



FELIDA NA

FELIDA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION SAVING & ADVOCATING FOR:

Klineline-Salmon Creek Trail/Parks; Felida & Cougar Creek Woods Community Parks; Raspberry Fields, Sgt. Crawford, Sorenson, and Foley Neighborhood Parks; and parks/trails/OS in Clark County.

FELIDA NA BOARD AND PARKS COMMITTEES INVITE YOU TO:

**THE ANNUAL FELIDA NA CHILDREN'S PARADE
& AFTER-PARADE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION***

JULY 4, 2017 (Tuesday)

10:45 am – 2:00pm

FELIDA COMMUNITY PARK

(LOCATED BETWEEN NW 122nd & NW 127th STREETS, WEST OF NW 36TH AVE.)

NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES OR SKATE BOARDS IN THE PARADE. NO POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS OR SELLING!*

Wear red, white, and blue and/or decorate your bike, trike, or wagon to celebrate July 4.

All bike riders MUST wear HELMETS and ride with parents/adult mentors. Be SAFE!

BYO picnic lunch and lawn chairs. Free fresh fruits, ice cream, and beverages in the park*.

THIS FREE COMMUNITY EVENT IS POSSIBLE WITH PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT OF THE VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND; HAZEL DELL-SALMON CREEK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION; STANLEY, SHULL, LILLIE, INNMAN, HUST, EDWARDS, BELDEN, AND ALLEN FAMILIES; HOUSE OF THE RISING BUNS – FELIDA, KOHL'S, CHUCK'S PRODUCE – SC, FRED MEYER, McDONALDS; COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS, SHERIFF'S RESERVES & NOW; FELIDA VILLAGE, CLARK REGIONAL WASTEWATER DIST, SC FLYFISHERS, & BOARD.*

PROPOSED PARADE and AFTER-PARADE CELEBRATION SCHEDULE:

- 10:45am – gather for the national anthem, announcements and orientation by the Vancouver Community Concert Band stand and picnic shelter in Felida Community Park
- 11:00am – move to north park gate and line up behind the County Sheriff's (CCSO) lead vehicle traffic cones and barricades – local streets closed to regular traffic along route (see map)
- 11:10am – 1.3-mile parade commences – do not walk in front of the Sheriff's vehicle and NA banner
- 11:40am – parade returns to Felida Community Park for refreshments, activities, and information:

- ⇒ Music by the famous Vancouver Community Concert Band – listen/applaud our volunteer musicians.
- ⇒ Free educational and community information, displays, games, and activities after parade.
- ⇒ Kids can earn prize points by participating and learning about safety, health, environment, and community.
- ⇒ Redeem points for school supplies, toys, books, and other prizes in the Felida NA booth.
- ⇒ Visit Felida NA booth for information on parks projects, Board, Committees, and handouts.

*Felida NA is a 501(c)(3) organization lead by a board of volunteers. Permits for this event and other associated event expenses and fees are paid by the Felida NA Board of directors (volunteers). Permits are processed and approved by the Clark County PW, Parks, and other agencies. As a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization, recognized by the Clark County, Secretary of State, and the IRS – Charities Division, none of the donations and small grants can be used for religious or political lobbying/signature gathering/candidate campaigning at this event. This is a community event designed to provide information and educational opportunities on public safety, health, welfare; parks, sports, recreation, and open space; environment, sustainability, and clean water and air. Felida NA's permits do not allow sales (higher rates & tracking). Felida NA Board & partners (Chucks Produce – SC, McDonalds, House of the Rising Buns and Ron Edwards - Felida) will provide fresh fruits, beverages, cookies, & ice cream.

If you would like to sponsor an activity, set up a community booth, volunteer, or donate to Felida NA (tax-deductible), contact: Dr. Milada Allen, President at (360)573-4030, or Rebecca Lillie, Vice President (503)348-5492. Mail to: Felida NA Board, c/o Milada Allen, P.O. Box 61552, Vancouver, WA 9866, or email: timberline713@gmail.com. Some newsletters are posted on Clark County website:

<https://www.clark.wa.gov/public-information-outreach/neighborhood-newsletters>.

