



# NORTH SALMON CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## NEXT MEETINGS

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
**2007**



**July 24th**  
**Sept 25th**

**7 PM - community room**  
**Three Creeks Library**  
**800 NE Tenney Rd**

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## High Capacity Transit System Study (HCTSS)



Are Clark County's roads and highways too congested? Do you spend too much time in your car? How should Clark County address future high capacity transit needs?

The Clark County HCTSS team, with consensus from the RTC Board of Directors, Task Force and Steering Committee members, reached a major study milestone by narrowing the potential types of transport and locations (highway corridors) under consideration. They can now begin a detailed analysis which will provide a long term vision of a potential HCT system for Clark County. Don't let them do this without YOU.

Input from the Clark County community is essential to the success of this study effort. You can provide your thoughts, ask questions, become informed and/or request a study briefing at their website:

<http://www.rtc.wa.gov/hct/>  
or attend one of the group's meetings:

Monday, July 16 - *HCT Task Force Meeting* - 6:30pm in the conference room at the Clark County Elections Building, 1408 Franklin St., Vancouver.

Thursday, July 26 - *Study Steering Committee Meeting* - 4:00pm at the Washington State Department of Transportation, 11018 NE 51st Circle, Vancouver.



### **NO POSTING OF SIGNS ON NEIGHBORHOOD MAILBOXES**

The Postmaster has requested that we pass along to neighborhoods in our association that it is against US Postal Service policy for the posting of notices or flyers on the neighborhood delivery locked collection boxes. Many use these to post missing pet posters, etc. - sadly they have requested that we no longer do this.

If you have any questions with regard to this policy, please contact your postal delivery person or the Vancouver Postmaster at (800) ASK-USPS.

## LEGACY KIDS' FAIR = HEALTH + SAFETY + FUN

The Legacy Salmon Creek Campus was filled with shrieks of joy on June 23rd. Kids were enjoying the 2nd annual Healthy Kids' Fair sponsored by Health Net and Metro West. **Maggie Huffman**, hospital spokeswoman, was delighted with the turn-out by the community.

This fabulous family event focused on fun ways to teach kids about health and safety; but it was fun and educational for the whole family! Last December Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital won a "Best-in-County" award for its family-centered care from the Clark County Chamber of Commerce; this event exemplifies why.



Toddlers performed surgery on Surgi-Bear and were delighted with hidden treats inside. Mr. Yuk was there to teach about poison prevention. Fire District 6 delighted kids with EDITH, the fire safety house - Ambulance tours were exciting and experts fit \$5 bike/sport helmets - What a bargain!

Wow there were too many activities to tell you about them all. It was apparent that kids were having so much fun they didn't realize they were learning.

If you missed this event you might want to make a note on your calendar for early summer next year.

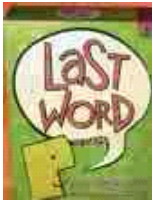


### **NSCNA JOINS FELIDA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION FOR A**

**4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION**



**YOU ARE INVITED TOO!!!  
(SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 3)**



## FROM PRESIDENT DAN

The county web site on neighborhood associations starts out with:

*Neighbors throughout the nation have come together to shape the areas in which they live. By forming neighborhood associations, citizens work in partnership with their local governments to maintain or enhance the livability of their communities.*

*Neighborhood associations usually form when a **single issue** unites a group of people in a geographic area. Concerns range from crime to traffic to development issues. From there, **most groups evolve and focus on the long-range overall health of the neighborhood.***

Our Association has followed this trend. Our genesis issue was the Fred Meyer development. Our adolescence was during the Methadone Clinic discussions. Now we can focus on our long term concerns of traffic, growth, and major commercial development.

As a nonpartisan association, we are obliged to listen and learn. To this end, we invited Walmart to come and talk to us. To date they have declined since we decided to align ourselves with Walmart

watchdogs.org. They are focused on modifying Walmart's business practices, not just assuring that the storm water and traffic issues are engineered correctly. Walmart feels like our minds are made up, and that it would be a waste of time talking to us. That's unfortunate for them, and for us.

Another big issue that we are faced with is the Cowlitz Casino. We have representatives from the group in opposition to the proposed location for the casino coming to our July meeting, and staff from the Cowlitz coming in September. The development is very complex. You may want to through up your hands and decide to not get involved. **My challenge to you is to come to both meetings with an open mind, whatever your predisposition is, and find out how the other half think.** I'm convinced that solutions come out of understanding.

In addition, there will be updates on the new freeway interchange at 139th, and the pending long term closure of the bridge across Salmon Creek on Highway 99 during it's replacement.

