

# FAIRGROUNDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Greetings neighbors,

Well, if you missed our last meeting you missed the chance to meet Joyce Haines and husband Greg. They talked about their business, NW Organic Farms. (They are members of the Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association too!) Their tomatoes and garlic are sold at Chuck's and Zupan's. They are regulars at local farmer's markets and have a big CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) business too. We learned the difference between Certified Organic and the widely used "organic" label. Can you tell I am impressed? This year their annual festival is on August 27. We have included their pamphlet in this month's newsletter.

The Exhibit Hall and fairgrounds in our midst brings many interesting events to our neighborhood. One favorite is Dozer Days – where the kids drive! Upon arrival, the kids are running amuck with parents in tow. As they leave, the parents are carrying their exhausted kids. Dozer Days is a massive fund raiser that requires hundreds of volunteers. And it's fun! It is scheduled for May 21-22. Info and contact information is in this newsletter if you can be a volunteer. (You'll find me both days in the Information booth.)

Our April 14 monthly meeting is cancelled. I admit it, I can't be in 2 places at once! The public hearing for the proposed 72 bed Rainier Springs psychiatric hospital is at 6 pm the same night. So if you want to watch - or testify - we'll be on the sixth floor of the Public Services Building at 1300 Franklin. FGNA testimony will recommend approval, with conditions, of the hospital. The hospital will be built behind the Salmon Creek Holiday Inn Express. (The as yet unbuilt Wal Mart will be across the street.)

The candidate filing deadline for the General Election is May 6. Survivors of the August primary will be invited to our September and October monthly meetings. These candidate forums are attended by lots of citizens outside our neighborhood association boundaries, so we may need a larger venue. Stay tuned.

*In my opinion:* Either via live stream or in person, I have watched the new 5 member Board of County Councilor Tuesday public meetings. (Am I glutton for punishment?) The Board has 10 meetings under their belt. They have deliberated about many controversial issues passed by a 2-1 vote in late 2015. The result has been an equally controversial 3-2 vote to reverse those decisions.

Chairman Marc Boldt has a tough job handling these meetings. During public comment, every week some citizens use their time for personal attacks on county councilors, staff, and others opposing their viewpoint. Many express their personal opinions but claim them as facts. Some are adamant that if a county council decision does not meet their approval, those they oppose must be investigated for criminal behavior, or censured, or resign.

As this pattern has persisted, Chair Boldt has become less and less tolerant. That is much appreciated. But here is the dilemma. Why should the public behave themselves when they watch councilors ignore him? Parliamentary procedure provides that you speak when recognized by the Chair. You cannot interrupt and talk over others, or refuse to yield the floor.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Really Awesome Used Book Sale Three Creeks Library – Saturday, April 2, 2016**

The Friends of Three Creeks Library will be selling donated used books on Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Library. Hard bound books are \$1.00 and paperbacks are \$0.50 each.

10,000 books are available, in all genres from fiction, non-fiction, cookbooks, gardening, music, art, classics, humor, sports, how-to, self-help, religious, mystery, westerns, romance, children's, etc.

Join the Friends group at the door and be admitted to a "Friends Only" pre-sale between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The Friends are a tax-exempt charitable organization. All funds raised and donations are dedicated to special needs of the Three Creeks branch for adult and youth programs and other requests by the Librarian.

### **Ride Around Clark County Saturday, May 7, 2016**

The Vancouver Bicycle Club's 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ride Around Clark County (RACC) will be Saturday, May 7, 2016. This family-friendly event ride includes four distance options (18, 34, 66, 100 miles) with rest stops every 15 miles that feature a variety of nutritious and delicious snacks to keep riders energized.

All routes start and end at Clark College. Join more than 1000 bicyclists from around the Pacific Northwest for this premier bicycling event.

For more information and to register go to: <http://www.vbc-usa.com/racc>. Register by April 24 for a discounted entry fee. Kids are free with a paid adult.

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## FOSTER HOMES

Service Alternatives is looking for families who are willing to become licensed foster parents for children in need. We primarily license homes for children between the ages of 6 and 17 years old. We provide extensive and on-going training, 24/7 support for foster parents and children, and monthly reimbursement. So many children are waiting for families to open their hearts and homes to give them a warm, safe and caring place to call home.

If you'd like to learn more, please contact our licenser, Michelle Murphy at (360) 553-2411 or by email at [mmurphy@servalto-cfs.com](mailto:mmurphy@servalto-cfs.com)

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## GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

### UPDATE

Over the last month, the Board of County Councilors have been busy working on the Growth Plan update.