JULY 4, 2017 FELIDA CHILDREN'S PARADE ROUTE:

Begin in the Felida Park by the picnic shelter and band stand.

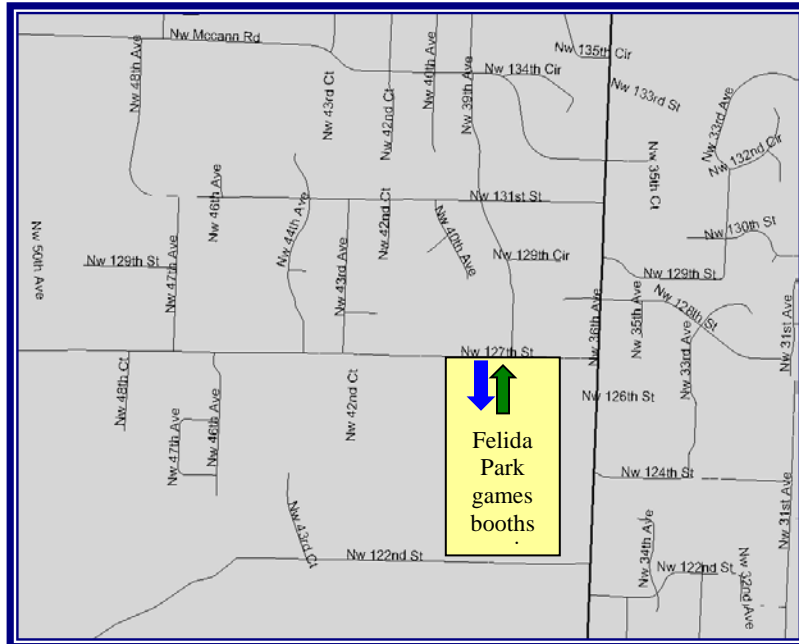
PROPOSED parade route* is as follows:

S - North on NW 39th Ave. ↑
 L - West on NW 131st Street
 L - South on NW 47th Avenue
 L - East on NW 127th Street

Return to the Felida Park ↓

*Route is subject to slight change (depending on weather and road conditions).

Roads will be blocked along the parade route. **Be safe!!! STOP!**



***NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND DRIVERS ALONG PARADE ROUTE:
 ROADS WILL BE BLOCKED ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE AT 11:00 AM ON JULY 4.**

COME BACK TO THE PARK FOR AFTER-PARADE ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY CELEBRATION: FRESH FRUITS, ICE CREAM, GREAT MUSIC, FLY FISHING DEMONSTRATIONS, PRIZES, SAFETY, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, PARKS, COMMUNITY SERVICES, LOCAL BUSINESSES, AND MORE. HAVE A FAMILY-ORIENTED JULY 4 CELEBRATION, PICNIC, AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS. CHECK OUT NEW PARKS AND TRAILS PROJECTS AND GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY.



Photos by Sean Allen

March, ride, sing, watch, and wave.

Celebrate July 4, parks, trails, open spaces and your community. Have fun.

Meet old and new neighbors, participate in games and learning activities for kids from 2 to 92.

Stop at the Felida NA booth to get information on how to get involved in building your new parks, trails; All Children's Celebration Area in Felida Community Park; and to make a difference in your community!

Visit with our community volunteers and partners who make this family-oriented event happen with limited funds.

FELIDA NA

Executive Board

Officers (Volunteers):

Dr. Milada Allen, President

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Jamie Allen (Volunteer)

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Gary Shull, co-chair

John Trujillo, block contact

Christine Kukula, trails

Dr. Milada Allen & board

Felida Park -- Phase III:

Jamie Allen, co-chair

Dr. Milada Allen, co-chair

Foley Neighborhood Park:

Rebecca Lillie, co-chair

Terry Allen, co-chair

Entire board

Sgt. Crawford Park – Phase II:

Jamie Allen, co-chair

Helen Koeppen, co-chair

Dr. Milada Allen & board

Sorenson Neighborhood Park:

A.J. and Jerry Sallee, co-chairs

Dr. Milada Allen

2003 – 2017 (park dedicated)

Get involved with or propose
focused project committees:

timberline713@gmail.com

*Dr. Milada Allen, President Felida NA,
c/o P.O. Box 61552*

Vancouver, WA 98666

See Answers to questions – page 4.