### July NSCNA Meeting Citizens Against Reservation Shopping and Salmon Creek Interchange Project to Speak

**July 24 th, 2007** Tom Hunt from Citizens Against Reservation Shopping will present information on the proposed Casino this organization feels is pertinent to membership of the NSCNA

With all the road construction have you seen significant improvement in traffic flow? This will be a good meeting to bring your questions and concerns for the Clark County team that will be providing an update on the Salmon Creek Interchange Project.

**September 25th, 2007** Cowlitz Casino Proponents will speak - a good balance to hear the other side after July's speakers from Citizens Against Reservation Shopping

### Up coming Events



**JULY 4th** Felida Park parade and celebration

**JULY 21 - 22** Columbia River Crossing at Battle Ground Harvest Days Festival - Fairgrounds Park

**JULY 24 7 pm** - NSCNA meeting at 3 Creeks Library

**AUG 3 -12** Clark County Fair see [www.clarkcofair.com/](http://www.clarkcofair.com/) for details

**SEPT 25 7 pm** - NSCNA meeting at 3 Creeks Library

#### BENEFIT FOR NW WOMEN ARTISTS

The 2nd annual WINE, WOMEN and SONG benefit will feature more than 50 artists. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug 1st from 5 to 9 pm at Art on the Boulevard.

Art on the Boulevard, a project of the Friends of the Arts organization, is a community based non-profit gallery open to the public Tues - Sat from 10am to 5 pm. It is located at 210 W. Evergreen Blvd, Suite 300. ----- For more information or tickets call the gallery on (360) 750-4499

#### OBSTACLES SLOW DOWN DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PARK

We were excited to hear about the proposed new 5-acre neighborhood park site, tentatively called Chinook at our March NSCNA meeting.

Current status of this project provided by **Matt Hall**, project manager, indicates a delay in the plans for development. The site, full of wetland, wildlife habitat, and streams, which add to its beauty and charm also indicate environmental concerns.

In order to provide a "level 2" facility - one that includes a play area, walkways and picnic benches they will need to secure additional land . The Clark County Parks District is currently evaluating surrounding properties, hoping for one adjacent to the greenway.

Look for an update in our next newsletter.

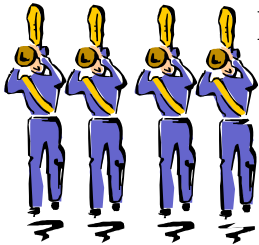
**FELIDA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
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AND  
HAZEL DELL/SALMON CREEK BUSINESS  
ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL CHILDREN'S PARADE  
JULY 4, 2007**

**11:15 am**

**FELIDA PARK**

**(NW 122<sup>ND</sup> Street west of NW 36<sup>TH</sup> Avenue)**



**PARADE LINE UP WILL BEGIN  
AT 10:45AM**

**ROADS WILL BE BLOCKED AT  
11:00AM**

*Wear a costume and/or decorate your bike, trike,  
or wagon (red, white, and blue). March, ride,  
watch, and wave!*

***BE SAFE! All riders must wear HELMETS.  
No motorized vehicles will be allowed!!!***

***Other activities include:***

- *Free antique fire engine rides, face painting, button making, jumping house, puppet show, games (redeem points for prizes)*
- *Displays and activities by the Fire District #6, West Precinct Sheriff's Office, WSU – Extension Programs, North Salmon Creek and Felida Neighborhood Association, Legacy Hospital, and many others*
- *Picnic lunch -- provided by the Salmon Creek Lion's Club (Donations for Lion's Club programs will be cheerfully accepted.)*



***JULY 4, 2007 CHILDREN'S PARADE  
(Proposed Route – Subject to Change)***

Begin in Felida Park  
Make left turn and proceed as follows:

East on NW 122<sup>nd</sup> Street  
North on NW 36<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
West on NW 131<sup>st</sup> Street  
South on NW 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
East on NW 127<sup>th</sup> Street  
South on NW 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Return to the Felida Park



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

**NSCNA IS LEARNING AND GROWING.**

Your own NSCNA Board of Directors will be working with the Felida NA to make this event spectacular.

As many of you are aware the NSCNA has recently been re-activated so your BOD are not very experienced in presenting large community events. We are excited to help; not only will this be great fun, but we hope to learn from this very active Neighborhood Association.