The Preferred Alternative (Alt 4) was adopted by the 3 member County Council by a 2-1 vote in late 2015. The new 5 member Board started a review of the Alt 4 decision in late January.

It began with public testimony in a packed hearing room that lasted about 5 hours. There was a lot of angry testimony from Alt 4 supporters and criticism of the 3-2 decision to reconsider it. Alt 4 opponents also had plenty to say.

The next week the Board reviewed, one by one, all the factors from all 4 alternatives previously voted on by the Planning Commission. There were dozens of 3-2 votes. With only a couple exceptions, the new board agreed with the Planning Commission's votes. That included rejecting all of the Alt 4 planning considerations and Alternative 4 itself. A new preferred alternative was the result.

### NEXT STEPS

Finally the Community Planning is back on track with the Growth Plan update process. It is a combination of Alt 1, 2, and 3 and includes all the factors adopted by the Board.

Along with the consultant (ESA) the draft environmental impact statement will be finalized.

Then a Capital Facilities Plan (how we pay for growth) will be prepared. When that is discussed, expect a lot of testimony about the sustainability of the fee waiver program.

Policy statements for each element of the plan are being prepared. A draft of the proposed 20 year Growth Management plan update will finally be complete!

The public will comment. Then the Planning Commission will hold hearings and make a recommendation. The Board of County Councilors will deliberate. With the tight deadline, it is very likely that all three meetings (public comment, Planning Commission, and Board of County Councilors) will be combined.

Finally, the Board of County Councilors will adopt a new 20-year growth management plan by the deadline of June 30, 2016.

Sadly, then the lawsuits will begin...

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## DOZER DAYS 2016

Sorry, you won't get to drive this dozer (or excavator, or dump truck, or any other heavy construction equipment) around the fairgrounds. But kids in hardhats will! If your dignity allows, you can join kids on a play structure made of huge tires, or raise and lower a crane basket, or honk the horn in a patrol vehicle.....

OR watch all this happen as a volunteer at Dozer Days! Here's how to sign up:

- 1) Go to <http://vancouver.dozerday.org/volunteer/> and register.
- 2) Pick a shift. On Saturday, May 21 shifts are from 8-1 or 12-5 or both. Sunday May 22 shifts are from 10-2 or 1-5 or both. Then pick an assignment.
- 3) A confirmation and further instructions will be sent to you.
- 4) A week before the event, watch your e-mail for a free parking pass.

IF you volunteer, please register as a member of the FGNA group. With enough shifts covered, we will earn some money to support project.



NORTHWEST ORGANIC FARMS (1)

**NORTHWEST ORGANIC FARMS**



**CSA What is it?**

Community Supported Agriculture allows the community to help show their support for our farmers, and allows YOU to receive the best of what we grow. You also share in the ups and downs of farming.

In exchange for your support, you receive a weekly share, or partial share, in the harvest.

**What to Expect**

Your share will be dropped off at your selected location & day. It will be packed in an insulated bag or box, with a cold pack. You sign-in, pick it up, and enjoy! Oh, don't forget to return the empty bag/box in exchange for your new one the next week.

Missed pick-ups will be donated to a local food bank. Please notify the farm in advance if you plan on missing any pick-ups or to make other arrangements.

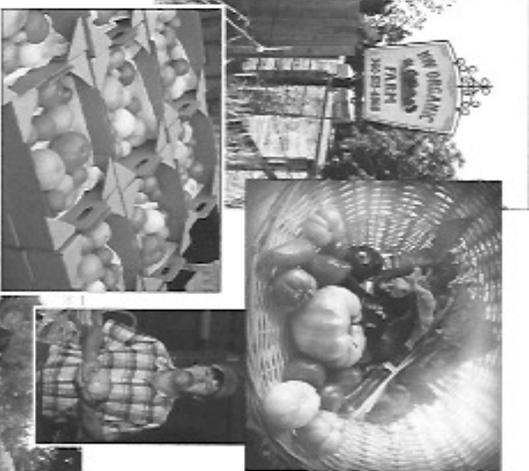
Check out our website:

[northwestorganicfarms.com](http://northwestorganicfarms.com)

**Finding the Farm**

17713 NW 61st Ave, Ridgefield WA  
 I-5 exit 9, Left on 179th Street, follow 4 miles, Left on 61st Ave. First driveway on left. Drive up and around to barn & main house.