JULY 4 CHILDREN'S PARADE AND CELEBRATION IN FELIDA

As you know, for almost 15 years, Felida Neighborhood Association (Felida NA) Board volunteers have been organizing, free to the public, annual July 4 Children's parade and formal Community Celebration activities in Felida Community Park. The majority of July 4 event participants (encouraged to wear or decorate bikes in red/white/blue) come from Felida, East and West Hazel Dell, Lakeshore, Salmon Creek, Fairgrounds, and adjacent Three Creeks area.

Felida NA Board volunteers pay for 90% of expenses (e.g., permits, insurance, supplies) to offer this free event to our community. Some partners provide fruit, cookies, and beverages. Community participation in the event had increased from 500 (in 2003) to 5,700+ (by 2016).

Since 2003, the Board introduced more free learning and fun activities to our participants (from 2 to 92). These include environment, parks/trails/open spaces, health, safety, and outdoor sports (e.g., fishing). Many businesses, public services, nonprofit/public programs, and partners set up pre-approved booths (at no charge) to network, learn, teach to improve the quality of life.

FELIDA NA MEMBERSHIP FEES AND BOUNDARY

There are NO membership fees to belong to Felida NA. You are a member if you reside within Felida NA boundaries drawn by the Clark County. (Page 4.) Current cumulative Felida NA boundaries and map are posted on the County website. The Felida NA boundary is:

North – Salmon Creek

South - NW 104th Street,

East – I-5

West – Lake River

This area contains +/-5,700 homes and lots.

www.clark.wa.gov/public-information-outreach/neighborhood-association-directory

Clark County Neighborhood Outreach Program supports neighborhood organizations in the unincorporated areas (e.g., Felida) to assist with communication between public and agencies.

FELIDA NA BOARD, COMMITTEES, VOLUNTEERS, AND PARTNERS

With increased residential and commercial development within NA boundary, the Felida NA Board is considering re-drawing director sub-areas, which may result in an additional board opening and Bylaws revisions. To run for Felida NA board director positions, you must reside within formal Felida NA boundaries and sub-area boundary to run for a vacant position.

All elected board officers and area directors are volunteers. Felida NA is a 501(c)(3) organization that does not have paid staff and does not reimburse board or committee members for travel, gas, or parking. If you would like to run for a director position, please provide your information, residence address, telephone, and e-mail with your inquiry.

Volunteers and partners residing outside of the above boundary, are welcome to participate, serve on Felida NA committees, or volunteer as liaisons/advisors for projects and events.

TRAFFIC -- NW 119TH STREET: NW 36TH AVENUE - HWY 99

In 2014, the "CROSSROADS 119" Committee was formed by Morrie Foutch. NW 119th/NE 117th Streets are major West/East connectors. Several Felida NA residents were concerned with increasingly dangerous left turns at intersection of NW 119th Street and NW 21st Avenue. This intersection has slightly elevated profiles on NW 119th - both sides of NW 21st Avenue – resulting in short sight distance and time to complete turns when turning left.

In 2014, the County Transportation responded that traffic lights and stop signs on NW 119th Street were not warranted based on peak-hour traffic counts and accident statistics. Felida NA Board pointed out that NOT ALL accidents are reported and many drivers do not call 911.

In 2017, With new construction adjacent to/on, within 5-mile radius, and 1-mile north/south buffer of 119th/117th Streets; some drivers bypass congested NW 78th Street and long school zone on NW Bliss/134th Street; more pedestrians at crossings, lack of continuous sidewalks, many of you expressed concerns about all intersections along NW 119th and public safety.

Felida NA Board would like to know if you, your HOA, or a group of neighbors have 119th Street safety concerns, committee(s) and/or suggestions to address traffic safety. Contact us and provide information on your efforts, concerns, and/or desire to participate in discussions.

