

# NORTH SALMON CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## NEXT MEETING



**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!**

**May 3rd, 2007**  
**7 PM - community room**  
**Three Creeks Library**  
**800 NE Tenney Rd**

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## **SUCCESS OF Rx DRUG DISCOUNT PROGRAM**

Since the introduction of Clark County's prescription drug discount program four months ago, county residents have used the cards to fill 5,443 prescriptions, receiving an average discount of 24.5%!



The best part is that the program is free to Clark county residents regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage. The cards are accepted at 92% of the county's pharmacies.

For more information on this program call 1-877-321-2652 or visit <https://naco.advancex.com>

## **CHIPPER DAY - MAY 12TH**

The NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association is having a "Chipper Day" and has invited us to participate. A great opportunity to get rid of those spring tree trimmings! Mark your calendars for May 12th from 9 AM until 1 PM at the Gaiser Middle School parking lot located at 3000 NE 99th Street. This is a free service provided by Clark County Public Works Department.

Please bring only woody materials from trees and shrubs. No leaves (unattached from branches), stumps, blackberry vines, ivy, holly or garbage. No limbs bigger than 6" or roots (dirt dulls the chipper).



Things move best when the branches and woody material are removed directly from trucks or trailers into the chipper.

## **TAKE A BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK AT YOUR LOCAL**



**T**ours of the Port of Vancouver, will take place throughout April and May to educate residents. Created by Clark County taxpayers in 1912, it is one of the major ports on the Pacific Coast

Your invited to come and take a behind-the-scenes look at your local Port located at 3103 NW Lower River Road. The next tour is scheduled for:

Tuesday, April 24, 2007  
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

(box dinner provided)

**RESERVATION & PHOTO  
ID REQUIRED**



Contact Sue Groth on 360-992-1129. Future tour dates are Thursday May 24th and Thursday September 27th.

## **DID YOU KNOW ?????**

- We have the largest Mobile Harbor Crane in the U.S. - capable of lifting 140 metric tons.
- The Port now uses B20 biodiesel in all heavy equipment and diesel vehicles to help reduce emissions and dependence on foreign oil.
- Future development plans will nearly double the size of current Port operations and create new jobs, businesses and revenues for our community.

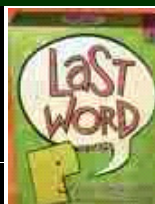
**There's a lot going on down at the Port -  
Come check it out!!!**

## **COME AND GET IT!**

**Free food coupons** from the Salmon Creek Burgerville will be distributed at the May 3rd NSCNA meeting. **YUM!!!**



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# FROM PRESIDENT DAN

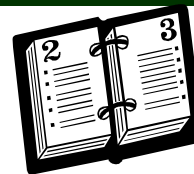
It gives me great pleasure to announce that we are partnering with our elementary schools, Chinook and Salmon Creek, to help distribute our newsletters. This issue is being sent out with the students. The current plan is to have the newsletter mailed by the county three times a year, and sent home with the students three times a year.

The map below shows the limits of the North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association. The boundaries of the schools are roughly consistent with ours. There will be some households that receive this information outside the neighborhood, but we believe that it's appropriate for everyone. Even if you live East of I5 or West of Chinook and south of 151<sup>st</sup>, you're still invited to our Neighborhood Meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at our Library (it's your library too).

We understand that this will still only reach a fraction of our neighbors, but it's better than the alternative of only having our retail partners as pick up points. If you want some extra copies to hand to your neighbors, you can get some from them, or call Barbara or myself for more. And by the way, we will still have this issue available at many of the merchants; between the Kids Club and the Red Lion.

Now some fun stuff: Parades, plays, graduations, and concerts at the Amphitheater. It may not feel like it, but summer is around the corner. Take the time to tidy up the yard and get your branches disposed for free at Gaiser Middle School. Then kick back and relax at the Parade of the Bands the next week.

