

Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County

March 9, 2015

7-8:30 PM

Clark County Public Works 78th Street Operations Center
4700 NE 78th Street, Vancouver, WA

Meeting notes

Welcome and introductions: Doug Ballou, Chair

In attendance: Doug Ballou, NACCC; Holly Gaya, Clark County; Dan Enright, CCSO NOW; Judy Bumbarger-Enright, Sunnyside; Commander Erin Nolan, CCSO West Precinct, Commander KC Kasberg, Central Precinct Commander; Sergeant Alex Schoening, CCSO Outreach Sergeant; Terry and Maureen Smith, Meadow Glade; Lynda Maguire, E. Minnehaha; Milada Allen, Felida; Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell; Barbara Anderson, Clark County Parks Commission; Mitch Canton, Salmon Creek Live and Clark County Live; Stephan Abramson, Pleasant Highlands; Bill Bjerke, Clark County Parks; Susan Rasmusson, Clean Water Commission; Jeff Mize, Clark County Public Works; and Mike Burton, Brush Prairie

Announcements:

- State of the County--Councilor David Madore, chair of the Board of County Councilors, is scheduled to present State of the County remarks on Thursday, March 12, along with Councilors Jeanne E. Stewart and Tom Mielke.

The event will be 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Skyview High School, 1300 NW 139th St., in the Salmon Creek area. Light refreshments will be available at 3:30 p.m. The program will start at 4 p.m.

Plans call for newly elected Sheriff Chuck E. Atkins and newly appointed Acting County Manager Mark McCauley to be on hand for short presentations.

The councilors also will recognize volunteers for extraordinary efforts in 2014. They urge those attending to bring non-perishable food, household supplies or financial donations for local food banks.

A food drive has been a key part of State of the County in recent years. Donations in 2014 provided nearly 3,000 meals. More than 10,000 families turn to the Clark County Food Bank and partner agencies each month for help meeting basic needs.

Everyone is invited but for those unable to attend, the program may be viewed later on CTV (Clark-Vancouver Television) Channels 21 and 23.

- The Hazel Dell/Salmon Creek Business Association Parade of Bands is celebrating its 51st anniversary. The parade will be held on Saturday, May 16 at 10:30 a.m. This year's theme will be "Wild, Wild West" led by Grand Marshal Retired Clark County Sheriff Gary Lucas. The Parade of Bands attracts tens of thousands of spectators annually. Registration forms for this year's parade will be available March 2 on the Hazel Dell/Salmon Creek Business Association's Website, www.hdscba.org

The Lion's Club will host their annual Pancake Breakfast the morning of the parade from 7-10 a.m. at Station 61 in Hazel Dell. For more information contact Sarah Walton, Public Education/Information Officer at sarah.walton@ccfd6.org or (360) 576-1195.

- Join us for the Kline Fishing Event held annually at Kline Pond in Salmon Creek Park. We are expecting 500 special-needs kids on Friday, April 10, and 2500 kids ages 5-14, April 11, 2015. Registration begins February 1.

Register your child by filling out the online form at: <http://www.kline-kf.org/register.html> .

Registration is \$5 per participant and includes an event t-shirt and ZEBCO fishing rod and reel. Upon completion of Paypal transaction, you will receive a confirmation email with your child's scheduled fishing time. Be at the park a half hour early and check in at the registration table. Your child will receive a fishing rod and reel complete with terminal gear and an event t-shirt. Bait is provided. Kids fish in 45 minute increments throughout the day between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Kids are encouraged to visit and experience hands-on activities in the park, including an archery range, and educational kiosks. Prizes are awarded for the largest and smallest fish caught in each fishing session. Bicycles are awarded hourly.

Over a two-day period 8000-10,000 people will gather at Salmon Creek Park/ Kline Pond in Vancouver WA. Presented by Kline Kids Fishing Nonprofit, with lots of help and support from Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, Clark Public Utilities, US Fish & Wildlife, Fire Dist. 6, local businesses, and sport fishing groups; Kline Kids Fishing introduces kids to the benefits of fishing as an individual and family activity, and is aimed at getting more kids outdoors, involved in fishing, and aware of our natural environment.

- Clark Public Utilities' Stream Team is hosting its annual Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 19, at the Salmon Creek Regional Park near Kline Pond.

