

## Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County

September 14, 2015

### Meeting notes

**Welcome and introductions: Doug Ballou, Chair**

**Meeting Location: Round Table Pizza, Salmon Creek**

**In attendance:** Doug Ballou, NE Hazel Dell & NACCC; Holly Gaya, CCPIO; Marilee McCall, CCPIO; Mitch Canton, North Salmon Creek; Neil Chambers, Andresen-St John's; Barb Cabe, Truman; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Stephan Abramson, Pleasant Valley; Christie Brown-Silva, Sifton and Heritage; Judy Bumgardner-Enright, Sunnyside; Dan Enright, CCSO NOW; Alex Schoening, CCSO; Lynda Mcguire, East Minnehaha; KC Kasberg, CCSO; Erin Nolan, CCSO; Noland Hoshino, NW Neighborhood; Bryan Dainty, NW Neighborhood.

### **Announcements:**

- This **Saturday the Clark County Public Safety Complex (West Precinct) will celebrate its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House** from noon to 4 p.m. at 505 NW 179<sup>th</sup> St., Ridgefield. Make plans to attend and invite your neighbors. There will be food, emergency vehicle displays, community information exhibits, free health screenings, child identification and fingerprinting along with kids activities and prizes. The day will feature the arrival of Life Flight at 1:30 p.m., the CCSO K-9s, vehicle extrication and fire extinguisher demonstrations, and don't miss your opportunity to throw a few balls at the dunk tank. Sheriff Atkins, Fire Chief Jerry Green, Clark County Clerk Scott Webber, Chuck Green and others will be in the tank. All dunk tank revenues will be dedicated to the Sheriff's Posse to assist families during the holidays and throughout the year. And, this year there is a peanut butter and jelly challenge that is designed to help the Clark County Food Bank. If you would please bring a donation of peanut butter and/or jelly (or for that matter, any kind of food donation) a small contribution by many will go a very long way to helping feed those in need.
- **Vancouver Police K-9 Officer Ike's memorial ceremony** will be held on Tuesday, Sept, 29, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at the Vancouver Hilton, Heritage Ballroom, 301 W. 6th Street, Vancouver WA. The Vancouver Police Department (VPD) will gather to recognize Ike for his service and acknowledge and thank the community for the generous outpouring of support and donations. Funds received have been directed into the Vancouver Police K-9 fund. This fund is used to cover expenses related to the Vancouver Police K-9 Unit including purchase of new K-9's, medical expenses, equipment, and training.
- **The final 2015 Recycling 101 class** for neighborhoods is scheduled for **Saturday, Sept. 26**, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at West Van Materials Recovery Center, 6601 NW Old Lower River Road. This class will include a tour of the processing facility. Space is limited, so please pre-register by contacting Elsie Deatherage at 360-619-4122 or [elsie.deatherage@cityofvancouver.us](mailto:elsie.deatherage@cityofvancouver.us). Neighborhoods that send a representative to one of the recycling classes and publish an approved recycling article are eligible to earn \$120 for their neighborhood association.
- There a couple **recycling events remaining this year:**
  - ✓ East VANCOUVER Saturday, Sept. 19 - 9 am to 1 pm C-Tran Fisher's Landing Transit Center, 3510 SE 164th Ave.

- ✓ Battle Ground Saturday, Oct. 3 - 9 am to 1 pm Battle Ground High School\*, 300 W Main St.  
(Enter NW 3rd Way from N. Parkway)

This is a great time to recycle air conditioning units, batteries, block foam, electronics, freezers, refrigerators, household hazardous waste, scrap metal, and tires. Paper shredding is also offered at the two locations listed above.

- **Have out-of-date or unused medications? Take them to the following locations between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 26, 2015 for safe disposal:**
  - ✓ PeaceHealth Memorial Health Center, 100 E 33<sup>rd</sup> St., Vancouver
  - ✓ Kaiser Permanente Cascade Park, 12607 SE Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver
  - ✓ Kaiser Permanente salmon Creek Medical Office, 14406 NE 20<sup>th</sup> Ave., Vancouver
  - ✓ Battle Ground Police Department, 507 1<sup>st</sup> St., Battle Ground
- Doug recently attended a **Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance meeting** and enjoyed a presentation by the guest speakers from the **Port of Portland Noise Management Dept.** If you neighborhood is interested in learning more about noise management efforts and issues related to PDX, contact Jerry Gerspach, [jerry.gerspach@portofportland.com](mailto:jerry.gerspach@portofportland.com) and/or Jason Schwartz, [jason.schwartz@portofportland.com](mailto:jason.schwartz@portofportland.com) at the Port of Portland Noise Management Department.
- **2-1-1 – If you need assistance connecting to nonprofit and public services** dial 2-1-1. Keeping people and communities healthy means more than access to medical care. *211 Info* will assist you with finding a variety of resources such as: shelter, rent assistance, energy bill assistance, employment, food and health care. These are the ways you can connect with 211 Info:
  - ✓ **Dial 211** toll-free to speak with a resource specialist.
  - ✓ **Visit 211 Info.org** to search thousands of services.
  - ✓ **Text your zip code to 898211** for quick resources.
  - ✓ **Email [hel-@211info.org](mailto:hel-@211info.org)** for guidance and information.
- **3-1-1 is the new nonemergency number at the Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA).** If you have a nonemergency situation, instead of dialing 9-1-1, call the new 3-1-1 number. However, if you need emergency response, call 9-1-1!
- **The Clark County Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County (NACCC) is hosting a Clark County Council Candidates Form on Thursday Oct. 8,** 7-9 p.m. at Community of Christ meeting room, 400 NE 179<sup>th</sup> St., Ridgefield. (I-5 exit 9, west ½ mile) The following candidates have accepted our invitation: For the County Chair position: Marc Boldt (Nonpartisan) and Mark Delesandro (Democrat). For the County Council District Two position: Chuck Green (Democrat) and Julie Olson (Republican)
- **For more information about community news, programs, events and opportunities to participate** visit the **Clark County Neighborhood Program Weekly Update:** <http://www.clark.wa.gov/neighborhoods/weeklyupdate.html> ~or~ **Clark County Live:** <http://clarkcountylive.com/> *All about the People, Places, Activities and Events* and the place you can join **Neighborly**, your own LOCAL, free, and private Neighborhood network to connect with your neighbors and public agencies about what's new in your neighborhood. The link is on the Clark County Live homepage. You'll find:
  - News and updates from your Neighborhood Association, in partnership with the Clark County