See you on May 3<sup>rd</sup>



## Up coming Events

**April 28, May 1-3**  
Spring Musical  
OKLAHOMA 7 pm in the  
Skyview High School Auditorium

**May 1,3,4, & 5**  
Miracle Worker at Vancouver School of Arts & Academics. Tickets \$5 more info: 313-4627

**May 3** NSCNA Meeting 7:00pm  
at Three Creeks Library

**May 5th** - Skyview Booster Auction at Heathman Lodge, \$40.00 dinner included. Contact Rhea Jacobson at : [co-president@skyviewstorm.com](mailto:co-president@skyviewstorm.com)

**May 19** in Hazel Dell  

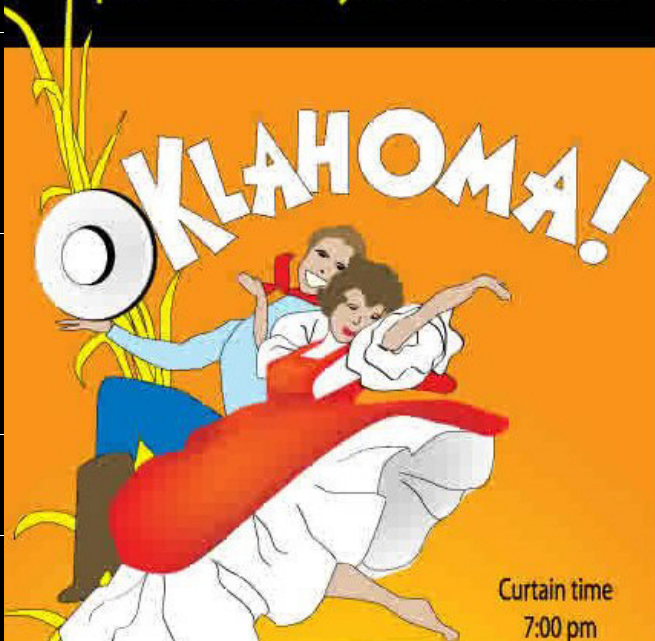
- 7:00-10:00am Pancake Breakfast at Fire District 6, Station #1 (by Target)
- 10:30am Parade of Bands starts at Fire Station #1, Theme: Wild Wild West

**May 24** Port of Vancouver Tour  
5:30 - 7 pm See article on page 1

**June 9th** - Chinook Carnival

## SKYVIEW / HUDSON BAY SPRING MUSICAL

April 28th • May 1st, 2nd & 3rd



SKYVIEW HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

1300 NW 139th ST VANCOUVER, WA 98685

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE ON SALE DURING INTERMISSION

APRIL 28th  
MAY 1-3

**Clark County Master Gardner's & Columbia River Crossing Project to Speak at May NSCNA Meeting**

**May 3rd, 2007** Columbia River Crossing (bridge replacement, Bus Rapid Transit, & Light Rail Transit) representative will talk about the project goals see related article on page four.

Clark Public Utilities- Environmental Services Master Gardeners will share Suburban Gardening Tips



**ATTENDEES AT THE MAY MEETING WILL RECEIVE A COUPON FOR A FREE DRINK OR SANDWICH FROM SALMON CREEK BURGERSVILLE!**



# RECYCLE CORNER

## RECYCLE OLD BLOCK FOAM

Clark County residents can recycle their block foam at Clark College on the first Saturday of every month **for free**. Collection hours will be from 9 AM until 3 PM in the parking lot located at 1900 Fort Vancouver Way - adjacent to the soccer field.

Please keep block foam out of our landfills. Collect, store and then take it to this pickup site for recycling.

The Block Foam Collection Program is a collaboration between Clark College, the City of Vancouver, Clark County and PC Plastics, a Portland based recycling company. PC Plastics takes all the foam, grinds it into a powder, mixes and melts it with special additives and churns out pellets that maintain the same quality as virgin plastic. The pellets are then used locally by Panasonic Shikoku Electronics Corporation of America, in Vancouver to make parts for new Panasonic TV's.

The collection at Clark College accepts all block foam. The Foam can be any color, but it must be clean and bagged / boxed. There are some restrictions; no plastic wrapped yellow urethane foam, no hot tub covers, peanuts must be double-bagged. Please see PC Plastics web site at [www.pcpastics.com](http://www.pcpastics.com) for details.

If you have questions or would like more information please contact Clark County Solid Waste Service at 360-397-6118 extension 4352.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL SITES

Residents of Clark County will have a number of opportunities to safely remove household hazardous waste and unwanted electronics from their homes and dropping them at mobile collection sites located throughout the county on selected Saturdays running through October 6th.