The 15th annual celebration is Clark County's largest Earth Day tree planting and family event. It will feature a free community EcoFair between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. with fun for kids, nature talks and walks, live entertainment, and booths from environmental organizations and businesses.

All activities are free of charge and include live music and a wildlife show featuring birds of prey. Kids of all ages are invited on a walking tour of nearby projects focused on helping salmon habitat.

- The Youth Heritage Project (YHP) is an annual 4-day interactive field school that engages high school students and teachers by connecting them to historic, cultural and natural resources. YHP is designed to introduce historic preservation to a younger generation, future leaders that will work to save the places that matter.

For more information and to apply for free registration, visit their Website at: <http://preservewa.org/discoverwashingtoneyhp.aspx>. Applications are due by May 18, 2015.

- Commander Erin Nolan introduced our new Central Precinct Commander KC Kasberg. KC will be sworn by Sheriff Atkins on March 31 at 11 a.m. in the Lower Lobby of the Clark County Sheriff's Headquarters, 707 W 13th Street, Vancouver, along with new Enforcement Sergeants Pete Muller and Robert Latter. Congratulations.
- The Commission on Aging is seeking applicants for three openings. The commission provides leadership in addressing needs of people older than 60 while implementing the county's Aging Readiness Plan.

Volunteer service is for a three-year term. The commission meets 3:30 – 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Committee meetings and other activities require an additional 10 hours per month. For more information contact Jacqui Kamp, Community Planning (360) 397-2280 ext. 4913, Jacqueline.kamp@clark.wa.gov

- Lutheran Community Services is hosting a Crime Victim Advocacy Program featuring ID Theft on Thurs. March 19 from 12-1 p.m. in the basement classroom at Lutheran community Services NW, 2600 Mail St., Vancouver, WA. Bring a sack lunch and learn how to identify identity theft and steps you can take to protect yourself from becoming a victim. RSVPs requested. For more information call: (360) 694-5624.
- S.A.L.T. stands for Seniors and Law Enforcement Together. It is a cooperative effort of the Clark County Sheriff's Office, Camas Police Department and the Senior Citizens of Clark County. To Subscribe to the SALT Times newsletter, contact Kasey Frazier at the Clark County Sheriff's Office West Precinct, (360) 397-6079 or by email: Kasey.Frazier@clark.wa.gov

SALT's purpose is to:

- To decrease crime and the "fear" of crime in order to raise livability for our seniors.
- To increase and improve senior crime prevention and education.
- To improve local law enforcement's knowledge of the crime prevention needs of seniors.
- To identify the concerns of local senior citizens.
- To improve senior victim assistance.
- To involve senior citizens in crime prevention and the educational efforts of S.A.L.T. and to raise awareness of the community of these special issues.

S.A.L.T. Council activities have included the following:

- Monthly programs on issues seniors have identified, i.e., telemarketing scams, mail theft, check fraud, ombudsman, etc.
- Presented training for officers on sensitivity issues with Alzheimer's patients encountered on the streets as lost or missing.
- Created, published and distributed brochure on Elder Abuse which raised awareness of issue and provided LOCAL support.
- Refrigerator cards which list crucial medical and emergency information about a resident with special needs to aid emergency personnel dispatched to the home.
- Neighborhood Watch programs to address the specific concerns of senior neighbors.

The S.A.L.T. Council is a group made up of representatives of the Sheriff Office, police departments of Camas and Vancouver, members of AARP, and local Senior Citizens.

Currently there is an East Side and a West Side for the public's convenience in being able to reach the locations. However, any citizen may attend one or more meetings per month. A free monthly "S.A.L.T. Times" newsletter arrives to members each month detailing meeting notices and special items of interest. The newsletter is also available via e-mail. Call (360) 397-2211 ext. 3380 to sign up.

- West side S.A.L.T. meets the third Monday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at 40 & 8 Community Center in Hazel Dell at 7607 NE 26th Avenue. Contact the Clark County Sheriff's Office Outreach Unit, (360) 397-2104.

- East side S.A.L.T. meets the fourth Monday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at Camas Police Department, 2100 NE 3rd, Camas, WA. Contact person is Tami Strunk, Camas Police, (360) 834-4151.
- Check out the Washington State University Extension Master Gardener Program here: <http://ext100.wsu.edu/clark/gardening/mg/>. They offer classes to become a Master Gardener and provide training for anyone who is interested in learning more about gardening and environmental stewardship.