Neighborhood Outreach Program;

- Alerts from NOW - the official Neighbors on Watch program serving our neighborhoods;
- Important Notifications from County Government, Clark County Sheriff, local Fire Districts, Regional Emergency Management and other Public Agencies.

Plus everyday ways to make the most of a connected community:

- Borrow a shovel from a neighborhood toolshed, or, better yet, find a neighbor kid to pull those pesky weeds;
- Get a recommendation on anything from fixing a faucet to trimming a tree.

All from folks right in your own neighborhood. From Garage Sales to HOA docs, used bikes to new babysitters, it's a one-stop resource for you and your neighbors. So whether you're looking for the neighborhood CERT leader, or someone to watch your dog; it's all right here. It's FREE, it's LOCAL and it's yours... We're connecting the community - Next Door and All Across Town! Isn't it time we all got a little more Neighborly...

- **Master Gardener Foundation of Clark County presents Glen Anderson and *The Other Beneficial Insects*** at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 6 at the CASEE Center, Building B, Room 202/205, 1104 NE 149<sup>th</sup> St., Brush Prairie. It is free to the public. Glen Andersen has been Metro's lead natural gardening educator. He is an avid beekeeper who keeps approximately 80 colonies of bees. This year his city bees produced about 3,000 pounds of honey. He teaches backyard organic beekeeping classes through Portland Community College, Garden Fever nursery in Northeast Portland, and other venues.
- **Master Composter/Recycler 2015 Fall Workshops:**  
Register at [www.columbiasprings.org/mcr](http://www.columbiasprings.org/mcr) Questions: [mcr@columbiasprings.org](mailto:mcr@columbiasprings.org)  
(360) 882-0936 ext. 224
  - ✓ Backyard Composting workshop, Free, Tuesday, Oct. 13, 6-8 p.m. at Columbia Springs
  - ✓ Family Worm Shop, \$35/family, Saturday, Oct. 10 10 a.m. – noon at Columbia Springs
  - ✓ Lasagna Gardening, Free, Saturday Oct. 17, 1-3 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church, Brush Prairie
  - ✓ Green Cleaning workshop, \$20 for green cleaning kit, Saturday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m. – noon, Columbia Springs

### **Christie BrownSilva – Your Neighborhood Association Identity**

Christie's presentation notes:

On a grand scale, you may be interested to know that there's 4 Heritage Neighborhood Associations, our very own Clark County, Washington but also in Austin, TX; San Antonio, TX & Greenville, SC.

- There is more than 1 Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association: our very own in Clark County but also in Tucson, Arizona. Fairground (no S) Neighborhood Association is in Des Moines, Iowa.
- Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association, Tumwater Washington area is very similar in name to our North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association here in Clark County.
- Minnehaha is a unique name, so what are the chances that our East Minnehaha Neighborhood Association is very similar in name to the Minnehaha Neighborhood Association in St. Louis Minnesota or the Minnehaha Neighborhood Council in Spokane, WA.
- Our Clark County Truman Neighborhood is also similar in name to the Truman Neighborhood in Independence, MI and much like the Truman Heights Neighborhood in Mesquite, TX.
- Lastly, our Clark County Sifton Neighborhood Association is close in name to the Sifton Neighborhood north of us in Providence in Canada. Anyone searching "Sifton Neighborhood Association" on Facebook

will find the recognized Clark County Neighborhood Association as well as a group with a similar name (not related to or affiliated with the Association in any way).

Representing! Loud & Proud for Clark County, WA

Narrowing back down to our community view, who are you? We are representatives, loud and proud of Clark County, WA and a member of NACCC. Some of us are also members of Neighborhoods USA (NUSA).