Electronics accepted include computers, monitors, TVs, printers, answering machines, VCRs, typewriters, FAX machines, cell phones and other computer related

electronics. Computers that can be reused will be refurbished and broken equipment will be recycled.

Do not bring microwaves, toasters, hair dryers or other appliances. If in good condition, donate these items to a non-profit group who accepts these items. Mobile Collection Sites near our neighborhood are:

**June 2nd** Home Depot from 9 -1 pm  
8601 NE Andresen Rd

**Oct 6** Public Works 9 am - 1 pm  
4700 NE 78th Street

For other dates and locations call 360-397-6118 extension 4352.

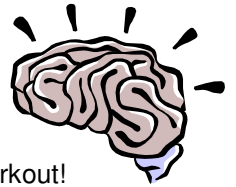
**FREE HOME COLLECTION SERVICES** for eligible senior citizens and residents with disabilities who have no means of transporting household hazardous waste - call 397-6118 ext 4352

## Jim Parsley Community Center Adventure Club



**S**aturday Adventure Club at the Jim Parsley Community Center (JPCC) 4100 Plomondon Road, offers exciting educational activities for your elementary student. One Saturday each month during the school year, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m, children in grades 1-5 are invited to participate in unique learning adventures with an emphasis on fun! Each month, teachers will present a different focus, incorporated into a variety of activities.

### May 5: Cranium Gymnasium



Give your brain a workout! Spend the morning deciphering puzzles and word games, and combine your problem-solving skills with others to work through challenge course activities.

Students bring a sack lunch to eat at noon, morning snack is provided. Some S.A.C. events require a small lab fee for supplies.



For an additional \$2.00, students are welcome to stay for the public swim that follows class time, and will be supervised by staff while they are in the pool.

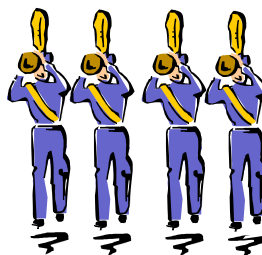
Call the JPCC at (360) 313.1060 or watch your school newsletter for more information.

## JOIN the PARADE OF BANDS

The 43rd Annual Hazel Dell Parade of Bands is on Saturday May 19th, 2007 beginning at 10:30 a.m. starting at 8800 Hazel Dell Avenue.

The largest parade in SW Washington is sponsored by the Hazel Dell / Salmon Creek Business Association. Theme this year is Wild, Wild West.

A variety of entries participate in the



parade, including high school and middle school bands, equestrian entries, antique cars, fire engines, baseball teams, businesses, boy scouts and much much more. . . could be you?!

If your group would like to participate stop by the fire station for an application (8800 Hazel Dell Avenue). Questions call Dellan Redjou 696-0456

## WHAT IS A MASTER GARDENER ?

Clark Public Utilities-Environmental Services Master Gardeners will share Suburban Gardening Tips with us at our May meeting. So just what is a Master Gardener anyway?

A Washington State certified Master Gardener is a volunteer who has completed 12 weeks of classroom training in all phases of horticulture. The first WSU Master Gardener Program was initiated in the State of Washington in 1973.

Area Extension Agents in the Puget Sound region found themselves overwhelmed with questions on horticulture, gardening and plant problems, especially in the urban counties. The objective of the first program was to train a group of skilled volunteers in plant identification and selection, fruit and vegetable gardening, soils, insect and disease control, and lawns.



In return for this training class participants were expected to assist local Extension personnel in providing home gardening information to residents of their communities. With

experience and mentoring WSU Master Gardener volunteers became very proficient at answering nearly all of the home gardening calls, thus freeing up Extension staff for program development.



More recently WSU Master Gardening training has evolved into a program stressing sustainable gardening practices involving integrated pest management, natural gardening, water efficient landscaping, and plant selection for the urban environment. Volunteers now spend time in the Extension office as well as working in the community in elementary school gardening programs, neighborhood associations, and in association with local ornamental plant associations.

The early success in Washington led to the formation of Master Gardener Programs all across the United States.

