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FYI: Saturday morning (March 3) I started getting calls from neighbors about an alarm at the amphitheater during the pre-dawn hour. After a loud alarm, there was an announcement asking everybody to exit because of an unsafe condition. Within hours of contacting Ann Christian at the county, we had an explanation. That is awesome!

“There was a malfunction in the fire alarm system. I’m told the system has been checked and the problem repaired.”

Greetings neighbors –

At our January FGNA meeting, the county lawyer responsible for oversight of amphitheater operations promised to update us monthly. Thanks! This month’s update is included in this newsletter. You will also find my comments. The bottom line is that, again this month, to meet as planned to talk about amphitheater concerns would be a waste of our time. Stay tuned.

Regardless, we need to meet. A couple weeks ago the county released the new 6 year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP plan describes how the county will implement transportation projects that support the growth planned under the county Growth Management plan. There are millions of dollars for projects in our neighborhood. But do the plans support the planned growth? If not, what happens? Come and join the discussion.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FAIRGROUNDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, March 8 at 7:00 pm

Community of Christ meeting room at 400 NE 179th

We will get an update on the construction of a new roadway/bridge to connect between 179th Street and 149th Street. Then we’ll look at the 6 year Transportation Improvement Projects (TIP) scheduled for our neighborhood. The TIP also lists projects on the 20 year plan which are largely unfunded and therefore unscheduled.

Regards,
Bridget Schwarz
for the Executive Board

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COUNTY MANAGER CANDIDATES COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

After the community open house last month, the Clark County Councilors decided “none of the above”. They have restarted the search for a county manager.

2018 STATE OF THE COUNTY REPORT CLARK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS EVENT CENTER TUESDAY MARCH 20 FROM 3:00 TO 5:00



Bad weather forced the rescheduling of this event.

The Clark County Council invites the community to the 2018 State of the County at the Event Center at the Fairgrounds, 17402 NE Delfel Road, Ridgefield. The program is scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 20. The venue was selected to honor this year’s 150th anniversary of the Clark County Fair. The State of the County event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For those unable to attend, the program can be seen later on CVTV, Clark-Vancouver Television, Channels 21 and 23.

Council members urge those attending to bring non-perishable food items or a financial donation for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors food bank in Ridgefield. The organization needs: canned meats, vegetables and fruit; peanut and other nut butters; fruit juice; cooking and olive oil; canned and dried beans; canned and boxed meals; pasta, rice cereal and corn meal; shelf-stable milk products; and spices and sauces.

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY – VANCOUVER OPEN HOUSES TUESDAY, MARCH 27 from 4:30 TO 6:30 PM MONDAY, APRIL 23, 4:30 TO 6:30 PM

This is an opportunity to ask questions and hear updates to the WSU Vancouver master plan. Both will be held in the Dengerink Administration Building, room 129-130.

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AMPHITHEATER OPERATIONS

Below is the monthly update on amphitheater operations from the county. My concern is this: Kittelson was not contracted to update the Traffic Management plan until after our January 11 monthly meeting (as per the county update). So the draft will not be available until the week of March 19 (again, as per the county update).

That is only 47 days until the first event. What if, as I fear, it fails to adequately address all the traffic problems? That is a likely outcome because there is no plan for public input. And, we still have no response to our questions about the scope of the project.

From: Christian, Ann [mailto:Ann.Christian@clark.wa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2018 6:17 PM
To: Bridget (bridget@bridge-i-t.com)
Cc: McCall, Marilee; Griswold, Matt
Subject: Monthly Amphitheater Update

Hello Bridget,

This month's update is less formal and unfortunately, briefer than my February 1st update. FYI, both of my indigent defense employees left employment within a span of nine days – both unexpectedly. I've been in triage-mode.

1. I last informed you that the Amphitheater operator anticipated a Kittelson draft update of the Traffic Management Plan and the Early Start Matrix to be prepared by mid-February. The current estimate is that the drafts will be completed by the week of March 19.
2. Early start times have been approved by WSDOT and Clark County for the Rod Stewart and Chris Stapleton events.
3. We continue internal meetings and meetings with the operator to ensure the 2018 season is safe, compliant and successful for everyone. Planning for the pre-season social event continues.

I have the March 8th HGNA meeting on my calendar. Please let me know if you think it best that I simply plan on attending the April meeting.

Thank you,

Ann

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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. *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 179TH 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 151st STREET TO NW 41st AVENUE TO NW / NE 164TH STREET;

SOUTH - EAST OF I-5, NE KLINELINE RD TO NE 119TH ST TO SALMON CREEK TO NE 50TH AVE
TO NE 149TH ST TO NE 72ND AVE

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