



Felida na

(Felida Neighborhood Association)
Newsletter – April 2009

FELIDA NA -- ANNUAL MEETING:

- **April 30, 2009, 7:00pm, Felida Fire Station --11600 NW Lakeshore Avenue**
Guest speaker: Commissioner Tom Mielke
 - ⇒ *annual elections – several terms expire 5/1/09 (see Pages 2 and 8)*
 - ⇒ *partnerships with neighborhood associations & community stakeholders (Pages 6-7)*
 - ⇒ *summary updates on volunteer/partners awards, park, projects, and bylaws changes*

OTHER MAJOR PARTNERS' AND FELIDA NA'S EVENTS:

- **April 28, 2009, ETA 3pm?* – A CEREMONY TO REMEMBER FALLEN OFFICERS -- SGT. BRAD CRAWFORD NEIGHBORHOOD PARK**
–(Pages 6-7). NW 131st Street and NW 47th Avenue, Felida. Parking on the street.
* *The Taser Foundation Hummer is scheduled to arrive at the park between 2pm and 4pm for a 30-minute ceremony to remember officers who have been killed in the line of duty.*
- **May 2, 2009, 9:00am to 4:00pm – ANNUAL SPRING CELEBRATION FAMILY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CONGREGATION Parking Lot at 3500 NW 129th Street at NW 36th Avenue.** *Neighborhood plant exchange; handmade outdoor items and décor by Friends of the Carpenter; Salmon Creek Lions flower baskets and plants sale to benefit local sight- and hearing-impaired programs; huge “Garage” sale to benefit local assistance programs (e.g., Habitat for Humanity, Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors, homeless). Fire Dist #6 antique fire engine, face painting, button making, food and refreshments. Contact Peggy Connolly (360)573-5031, or Al Jaffe (360)574-4185.*
- **July 4, 2009, 10:45am -- ANNUAL CHILDREN'S PARADE IN FELIDA plus LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION CAMP in FELIDA PARK**
Parking at NW 122ND St., west of NW 36TH Avenue. Streets closed for parade. *Bring lawn chairs, blankets, suntan lotion, and sun/rain umbrellas. Wear a costume and decorate your bike, trike, or wagon (red, white, and blue). March, ride, watch, and wave! All riders must wear HELMETS. Be SAFE! NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES!*
 - ⇒ *Various displays and activities after parade -- including a replica of Lewis & Clark Expedition camp with “George Drouillard” (Roger Wendlick), #3 member of the expedition with many items, tools, furs, stories, and facts for Q&A. (See Page 5)*
 - ⇒ *Free antique fire engine rides, face painting, button making, and other activities*
 - ⇒ *Free picnic lunch provided by the Salmon Creek Lion's Club (Donations accepted.)*

If you wish to sponsor activities, park features, or set up information booths, please call:

Jamie Allen, President or Dr. Milada Allen, Ex-Officio President (360)573-4030



OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS – See Page 2

**Executive Board
Officers (Volunteers):**

Jamie Allen, President*
Maxine Kelly, Vice Pres*
Carol Polifka, Secretary*
Shirley Albeck, Treasurer*

Directors (Volunteers):

Annette Cleveland*
Steve Foster **

Kay Hust
R. Lillie/ Brad Inman
Helen Koeppen
Al & Jan Malone
Curtis Shuck

Dr. Milada Allen*
Volunteer Ex-Officio
President
& Parks Committee Chair

* **Terms expire 5/1/09.**

** **Area is now in NSC NA
ELECTIONS – April 30, 2009**

If you would like to join
volunteers or serve on the
volunteer Felida NA Board,
AND/OR

If you have community
projects, suggestions or
concerns that should be
addressed during annual
or other meetings,
AND/OR

If you would like to sponsor
a community event/project,

CALL: (360)573-4030

FYI: Clark County pays for
publication and postage for
up to three newsletters per
year. Felida NA also provides
other news and projects
information that must be
distributed by volunteers
and/or e-mailed.