ANSWERS TO FREQUENT QUESTIONS/CATEGORY

Many of you contacted Felida NA President with similar or “like” questions. As Felida NA Board does not have staff to address them individually, these were compiled into major categories for this newsletter to minimize duplication:

July 4 event:

- Yes, the July 4 Kid’s parade was organized a church about 20 years ago. It began with a few families/about 40 participants marching for several blocks – from the church/returning back to the Family of Christ Lutheran Church (on NW 36th Street) for a potluck. Several years later, the Felida NA Board was asked to organize this event.
- Yes, in July 2004, Milada Allen and Jamie Allen, as Felida NA presidents and ex-officios introduced educational and fun activities in the park. As participation and traffic increased on NW 36th, C-Tran and Transportation permits, and coordination for closing a major north/south connector became difficult by 2008 and the parade route changed “inside” route. The parade route is now .2 miles longer as route includes Sgt. Brad Crawford Park (proposed and guided by Felida NA Board/committees and partners). Exhibits and learning opportunities increased participation from 300 (in 2004) to +/- 6,000 people (in 2016).
- Yes, Felida NA secures/pays for all permits, insurance, and pays for about 90% of all expenses. (See Page 1.)
- No, no fees are charged for membership, parade, displays, outreach, information, public events, and support.
- Yes, NA no longer offers free BBQ in the park -- the number of participants and costs increased (from 300 to 5,700+ people) and cost of hamburger went from \$0.20 to \$1.50/patty. In addition, shortly before July 4, 2014 event, two SC Lions representatives informed the Felida NA Board that the Lions were no longer interested in cooking hamburgers & hot dogs provided by NA Board. (The Board voted to re-allocate limited funds to parks.)
- Yes, BYO lunch. Fresh fruit, cookies, beverages and ice cream will be available from NA partners. (See page 1.)
- No, Felida NA Board cannot sponsor a formal neighborhood potluck with 1000’s of participants/strangers cooking and bringing food to share. Food inspectors and the Board have valid health/safety concerns.
- Yes, Felida NA Board officers and directors are volunteers. Other volunteers include Felida NA partners.
- Yes, activities/booths must be pre-approved by the organizer pursuant to permits and other considerations.

Parks Projects:

- Yes, Felida NA and its volunteers pay for all outreach supplies and costs; proposals, travel to hearings and meetings; and preliminary proposed designs for the public parks within Felida NA boundary.
- Yes, the County pays for two annual Felida NA newsletters and mailing within Felida NA boundary.
- No, Parks Foundation of Clark County does not pay for Felida NA public parks projects. However, for the first time, in 2016, the Clark County Parks was awarded a \$10,000 grant for the inclusive Children’s Celebration Garden. (See Page 7.) The Parks can use it for “hard costs” only (i.e., Felida NA Board pays for supplies, outreach, proposals, site concept/engineering plans, and +/- \$50,000 of inclusive play and educational features).
- Yes, Felida NA is a 501(c)(3). For over 17 years, the Felida NA Board encouraged and facilitated grants, donations, partnerships, and 10,000s of volunteer hours directly to the Vancouver – Clark Parks and Clark County Parks, Parks Foundation of Clark County, and a Parks Foundation - Sgt. Brad Crawford Neighborhood Park account set up to pay for the memorial features proposed by the Felida NA Board/Committee with public input.
- Yes, NA Board’s and partners’ efforts resulted in \$1,000,000-value-added for the Felida Community Park. This park was built in partnership with the Vancouver-Clark Parks; partners and volunteers from public, private, and nonprofit organizations (e.g., Clark County Restorative Justice Program, Clark County Waste Treatment Plant, CPU, BIA, NAs, churches, and many enthusiastic neighbors within Three Creeks area).
- Yes, several of our board members are involved with and volunteer for many other organizations/wear many hats as individuals or as part of the Felida NA board to improve the quality of life county-wide.
- No, Felida NA is not an HOA (Homeowners association and does not collect dues to provide revenues for public parks projects within Felida NA boundary. No, your HOA dues do not pay for public parks. (See page 5.)

