



FELIDA NA

(FELIDA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION)
NEWSLETTER – JULY 2014

FELIDA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS -- IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HAZEL DELL – SALMON CREEK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, SALMON CREEK LIONS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS -- INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE:

ANNUAL FELIDA CHILDREN'S PARADE
and AFTER-PARADE ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK
JULY 4, 2014 (Friday)

10:45am – 2:30pm (see page 3)

FELIDA COMMUNITY PARK* (Map - Page 3)
NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES, POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS, CANDY, or SELLING!
All riders must wear HELMETS. Be SAFE!

2014 PARADE Co-GRAND MARSHALLS (See Page 3):

SHERIFF COLE MERLE, CLARK COUNTY (CCSO)
CHIEF CHASE GETCH, BATTLE GROUND POLICE

EX-OFFICIO GRAND MARSHALLS:

ADDYSON INGHAM, ALICIA AND JARED WALLINGFORD

PARADE and AFTER-PARADE CELEBRATION IN THE PARK SCHEDULE :

10:45am – line up in Felida Park, at the NW 127th Avenue (north) gate

11:00am – traffic cones and barricades -- streets closed to regular traffic along parade route – please plan ahead (See Page 3)

11:15am – parade commences – Grand Marshalls on the antique fire engine

11:45am – parade returns to Felida Park –free picnic, lunch, exhibits, games

⇒ Music by the famous Vancouver Community Concert Band (Dr. Jim Rourk) volunteers (Page 4)

⇒ Kids can earn prize points by participating, learning, asking questions about safety, environment, and community. Redeem points for school supplies, toys, and other prizes in the Felida NA booth.

⇒ Various educational and community displays, games, and activities after parade

⇒ Free antique fire engine rides (FD#6), face painting, games, and many activities

⇒ Free hot dogs, hamburgers, fruits, bottled water, and refreshments.

Bring lawn chairs, blankets, suntan lotion, and sun/rain umbrellas. Wear a costume and decorate your bike, trike, or wagon (red, white, and blue). March, ride, watch, and wave.

If you would like to sponsor an activity, set up a community booth, or need more information, call:
Dr. Milada Allen, President at (360)573-4030, or Rebecca Lillie, Treasurer (503)348-5492.

* Felida Park is located between NW 122nd & NW 127th Streets, west of NW 36th Ave in Felida (Page 3).

FELIDA NA

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PARKS COMMITTEES:

Cougar Creek Community Park:

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Edee Lemonier, 5Cs Web
Milada Allen*

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If you would like to serve on
the Board or parks committees,
please call: (360)573-4030*

CONGRATULATIONS TO FRIENDS OF McCANN ROAD COMMITTEE!!!

When a subdivision at the end of McCann Road was approved several years ago, the Level of Service (LOS) was estimated to drop to "Level F" (failure) at the intersection of McCann Road/ NW 36th Avenue. (See prior newsletters.) The Friends of McCann Road Committee was formed and it followed proper procedures to petition the County for a light and other transportation improvement measures. After years of work, the grant-funded, interactive light signal was installed at the McCann/NW 36th Avenue in 2013.

Many years ago, Ashley Heights Subdivision was conditioned to make improvements on NW 43rd Street sidewalk and pedestrian island at the intersection of NW 43rd Street and McCann Road. These improvements are under construction at this time. The sidewalk is located within the County ROW.¹

Felida NA received overwhelmingly positive feedback from stakeholders using these intersections. (Three complaints were received from drivers living just outside of the .5 mile radius regarding lights on NW 36th Avenue.) The Committee worked on these projects with the Clark County Public Works – Transportation Department. Just in time!!! The subdivision at the end of McCann is now being developed and there is more traffic in this area.

CROSSROADS 119 COMMITTEE was formed by several concerned residents to address traffic problems at intersection of 119th Street and 21st Avenue. Contact Morrie Foutch at JLF0425@AOL.COM or 360-574-3015. Or call Felida NA.

CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF CANDIDATES COMMUNITY

FORUM: Neighborhood Association Council of Clark County (NACCC) voted in May to sponsor a community forum to meet all candidates and ask questions. The forum will be held at the main Vancouver Community Library, 901 C Street, Columbia room (main floor), on July 19, 2014 (Saturday), at 6:30pm.

FELIDA COMMUNITY PARK: One bench and several bricks are available for sponsorships. Please let us know if you or your organizations are interested. 360-573-4030.