(Make arrangements if you do
not live/work in Felida NA.)

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **April 30, 2009 (7:00pm): Felida Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting.**
Guest speaker: **Clark County Commissioner Tom Mielke.** Annual elections, parks, volunteer/partners, and other projects update. Felida Fire Station, 11600 NW Lakeshore Avenue. Call (360)573-4030, if you wish to run for the NA board. ☺
- **May 9, 2009, 8:00am to 4:00pm – Annual Salmon Creek Lions Fundraiser flower & plant sale just in time for Mother’s Day.** Location: in front of Burgerville in Salmon Creek (Highway 99/just south of junction of I-5 and 205). *Proceeds benefit local sight and hearing programs. If need info, call Al Jaffe (360)574-4185.*
- **May 16, 2009, 10:30am – Annual Parade of Bands –“March to Camelot – 2009” presented by the Hazel Dell – Salmon Creek Business Association (HDSCBA).**
To register, volunteer, or additional information, please call (by May 4, 2009): Dellan Redjou, (360) 696-0456 or visit website at www.hdsca.org/packet.html.
- **May 30, 2009, 1:00pm to 4:30pm – Neighborhood Leadership and Partner Forum -- Lewis & Clark Expedition, “George Drouillard” (Roger Wendlick – page 5), member of the expedition with many items, tools, furs, stories, and facts for Q&A. Intro by: Clark County Commissioner Steve Stuart and Dr. Milada Allen.** Co-sponsored by the Felida NA, North Salmon Creek NA, Enterprise/Paradise Point NA, Northeast Hazel Dell NA, NACCC and other NAs. Limited seating, registration required (360)573-4030. ☺
- **June 6, 2009, Noon to 4:00pm -- Annual Fire District #6 Open House, Hazel Dell.**
K-9 demonstrations, safety info, fire engine rides, refreshments and much more. 8800 NE Hazel Dell Ave., across the street from Target-Hazel Dell, (360)576-1195.
- **June 2009 -- #2 FREE Class for Nonprofit/Charitable Organizations Interested in Applying for a Tax Exempt Organization Status--501(c)(3).** This is two-hour class, to be presented by an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Exempt Organization expert. To register, call (360)573-4030 by May 7, 2009. Limited space.
- **July 4, 2008 (10:45am – 2:30pm): Annual Felida 4th of July Children’s Parade**
Felida Park, and free after parade activities including: a picnic lunch, games, face painting, button making, toys, info booths, and Lewis & Clark camp (pp 1 & 5). ☺
- **2009 – Bi-annual Volunteer & Partner Recognition Event – stay tuned.**

☺ Door prizes & awards– let us know if you have ideas or contacts for donations. Thank you, **Don Dexter**, Felida NA member, owner of the “**On The Spot Engraving**” – relocated to 7728 Hazel Dell Ave from Oregon. For years, Don provided “at cost” bench, table, and volunteer plaques to Felida NA and donated a 2009 door prize or award.

STATE HOUSE/SENATE BILL 1152 UPDATE: In 2006, **Donna Brase**, Vancouver, proposed a voluntary State program to provide notification stickers (through DOL) to drivers with certain disabilities and/or impairments. **Jamie Allen and Dr. Milada Allen**, Felida, were asked to assist with the legislative process in 2008. This bill would provide proactive notification -- to first responders, and/or law enforcement -- that the driver of the vehicle needs special assistance, response, and to “take a second look” prior to action. Visit www.takeasecondlook.org for info, bill, status, links or call (360)573-4030. In 2009, **The House of Representatives passed HB1152 - 95:0; now it’s in the Senate.**

NOTICE: FELIDA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOUNDARY CHANGE (Bylaws*)