We will have a booth set up and will also be assisting with the games and other activities. Does this sound like fun to you? If you would like to assist us please call Dan on 574-5636 or Barbara on 573-2240.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!**

***© Thank you Hazel Dell/Salmon Creek Business Association for generous donations for 2006 and 2007 PARADES!!!***

***If you would like to volunteer, sponsor a picnic table/bench/brick, or donate money, new toys or door prizes, please call Felida Neighborhood Association ((501(c)3): 573-4030***



## RECYCLING and SAFE DISPOSAL NOW JUST A CLICK AWAY!

**H**ave you ever wondered how to recycle this or safely dispose of that and not know where to find an answer? Well now the answer is just a mouse click away; go to [www.clark.wa.gov/recycle/recyclingA-Z.html](http://www.clark.wa.gov/recycle/recyclingA-Z.html) and you will find a variety of recycling and safe disposal options.

This site lists a wide range of reuse, recycling and safe disposal options provided by government, non-profit organizations, businesses / industries and other local agencies.

If you have an item that is not listed, simply click on the [solidwaste@clark.wa.gov](mailto:solidwaste@clark.wa.gov) link (located on the top half of the page) to e-mail the name of the item to the Clark County Solid Waste staff. They will research the item and add information about how to recycle or safely dispose of the item to the A-Z list.

Want more information about the website or recycling and waste disposal programs; please contact Clark County Solid Waste at (360) 397-6118 ext. 4352

## WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY ?

### BE A VOLUNTEER!

The Clark County Solid Waste Advisory Commission (SWAC) has a vacancy. They are a volunteer advisory group to the Board of County Commissioners.

The Commission makes recommendations on solid waste, recycling, and waste reduction programs and issues in the community. They also make recommendations on landfills and transfer facilities in the community.

The vacant position for this Commission is for a person residing in SW Clark County. Commission members serve a three year volunteer term. SWAC meets at 6:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month.

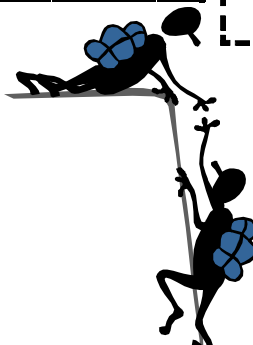
For more information, please call **Anita Largent**, Clark County Public Works at (360) 397-6118 ext. 4484.

Those interested in being considered for an appointment to the SWAC should send a letter of interest and resume no later than **July 13, 2007** to:

Jennifer Clark  
Clark County Board of Commissioners Office  
P.O. Box 5000  
Vancouver, WA 98666-5000

or email her at:

[jennifer.clark@clark.wa.gov](mailto:jennifer.clark@clark.wa.gov)



## BURGERVILLE RECEIVES FOOD NETWORK “BETTER BURGER” AWARD

The Food Network honored Burgerville with it's "Better Burger" award during their first ever Food Network Awards ceremony, televised on April 15th. Burgerville was selected because of its use of high quality, local, seasonal ingredients and it's commitment to partnering with local suppliers and leadership in implementing and advocating sustainable practices.

NSCNA offers CONGRATULATIONS on this well deserved award; along with our THANKS for Burgerville's ongoing support of our organization.



### COME AND

**GET IT!** Free food coupons from the Salmon Creek Burgerville will be distributed at the July 24th NSCNA meeting.

### CHECK OUT THE NSCNA WEBSITE

You'll find copies of our newsletters, meeting minutes, and links to interesting sites. Watch as we evolve, we are listed under Neighborhoods at:

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

### HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

High school students from many countries need host families for next school year. You provide a bed, food, and loving support. The students have money for all other expenses.

For more information contact Nancy Roberts at (360) 263-6492 or check out the website at [www.nw-services.com](http://www.nw-services.com) or [www.aspectfoundation.org](http://www.aspectfoundation.org)

### VOLUNTEER TO HELP NSCNA

Clark County pays for publication and postage for up to three newsletters per year. NSCNA publishes bi-monthly (6 times a year) The County also pays for copying these additional newsletters; but they must be distributed by volunteers.

All newsletter articles, ink, paper, graphics and our website are provided by volunteers. Therefore we are striving to expand our e-mail address list to control costs, reduce volunteer time, provide quick access to information, and to reach business and property owners residing inside and outside of our boundary.

We need more volunteers to organize meetings / events, fold, label, and distribute newsletters, coordinate / judging of contests and miscellaneous other activities throughout the year. Membership in NSCNA is voluntary and free.

If you would like to help out your Neighborhood Association talk with an officer at a meeting or send an e-mail to the NSCNA board at [nscna@inthecouve.com](mailto:nscna@inthecouve.com)

*News & Events*  
**Jim Parsley Community Center**

**Summer Activities**

JGCC summer camps are each a week in duration, Monday through Friday, 8 - 11 am. Ages: 6-13. Cost is \$65 - lab fees may be required for some offerings. (some scholarships are available) Campers receive a t-shirt. All supplies and morning snacks are provided.