SGT. BRAD CRAWFORD NEIGHBORHOOD PARK: One bench is available for sponsorship by an organization or an individual. This bench is along the west park boundary.

KLINELINE KIDS FISH, a (501)(c)(3), and partners (including Felida NA) had a successful "Klineline Kids Fishing" event in April 2014. This annual event registered over 2,400 kids. Many parents and siblings enjoyed this great day, food, many activities, toys, books, and prizes in the largest or smallest fish categories. Felida NA received 1000s of drawings of fish and "park stuff."²

¹ ROW = Right of Way

² Call if you would like to volunteer your graphics/mosaic expertise to create a park mosaic. 360-573-4030.

EX-OFFICIO GRAND MARSHALLS (2013)

Jared Wallingford & Alicia Wallingford, Felida NA's young volunteers, completed the 5th Annual **Julie Reamer Memorial Pet Food Drive** in the spring. Jared (Felida Elementary) and Alicia (Thomas Jefferson Middle School) -- brother and sister team -- continue to help the dogs and cats at the Humane Society for Southwest Washington and Pet Aid of Washington. The pet drive was in memory of Julie Reamer, who was involved with the Humane Society. In 2014, Jared and Alicia exceeded their goal to collect more than the 1,700 pounds they collected in 2013. WELL DONE!!!

THE VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND (VCCB) was formed in 1996 by its dedicated director, Dr. Jim Rourk. The repertoire includes patriotic favorites – Sousa marches from the 1800s, folk tunes, and musical adaptations of jazz and classic standards. The VCCB is a nonprofit, community organization comprised of volunteer members who enjoy making music together and want to share that music with you. Tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) donations are used for new music and instruments. Kids from 2 to 92: This is a rare treat! Sway to the music, dance, clap, march, sing, and enjoy the music! Bring chairs and blankets for an old fashioned picnic in the park. Want to join? VCCB welcomes community musicians -- starting with "middle school."

SALMON CREEK LIONS (SC Lions) have been Felida NA's partners for over 10 years. They have been cooking picnic lunch for many July 4 Children's parades. These dedicated volunteers will cook our picnic lunch again. Felida NA Board and volunteers pay for the majority of expenses (about 85%). Tips collected by the SC Lions go to local sight & hearing impaired programs. Please support SC Lions, thank them for their service, and join to volunteer for community events.

NEIGHBORS ON WATCH (NOW). Several Felida NA members asked for information regarding this program. It is a volunteer program created as part of the Community Oriented Policing program administered by the Clark County Sheriff's Office. These volunteers observe and report. All applicants must pass a screening process, criminal background investigation, fingerprinting, interviews and reference checks; and successfully complete a 20-hour training academy. (Some attend CCSO Citizens Academy before applying.) Applicants must be over 21-years of age, be U.S. citizens, live in Clark County, and make a commitment to use own vehicle and volunteer at least four hours/month. New training opportunity begins in October 2014. Call 360-397-2211. ext. 3380, or e-mail: sheriffcommunityoutreach@clark.wa.gov. Or stop by the CCSO booth on July 4.

JACKIE CY 5K & Kids 1 Mile Fun Run to raise money to replace "Freddie the Fire Truck" (Fire District 6) used to teach children about fire safety. This run will be held on **July 6, 2014**, starting at **9am, in Felida Park**. It is organized by the Jackson Cy Watson Foundation in memory of a tiny Felida NA member who loved to run, parks, and fire engines. The Foundation was formed to turn his tragic death into an event that will honor Jackson and support our community. To register for the race (entry fees), stop by the booth in Felida Park on July 4 (pages 1 & 3.) For additional information visit : www.jackiecy5k.com or active.com. All proceeds will benefit Fire District 6. **News Release from Clark County Fire District 6, 6/16/14** by Sarah Mitchelson, PIO,(360) 360-576-1195, Sarah.mitchelson@ccfd6.org, is as follows: **Jackie Cy 5k Felida Run**

"In June of 2013 Jackson Cy Watson, just fifteen days shy of his 4th birthday, tragically drowned while on a family vacation. The Jackson Cy 5k Felida Run has been formed to turn his tragic death into an event that will honor Jackson and support our local community. Although the Watson's story is tragic, the family clearly remembers and appreciates all the efforts they received from first responders. Jackson's mom Rebecca's own words: "I've never needed to call 911 until this fateful day and will forever hold the first responders close to my heart."