Other:

- Yes, Felida NA does hold fundraisers for special events – like the Felida NA Holiday event for kids in need.
- Yes, the Board votes on events, programs, and/or projects to support, partner on, and/or organize.
- No, Felida NA does not get subsidy/stipend/allocations from government agencies, including Clark County.
- No, Felida NA Board cannot let anyone/or any other independent organization use Felida NA’s 501(c)(3).
- Yes, some of us, as individuals, helped other qualified organizations and partners to secure their own tax-exempt status. They had common goals to improve the quality of life for communities county-wide.
- Yes, Felida NA was the first NA to reach out to veterans in our community and legitimate veterans’ organizations.
- Yes, it would be great to have banners, flower pots for the identity/brand of the Felida “downtown.” Volunteers?
- Questions about County NAs/Homeowners Associations (HOAs), Felida Village, and Children’s Celebration Garden in Felida Community Park are addressed separately on pages 5 -7.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FELIDA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS LOCATED WITHIN FELIDA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS**

Felida Neighborhood Associations (NA) Board officers (volunteers) receive many complaints, questions, and requests for services allegedly "paid for by residents, owners, and absentee landlords" of homes located within Felida NA boundaries drawn by the County. Each time we have to explain that County NAs are not HOAs and do not collect dues/fees, taxes, or get funding from the Clark County.

There are many HOAs located in Felida NA. Several recurring questions indicate that it is time to revisit the difference between neighborhood associations (NAs) and homeowners' associations (HOAs). This table is only intended to represent a sample of frequent questions posed to Felida NA Board to date.

These examples are not intended to provide an in-depth analysis, or advice, on HOAs; CCR's¹; HOA Board Charters/Bylaws/Administrative Guidelines and policies; and/or HOA property managers or management companies.

COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS (NAs) ²	HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS (HOAs) LOCATED IN NA
Felida NA contains many HOAs within it's boundary. Clark County or Felida NA do not keep lists of HOA names, board members, contact information, locations or boundary descriptions.	HOAs operating within Felida NA do not report to Felida NA or provide their names, area-specific HOA boundary descriptions, contact information, or contact information for HOA board members or HOA management companies. (Check your closing documents (e.g., CCRs), or contact dues collector, treasurer, neighbors, and/or property management agency)
County NAs are formed by groups of people (land and home owners; and absentee landlords and renters) within specific areas delineated by and mutually agreed to by the group and County; and are usually formally recognized by the Clark County.	HOAs are usually set up by the developer of a subdivision or other development area (e.g., PUDs ³) as part of the conditions of development approval. These are usually set up for management and maintenance of common areas, storm-water facilities, and/or protection of wetlands/sensitive habitat areas within HOA boundary.
Membership in NA is automatic for land/homes/businesses located within NA Boundary -- that includes HOAs. No dues/membership fees are assessed or collected.	Membership dues/fees are determined and assessed by the development/area-specific HOA Board.
Participation in NAs is voluntary.	Participation in area-specific HOAs is mandatory.
NAs do not assess or collect HOA-specific fees and/or dues.	HOAs assess and collect fees/dues within area-specific boundary.
NAs do not have regulatory or confiscatory powers.	HOAs regulate specific performance/compliance, require mitigation of CCR infractions, determine penalties and file liens against properties.
NAs do not oversee/manage/regulate HOAs.	HOAs do not oversee/manage/regulate NAs
Contact Marilee McCall, Clark County Neighborhood Outreach Relations Coordinator at 360-397-2316 or marilee.mccall@clark.wa.gov	Check Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and with your attorney for more information on HOAs.

In addition, visit Clark County website at: www.clark.wa.gov/public-information-outreach/about-neighborhood-associations.

Clark County website provides A-Z information for departments, services, topic categories, commissions and committees and Clark County Board of Councilors-adopted documents such as: governance; comprehensive and area plans; County budgets; unincorporated area codes, regulations, ordinances and resolutions; allowed land uses/zoning designations; public hearings; and much more.

On the Neighborhood Outreach Program page, you can download, print, or look up information pertaining to:

- Clark County Neighborhood Guide from Code Enforcement www.clark.wa.gov/public-information-outreach/resources
- Clark County Citizen Participation Guide www.clark.wa.gov/public-information-outreach/citizen-participation-guide
- Clark County Staff Telephone Directory <https://www.clark.wa.gov/directory>

¹ CCRs= are HOA-specific codes, covenants and restrictions. These are civil contracts; attached to deeds of trusts; and should be provided at closing. Read your CCRs and address your questions to your HOA and/or check with your attorney.

