5.00** registration fee. Space is limited so be sure to register soon before the 1500 slots fill up. You can find the registration form on the NSCNA website

[WWW.SALMONCREEKLIVE.COM](http://WWW.SALMONCREEKLIVE.COM), copies will also be available at the March meeting.

For the last 11 years the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has stocked a netted-off area of the pond with thousands of trout just to make sure that kids have the best possible chance of experiencing the thrill of

landing a big one. Equipment is provided. All kids have to do is get registered and show up with a parent. Everything is made ready for them. This program is aimed at getting more kids involved in fishing and building a base for the future stewards of this resource. For more information visit: [www.wdfw.wa.gov](http://www.wdfw.wa.gov).



**REMEMBER TO CHANGE THE CLOCK  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME  
SUNDAY MARCH 13TH**

**NOTES FROM PAUL . . . . . (continued from page 6)**

As the state struggles to balance their budgets, we have seen more and more garbage along our state highways. I would like to find out your interest in a **Salmon Creek Adopt-A-Highway Garbage Brigade**. Their job 2-4 times per year is to safely walk along south bound I-5 from the 134th Street on-ramp down to Salmon Creek, picking up and bagging garbage. Similarly along northbound I-5 from Salmon Creek to the 134th Street exit. The state sweeps the inner cement barrier and we would only take care of the sloped, planted berm that rise to meet our neighborhoods. Again this falls into the category of being proud of where we live, making Salmon Creek stand apart, and coming together as a community to make this an even greater place to call home.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining this beautification effort. I have the paperwork from the state, but require a team of supporters standing behind me before I submit our application. Contact me at [scarpelli2338@comcast.net](mailto:scarpelli2338@comcast.net).



**NSCNA BUSINESS  
LOW DOWN -**

*by Steve Smith*

Salmon Creek Low Down – for enquiring minds@

The last we heard, Lindsay Lohan was in trouble with law yet again and Charlie Sheen had a hit TV show, but on to better subjects. . .

**Biscuits Café** opened their second location in Vancouver on March 1st. Owner **Brian McKenney** is excited to be opening their new Salmon Creek location at 1319 NE 134<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 101; just east of Wayside Market. **Biscuits** will be offering a breakfast and lunch menu from 6:30 am - 2 pm Monday through Saturday.

**Mio Sushi** is opening their first location in Vancouver on March 16th! Located at 13317 NE 12<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 100 just west of Wayside Market. Owner is **Sonny Kim**. In the last issue we reported that we had lost a pizza restaurant near Fred Meyer. We are happy to say that new owners **Josh Walters** and **Joel McBroom** have taken on the **Pizza Schmizza** franchise and will be open as of this printing. I particularly enjoy their schpaghetti (spagatti and meatball) pizza; as whacky as it sounds, it's pretty good.

We'd like to congratulate **Sherri Adams Coldwell Banker Seal**@ on their new, more visible location at 14313 NE 20<sup>th</sup>, Suite B101 in the old Vanis Stove and Fireplace retail store east of **Albertsons**. **Cellular Plus**, a Verizon authorized reseller is now open at 12914 NE Hwy. 99. Can you hear me now? Rumor has it that **Redbox**@ will be adding some additional movie rental kiosk machines in the Salmon Creek area. Hopefully no more long waits at **Freddies**@, **Albertsons**@, or **Mickey D's**@!

Many people may have heard that **Round Table Pizza** is going through chapter 11 bankruptcy and that some locations will be closing. Have no fear! The Salmon Creek location is safe! It's a privately owned franchise and will continue to operate. Just down the road at **Fairlight Bakery**, they will soon be adding homemade from scratch breads and pastries along with offering coffee in addition to their fabulous cookies, scones, and shortbread. Fairlight Bakery is a family owned business and adds no preservatives to their baked goods. Make sure to stop by 11819 #C Hwy 99 and try one of their super-duper big cookies (my personal favorite is the chocolate chip). They're a little hard to find, but well worth the effort.