Felida NA is a large area that contains portions of the former Stockford NA and – until recently -- included the former West Salmon Creek NA. Felida NA membership doubled from 2005 to 2008. It will continue to grow. Even after boundary change -- with natural population growth and new homes built recently, in progress, vested, and proposed we estimate +/- 1,500 homes by 2012 (within the remaining area). Felida NA comprised almost 25% of the Three Creeks Planning Area and about 21% of the population base. Today, it is almost 20% of the TCPA area, and could reach 23% population base by 2012. Please read the following "Joint Request (approved last month) for a boundary reconfiguration:

JOINT REQUEST FOR A FELIDA NA & NORTH SALMON CREEK NA BOUNDARY RECONFIGURATION

March 3, 2009

In 2005, many stakeholders from the Salmon Creek - WEST Neighborhood Association (SCWNA) asked to be included in the Felida NA boundary (e.g., newsletters, land use conflicts).

In 2006, pursuant to the request from the SCWNA president, James Briscoe, and with the Felida NA's executive boards consent, the County reconfigured Felida NA's boundary. James Briscoe became that area's representative. However, Mr. Briscoe was traveling out of state and was not able to address issues in that area including: transportation circulation, Bliss/Seward intersection, other roads, stormwater, sewer/septic tanks, development, and other land use concerns. Jamie Allen, current president, and Dr. Milada Allen, ex-officio president, volunteered over 100 hours in that area. As a result, Dr. Milada Allen was able to not only encourage partnerships where none were allowed, but also petition the Clark County Board of Commissioners to change county ordinances to consider proportionality, equity, and fairness countywide for concurrency.

In 2008, a new Felida NA board director, Steve Foster, volunteered to take over Mr. Briscoe's area a.k.a. "West Salmon Creek NA"/Felida NA. In 2008, Felida NA was approached by the North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association (North SC NA) President, Barbara Anderson, to include the "West Salmon Creek"/Felida NA (East of NW 41st Avenue along 151st Street to NW 21st Avenue, south to Salmon Creek). Recently, the North SC NA found County maps that document that the original West Salmon Creek NA was part of the North SC NA prior to 2004.

Currently, Felida NA has approximately 17,000 stakeholders (with absentee owners). We expect that with vested and proposed development we will have approximately 20,000 stakeholders in about 1 year. The Felida NA executive board agreed that the North SC NA's proposal makes a lot of sense from the topographical/population/census/community cohesiveness perspective.

As of February 11, 2009, the Felida NA's board voted unanimously to reconfigure boundary to: change the north boundary from NW 151st Street to the middle of Salmon Creek on the north. Therefore, everything north of Salmon Creek and east of NW 41st Avenue would become part of the North SC NA as it was prior to the West Salmon Creek NA (which became part of Felida NA in 2005/2006). Felida NA has North SC NA board's agreement to this boundary change.

If this proposal is approved by the County, Felida NA would like to move two signs as follows:

- 1. Southbound sign south of NW 151st - on NW 41st Street - should be moved to just before/after Salmon Creek southbound on NW 36th Avenue depending on ROW and other restrictions road safety allow.*
- 2. westbound sign on NW 139th/Hathaway Street -- at NW 21st Avenue -- should be moved to a westbound location as close to Bliss/Seward intersection as feasible. If not, then to north bound Hazel Dell Avenue at or about NW 105th as feasible.*

Thank you for your cooperation on this proposal. Please advise regarding status of this request.

Jamie Allen, President, Felida NA

*This proposal is acceptable to the North SCNA:
Barbara Anderson, President North SC NA*

*** See Page 8 for proposed changes to the Felida Neighborhood Association Bylaws – 2009.**



YOUNG BUSINESSMAN AND VOLUNTEERS NOMINATED FOR YOUTH AWARDS

Cameron McKedy, Eisenhower Elementary School student, is a 10-year old Felida NA member. Recently, Cameron won the fourth grade championship in the Skyview Grade Level Championships at Skyview High School. In April 2009, he traveled to the US Chess Federation's Super Nationals (held in Nashville, TN) to compete against chess players from all over the country. To earn money for his chess tournament expenses, Cameron started a small business (pet sitting) two years ago. He was nominated for the Felida and Clark County Youth Achievement Awards in two categories: "Business/Enterprise" and "Personal Achievement" award. WOW! CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

