

## Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County

December 8, 2014

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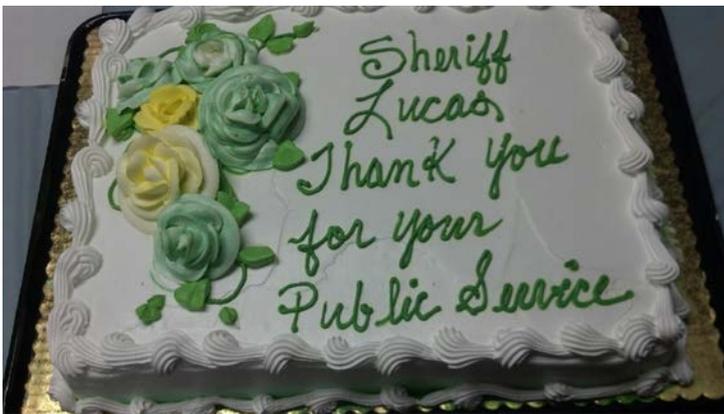
Location: Clark County Public Works Operations Center  
4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver, WA

### Meeting notes

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

**In attendance:** Doug Ballou, NACCC; Holly Gaya, Clark County; Dan Enright, CCSO NOW; Judy Bumbarger-Enright, Sunnyside; Barb Cabe, Truman; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Commander John Horch, CCSO; Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell; Sgt. Shane Gardner, CCSO; Sandra Day, N. Salmon Creek; Sandra Bennett, East Fork Frontier; Neil Chambers, Andresen-St. John's; Garry Lucas, Clark County Sheriff; Ed Frankel, Pleasant Highlands; Stephan Abramson, Pleasant Highlands; Julie Rawls, Port of Vancouver; John Gaynor, Eyewarn Information Network; Vicki Fitzsimmons, Bridget Schwarz, Fairgrounds; Sherwood; Bob Butler, East Minnehaha; Christie Brown-Silva, Sifton and Heritage; Sue Lintz, East Minnehaha; Dick Clairmont, NE Hazel Dell; Terry Meisner; and David Caldwell

*Clark County Sheriff Garry Lucas retired after 6 terms as Clark County Sheriff and over 40 years with the Sheriff's Department. In recognition of his service, we served cake and neighborhood leaders from throughout the County brought a bottle of wine as a gift*



Doug Ballou, Chairman of NACCC, presents Sheriff Lucas with bottle of wine. The Sheriff left with almost 2 cases of wine brought by neighborhood leaders. We have typically given plaques, but we learned that the sheriff enjoyed fine red wines, so we did that instead.

Sgt. Shane Gardner was presented with a plaque in recognition of 4 years of service as Community Outreach Sgt. Starting in 2015, Sgt Gardner will be re-assigned to new duties and a new Sergeant will be assigned to this position.



## Guest speaker

Julie Rawls, Port of Vancouver

The Port has been very busy. In fact, they are currently suffering from a labor shortage that increases the time to load and unload ships. The Teamsters have agreed to train and hire 12 new crane operators.

In October, the port's Board of Commissioners approved the sale of 9.6 acres in Centennial Industrial Park to Maruichi Northwest.

Maruichi Northwest, a subsidiary of Maruichi American Corporation, plans to invest more than \$30 million in land, facilities and equipment for a structural steel tubing mill. It expects to initially hire 20 to 25 workers to manufacture structural and ornamental steel components.

It's rare for the Port of Vancouver to sell property. The decision to sell is made only after careful consideration and preservation of public interest in the property. Through contract conditions, the port has the ability to repurchase the property from Maruichi should operations cease or the property is offered for sale.

Additionally, Evraz Steel is a new company with a new commodity at the port. Steel plates are transported from the port by truck to Oregon Steel Mill. The trucks travel on Mill Plain between the hours of 6 p.m. and 4 a.m. Steel is a very lucrative product and a rapidly increasing import/export.

Port tours are still available. If you would like to take a tour or have questions about the Port of Vancouver, please contact Julie Rawls at: [jrawls@portvanusa.com](mailto:jrawls@portvanusa.com) or by phone at: 360-992-1137

## Announcements and Roundtable

- **CCSO Santa's Posse**—On Dec. 18, at 5 p.m. volunteers are needed to help wrap gifts at the Clark County Event Center. The gift delivery will begin at 8 a.m. on Dec. 21.
- **Hazel Dell Youth Holiday Party (Bud's Party)** will be held at Sara J. Anderson Elem. School on Dec. 18 from 6-8 p.m. The wrapping party will be at Sara J. Anderson on Mon. Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. If you are able to volunteer or donate, please contact Doug Ballou: [Dougballou@comcast.net](mailto:Dougballou@comcast.net) or Vicki Fitzsimmons [Vicki.Fitzsimmons@edwardjones.com](mailto:Vicki.Fitzsimmons@edwardjones.com)
- **John Gaynor is the Project Director of Eyewarn.net.**  
**EYEWARN** Information Net is an information-gathering group, not an emergency net. It is licensed amateur radio operators throughout Clark County who simply provide visual reports in areas where there is an emergency or has been a disaster.