Jackson's last birthday, his 3rd birthday, was hosted at the Clark County Fire District 6 Felida Fire Station. Rebecca Watson said although it was his last birthday; it was his best.

The Jackie Cy Felida 5k Run and 1 mile kids fun run, will take place on July 6, 2014. The day will include family activities, food and a raffle. The goal is to raise \$10,000 with 100% of the proceeds being donated. This year's proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new Fire Engine Freddie, a robotic fire engine used to teach children fire safety. The engine will have an honorary plaque with Jackson's name on it."

MANY ORGANIZATIONS will be represented to provide information on community, services, environment, sustainability, health, farmers markets, safety, parks, recreation, and fishing. Stop by the Felida NA booth (organizers of this event - volunteers) and let us know what projects you would like to get involved with. Volunteers are always welcome. Your parks need your help! If you would like to sponsor an activity or set up a pre-approved booth, please call 360-573-4030, or e-mail gaudeamus@earthlink.net with your ideas and activities. FYI: No sales allowed/permit.

COUGAR CREEK WOODS COMMUNITY PARK (CCWC Park): You, your family, and neighbors are invited to review proposed Alternative #1 (2010); Alternative #2 (2012) prepared by the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation for a grant application with NA input; and Alternative #3 (2013) prepared with input from many Felida NA stakeholders during several meetings and events. These proposed alternatives will be available for your review and input at the July 4 event in Felida Park (see pages 1 and 3 above). If you cannot attend July 4 event, call Milada at (360)573-4030, or send your input, ideas, and contact information to: CCWC Park Com/Felida NA, c/o Milada Allen, P.O. Box 61552, Vancouver, WA 98666. Do you have ideas, volunteers, in kind or donation suggestions to help fund the Cougar Creek Woods Community Park (CCWC Park)

Felida NA and CCWC Park Committee will have to go through a formal process of proposing CCCWC Park, alternatives, and funding opportunities. All proposals will have to go through the public hearing process. The Clark County Board of Commissioners has the final approval/denial power based on recommendations/proposal. Get Involved in your CCWC Park in 2014. .Many changes in 2014 could impact CCWC future development and scheduling. In addition, the current Clark County 20-year Comprehensive Growth Management Plan 2004- 2024; with amendments through 2012, specify that community parks "... generally serve residents within a one- to three-mile radius of the park site" (p. 7-4).the committee and your community needs your help to provide a strong proposal(s) and funding sources to develop the CCWC Park. View prior newsletters on: www.clark.wa.gov (neighborhoods, current events, newsletters, Felida NA) or at <http://5CsPark.com> designed by Edee Lemonier, CCWC Park volunteer: The CCWC (or "5Cs") Park Committee and Felida NA plan to distribute information and flyers to a 2.5-mile radius. Need volunteers, block captains and input.

FELIDA COMMUNITY PARK, SGT. BRAD CRAWFORD PARK, SORENSON PARK, PLUS: Several projects within these parks are pending additional fundraising by the community. Sgt. Brad Crawford Neighborhood Park has over \$20,000 (community fundraisers) in the Parks Foundation "Crawford Park" trust account. However, we need to raise about \$30,000 more to complete the memorial arches/plaza, Phase II, permits, supplies and materials. (See prior newsletters). Get involved in your parks and community. Open spaces are a diminishing non-renewable resource. Once they are paved over, it is hard to find parcels large enough for parks, trails, open space and recreation for our kids.

PARKS PROGRAM CHANGES -- Inter-Local Agreement (ILA) Dissolution: In 2014, the Board of Clark County Commissioners (BOCCC) implemented dissolution of the Inter-Local Agreement (ILA - 1997) – between City of Vancouver and Clark County -- to save approximately \$800,000/year. The BOCCC created new parks department in Clark County – Public Works. Parks planning work sessions are in progress to revise the comprehensive growth and parks plans; determine new parks program criteria and standards (acres/population); discuss Park Impact Fees (PIFs) Real Estate Excise Tax (REETS); and strategic plans for the new Clark County Parks Department. Check Clark County website for BOCCC agendas for: public hearings, consent items, and workshops. (See prior newsletters.) Note: City of Vancouver now charges slightly higher fees for use of recreation facilities and programs for people living outside of the city limits.⁵ Luepke Center activities, clubs, and 50+ Travel program welcome County residents, (Check out trips to the opera, mountains, beaches, and events for a slightly higher price⁶ to those residing outside of the city limits. Travel program needs volunteer drivers.)