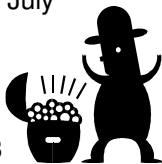
Each camp has a particular focus with activities designed around that theme. ON A ROLL WITH UNICYCLES - July 9-13,



KIDS IN THE KITCHEN - July 9-13 or July 23-27, KITCHEN CHEMISTRY July 16-20,

JR CHEER CAMP - July 16-20,

CALLING ALL TREASURE HUNTERS - July 23 - 27,



PROBLEM SOLVERS INC. - July 30 - August 3, FUN WITH FORENSICS - July 30 - August 3, ECO-EXPLORERS - August 6 - 10 and FITNESS FUNDAMENTALS - August 6 - 10

**A**fter camp sessions are over, students have the opportunity to stay and play at the JGCC simply by joining the Boys & Girls Club - membership is a fantastic bargain at only \$15 per year. Boys & Girls Club Staff will provide on-site supervision for recreational activities until 6 pm each evening. Additionally Lunch is served, free of charge, at noon each day.

FOR MORE INFO or to REGISTER call the JGCC at (360) 313-1060 or visit their website at:

[www.vansd.org/jpc](http://www.vansd.org/jpc)

Sign up sheets will also be available at the July NSCNA meeting

**ITCHING & SCRATCHING - MORE THAN AN IRRITANT!**



This summer, help stop mosquitoes from breeding and biting. Last year WA state had 3 human cases of West Nile Virus. This year there could be many more. Although most people who are exposed to West Nile Virus have no symptoms, about one in five will experience flu-like symptoms. About one in 150 develop severe complications that can lead to paralysis, coma, or death.

Because there is no human vaccine for West Nile Virus, it's important to prevent mosquitoes from breeding and biting. **Here's what you can do**

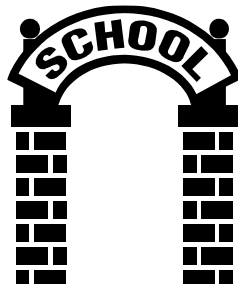
**To prevent breeding:**

- Empty water from old tires, pots, plastic ground covers and anything else that holds water.
- Change water in bird baths, ponds, pet dishes, and animal troughs at least twice a week.
- Repair leaking faucets and sprinklers.
- Clean clogged gutters.
- Cover trash containers.
- Properly maintain pools and spas, and ensure covers do not hold pockets of water.

**To prevent mosquitoes from biting:**



- Apply mosquito repellent when outdoors and follow the instructions.
- Wear protective clothing including long-sleeved shirts, long pants, shoes and socks, and hat.
- Try to stay indoors at dawn or dusk, when mosquitoes are most active.
- Install or repair screens on windows and doors.
- Place mosquito netting over infant carriers when outdoors.



**NEWS IN THE NSCNA**

Last day of school was Friday June 22nd. --- September 4th - The first day of the 2007-2008 school year.

**Things to do this summer:**

Free, fun, family events at the City of Vancouver's Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way, 696-8478, see their website: [www.cityofvancouver.us/watercenter](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/watercenter)

Center is open 9-5 Mon - Sat. Admission is FREE

**15 - Reconstruct Interchange at NE 134th Traffic / Status Report**

**June 2007**



- An Access Hearing was held on May 23 at the WSDOT Southwest Region Headquarters, located at 11018 NE 51st Circle in Vancouver. The public was given the opportunity to meet with the project team and comment on the project.
- For more information about this project, please visit: [www.salmoncreekinterchange.org/](http://www.salmoncreekinterchange.org/)
- 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.

**KLINELINE BRIDGE STATUS**

Design work for each aspect (structural, highway approaches, storm water collection, streambed reconstruction) of the bridge replacement project is nearly complete.

The designs have been submitted to state and federal agencies for environmental review and permitting. Because of project impacts having an effect in Salmon Creek, environmental permitting for the project is expected to take until late 2007.

The project should be ready to go to bid by early 2008. The bridge will be closed from 6-9 months during construction.

For more information visit the project website at: [www.clark.wa.gov/klineline](http://www.clark.wa.gov/klineline)



# Three Creeks Community Library

800-C NE Tenney Rd • (360) 571-9696  
M-Th 10-8; F-Sa 10-6

## Did you...

- ...Sign up for Summer Reading and get your packet? (Anytime between June 1 & August 15, 2007)
- ...Enjoy your Detective Notebook and color a square on the reading log for every 20 minutes of reading?
- ...Collect a certificate of achievement and a prize after 5 hours of reading? (You earned it!)
- ...Get a gold seat to put on your certificate, and another prize for every additional 5 hours of reading? (Prizes can be claimed until August 31, 2007 or while supplies last)



Parents and guardians are responsible for the selection choices of their own minor children. Please ask library staff if you would like assistance in locating materials to meet your individual or family needs.