Alicia Wallingford, Felida Elementary School student, is an 8-year old Felida NA member attending Miss Coffey's 2nd grade. She has been our most cheerful volunteer at various community events. For example, she volunteered at several events: the Children's July 4 Felida parade and activities in the Felida Park for two years (planning to do it in the future); helped with fun activities at the Children's Holiday Event at Sara J. Anderson Elementary; donated toys to the Legacy Hospital's- Salmon Creek toy drive for the pediatric unit's "Zoo;" volunteered as a greeter and a charming co-hostess at the Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County annual community leadership celebration; Felida Elementary school clean-up event; and TVCC Halloween car show. She did all of this with a huge smile on her face and when asked why she volunteers, she said: "I do it because it is nice to help other people." Thank you Alicia!!! As Tony the Tiger would say, "YOUrrrRRRE GrrrrRRRREAT!" You should run for the Felida NA Board soon!

Jared Wallingford, Felida Elementary School student, is a 6-year old Felida NA member attending Mrs. Hansons' grade "K." He likes to volunteer -- with his sister, mom, aunt, and grandma -- at community events. For example he helped with the Children's July 4 Felida parade and activities in the Felida Park; helped with craft table activities at the Children's Holiday Event at Sara J. Anderson Elementary; donated toys to the pediatric unit at the Legacy Hospital -- Salmon Creek; volunteered as a co-greeter at the Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County annual community leadership celebration; Felida Elementary school clean-up event; and TVCC Halloween car show. When asked why he volunteers, this charming young man paused, looked amazed (like "don't you know?"), smiled, and said seriously: "It makes me feel good to be nice to people." Thank you Jared! Your ARE an ambassador of "good will!"

Keaton Malone, Skyview High School student and a Felida NA member. Keaton graduated from the CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) and received Youth Achievement Awards from the Felida NA and Clark County for his volunteer service to the community last year. Again, this year, he accumulated many volunteer hours of community service; continues as a member of Skyview's Red Cross; participated in the CERT emergency disaster drills, became a member of the National Honor Society and the first Skyview Robotic Team; enjoys being a Peer Mentor; plays tennis for Skyview; and takes piano lessons (10 years). In between all these activities, he helped his older brother (Jake, another Felida NA volunteer and a Youth Award recipient) raise \$1800 for the Make a Wish Foundation. He has been nominated for: "Inspiration" and "Personal Achievement" award. MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS! CONGRATULATIONS! With your motivation, goals, and training you are an effective community member and a future leader!

Airman Mark Kelly, a Felida NA member, volunteer, and a previous recipient of the Felida NA and Clark County Youth Awards, completed the US Air Force boot camp recently. Mark made "Marksman" and barely missed "Thunderbolt," an award given for physical training achievement. WE PROUDLY SALUTE YOU!!!

**TO ALL SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AND TO PAST AND PRESENT VETERANS:
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

On July 4, 2009, you will have an opportunity to see a “Lewis & Clark encampment” and meet “George Drouillard” (Drewyer), the third most important member of the Corps of Discovery/First Person Interpreter. Roger Wendlick, a.k.a. “George Drouillard,” brings many visual aids and display items, shares history facts and trivia, and answers many questions that take years to research. In 2004, Mr. Wendlick received a **National Award for Preservation of History from the Daughters of the American Revolution.** He is a nationally recognized Lewis & Clark historian; an excellent public speaker; and an engaging and entertaining re-enactor. His audiences include conventions, book clubs, and schools. Don’t miss it!!! Come listen, “see and touch” history! (See Pages 1 - 2.)

ATTENTION LOCAL HISTORIANS AND DESCENDANTS OF LOCAL PIONEERS!