Here in Clark County we have other volunteer programs based on the original concept behind WSU Master Gardeners including Watershed Steward Advisors, Food Safety Advisors, and Small Farm Advisors.



The proposed Columbia River Crossing project, now in its planning and public feedback stages, is an attempt to improve traffic flow on Interstate 5 from Columbia Blvd in Portland to SR 500 in Vancouver.

The I-5 bridge is a major lifeline for our community, linking the two cities and carrying the freight, commuters, and traffic that support the economy and vitality of the region.



While it has served us well over 88 years, the bridge has been stretched far beyond capacity. The hours of stop-and-go traffic grow every year. The expected 40% growth over the next 20 years will only make congestion worse, causing longer and longer delays.

Options being considered are:

- **Replacement Bridge with Bus Rapid Transit** The Interstate Bridge would be replaced with a new bridge with five or six lanes in each direction. The new bridge also would have a lane for bus rapid transit.
- **Replacement Bridge with Light Rail** The Interstate Bridge would be replaced with a new bridge with five or six lanes in each direction. The new bridge also would have a lane for light rail.
- **Supplemental Bridge with High Capacity Transit** The existing Interstate Bridge would be re-striped into four lanes with wider shoulders for northbound traffic. A new bridge would be built to carry southbound traffic and High Capacity Transit (either bus rapid transit or light rail).
- **No Build** A No Build alternative is required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and serves as a baseline for comparison with other alternatives.

Details of these options will be provided by project staff at the May 3rd NSCNA meeting. This is a great opportunity for you to ask questions and provide feedback.

For additional information be sure to attend the May NSCNA meeting you may also check out their website:

[www.columbiarivercrossing.org/](http://www.columbiarivercrossing.org/)

### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PRELIMINARY FLOOD MAPS UNTIL MAY 30TH

FEMA has re-examined Clark County's flood zones and prepared preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). The maps may result in new Base Flood Elevations (BFE) and flood insurance requirement for more than 1,000 Clark County properties.

Property owners may comment on the preliminary maps through FEMA's appeal or protest process. Information on this process is available at [www.clark.wa.gov/commdev/documents](http://www.clark.wa.gov/commdev/documents) or by contacting Mark Damon at 397-2375 ext. 4258. Appeals and protest

petitions must be received by 5 pm on May 30, 2007. Postmarks will **NOT** be accepted.



Additional information about the map adoption process and how to

view your flood risk online is available at

[www.clark.wa.gov/commdev/engineering/fema/fema-index.html](http://www.clark.wa.gov/commdev/engineering/fema/fema-index.html)

**PLANS FOR TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT IN SALMON CREEK AREA**

The Salmon Creek Interchange Project is the primary project planned that will have an impact on the NSCNA area.



This project will help keep traffic moving on I-5 and I-205 and freeway off ramps and surface streets in the NE 134th Street vicinity. Improved mobility and decreased congestion contributes to safer roads and appropriate travel speeds and reduced accident rates.

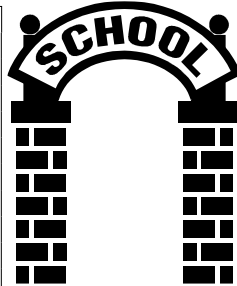
After finding increases in the project cost estimate, the project team recently identified a revised project alternative that would still achieve desired improvements to traffic flow in the area at a lower cost.

The refined design is the most cost-effective way to relieve congestion in the Salmon Creek area while minimizing negative environmental and community impacts.

**Project Status - April 2007**

- The Governor's proposed budget includes some adjustments to the project cost.
- The project is in the early design and environmental assessment phase
- The project team is updating the preferred alternative to reflect updated traffic numbers and to provide improvements meeting the county-endorsed level of service requirements on NE 134th Street.
- Project construction will likely be completed in several phases, possibly beginning in 2009

**For more details see:**  
[www.salmoncreekinterchange.org](http://www.salmoncreekinterchange.org)



**NEWS IN THE NSCNA**

**From Salmon Creek Elementary:**

The Salmon Creek Elementary School Lunch Buddy Program is looking for a few good men and women.... Would you be interested?