Could there be a future for one or two big box stores coming to our area? There is a distinct possibility! We'll keep you posted in future issues. If you'd like to pass on any tidbits about local businesses coming and/or going or businesses you would like to see in our neighborhood, feel free to send an email to [salmoncreeklowdown@gmail.com](mailto:salmoncreeklowdown@gmail.com)

**THIRD CONCEPT PLAN OPTION FOR CHINOOK PARK ON THE DRAWING BOARD**

*by Darcie Robertson-Smith*

Chinook Park is one step closer to becoming a reality! At the last NSCNA meeting held in January, Vancouver / Clark County Parks & Recreation Department presented two design concepts for the new Chinook Park. After mailed survey results were presented, some residents of one of the neighborhoods within the park use boundary conducted a door-to-door canvass providing additional feedback regarding amenities and design preference. Results were turned over to NSCNA board who presented the results to the Parks & Recreation Department. After all of the public comment was turned in the design team made some revisions so that we get the best of both designs! The revised concept plan will be presented to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board on April 15th for approval. If you'd like to view the design, make sure to visit our website at [www.salmoncreeklive.com](http://www.salmoncreeklive.com).

visitors will not return or will ride their bikes to the park thus eliminating the high traffic/no parking issue. The provisioning of Chinook Park has also seemed to set off a series of debates ranging from doing nothing with the property to adding all types of recreational fields and surfaces as well as a BMX/skateboard park and pet park within the Chinook Park boundaries. The door-to-door canvass results of 263 residents surveyed are listed below. Please note that there were 80



*Information from resident canvas on Chinook Park is turned over to Jilayne Jordan (2nd from L) at Clark County Parks & Rec by (L to R) Paul Scarpelli, Steve Smith, Avril Massey and Barbara Anderson (not pictured) representing residents parks concerns.*

This new design is an integration of spaces and places throughout the park, combining play structures, bridges, pathways, and green spaces in a cohesive flow throughout the park. Although Chinook Park is a neighborhood park, defined as providing basic recreation opportunities for nearby residents within walking or bicycling distance of residents, usually a half mile radius, some neighbors voiced concerns regarding parking and high traffic in the two neighborhoods immediately abutting the property.

While everyone agrees that Chinook Park is not a destination, it must be understood that people will come to the park from farther away than the one half mile radius simply because there is nothing else in our vicinity. Thus said, the abutting neighborhoods will most likely experience high traffic immediately after the park opens. The issue of parking should resolve itself however once people come to the park and see there is no parking or that they will need to park several blocks away and walk to the park. Most of these

additional survey forms not included in the 263 forms tallied due a timing problem. Results of the canvas are in the table at the bottom of this article.

**Kudos!** to the youth and their parents who conducted this survey. They may not have achieved their desired result which was the addition of a BMX/skate park to the design plan, but they put forth the effort and took the time to try to make their neighborhood park a place they can enjoy. **While you may not be able to change the neighborhood in which you live, you can change the experience you have in your own neighborhood by getting more involved with those around you and taking pride in the area in which you live.** Because of these efforts, the search will continue for a more appropriate location for a BMX/skate park so the youth in our neighborhoods will have a safe place to enjoy their sport. If you have any comments or concerns with the new Chinook Park design, please go to [chinookpark.wa@gmail.com](mailto:chinookpark.wa@gmail.com) and voice your opinions.

	CONCEPT		NO	ADDITIONAL AMENITIES			
	RIVER	ROUNDED	PREFERECNE	BMX/SKT	BSKTBALL	CVRD PICNIC	BENCHES
Totals	15	165	83	206	143	129	124
% of Total	5.70%	62.74%	31.56%	78.33%	54.37%	49.05%	47.15%



**Location,  
location.....**

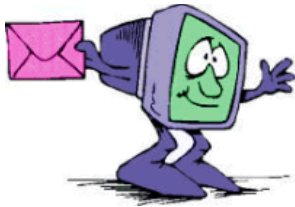
*by Ann Foster*

The Salmon Creek Farmers' Market will be staying in Salmon Creek in 2011. Thanks to the generosity of local landowners and businesses, we've managed to find a spot close to the core of Salmon Creek and avoid the construction that will be impacting major roads in our neighborhoods this summer.

The location will be announced at the March 22 NSCNA meeting (Riverview Bank, 7 p.m.).

Interested in donating or volunteering? Send an email to [info@salmoncreekfarmersmarket.com](mailto:info@salmoncreekfarmersmarket.com) or call **Ann Foster** at 574-5093.

**We  
Need  
Your  
Input**



Is your household connected to the internet, enabling you to log on to [WWW.SALMONCREEKLIVE.COM](http://WWW.SALMONCREEKLIVE.COM) to see our latest publications, or do we / may we have your email address so we can send the latest news to you directly? All email addresses are kept confidential.