Friends of Three Creeks Community Library, Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation and their partners proudly support the Summer Reading program.



Fort Vancouver Regional Library District | [www.fvrl.org](http://www.fvrl.org) | Accessible

This program is not sponsored or endorsed by any school district.

# Get @ Three Creeks



Summer Reading 2007  
June 1 - August 31



**Rick Huddle**  
Thursday, July 5 • 11 a.m.

Rick puts on an interactive storytelling program of folktales, music and sing-alongs.

**Angel Ocasio**

Tuesday, July 10 • 11 a.m.

Angel presents a funny, high-energy, one-man variety act combining comedy, juggling and magic. It's fun and laughter for the whole family.

**Rich Glauber**

Thursday, July 12 • 11 a.m.

Join us for this show in which Rick plays guitar, accordion, and drums (with some to share) and gets everyone up and moving.

**Jason Ropp's**

**Dragon Theater Puppets**  
Tuesday, July 17 • 11 a.m.

Dragon Theater Puppets presents "The Clueless Detective." See if you can put all the clues together to solve the mystery!

**Reptile Man**  
Thursday, July 19  
11 a.m.

Get a close and fascinating look at some of nature's most outrageous creatures. Snakes, lizards, and other exotic reptiles slither through the library for this astonishing performance.



**Steve Taylor**

Tuesday, July 24 • 11 a.m.

Come join Steve Taylor and his Wacky World of Animals in their quest to find the best place on earth to see the most animals. Be prepared for lots of audience participation and laughter as Steve uses comedy, magic and ventriloquism to entertain the whole family.

**BJ The Clown**

Thursday, July 26 • 11 a.m.

BJ's hilarious and colorful performance will charm and delight children of all ages. A mix of physical comedy, magic, juggling, and storytelling will have you rolling in the aisles.

**Mad Science**

Tuesday, July 31 • 11 a.m.

You won't believe your eyes! In this interactive science discovery program, the "Mad Scientist" will guide you through a series of activity-oriented experiments exploring the worlds of physical and chemical science.

**Creature Feature**

Thursday, August 2 • 11 a.m.

Join us for an unforgettable slithery journey through the world of reptiles. Learn about these fascinating creatures and their habits while having loads of fun!

**JuggleMania (Rhys Thomas)**

Tuesday, June 26 • 11 a.m.

What do you get when you combine the circus, juggling and comedy? JuggleMania! Prepare to be dazzled by comedy and daring feats in this delightful show.

**Eric Herman**

Thursday, June 28 • 11 a.m.

Fun! Laughter! Action! Eric Herman will delight you with his songs and stories.



**Bob Eaton**

Tuesday, July 3  
11 a.m.

Magical Magic! Magic! Don't miss this magic show with lots of audience participation.



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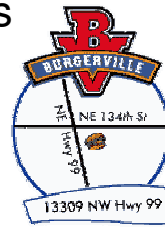
If you would like to be added to our list please send an email to NSCNA at

[NSCNA@inthecouve.com](mailto:NSCNA@inthecouve.com)



A big **THANK YOU** to business supporters of NSCNA - Starbucks

and Salmon Creek Burgerville for providing refreshments for NSCNA meetings



**FOCUS ON URBAN BOUNDARIES**

**THIS ISSUE IS BEING DELIVERED EARLY - Be sure to mark your calendar for NSCNA Meeting**

**Tuesday  
July 24th , 2007  
7:00 PM**

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

The studies are done. Now it's time to decide how and where to locate the homes and jobs we will need in urban areas through the year 2024. The Board of Clark County Commissioners must decide where to plan by setting urban growth boundaries. The studies show that careful analysis, planning and problem solving will be necessary to provide roads and other capital facilities to serve projected population of 584,300 in 2024, compared with 403,500 as of 2006. To view all of the details of this plan and study results go to [www.clark.wa.gov/longrangeplan/review/](http://www.clark.wa.gov/longrangeplan/review/)

Your input is important. If you have written comments, please send them to: Clark County Community Planning, P.O. Box 9810 Vancouver, WA 98666-9810 or you can e-mail to [commplanning@clark.wa.gov](mailto:commplanning@clark.wa.gov) or fax to (360) 759-6762. To receive e-mail updates on the plan contact **Marilee McCall** at [marilee.mccall@clark.wa.gov](mailto:marilee.mccall@clark.wa.gov).

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