Preserve Proud Past for Future Generations

Jamie Allen and Dr. Milada Allen, a.k.a. "the Allen Team," were asked by MANY stakeholders to **compile stories about life (prior to 1950) in Felida, Lake Shore, adjacent, and surrounding areas.** "The Team" compiled some interesting stories, oral history, maps, and old photographs from several local historians, neighbors, "longtime" residents, distant relatives, descendants of local pioneers and their families.

The background history section is evolving and expanding. Allens need more stories for a balanced research and for the "In Their Words" section. Mail your history facts/trivia, recollections, stories and copies of photographs to: **The Allen Team, P.O. Box 61552, Vancouver, WA 98666.** Please include dates, location, source, sketches, maps, names and contact information. Or call: **(360)573-4030.**

ANSWERS TO SEVERAL QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY:

Questions regarding Sgt. Crawford Neighborhood, Felida Community, Raspberry Field Neighborhood Parks; Salmon Creek Trail, and partnerships. Here are answers to some of the recurring questions:

■ In July 2007, Felida NA voted to sponsor and fundraise for park benches to be installed in the Sgt. Brad Crawford Neighborhood Park during Phase I (June/August 2008). Several tireless Felida NA board members fundraised diligently. In January 2008, as a result of our combined efforts and generous support from several volunteers, Felida NA issued a check to the City of Vancouver for park benches. One bench sponsorship was erroneously issued to, and was forwarded by Felida NA, to the Parks Foundation – Sgt. Crawford Park fund.

■ **One remaining bench is available for sponsorship in the Sgt. Brad Crawford Neighborhood Park. Please contact Felida NA, not Parks Foundation. For details and/or information, call (360)573-4030.**

■ **Felida NA president and ex-officio pres arranged for Sgt. Crawford Park landscaping and memorial items donations to the Clark County Public Works, Parks Foundation, and the Vancouver-Clark Parks.**

Landscaping Components: Four landscaping/nursery owners and individuals donated trees, rhododendrons, and ornamental bushes and grasses that are not included in the basic park allocation. These partners include:

- Garrett Hergert, owner of G2 Outdoor Living, Ridgefield (also donated labor and coordination services)
- Mark Sonney, owner of Yard'n'Garden Land, Highway 99/ NE 99th Street, Hazel Dell (trees and shrubs)
- Shorty's, Mill Plain, Community program, Vancouver (some ornamental plants)
- The Shull Family – Gary, Darcy, and Tim, Felida NA members (rhododendrons and support)

Remaining Unfunded Components: Felida NA was informed that Phase II timing will depend on fundraising efforts, donations, materials and/or "in kind" contributions. Please let us know if you would like to donate or sponsor:

- climbing wall, slide, trail
- memorial plaza gateway/arches
- 3 rows of granite boulders/natural benches (1' x 2' x 4', or 6', or 8") or Phase II items.

Checks for the climbing wall and memorial plaza arches must be issued to the **Parks Foundation with a purpose notation: "Sgt. Crawford Park Fund."** Mail to: **The Parks Foundation, P.O. Box 2397, Vancouver, WA 98668-2397.** This fund was established by the family to pay for the remaining memorial features (\$200,000-250,000). These donations will be acknowledged by the Parks Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization (tax deductible receipts available).

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■ The Felida Community Park was built through cooperation, collaboration, coordination, and partnerships with the Vancouver - Clark Parks Department and the community. Substantial financial support/fundraising, donations of time and supplies, and a huge amount of volunteer hours resulted in a great park. Thank you:

- * Felida Neighborhood Association
- * Salmon Creek Lion's Club
- * Family of Christ Lutheran Congregation
- * Allen & Allen Empower Team
- * Felida NA's board, groups, and members
- * Other Neighborhood Association members and community at large
- * Salmon Creek Soccer Association
- * Builders Industry Association's members
-Coordinated by Sam Vilhauer (our member)
- * Business groups and members
- * public agencies & nonprofit organizations

■ Several **park benches (@\$750)** and **bricks (@\$75)** are available for sponsorships in the Felida Community Park. These benches and bricks were purchased/donated by/to the Felida NA with community sponsorships & donations. Contact Felida NA, not Parks Foundation, to sponsor. Call (360)573-4030.