² NAs (abbreviation) used in this section = neighborhood associations located in the unincorporated areas of the County only. Other jurisdictions may have different rules, policies, and NA definitions.

³ PUD = planned unit development

Felida Village – “Downtown” Felida

The Felida NA Board directors/volunteers have been involved with many parks projects and public outreach/events within NA boundaries; area-focused health and safety issues; and public meetings. Numerous and frequent comments and recent questions were regarding Felida Village located at the intersection of NW 36th Avenue/NW 119th Street in Felida at these events, calls, and mail.

Summary of Comments:

Some Felida NA residents and landowners had concerns with Felida changing from rural/agricultural community to suburban/mixed use development by land owners; and “Not in My Backyard” (NIMBYs). A few of these comments were directed at the Felida Village, a mixed-use development/zoning/permits..

The majority of other comments about Felida Village included: appreciation for improvements of the intersection, pedestrian access, traffic circulation, re-alignment of pavement/lines, and lights; interesting and attractive local businesses to walk/go to; convenience – no need to drive to other areas; removal of attractive nuisances on at least two properties; and visually attractive area/improved aesthetics.

Summary of Questions:

The recent removal of weeds, blackberries, and a leaning barn/garage on the south-east corner lot – across the street from Felida Village – stopped complaints but generated 100s of questions ranging from future plans for businesses/apartments, land uses, permits, zoning, and a need for a parking lot.

Your questions, received to date, are valid and relevant. For accuracy, Ron Edwards, President of Edwards Construction Group, “Felida Village” developer and NA landowner/resident, was asked to respond to recurring questions in his own words. (As part of disclosure, it is shared with all residents and property owners in Felida NA.)

“Felida Village Update:

Mt Tabor Brewing opened their doors with much anticipation on Thursday, March 16th. Although the opening was not announced to the public, as Eric Surface waited for his final approval from the Clark County building officials, many customers lined up for the first public pouring of Mt Tabor Brew. From the onset, great beverages and food have been delivered while they get through the learning curve of figuring out the best way to serve the neighborhood. Eric Surface said: “we wanted to make sure we opened right with high quality.”...

“Above Mt Tabor Brewing is the Backstairs meeting, event, and party space. The space is available for 3-hour to full day rental for up to 68 people with indoor space and an outdoor heated patio. We also have a short-term fully furnished apartment that has three bedrooms and sleeps eight. Both spaces can be found at www.felidavillage.com.

When you go to Felida Village and try Studio V, Barre 3 (they just happened to win Best of Clark County), Mt Tabor Brewing, Felida Coffee House or Edward Jones, you can expect parking to be the most challenging aspect of your visit. We recognize the need to have parking and have addressed the need by adding temporary spaces south across NW 119th Street. We are adding lighting and adjusting to the demand, so please be patient while we adapt. Also, please be respectful of the area neighbors and don't block driveways, etc, if you do park off-site.

We are also developing one of Clark County's first cottage house communities at the corner of NW 38th and NW 119th. This will be a community of 125 small cottage houses in the 1200 square foot range. Each house will be separate and have a detached single car garage. The gated cottages at Felida Village will include a shared covered outdoor kitchen and a fire pit that will be built to the high community standards of the Felida neighborhood.

At the southeast corner of Lakeshore and NW 119th Street and one block west on 119th Street, the corner is currently in the process of being rezoned from residential to commercial. This process is expected to complete in 2018. It will allow one additional building, similar to Felida Village; and additional parking, with the purpose of including a corner, high quality breakfast restaurant, bookstore, boutique, and four more studio apartments. The breakfast concept will be Northwest inspired with a covered seating area which will be open for 4-6 months of the year – as the weather allows. Look for the best breakfast in Clark County...”

“I personally want to thank everyone for the effort to build, shop, and suffer through the time it has taken us to build Felida Village. I feel especially grateful for the opportunity to see the vision through.” Ron Edwards.

The Felida Village new addition is a popular ice cream cart. “Just in time for sun!” one satisfied 5-year old client exclaimed with delight. There may be some red, white, and blue ice cream to celebrate July 4.

If you have any other questions or need more information, please do not call Felida NA Board. Contact Ron Edwards, President, Edwards Construction Group directly at: 2501 NE 129th Street, Vancouver, WA 98686 (off Hwy 99), 360-601-7922, ron@gotoedwards.com.