Let's look at our resources:

- Partners and Connections are one of our biggest tools for safeguarding our identity: With recommendations from Bud Van Cleve; get yourself some business cards and then get out there. Be professional, get taken seriously. You want people to know who you are, and you could spend a lot of years trying to connect with all your neighbors but if you make connections where it counts, you'll be thankful for your efforts.
- For example, if the Sheriff's Office, the schools or your business community doesn't know about your Association then we've got bigger problems than simply folks not knowing. There will always be folks that don't know

Resources/branding and how it can benefit NAs.

- Game Changer for me personally was a moment when I realized I was "throwing Frisbee" and needed to be "throwing a Boomerang". Getting information, sharing your contact information is like the Frisbee, it goes out one way. What tools are in place to help them come back to our Association? Throw boomerangs not Frisbees. Put information out with an easy way from them to verify/come back.
- Get it out there in more ways than 1, be consistent. Make it easy for them to find you and harder for them to "take" your stuff (much like locking your vehicles to deter a prowl or break-in, it's a deterrent and helpful but not full-prevention).
- The key to success is the bigger picture, notice the page border on the flyer (it represents the bigger picture). Remember, one "home base" like a website is helpful and multiple avenues to connect with the community works too. Consistency is key.
- These are some of the tools in your tool box:
  - Clark County Website
  - Boundary signs
  - Neighborhood association map
  - Newsletters
  - Meetings and events
  - Address, email, phone numbers
  - Brochures/handouts
  - Social Media
  - Clark County Live
  - Website/blog
  - The Columbian- Neighbors Section
  - Hashtags #
  - QR Codes
  - Business cards
  - Images and logo
  - Motto/mission
  - ID/name badge
  - Clothing with logo/identification



- Magnets, stickers
- Signs and banners

**Noland Hoshino and Brian Dainty with NW Neighborhood in Vancouver** also participated in the presentation and encouraged neighbors to get together for activities frequently. Their neighborhood has soup nights, Monday coffee talks, play kickball, and have quarterly association meetings and other events. Neighborhood identity is important and they wore NW Neighborhood t-shirts. The goal is to engage with your neighbors and your community. We're all on the same team.

### Roundtable

- **Sgt. Alex Schoening and Dan Enright--The Neighbors On Watch (NOW) program** is recruiting new members. Dan said it's a quicker and easier process now that the paperwork has been reduced and simplified. Additionally, the Clark County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) is writing their own training manual which will be tailored to the role of NOW volunteers who work with the Clark County deputies. If you're interested in the CCSO NOW Program, contact Dan at [danlesfc@comcast.net](mailto:danlesfc@comcast.net) or Alex at: [Alex.Schoening@clark.wa.gov](mailto:Alex.Schoening@clark.wa.gov). Dan said the NOW volunteers don't only patrol and report to the deputies, recently they were actors in SWAT and hostage negotiation training exercises for CCSO. He said it was fun and everyone gets to know each other better.
- **Lynda Maguire with the East Minnehaha Neighborhood Association** said that Fire Dist. 6 is trying to get the Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) program organized. Lynda is hoping there will be some coordination and regular gatherings/trainings for CERT volunteers. It's not enough to be trained and never look back. Neighborhood CERT members are a valuable resource that shouldn't be ignored.
- **Mitch Canton with North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association and ClarkCountyLive.com** gave a shout-out to Truman Neighborhood Association who has advertised the Neighborly site and quickly has 50 new members. Yay! Everyone is welcome to join. It's an easy, free and neighborly thing to do.
- **Sgt. Alex Schoening** also updated Christie Brown-Silva on the status of the trail where students sometimes get into trouble. He's looking into having the trail declared a park which will afford CCSO more flexibility. He also met with Walnut Grove Estates HOA. The HOA painted a fire lane and posted no parking signs on a private road. Since the road is not a public road, it is not CCSO jurisdiction and they will not cite people who park in the HOA fire lane.
- **Commander Erin Nolan** opened our meeting with a brief explanation of the officer involved shooting that occurred earlier today. 9-1-1 received calls of a reckless driver, deputies blocked in the vehicle just east of I-5 and 99<sup>th</sup> St. and while deputies struggled to control a woman who was extremely volatile, she managed to fire a deputy's holstered weapon. Erin said it was a miracle nobody was hurt, the woman was extremely volatile and it's not known what combination of chemicals she used to achieve this behavior. Erin encouraged everyone to be very aware of what's going on nearby. She said we live in a safe community, crime is down, but crime still is out there. Additionally, Mitch Canton said he recently watched CCSO deputies arrest an abusive and violent person on his street, in fact, in his driveway. Mitch said he was amazed at the self-control exhibited by the deputies. Thank you CCSO.
- **Judy Bumbarger-Enright with Sunnyside Neighborhood Association** said they had Michael Rawlins, FBI, at their meeting. He talked about scams. If you would like information about how to contact Mr. Rawlins for a presentation, email Judy at: [Sunnysidenava@yahoo.com](mailto:Sunnysidenava@yahoo.com).
- Art said there was a man in his neighborhood who was knocking on doors asking if people would sell their cars. He doesn't know who they are but suspects a scam.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting will be Oct. 12, 2015  
Clark County Public Service Center  
4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> St., Vancouver, WA