Please send an e-mail to [NSCNA@salmoncreeklive.com](mailto:NSCNA@salmoncreeklive.com)

### DO YOU HAVE A LAPTOP COMPUTER SITTING AROUND?

AS A 501C3 IT IS VERY IMPORTANT OUR BOOKS BE KEPT IN A CONSISTENT METHOD. BY PROVIDING THE TREASURER WITH A LAPTOP FOR ACCOUNTING TOOLS IT WILL ENSURE THAT LEGAL OBJECTIVES ARE MET.

DONATION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE - Call Barbara at 573-2240.

## Spring Break Recreation and Outdoor Activities

*by Steve & Darcie Robertson-Smith*

March 21<sup>st</sup> through March 25<sup>th</sup> is Spring Break for Clark County schools. With rising fuel costs, we've decided to list a few family activities around a half hour drive of the North Salmon Creek Neighborhood ranging from overnight camping to day time activities for those who would like to get away from home for a few days but are fuel conscious or on a limited budget.



### ❖ **Battle Ground Lake State Park** – located

approximately 16 miles northeast of the I5/I205 interchange, Battle Ground Lake State Park is open year round for camping and day use. Camp sites tend to fill up early, so make your reservations as soon as possible. The park has 25 standard campsites, six hookup sites, four cabins, and 15 primitive sites. Activities include non-motorized boating, swimming, and fishing in the trout-stocked lake, five miles of horse trails with a primitive equestrian camping area, and mountain bike trails. Also available is wildlife viewing and interpretive activities. Day use and picnicking is also open daily from 8 am to dusk. For more information, call the park at 1-888-226-7688.

❖ **Lewisville County Park** – Located 2 miles north of Battleground on SR503. Lewisville County Park's amenities include multiple boat ramps into the East Fork of the Lewis River for fishing, reserveable picnic shelters for larger events, sports fields and hiking/wildlife viewing trails. For more information go to the Clark County website at [www.cityofvancouver.us/parks-recreation](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/parks-recreation).

❖ **Beacon Rock State Park** – Located about 40 miles east of Salmon Creek on SR14, Beacon Rock State Park has over 20 miles of hiking and mountain biking trails including a one mile ADA accessible hiking trail. There is also a 1 mile trail to the summit which provides a panoramic view of the Columbia River Gorge. Other activities include camping, fishing, equestrian trails, wildlife viewing, and day use picnic areas. Technical rock climbing is also available on a seasonal basis.

❖ **Salmon Creek Regional Park/Klineline Pond** – Klineline Pond is located just 3 miles south of Salmon Creek on 117<sup>th</sup> just off of Highway 99, Klineline features walking and biking trails, picnic shelters, fishing in the pond, and 35 acres of developed parkland as well as 368 acres of greenspace. Parking is available at the Salmon Creek Trailhead near the Felida Bridge off of NW 36<sup>th</sup> Ave.

❖ **Firstenberg Community Center** – Located 700 NE 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Vancouver, the Firstenberg Center is an 80,000 square foot multi-use facility designed for all ages and ability levels. It includes an indoor pool and spa, fitness center, aerobic studios, gym, indoor walking track, and a climbing wall. Parents can observe their children at the child watch area. Hours of operation vary, so call 360-487-7001 or visit [www.cityofvancouver.us/parks-recreation/centers](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/parks-recreation/centers) for more information.

❖ **Vancouver Water Resource Education Center** – Located on Columbia Way off of SR14, the Water Resource Education Center teaches people of all ages how to become good stewards of this important resource. Interactive exhibits are plentiful as well as educational.

❖ **Other family activities** - range from bowling centers, mini golf, roller rinks, and neighborhood park picnic areas. Don't forget our neighbors to the south at Oaks Amusement Park, located at the east end of the Sellwood Bridge, which will be open during Spring Break; the Children's Museum in downtown Portland; the Oregon Zoo; and OMSI.



We'll cover more local attractions in our next issue for things to do this summer so stay tuned!



# Library News

For over four years we have included a column on the many services and events offered at our local Three Creeks Library. Periodically it has included listings of storytimes targeted at a variety of age groups. While including this information I, in the back of my mind, thought "I can read a story to the grandkids right here at home." Well now after participating in the baby storytime with the twins for the last six months I must tell you - it's a whole lot more than that and I want to share a little bit about the most amazing woman - **Holly Cote**, the librarian in charge of the baby storytime (for babies up to two years of age).