■ **Recently, Felida NA was informed that park bench sponsorships offered to Felida NA for the Raspberry Fields Neighborhood Park must be submitted to the Parks Foundation (higher fees).**

■ In 2007, The Celebration of Children Play Area was proposed in Felida Community Park to celebrate dreams, hopes and lives of all children by a group fundraising for this project in memory of Madison Jo Gecho. The concept was unveiled on July 4, 2007 in the Felida Park during the "after parade activities." It was well received by the community. Felida NA will continue to facilitate communication between the Clark County Public Works, Vancouver-Clark Parks, community, and the MJG Foundation. The project is "on hold" as the Clark County Public Works and Vancouver-Clark Parks are in the process of developing guidelines for partnerships for future development of unfunded parks and special areas. Yes, several Felida NA board members have experience in partnerships. Yes, local government officials and agencies were encouraged to engage in public outreach and input prior to adoption of these guidelines/policies. In 2008, Commissioner Betty Sue Morris encouraged the Parks Advisory Commission to work with the Felida NA on this project and on policies. Status update, conceptual, drawings, etc. will be available at the Children's July 4 event (Page 1).

■ **Felida NA cannot pay the difference between Felida NA and Parks Foundation sponsorship levels.**

■ **Salmon Creek Greenway Trail:** Several Felida NA stakeholders were interested in adopting a portion of the trail within Felida NA, adding boulders (with carvings) to lean or sit on; pet waste disposal stations; and formal information boards about history, watershed, birds, animals, and plants along the trail. Felida NA discussed these proposals with the Parks and County officials and received support. The pet waste disposal stations were installed by the Vancouver-Clark Parks Department (thank you!). As previously reported, the Salmon Creek Watershed Council (SCWC) was formed by Michael Kerbs, a Felida NA resident. The SCWC's purpose is to provide a forum and opportunities for stakeholders to participate/partner for: on the ground restoration, water quality, resource preservation, and education (e.g., interpretive stations) within the Salmon Creek Watershed. More information is available at: www.salmoncreekwatershed.org.

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

■ **The Felida Neighborhood Association (Felida NA)** partners with the **NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association, the Vancouver School District** and others for the Annual Children's Holiday Party in Hazel Dell for children in need.

FELIDA NA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Proposed development projects, policy and code changes, infrastructure improvements (e.g., join McCann Road group), environmental issues, stormwater, watersheds, and other community interests (parks, trails, events) require 1,000s of volunteer hours to research and attend meetings.

PROPOSED FELIDA NA BYLAWS CHANGES -- 2009:

Section II - Boundary: Revise Boundary Description to reflect joint request for reconfiguration (as approved, P 3).

Section VI – Executive Board: Revise Executive Board – Director Positions to remove Director – Position 6 and revise approximate boundary for Director-Position 1 to reflect boundary reconfiguration and describe area remainder.

Section V – Felida NA Board Officers: As requested previously, change **Executive Board Officers terms from one to two years** to allow for continuity of leadership. Except in 2009, to ensure staggered term expirations in future years, mix one- and two-year terms, as follows: **President 4/11, Vice President 4/10, Treasurer 4/11, Secretary 4/10.** **Section VII - Elections:** Change existing narrative **from:Officers shall serve a one-year term and the Directors shall serve a two-year term....” To: Officers and the Directors shall serve a two-year term.....”**

LEASH AND SCOOP LAWS – simply stated: Dogs are not allowed to be off the leash at any Clark County park, trail or ball field, except at the **Ross Complex** and **Pacific Community Park**. **You must always** pick up and dispose of your dog’s waste when you visit any public park, trail or ball field, including the off-leash dog parks (may be fined). Remember and Remind your friends: **Leashing and picking up after pets are the owner’s responsibility!**

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