Today's Master Gardener volunteers teach local community members to:

- Manage their gardens and landscapes in a science-based, sustainable manner;
 - Address environmental and social priorities such as water conservation and water quality protection;
 - Reduce the impact of invasive species; and,
 - Increase public awareness of healthy living through gardening.
 - Master Gardeners also enhance communities through demonstration gardens and donation of produce to local food banks.
- Recycling Day Events 2015—Clark County, the cities of Battle Ground, Camas, La Center, Ridgefield, Vancouver and Washougal and the town of Yacolt are hosting Recycling Day Events in 2015. The events will give Clark County residents the opportunity to manage a variety of special wastes through reuse, recycling and safe disposal.

Upcoming events include:

April—

- Yacolt, Saturday, April 11 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Yacolt Primary School, 406 W Yacolt Rd. No shredding at this event.
- Camas, Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Camas Public Works Operations 1620 SE 8th St.
- Ridgefield, Saturday, April 25 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 5901 S 11th St. No shredding at this event.

May—

- La Center, Saturday May 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Holley Park, 1000 4th St.
- Washougal, Saturday, May 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Washougal Transfer Station, 4020 S. Grant St.
- Hazel Dell, Saturday, May 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Columbia River High School, 800 NW 99th St.

September—

- Vancouver, Saturday, Sept. 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Clark College, Yellow Lot 1, 1900 Fort Vancouver Way
- East Vancouver, Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. C-Tran Fisher's Landing Transit Center, 3510 SE 164th Ave.

October—

- Battle Ground, Saturday, Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Battle Ground High School, 300 W Main St. (Enter NW 3rd Way from N. Parkway)

For more information: www.ClarkGreenNeighbors.org/recyclingday

- The Vancouver Lions Club wants to know about community needs. They are conducting a survey of community leaders in the greater Vancouver area to help provide better service to our community. Please access the Community Needs Survey here:
<http://www.clark.wa.gov/neighborhoods/documents/LionsSurvey.pdf>
Please email your completed survey to Peggy Bowe. Peggy's contact information is at the bottom of the survey. Or, you may call her at (509) 432-5076.

Susan Rasmussen with the Clark County Clean Water Commission was our guest speaker and provided an overview of:

- Storm water management here: <http://www.clark.wa.gov/environment/stormwater/index.html>
- Storm water facility maintenance here:
<http://www.clark.wa.gov/environment/stormwater/maintenance.html>
- and the clean water fee here: <http://www.clark.wa.gov/environment/stormwater/fee.html>

Susan said stormwater is the number one threat to water quality in urban areas and Clark County currently has 739 bioswales, 450 detention/retention ponds, 187 vaults and 373 miles of stormwater pipes, etc. Clark County has a lot of stormwater facilities. She also talked about what we can do help maintain clean water.

There was discussion about the annual fee and responsibility for the clean water retention ponds in neighborhoods. Neighborhood associations are not required to maintain stormwater retention ponds. However, some homeowners associations are required to care for their retention ponds. For more information regarding Clark County Clean Water Program, you may contact Earl Rowell at (360) 397-2121 ext. 4580 or Earl.Rowell@clark.wa.gov.

Bridget Schwarz with the Fairground Neighborhood Association didn't make it to our meeting but Doug explained Bridget's desire to create a committee to address emergency information for vulnerable populations. There was discussion and many believed the local fire department would be best suited for this project. Ila talked to 21 of her neighbors and found most unwilling to share information about vulnerability. Fire departments are familiar with many homes in their area that require assistance and would probably be the best agency to facilitate outreach and policy to assist in the event of a catastrophic emergency.

Mitch Canton with Salmon Creek Live and Clark County Live is creating a free, LOCAL Web-based resource to empower our neighborhood association and other community entities to better connect with, inform and educate the neighbors that they serve. This Web-based platform will be extendable to allow for users to interact with each other and therefore become more involved with and participatory in the neighborhoods where they live, work, shop and play.

Mitch is planning private testing in March and a public launch in April 2015.