The Lunch Buddy Program in the Vancouver School District was established in 1993 by the Greater Clark County Rotary. The Vancouver School District Foundation with the assistance of school counselors and volunteer coordinators is continuing to expand the Lunch Buddy Program in order to serve more students in our community. This is the first year that Salmon Creek Elementary has been involved in the program. We have a few adults from the community who are now volunteering in the program and we have many more students who would benefit from having a lunch buddy of their own.

Children who are currently experiencing changes at home, having difficulty functioning at school, or those who would benefit from a positive role model are selected by school personnel to be involved in the Lunch Buddy Program. Parents must sign permission slips allowing their child to participate. The need for lunch buddies is greater than the number of available volunteers so there is always a waiting list of students to be served.

The Lunch Buddy Program is conducted on the school campus only. Students typically have about 45 minutes for lunch and recess. After lunch, there is time to spend reading, playing board games, doing a craft project, or just talking.

Buddies are not permitted to meet away from the school grounds or beyond school hours. It is recommended that lunch buddies meet on a weekly basis. Please contact our school counselor, Sue Bales, by e-mail [sue.bales@vansd.org](mailto:sue.bales@vansd.org) or by phone 313-2800, if you would like more details about the program. Being a lunch buddy will change your life and make a positive difference in the life of a child.

**From the Chinook PTA Newsletter:**

Chinook Carnival, Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

**From the Skyview Booster website: [Skyviewstorm.com](http://Skyviewstorm.com)**

Congratulations to Skyview students who placed first in the Regional Science Bowl, winning a trip to Washington DC in the spring and also college scholarships!!

**Skyview Booster Auction Night**

Cinco De Mayo

May 5, 2007

5:30 pm

Heathman Lodge

\$40.00 per person

Dinner Choices Include:

Grilled Prime Rib of Pork

Ancho Rubbed Chicken Breast

Black Bean Ravioli

Questions? Contact Rhea Jacobson at :

[co-president@skyviewstorm.com](mailto:co-president@skyviewstorm.com)

**THIS ISSUE IS BEING HAND DELIVERED TO  
RESIDENTS OF THE NORTH SALMON CREEK  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**W**e need your continued financial support more than ever. To send out this newsletter to the more than 4,700 residents of NSCNA it costs over \$900 at bulk rate!

The county provides us with three free mailings a year. We have six meetings, hence six newsletters to notify you and keep you informed. This is a huge gap for an organization that is strictly volunteer.



PLEASE consider providing financial support to your neighborhood association. Donations may be sent to NSCNA at 15300 NW 21st Ave or dropped off with Darin, our treasurer at any meeting.

Consider joining our mailing list; this will ensure you are notified of events.

**Join the NSCNA Email list?**

We have email addresses for about 70 members of our association and use them to share neighborhood news, meeting notices and other association business with you.



If you would like to be added to our list please send an email to NSCNA

at  
NSCNA@inthecouve.com



**TIP:** Time to plant summer bulbs and tubers such as dahlias, ranunculus, gladiolus, iris and cannas and sow hardier annuals such as snap dragons, sweet alyssum, cornflower, clarkia, calendula, larkspur, Shirley poppy, and phlox.

Shop for and plant spring blooming shrubs while they are blooming. You will be able to see the color and form of blossoms.

**North Salmon Creek  
Neighborhood Association  
bi monthly Meeting**

**Thursday  
May 3rd , 2007  
7:00 PM**

**3 Creeks Library -  
Community Room  
800-C NE Tenney Road,  
Vancouver, WA 98685**

**Vanc School of Arts & Academics**

**“The Miracle Worker”**  
by William Gibson

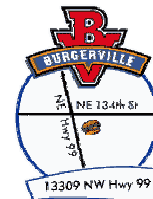
**7 p.m. on May 1, 3, and 4  
1:30 and 7 p.m. on May 5**

Admission is \$5 adults; \$4 senior citizens and students with ASB card.

**Spring Production**

Royal Durst Theatre  
Vancouver School of Arts and Academics  
3101 Main Street, Vancouver, 98663

Tickets go on sale beginning April 10 and also are available at the door. For more information and box office ticket reservations call 313-4627.



A big **THANK YOU** to business supporters of NSCNA - Salmon Creek **Burgerville** and **Starbucks** for providing

refreshments for NSCNA meetings