⁵ City of Vancouver residents pay a tax to subsidize these programs. County no longer subsidizes City programs.

⁶ \$2/for up to \$30, or \$4/for over \$30 base prices


ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ASKED BY FELIDA NA MEMBERS

Felida Village Property Status: Many Felida NA residents living near and driving past the intersection of NW 119th Street and NW Lakeshore/NW36th Avenue asked many questions about what appears to be an abandoned residence, attractive nuisance, and invitation for vandalism to adjacent properties. Property owner/developer/resident of the Felida was contacted for an update of the status of this property. Here are excerpts from his response:

“What appears to be a house gone to seed has actually benefited the fire, life and safety of our community. ... you have likely seen ...training... Clark County Canine units utilized the house first to train the specialized police dogs. Habitat for Humanity then salvaged windows, doors, toilets, mantle and woodwork for sale in the Habitat for Humanity ReStore. They were followed by the SWAT team who literally blew the house apart practicing techniques that only a house about to be demolished affords. This was followed up by Clark County Fire who cut holes in the roof, garage door, and wreaked havoc inside to practice their skills. ... what looks like graffiti on the front of the house ... was actually done by CCFD.

What follows now will be the demolishing of the house. Bricks and woodwork will be saved for the new project to follow. Sitework and construction will commence and will be ongoing until anticipated opening in February 2015. Minor disruptions to traffic should be anticipated.

Felida Village is a mixed use project which will have 7 rental apartments and retail/commercial use including fitness, restaurant and retail.” Ron Edwards, Western Properties II.

FYI: E-mails regarding training were sent to Felida members that signed up for notifications.

Grants or Assistance for Landowners: several Felida NA residents with properties located by Cougar and Salmon Creeks asked about grants available for stream bank restoration, plantings etc. Clark Conservation District (CCD) received a grant for conservation assistance projects in the Salmon Creek Watershed. CCD is a non-regulatory natural resource assistance organization led by a local volunteer board. Through a voluntary working relationship with landowners, the CCD promotes: conservation, protection, and restoration of renewable natural resources. It also provides assistance with best management practices of natural resources and animal waste; sediment and erosion control; replacing culverts for fish passage; and other technical assistance. CCD is entirely funded by grants, limiting the extent and certain services. CCD has an annual native plant sale for extremely low prices. If you need more information, call 360-883-1987, ext. 5, e-mail staff@clarkcd.org, or stop by/write to: CCD, 11104 NE 149 Street, Bldg. B, Brush Prairie. (Check out the CASEE Center demonstration gardens located next door.)

Mediation services are available to resolve “neighbor to neighbor” conflicts. Fees depend on the issue and individual or organization status. Go to: www.mediationclarkcounty.org. A year ago, Felida NA board sponsored and subsidized a training workshop taught by the director of this very effective mediation organization. As we had several requests for information regarding mediation and conflicts resolution, let Felida NA know if you would like to co-sponsor another training workshop for your group or block. 360-573-4030

Crime in Felida NA: board members received several reports from Home Owners Associations (HOAs)⁷ requesting assistance from Felida NA. In addition, block captains and individuals, from different neighborhoods within Felida NA areas, asked to promote awareness and cooperation between neighbors to make our community safer. They were directed to call 911 and encouraged to

⁷ HOAs are private organizations that collect fees from members and some have property management services. NAs do not collect fees, they are lead by volunteers, participation is voluntary, and people are automatically considered members if they reside within NA boundary.

get in touch with or become block captains for Neighborhood Watch and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in their area; and volunteer for the NOW (Neighbors on Watch program)⁸ managed through the Clark County Sheriff's Office (CCSO). Felida NA encouraged and organized several Neighborhood Watch workshops in the past. There are many Block captains within Felida NA, check with your neighbors. Block captains +groups working together = 2E= "effective" + "efficient."

"Felida NA Newsletter" advertising solicitations: Felida NA board members received several inquiries from people approached by an individual selling advertising and newsletter subscription offers. **Felida NA does not sell advertising or subscriptions.** However, Felida NA, a 501(c)(3), does acknowledge donations to parks, trails, Kids-in-Need Holiday Event, and Children's Parade.