Q&A

- Will the system be public or private? *Yes. Both. Users will have the ability to read and/or contribute based on several membership criteria and the corresponding permissions.*

- How will neighborhood associations be involved? *Develop, implement, moderate, control. The structure of the system is based on neighborhood association usage and the root of the communication efforts rest with the neighborhood associations.*
- Who can join? *Anyone, at various member levels. Selected sub-groups will have Geo-restrictions, but the overriding goal is to get the big picture content into everyone's hands.*
- How much will it cost? *Free, as in the air that we breathe.*
- Is this a government program? *No, but we'd surely love the support as we launch for the community.*
- Why this and not Nextdoor? *Local. Adaptable. And, about 40 other reasons.*
- How can I get involved? *Just ask. We're rolling out a limited, private beta now. Feedback is welcome. It's your platform, developed for your associations, intended to connect your neighbors.*

Roundtable

Commander Erin Nolan introduced KC Kasberg our new Central Precinct Commander and Alex Schoening, our new Outreach Sergeant. All is well at West Precinct.

Lynda Maguire, new President of the East Minnehaha Neighborhood Association thanked Sheriff Atkins and Alex Schoening for attending their meeting last week.

Terry and Maureen Smith with Meadow Glade Neighborhood Assoc. said the association is reactivating, they are preparing a newsletter, the association has a Facebook page, a meeting is scheduled for April 16, and Gordy Euler with Clark County Planning will speak about the Rural Industrial Land Bank. They plan to invite Deputy Fronk to attend as well.

Milada Allen with Felida Neighborhood Assoc. suggested that NACCC invite Denise Smee with the Clark County Conservation Dist. to talk about the district's services and available grants. Milada also reminded everyone that the Kline Line Fishing Derby will be April 10th – 11th and volunteers are needed. Additionally the Felida July 4th Celebration is quickly approaching. Everyone is encouraged to participate at the annual Felida event. Volunteers are always needed. And finally, Milada encouraged everyone to pay attention to the pre-application notices and testify at the Planning Commission. If you aren't vigilant, you may be surprised.

Ila Stanek with West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association and the Hazel Dell/Salmon Creek Business Assoc. reminded everyone that the Parade of Bands will be on May 16th. Retired Sheriff Garry Lucas will be the Grand Marshal. Did you know there's an app for that? Yes indeed. Please download the Parade of Bands app. Ila said, "Mitch Canton created the app specifically for the Parade of Bands. Everyone loves the app. It is awesome!" For more information about the parade and registration: www.hdscba.org or call (360) 608-0854 or (360) 600-6355.

Ila also said that Clark County Fire Dist. 6 open house will be June 6 from 12-4 p.m. at 8800 NE Hazel Dell Ave. Everyone is invited. The West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association will meet in mid-April.

Judy Bumbarger-Enright with Sunnyside said their next meeting will focus on emergency preparedness and Eric Frank with Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency will be their guest speaker.

Dan Enright with the Neighbors on Watch (NOW) Program said on March 10, 2015 volunteers with the Clark County and Vancouver NOW programs will participate in a joint "saturation patrol" to look for, and

report, suspicious activity. This is the first time the Vancouver NOW and Clark County NOW programs have worked together. For more information about the Clark County NOW Program, contact Sgt. Alex Schoening at 397-6079 or Alex.Schoening@clark.wa.gov.

Bill Bjerke with Clark County Parks and Barbara Anderson, Co –chair of the Parks Commission asked everyone to take the online community survey: www.clark.wa.gov/parks and follow the link to the 14-question survey. This is important as the Growth Management Plan is being written. It will only take a few minutes to complete the survey. You may also offer comments or ask questions by email: Parks@clark.wa.gov or US Post mail: Clark County Parks, 4700 NE 78th St., Vancouver, WA 98665 or call: Clark County Parks at (360) 397-2285.

Mitch Canton with N. Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association talked a bit about a very large development on the NE corner of 139th St. and 10th Ave. The neighborhood association was shocked to see the building as there was an agreement in 2008 that it would not occur. For more questions, contact Oliver Orjiako at (360) 397-2280 ext. 4112 or Oliver.Orjiako@clark.wa.gov.

Stephan Abramson with Pleasant Highlands said he passed along information about a neighborhood meeting to neighbors who were concerned regarding a cell tower on 124th St. He hasn't heard back from anyone. The Pleasant Highlands Association is having a meeting the end of March. Cheri Larsen, interim Parks Volunteer Coordinator and Robin Washington with Clark County Public Works will be the speakers.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM

The next Neighborhood Associations Council meeting will be April 13, 2015.