CHILDREN’S CELEBRATION GARDEN AREA

In 2007, after almost 70 requests, the Felida NA Board voted to celebrate and advocate for an all-inclusive play area in Felida Community Park – in the area improved with landscaping, plantings, and irrigation pursuant to partnerships between Vancouver-Clark Parks, Felida NA Board, Hazel Dell Sewer, Clark County Waste Treatment Plant in Felida, the Allen Team and community partners.

In 2007, conceptual drawing, **Alternative 1**, for the Children’s Celebration Area was prepared by Jean Akers (Vancouver-Clark Parks). It was reviewed by the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and informally approved by the Clark County Board of Commissioners. It was determined that the simple concrete circle and boulders design was a de facto landscape project and would not require permits.

From 2007 – 2015, the design for this inclusive area kept expanding as the public expressed desire to celebrate and empower children with all abilities and impairments. In 2015, Felida NA Board proposed a concept of inclusive play area with specific proposals, plans, budget estimates, potential donors, and a summary of input -- from over 7,500 children and parents at public events – including several Kline Kids Fish kids with special needs. 1,000s of kids with all physical, mobility, and mental abilities drew wonderful pictures of rainbows, their visions for play areas, and told us their wishes.

The County Parks and County Parks Advisory Board supported Felida NA’s efforts and parks staff applied for a grant from the Parks Foundation of Clark County. As reported in Felida NA’s June 2016 newsletter, the Parks Foundation awarded a \$10,000 grant for Children’s Celebration Garden Area project to the Clark Parks -- based on Felida NA Board’s Alternative 1 - revised with community input at more than 30 public events and meetings. Congratulations to All!



Marc Boldt, Clark County Board of Councilors Chair and Julie Olson, Councilor representing our District (District 2) are posing in front of the \$10,000 Parks Foundation check for the Children’s Celebration Garden in Felida Community Park. Bill Bjerke, Clark County Parks manager is in the middle holding his award. Jamie Allen, Felida NA ex-officio President and Dr. Milada Allen, Felida NA President, respectively, are on the left side of the photo (courtesy of Clark County).

On June 8, 2017, Clark County Parks Advisory Board voted to formally support Felida NA Board to proceed with finalizing draft concept site design (**Alternative 2**). The draft Alternative 2 includes rainbow of wishes arches at the east end where the wheelchair accessible pathways meet to form the top of the heart.

Felida NA Board members and partners are in the process of developing a final concept plan (**Alternative 3**) for inclusive play area and wheelchair-accessible amenities for the Children’s Celebration Garden located in Felida Community Park. As has been Felida NA’s modus operandi, the final plan (Alternative 3) and selection of play features, plaques, boulders, benches, carvings and pathway alignments are subject to approval by the Clark County Parks. This process is further complicated by the new storm water ordinances. The Felida NA Board and partners will be re-designing pathways. This project needs continued community support and sponsorship of amenities approved by the County Parks.

To date, Felida NA Board has been responsible for all expenses associated with outreach, proposals, and in-kind donations of services for this project in a public park. Just the value-added for over 4,370 volunteer hours accumulated by the Felida NA board volunteers engaged in outreach, information gathering, research, design, public hearings and preparation of documents is \$43,700 @ \$10/hour. (If charged at comparable rates for expertise, it would be much higher.) In addition, Felida NA Board’s projects fund and volunteers donated over \$29,000 of services, supplies and expenses.

Stay tuned. Felida NA will be advertising availability of opportunities for private sponsorships of amenities and in-kind donations for Alternative 3, if approved by the County Parks.

Yes, **the “Do Nothing”** option was rejected at every phase. (As this option will be considered through the end of the process, it is referred to as **Alternative #4**.) Let us know if you are interested in participating in this project.

As always, Felida NA Board appreciates your input, observations, and suggestions. The Felida NA board originally named this inclusion project as Children’s Celebration area, then Celebration of All Kids. However, kids were describing it as a garden with rainbows, rocks, animals, plants, and special play areas.” Thus, the “Children’s Garden Area” emerged at the top of preferred names.

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