POW/MIA Memorial Engraved Bricks: Yes, the Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC) is still pre-selling engraved bricks (\$100, 18 characters/ brick) for a POW/MIA memorial at the Armed Forces Reserve Center. Kelley Puntenev, 2014 Parks Foundation award winner, designed this memorial in cooperation with CMAC and many community members and volunteers. Dedication is scheduled for September 27, 2014. Contact Larry Smith, CMAC co-chair, vancouvertiger@comcast.net for information on CMAC or memorial; or Robert Bean at robertbean511@msn.com to purchase bricks. Or go to www.cmac11.com, or attend meetings.⁹

Felida Speeding and Related Issues: several complaints came in regarding speeding, bicycle lanes, speed bumps, traffic on NW 119th during peak hours, and other related issues. NA board has been asked to inform residents and ask them to participate in traffic calming methods in West Felida NA areas. Concerns about speeding on NW 119th/NW 21st Ave intersection see "Crossroads 119" (page 2). West Felida traffic calming methods – attend a **meeting** with Clark County staff on **July 24, 2014 (Thursday), 6:00 – 8:00pm, at the Felida Fire Station on Lakeshore Avenue.** Please direct your concerns about speed bumps to Clark County – Transportation 360-397-2446.

Clark County Community Development, Code Enforcement: Several questions and concerns indicate that many of you may have questions about code enforcement, nuisances, and violations, Some need to know about permit requirements. Check the "Clark County Neighborhood Guide – Working together for community livability," "Code Compliance Process," complaint forms, or: 360-397-2408, Email codenfor@clark.wa.gov, 1300 Franklin St, Vancouver, 3rd floor (M-F 8-5), or www.clark.wa.gov/development/enforcement/index.html for additional information.

The Clark County Regional Wastewater District kicked off construction of the **Discovery Corridor Wastewater Transmission System** (DCWTS) with a groundbreaking ceremony on June 4, 2014 at the northbound I-5 Gee Creek Rest Area. In addition, the new regional pump station to be built at the rest area will be named for District Commissioner Neil Kimsey. The first phase of DCWTS includes installation of a new wastewater pipeline connecting the Ridgefield/Interstate 5 junction area to the Salmon Creek Treatment Plant. This \$25 million project will support future economic development and help the District provide efficient, high quality sewer service at the lowest possible cost. Construction begins on June 16, 2014 in Ridgefield.

Several Felida residents provided copies of **C-TRAN's Discussion Paper #14-001**, which includes proposals for changes, including Felida/Salmon Creek service areas (C-TRAN routes 9, 19, 105, and 134). Adjustments are proposed for when significant changes to the I-5/139th Street interchange are implemented (about 9/2014). For example: Proposals for Route 9 are to: 1) Eliminate service in Felida along 36th Avenue and portions of Bliss Road; 2) operate service over the new 139th Street interchange via the Salmon Creek Park & Ride; and 3) introduce service along Highway 99 between 139th Street and 99th Street. Paper #14-001 was provided to C-TRAN Board, but not discussed during public meeting. Contact C-TRAN.

⁸ See paragraph on NOW on page 4

⁹ CMAC held the annual Memorial Day Observance on May 26, 2014 at the Vancouver Barracks. Thank you for supporting this event! It was the largest event to date. Thank you for honoring veterans and military families.

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Clark County and Cities are considering options to update the **COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN** based on assumptions, population forecast, jobs target and jobs/housing balance targets this fall. Visit www.clark.wa.gov, www.clark.wa.gov/publicworks/parks/plan.html or contact commplanning@clark.wa.gov.

FELIDA NA ANNUAL MEETING: July 26, 2014 (Saturday*), 7:00pm, Fire District 6, Felida Fire Station, Lakeshore Avenue, just south of 119th Street. Parks, crime prevention, volunteer recognition, traffic issues, board elections, and fundraising will be discussed. (*Several asked for a Saturday.)

WEST FELIDA speeding & traffic calming: July 24, 2014 (Thursday) 6:00pm – 8pm, at the Felida Fire Station, Clark County staff will meet with interested stakeholders to discuss your speeding concerns and proposals for traffic calming methods in West Felida – west of NW 36th Avenue (e.g. Ashley Heights, NW McCann, NW 131st Street and NW 127th Street). (See page 7.)

INSIDE: July 4 Children’s Parade & After Parade Celebration, Sheriff Candidates Community Forum, Questions Answered, Parks, and issues impacting your community and quality of life.

If you need more information regarding these meeting or have any suggestions for other topics, call 360-573-4030. Visit Felida NA’s Facebook (in progress) - at: www://facebook.com/Felida NA.

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