*Holly integrates American Sign Language into story reading to fascinated toddlers. Here she is signing the word RED in reference to red bird.*

While storytime does include reading several stories it also includes singing, dancing, interactive play and other activities that support a curriculum Holly designed to promote goals of sharing information about early brain development and milestones, modeling and encouraging parent/infant play and interactions, encouraging pre-literacy skills, exposing parents to age-appropriate material for their babies, creating a positive early library experience, building & fostering relationships with children in the community and providing opportunities for parents and caregivers to meet and form friendships.

Holly shared "I've been an avid reader my entire life. I don't remember learning how to read, I just remember doing it constantly.... As a kid, I used to get in trouble for reading too much (and for singing at the dinner table!) I was my grandfather's darling, and we used to spend hours spinning stories between us." I can attest that she is a wonderful story teller - which is a world apart from simply reading a storybook!

Holly is originally from Connecticut and moved here in 1991. She completed her BA in French at Bates College in Lewiston ME and had planned on becoming a French teacher. When she graduated in 1989, she looked younger than the High School kids she was trying to teach - which brought its own set of problems so she translated for American Airlines for 2 years. When she moved to Vancouver she applied at FVRL "only as an interim plan until I decided what I wanted to do with my life". I saw Ruth Shafer (at the main branch) do a storytime, and I was inspired and hooked! It took me awhile to get into a position in which I would be working directly with children, but in 2002 I was hired on in the original staff hire for Three Creeks, and I'm still here! I say LUCKY US!!!!

Check out the story times at Three Creeks - You may just be pleasantly surprised, or maybe after this article you won't. But it is definitely worth the time.



## RECYCLING CORNER

In the last newsletter we discussed the recycling of plastic bags and how they adversely affect the machinery at Waste Connections if improperly disposed. This month, we'll look at how to safely recycle household hazardous waste including chemicals, electronics, and block foam. Household hazardous waste (HHW) can negatively affect groundwater if disposed improperly. By dumping household chemicals such as bleach, cleaners, antifreeze, etc. down your sink or storm drain, they can end up in local groundwater which can eventually end up in your household tap water as well as harm wildlife and pollute the environment. Used motor oil, antifreeze, batteries, and aerosol cans may be recycled in your weekly curbside pickup. Make sure to follow these rules when recycling HHW along with your regular curbside pickup:

- Remove plastic lids and caps from aerosol cans.
- Place used motor oil and antifreeze in an empty milk jug with a tight fitting lid and set out with your curbside bin. Be sure to keep motor oil and antifreeze in separate jugs.
- Place used batteries in a clear plastic resealable bag. You can include alkaline, ni-cad™, and lithium batteries. Vehicle batteries are not included in this recycling.



Clark County Environmental Services will be offering a **FREE** collection event in April for hazardous household waste, electronics, and block foam. Make sure to keep the chemicals, paint, pesticides, herbicides, etc. in their original containers. Electronics that may be recycled at this event include computers, monitors, TVs, VCRs, and cell phones. Accepted block foam includes clean block foam (Styrofoam®) only. Packaging peanuts and plastic wrapped yellow foam is not accepted. If you have any HHW, electronics, or block foam that you would like to recycle, please take your materials to **Clark College, Purple 1 Lot, 1900 Block of Ft. Vancouver Way on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.** Remember. . . **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!**

## NSCNA Festival Update

We are still in the process of organizing and planning a festival to benefit the new Chinook Park and other local organizations. We are planning on having the festival mid-year and hope to make it an annual event. We are looking for energetic volunteers or anyone with ideas they'd like to share regarding:

- \* Entertainment you would like to see
- \* Potential carnival rides, games and food booths
- \* Arts and crafts vendors
- \* Any other vendors you would like to see such as neighborhood organizations, etc.

If you would like to volunteer or have ideas to share, please send an email to [NSCNafestival@gmail.com](mailto:NSCNafestival@gmail.com) or contact **Steve Smith** at 360-852-8763.



## NOTES FROM PAUL . . . . .

Having been the Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association's President for nearly a year now, I feel an introduction of myself is a little overdue. I am a life-long resident of Vancouver, save a few years in Seattle graduating from U of W, and have lived somewhere off of Exit 7 - 134<sup>th</sup> Street, for going on 15 years. Living in Salmon Creek was a draw for me and my family due to close proximity to freeways and thus jobs all around the region, great housing, fantastic schools, but mostly the people. Friendly, caring, individuals and families, young and old, call Salmon Creek their home. I made a

wise choice as I hope you can personally agree with.