Most of Clark County's 1,700 licensed amateur radio operators cannot or do not deploy during a disaster, but could provide assistance through **EYEWARN**. The net is hoping to expand its reach throughout the county by increasing its membership and awareness of the net in the amateur radio community. Activated by Clark Regional Emergency Service Agency – CRESA or 911 – these operators are a crucial link in the community's ability to respond to emergency quickly and effectively.

**EYEWARN** meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., or 19:30, on 147.24+ PL94.8 and 443.125. The net gives voice and meaning to radio amateurs who want to help save lives and protect property.

**EYEWARN** is sponsored by the Clark County Amateur Radio Club. Members welcome all check-ins; operators do not have to be club members to participate in a meeting.

For more information, contact John NO7DE or at (360) 904-4586.

- Ed Frankel with the **Pleasant Highlands Neighborhood** Association said he would like to develop a data base containing vital information about seniors or people with special needs that could serve as a resource to first responders in the event of a catastrophic emergency. There was follow up discussion about the Map Your Neighborhood Program and how neighbors will be caring for neighbors in a serious emergency.
- Sandra Bennett with the **E. Fork Frontier Neighborhood** said she and her neighbors spent several evenings dealing with people who didn't live in the area but who were driving on private property, wrecking their cars and not being able to find their vehicles. It was a very weird drama. However, the strangers have now left the area. But, not before one of them ran into a tree and was taken away in an ambulance.
- Sue Lintz, **East Minnehaha**, said they had a good turnout at their last meeting and will have another meeting as soon as their future president returns from her travels. The last meeting featured the proposed Clark County Home rule Charter with Peter Silliman and Greg Kimsey presenting.

Sue also said that she recommends the Nextdoor.com web site to learn about what's happening in the neighborhood. The site is currently reporting burglaries and car thefts in her area. And, Sue wanted to know when the reverse 9-1-1 call system would be used as there was a fatal accident in the neighborhood today that caused a traffic backup and significant concern. Sgt. Shane Gardner said the reverse 9-1-1 is activated by an officer request to CRESA and it takes a minimum of 15 minutes to program and activate. He said it is primarily used to address an immediate safety concern. Shane also explained a little about the school lockdown procedure and how private schools, including day cares, don't receive the same notification as the school districts. However, Shane has been working with David Billby with Neighborhood Linkup who could receive emergency instructions from the school districts and pass the information along to private child care and schools who sign up and wish to receive notifications. Nothing is in place yet and nothing will be perfect but we're getting closer.

Neighbor Linkup is an easy way to connect with your community. We specialize in connecting faith communities with opportunities to serve the community through acts of service. Our robust and secure system makes it easy for a collaborative approach to managing cases.

This system has grown for the past four years and has become integrated with school districts, churches, public agencies, and more. We provide a variety of services including: event and volunteer management, outreach, consulting, alerts, and case management. For more information:

<http://www.neighborlinkup.com/index.php>

- Bridget Schwarz with the **Fairground Neighborhood** invited everyone who can hum to attend the second annual Vancouver kazoodling event on Sat. Dec. 13 from 2:30 – 4:30 at Compass Coffee Roasting, 1304 Main St., Vancouver. Join with other kazoodlers as they visit local businesses on Main St. and serenade them holiday tunes.
- Judy Bumbarger-Enright, **Sunnyside Neighborhood**, said Deputy Brice Smith will be presenting home security training to the Sunnyside Neighborhood and she would also like for him to talk about the Neighborhood

Watch Program. Sgt. Gardner said he would walk with Deputy Brice about the neighborhood watch presentation.

- **Sgt. Shane Gardner** said this year Walmart at Hwy 99 and 88<sup>th</sup> St. contacted him to say they wanted to participate in shop with a copy. Walmart is donating ten \$50 gift cards. Shane will contact Sara J. Anderson School to help select the children. If you stop in Walmart, please be sure to say thank you for the generous community support.
- **Commander John Horch is also be reassigned to command the Drug Task Force.** He won't be a regular at our meetings any more but we hope to see him around and that he will drop by just to visit. Commander Horch showed his new thermal imaging devices. Each precinct will have one which will hopefully help our Sheriff's Office perform their duties safely and efficiently. Take care, John.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The next NACCC meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2015.