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Greetings neighbors –

No doubt you are as tired of reading about the county's lack of progress in managing amphitheater operations as I am writing about it. Here's this month's update from the county:

Hi Bridget,

1. I last reported that the Amphitheater operator anticipated a Kittleson draft update of the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and the Early Start Matrix to be prepared by the week of March 19. As you know from the response to your recent Public Disclosure Request, a draft TMP was received by the county March 22. It has been provided to WSDOT. The operator, county and WSDOT are pressing to have final documents completed soon. When the TMP is final, you will receive the document pursuant to your Public Disclosure Request.

2. Early start times have been approved by WSDOT and Clark County for the Rod Stewart, Chris Stapleton and Slayer events.

3. The Amphitheater's open house will likely occur during the event season.

4. We continue internal meetings/discussions and the same with the operator to ensure the 2018 season is safe, compliant and successful for everyone.

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Topic 1: The Kittelson traffic management plan was prepared without the participation of the stakeholders. It will next be adopted - without any feedback from stakeholders.

Topic 2: These early start times were approved without any written criteria for approval.

Topic 3: The county continues to devote time and attention to a social event with the amphitheater operator despite the crying need for a meeting to address their negative impacts.

Topic 4: Despite our emails, county employees continue to virtually ignore our concerns.

The bottom line is that, again this month, to meet as planned to talk about amphitheater operations would be a waste of our time. Maybe for our May meeting... (After the 2018 season has already begun.)

County updates have prompted many questions. In general they are ignored. So I have used the Public Records Request (PRR) portal to pursue several county statements. Some results, so far, have been surprising. They reveal some false and misleading claims. When the responses are all received I will prepare a report for you.

Regards,
Bridget Schwarz
for the Executive Board

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FAIRGROUNDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, April 12 at 7:00 pm

Community of Christ meeting room at 400 NE 179th

First, the suggestion that we meet with the amphitheater operators is a good one. We will. But what is the point if they cannot even present the event and traffic plans they will agree to abide by? And under the circumstances, why have the amphitheater operators refused to reach out to us?

Next, months ago (February 2) our County Councilor emailed me that she is: [working with our staff to build a path forward. We may or may not agree what that is or should be but when we have complete information, we will present it to the neighborhood.](#)

So far we have nothing. The 2018 season starts in 4 weeks. When will the county present that path forward to us?

BUT. On Sunday April 8 I used the online Contact Us form to invite Sunlight Supply to our April meeting. My reasoning is that their name is on what appears to be yet another season of bad PR for the facility. If they respond positively to our last minute invite, won't that be a refreshing change of attitude?? I will send out an email blast as soon as we know if Sunlight officials will attend.

Fingers crossed!

FREEWAY TOLLING

Before the end of the year, the Oregon state legislature will submit a plan to the federal government that imposes tolls on Oregon freeways. (Their description of tolls is "value pricing".) The proceeds will be used on road projects to relieve Portland area congestion. But there is great cause for concern.

First, the toll stations will be located on the Oregon side of the Oregon/Washington bridges. And at the south end convergence of I-5 and I-405. Southbound Clark County travelers will be paying most of the tolls. Second, two other heavily congested Portland corridors – West US 26 and Oregon 217 will not be tolled. Finally, there are 2 dozen members of the Policy Advisory committee. Only 3 are from Clark County.

Leaders of the Policy Advisory committee insist nothing has been decided. But of the 5 options under consideration, all of them place the burden of paying the tolls almost exclusively on us.

We need to take action! Get up to speed at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Get-Involved/Pages/Value-Pricing-Committee.aspx>. Submit comments to the committee at ValuePricingPAC@odot.state.or.us.

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DOZER DAY



This annual event is scheduled for Saturday May 19 and Sunday May 20 at the Clark County fairgrounds. You gotta go! At Dozer Day, the kids drive (accompanied by a professional heavy equipment operator).

This is the typical scenario. Upon arrival, the kids race from one piece of equipment to the next while their parents and/or grandparents try to keep up. When they are leaving, many of those (now exhausted) kids need to be carried out!

All proceeds go to local nonprofits.

If you have a commercial operator license for heavy equipment, Dozer Day needs you. Go to www.vancouver.dozerday.org/volunteer/ to volunteer.

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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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