Responding to a newsletter announcement about a year ago for a volunteer to assume the duties of President because Avril Massey had to step down because of health problems, I soon found myself serving on your board of talented, dedicated and very enjoyable volunteer representatives. I've enjoyed my short tenure and was recently re-elected this last November, serving through 2011. Although very honored and pleased to serve my neighbors, I did base my

election speech upon two main themes, both grounded in the thought that when the new 139<sup>th</sup>/I-5 interchange is constructed, we could take advantage of the turmoil, using the construction as an opportunity to improve Salmon Creek.

The first idea was getting signage placed at both 134<sup>th</sup> and the new 139<sup>th</sup> exits announcing you're entering "Salmon Creek". These signs would be proudly displayed in monument style as traffic traveled west-bound on both arterials. The idea was to not only inform but add to the sense of pride and neighborhood often missing in our fast-paced lives. Although the architecture was open to discussion, I believe you have seen these tastefully constructed in lodge style, or some other such Northwest style. The second point was changing the name completely away from NW 139<sup>th</sup> Street, which as you travel west turns into NW Hathaway Road, and then finally turns into NW Bliss Road before terminating at Seward Road. Many of you may not even be aware that today when you take exit 7, head west on 134<sup>th</sup> Street, that by the time you hit Seward, you have unwittingly driven along five different roads each with a different name. My idea, although perhaps not original, was to get at least the 139<sup>th</sup>, Hathaway and Bliss portion renamed Salmon Creek Blvd, or something else defining us as Salmon Creek. The proposed name change would only affect a handful of residents and even fewer businesses, but again might advance the notion that you are in Salmon Creek and not just North Vancouver.

Signage is very much a possibility and with donated materials and labor from some local landscape architects and nurseries, can be constructed for minimal dollars. However, no land can currently be identified for locating these two SALMON CREEK signs. Having seen a few maps it appears there

are some possible locations within county easements, but we will have to wait literally for the construction dust to settle before we move forward.

At this time, I am being told by both the State Department of Transportation and Clark County Public Works that my idea for unifying street names, although making some sense, was about six months too late to be captured in the now completed bid process. The process has reached a certain point where any "change order" would have compromised the build out date. Not wanting to slow down the multi-million dollar project, I'm inclined to work with both agencies' staff at a later time to perhaps move forward with name changes. It is a struggle to understand how swapping a few luminescent numbers (139) for a few more luminescent letters (Salmon Creek Blvd.) would cost much, but I do understand how even a day's delay is thousands of dollars lost.

Should you have comments both for and against these ideas I really want to hear from you. As the neighborhood president, I represent you, your ideas and require your energy, money and other resources to make things happen. I can be reached at [scarpelli2338@comcast.net](mailto:scarpelli2338@comcast.net).

Although I hope you don't think my campaign agenda was unrealistic, and despite being moth-balled for now, I'd like to propose another idea that also has caught my attention; pollution.

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## Salmon Creek Newsletter



Technology has helped make the world a smaller place. We know in real time when Egypt decided a new path was required for their future. We see sporting events live as they occur from all corners of the world. E-mail and smart phones further this furious pace towards being "connected" all the time, no matter your location. Many public schools no longer send home announcements or other general information on paper. Most information is now disseminated electronically to each parent, skipping children's backpacks, saving trees, and being immediately in the hands of the intended final recipient. Electric, gas, telephone, cable, credit card, dog licenses, or any other bill conceivable may now be paid on-line.

The Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association Board needs your help. We continuously discuss the assumption that each household is "connected" to the web and could receive our newsletter electronically. One of the single most important tenet of neighborhood associations is communication. However, Salmon Creek is large. Volunteers' time is minimal, and yet 7,800 addresses of hand delivery of newsletters is an equally perplexing situation.

Recently, your Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association Board met to discuss the issue of going on-line for some newsletters, while mailing via United States Postal Services the three newsletters Clark County will pay for, and thus alleviating the necessity of door-to-door delivery three times per year. This would mean three fewer newsletters delivered to your door.

***We need your input! Is your household connected to the internet, enabling you to log on to [www.salmoncreeklive.com](http://www.salmoncreeklive.com) to see our latest publications, or do we/may we have your e-mail address so we may send the latest news to you directly?***

Again, communication with you is important, but the difficulty of having enough volunteers to deliver three newsletters per year is equally challenging. Would you please tell us your thoughts by contacting your board officers, district directors or e-mailing **Paul Scarpelli** at [scarpelli2338@comcast.net](mailto:scarpelli2338@comcast.net) or calling me at 360-524-2624. We'd even entertain ideas you may have on how to best disseminate the newsletters. Your input is important. Thank you.