Joyce: 360-608-1483 or 360-573-4868



Farm-Fresh Eggs from Happy Free-Roaming Chickens! Check for price

Page 1 - Enrollment Form:

**CSA AGREEMENT**

As a member of NW Organic Farms' CSA program, I understand that:

- The share payment does not guarantee an exact amount of produce.
- I am making a commitment to support local farmers and to share the rewards and risks of the growing season.
- I understand that the payments are NON-REFUNDABLE.
- I understand that if I am out of town or otherwise unable to pick up my share or any time during the harvest season that I am responsible for contacting an alternate person to pick up my share.
- I understand that if I can not pick up my share, or make other arrangements, it will be donated to a local food bank.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(You will get a newsletter letting you know what to expect in your share, along with recipes and tips. We always respect your privacy.)

NORTHWEST ORGANIC FARMS (2)

Page 2 - Enrollment Form

Harvest season is planned at 20 weeks from late May to mid October

**COUNT ME IN !**

\_\_\_ Full Share basket feeds 5-6 people: \$630

\_\_\_ Half Share Basket feeds 2-3 people: \$350

\$100 Deposit reserves your share. Full amount due must be received prior to May 5 or deposit may be forfeit. \*\*\* We accept WIC and Senior Coupons

**Pick-up Location Choice:**

\_\_\_ NW Organic Farms 11am - 8pm  
\_\_\_ Wednesday \_\_\_ Saturday

Alternate locations during certain months:

\_\_\_ Camas Farmers Market  
\_\_\_ Wednesdays, July

Return this completed reservation along with payment to:

Northwest Organic Farms  
17713 NW 61st Ave  
Ridgefield WA 98642

**What will be in my CSA Share?**

You get what was ripe, fresh picked that morning.

Here is an example of what your share basket could have, subject to change

SPRING

1/2 lb Sweet Peas, 1/2 lb Spinach,  
1 bnch Radish, 1 bnch Turnip, 1 bnch Onion,  
1 bnch Kale, 1 bnch Chard, 1 bnch Arugula,  
Green Garlic, variety of Lettuces,  
Strawberries, Fresh Herbs

SUMMER

2 lb Green Beans, 4 lb Tomatoes,  
2 Egg Plant, 3 Summer Squash,  
1 bnch Kale, 2 bnch Onions, 2 Garlic,  
1 bnch Basil, 1 bnch Carrots,  
3 Cucumbers, Blackberries, Cherries,  
Blueberries, Flowers, Fresh Herbs

FALL

4 lb Tomotes, 1 bnch beets, 1 bnch Kale,  
3-4 Peppers, 2 bnch Onions, 2 Broccoli,  
1 bnch Radish, 1 Cauliflower,  
1 Cabbage, 4 ears of Corn, 1 bnch leeks,  
3 lb Potatoes, 3 Winter Squash,  
Asian Pears, Apples, Flowers, Fresh Herbs

**NORTHWEST ORGANIC FARMS**



**CSA PROGRAM WEEKLY FRESH-PICKED PRODUCE JUST FOR YOU!**

**Community Supported Agriculture**  
Treat yourself with our certified organic vegetables & fruits throughout the 20 week harvest season

- ☞ Sign up NOW to reserve your share of the harvest
- ☞ Pick up your share at one of several locations, including our beautiful farm
- ☞ Farm fresh eggs also available!

Northwest Organic Farms is certified organic by Oregon Tilth

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FYI: The Community Development department emails out a development review status report every Friday. If you want to know what's in process or submit comments on a development review proposal, ask to be added to the mailing list. Advise [jodi.creamer@clark.wa.gov](mailto:jodi.creamer@clark.wa.gov). *It's too late when they start unloading the dozers next to your property!* If you have concerns about proposed developments that we need to address call Bridget at 360.573.5873.

### MONTHLY MEETINGS:

WE MEET at 7 PM ON SECOND THURSDAYS AT THE COMMUNITY of CHRIST MEETING ROOM  
400 NE 179<sup>TH</sup> STREET, 1/2 MILE WEST OF I-5

### OUR BOUNDARIES :

**NORTH**, 219TH STREET

**WEST**, LAKE RIVER

**EAST**, NE 72ND AVENUE

**SOUTH – WEST OF I-5**, NW 151<sup>ST</sup> STREET TO NW 41<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE TO NW / NE 164<sup>TH</sup> STREET;  
**SOUTH - EAST OF I-5**, NE KLINELINE RD TO NE 119<sup>TH</sup> ST TO SALMON CREEK TO NE 50<sup>TH</sup> AVE  
TO NE 149<sup>TH</sup> ST TO NE 72<sup>ND</sup> AVE

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