

FAIRGROUNDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Greetings neighbors –

MAY MEETING

Not going to happen! I am still finishing an analysis of the proposed alternatives for the Growth Management Plan update and the resulting impacts. The colors on the maps are difficult to discern. (Which shade of yellow or blue am I looking at?) The next newsletter will be your GMA guideline. Later we'll meet with county staff.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

The Clark County Community Development department reviews and approves all development proposals. Every week they send out a status update that lists all pre-application conferences, Type I, Type II, and Type III projects in a .pdf format. Do you want to receive this document? If so, contact jodie.creamer@clark.wa.gov and ask to be added to the Development Projects- Weekly Report email list.

NATIONAL SHERIFF'S NIGHT OUT

This annual event is held in early August. A barbecue is typical. The Clark County Fair always starts on the first Friday in August (in 2015 from 8/7 to 8/16) so the calendar means patrol officers are unable to attend.

Finally! This year the Sheriff's Night Out event will be held on Tuesday August 4. Call me if you want to help plan a barbecue for Sheriff's Night Out.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

One of the benefits of county recognition of our neighborhood association is that, at their expense, we are allowed to prepare several 4 page (8 sides) newsletters each year. They print and bulk mail those newsletters to every property owner within our boundary. We ask for a response from neighbors that want to be added to our email contact database.

Next month you will receive one of these hard copy newsletters. The county's update of our 20-year Growth Management Plan prompts this mass mailing. You'll find information about the process, a look at the proposals and the impacts, and how to get involved. (If adopted, some proposed zoning changes will dramatically alter the nature of our neighborhood.)

Regards,
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for the Executive Board

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WHIPPLE CREEK REGIONAL PARK

Just west of the fairgrounds, Whipple Creek Regional Park is a 350 acre second growth forest with over 5 miles of multi-use trails.

Turn south from 179th Street at NW 21st Avenue, and a mile down the road you will dead end at the Whipple Creek Regional Park. Trailer in your horse, unload your bike, or set your FitBit. Then ride, pedal or jog on any of 6 multi-use trails. (The south entrance is at the end of NW 21st Avenue but parking is very limited.)



The Whipple Creek Restoration Committee is the big story here. Citizens on the committee have adopted the park and work with the Parks Foundation, Public Works and the Washington Trails Association. The partnership is improving and maintaining trails using gravel and eco-pads when necessary for year-round use.

You can help. Trail maintenance workdays are from 9:00 to 1:00 on these Saturdays: June 6, July 11, August 1, September 19, October 3, November 7, and December 5. Bring work gloves, water and a snack. If another day works for you, contact Anita Will (687.4760) the committee President to schedule the time.

In the 1940's historic structures including a stone mill, wooden water wheel and a gazebo were built at the south end of the park. They are awaiting restoration and repair. If you want to work on the structures, contact Anita Will (687.4760) the committee President to schedule the time.

Please note: Unmarked trails are not improved. And ravines cross the creek.

Y- The North Ridge Way Trail is about 1 mile long heading west to NW 31st Avenue;

- W- From North Ridge Way you can take Cedar Loop about ½ mile on very level ground;
- W- From North Ridge Way you can take "tractor improved" Raspberry Way Loop about ½ mile;

Y-The Whipple Creek Way trail heads east to Fairgrounds Community Park and the fairgrounds;

O- The South Ridge Loop is about 3 miles long;

- O- From South Ridge Loop the South Ridge Way Trail is closed;
- O- From South Ridge Loop the Top Ridge Trail is for deer and is muddy;

The Blue Trail connects the north and south ends of the park and is about 1 mile long

- O- The Grist Mill Loop is at the south end and is about 1 mile with lots of switchbacks

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SALMON CREEK FARMER'S MARKET

The Salmon Creek Farmers Market is the only farmers market in unincorporated Clark County. It relies entirely on support from Legacy Hospital, New Seasons Grocery, Riverview Community Bank and fees collected from vendors. And customers like you!

Its mission is to support and nurture local SW Washington farms, farm products and food producers. All of us who volunteer our time to produce the two markets in Salmon Creek appreciate the ongoing participation and attendance from Clark County residents.



- The Tuesday market opens for the season June 23 from 11-3 at Legacy Hospital.
- The Thursday market opens for the season July 9 from 3-7 behind Kitchen Table and Wayside Market on the south side of 134th Street.

The Salmon Creek Farmers Market will also be at the Legacy Hospital Healthy Kids Fair on June 13.

For more information, please go to www.salmoncreekfarmersmarket.com.

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GENERAL MEETINGS:

WE MEET at 7 PM ON SECOND THURSDAYS AT THE COMMUNITY of CHRIST MEETING ROOM
400 NE 179TH STREET, 1/2 MILE WEST OF I-5

OUR BOUNDARIES :

NORTH, 219TH STREET; **WEST**, LAKE RIVER; **EAST**, NE 72ND AVENUE;
SOUTH – WEST OF I-5, NW 151ST STREET TO NW 41ST AVENUE TO NW / NE 164TH STREET;
EAST OF I-5, NE KLINELINE RD TO NE 119TH ST TO SALMON CREEK TO NE 50TH AVE
TO NE 149TH ST TO NE 72ND AVE

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