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### NEWS in the NSCNA

“The Funniest Carnival Around” The Spring Carnival is one of Chinook’s most beloved events. It will take place on June 4th, 2011, from 11:00-4:00. Be sure to mark your calendars to reserve the date for this fun event that is open to all ages . This year’s carnival promises to be tons of fun, with OVER 20 GAMES and activities, six **yes 6** bounce houses!!! a BBQ, great prizes, and much much more!



To make this year’s carnival a success volunteers are needed at every level. Including behind the scenes prep work, co-chair positions, as well as working the day of the event. Please contact the PTSA at [carnival@chinookpta.com](mailto:carnival@chinookpta.com) to volunteer.

## All That Jazz

### You Deserve A Night Out!

Chinook PTSA is sponsoring the First Annual Chinook PTSA semi-formal Dinner Auction at the Heathman Lodge on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$45.00 each which includes dinner, entertainment, and over \$30,000 in great auction deals. Order tickets via email at [auctions@chinookpta.com](mailto:auctions@chinookpta.com). Be sure to mention the NSCNA and pay by March 11<sup>th</sup> to receive a \$10.00 discount! You’ll pay only \$35.00 per ticket instead of \$45.00.

This is an adults only event, however discounted childcare will be available at Naydenov gymnastics “parents night out” for parents attending the auction. Why not make it a real date night and take advantage of the discounted Heathman room rates as well! More information about the auction can be found at [www.chinookpta.com](http://www.chinookpta.com).

## NEIGHBORHOOD ON WATCH

### Information Gathering Request – Please Respond

Economic challenges have impacted our community in many ways. The NSCNA has seen an increase in crimes categorized as vehicle prowl and malicious mischief. While not considered violent crimes they do take a toll on the livability of our neighborhood. With reductions in the sheriff’s budget the challenge to increase patrols to deter this type of activity cries for creative solutions.

Sheriff Gary Lucas and the Clark County Neighborhood Outreach Office are looking for community input on a new program they are considering implementing called **Neighborhoods On Watch (NOW)**. Some of the reasons for implementing this program are:

- To assist the Clark County Sheriff’s Office through observation
- To help reduce crime, increase crime awareness and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods
- To foster cooperation between citizens and law enforcement
- To educate citizens on crime prevention
- To create a high visibility, public presence in the neighborhoods

- To unite residents for a dedicated reason and make a difference in your community
- To help make law enforcement more effective and productive
- To provide a safe, secure environment for all neighborhood residents

Some of the criteria for participating in this program are:

- Be over 21-years
- Pass a background check
- Attend a 24 hour training academy
- Volunteer at least four hours per month
- Coordinate with other volunteers to patrol your neighborhood

We, the NSCNA Board, must respond to the Sheriff’s request by April 1st. We would like to say YES; however without residents committed to participation it could be a misleading yes. Before we respond we are requesting a show of interest from you.

If you are willing to participate or want more information on this program PLEASE CALL **AVRIL MASSEY** on 576-2956 or **BARBARA ANDERSON** on 573-2240.



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## EAT A PANCAKE . . . . . HELP A VETERAN



A new nonprofit organization plans to open a drop-in center for veterans in Vancouver. The group has a vision that The Center will be a space where all veterans can be connected to services to meet their basic needs. A special focus is on homeless veterans and veteran families. Veterans can drop in for advice, counseling, job search assistance and other support services.

The group's first fundraising event is Saturday, **March 12**, a "Freedom Flapjack Breakfast" at Applebee's in Salmon Creek (13006 N.E. Highway 99). Breakfast is from **8 - 10 am**. Tickets are only \$7.

If you can't make breakfast you can support this worthy cause with a direct donation. Clark County Veterans Assistance Center (CCVAC) is a 501C3 charity. Mail checks to CCVAC, P.O. Box 56, Vancouver, WA 98666.

For tickets or other information Call **Milada Allen**, executive board director of the CCVAC, at 573-4030 or **Marti Sanders** at 896-9695 ext. 21



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NSCNA Meeting  
Tuesday  
**MARCH 22ND, 2011**  
7:00 PM

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

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

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