

Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County
April 14, 2014 7-9 PM 4700 NE 78th Street, Vancouver, WA
Meeting notes

Welcome and introductions: Doug Ballou, Chair

In attendance: Doug Ballou, NACCC; Holly Gaya, Clark County PIO; Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Steven Shea, CCSO; John Horch, CCSO; Shane Gardner, CCSO; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Neil Chambers, Andresen/St. Johns; Barb Cabe, Truman; Sandra Day, North Salmon Creek; Jim Mains, Freeholder; Temple Lentz, Freeholder; Jeff Mize, CCPW; Roger Entrekin, Meadow Glade; and Karen Llewellyn, CCPW

Announcements:

- **Former Commissioner Steve Stuart will attend our June 9 meeting** which will provide us with an opportunity to say thank you and wish him well in his new role as Ridgefield City Administrator. There will be light refreshments and ample time to talk with Steve.
- **Heath Henderson, newly appointed Public Works Director and long-time Clark County employee will attend our May 12 meeting.** It will be a good time to welcome Heath and hear about current Public Works projects.
- **Neighborhoods USA Conference** is being held in Eugene, OR on May 21-24. Doug provided overview of conference and past participation by County and City neighborhood leaders.
- **Clark County has prepared draft language updating its stormwater manual and county code for stormwater and erosion control.** The changes are needed to comply with Washington State Department of Ecology's stormwater requirements.

A public comment period on the draft language will be Friday, April 11, through Monday, May 5.

Public comments will be incorporated into drafts submitted to the Department of Ecology in June. Clark County is required to adopt the code updates by June 2015.

Information related to the updates can be found at www.clark.wa.gov/stormwater. The site includes:

- Proposed municipal code language updates and summary of changes fact sheet.
 - Proposed Clark County Stormwater Manual and summary of changes fact sheet.
 - Previous Clark County Stormwater Manual and link to Department of Ecology requirements.
 - Public comment form and fact sheet.
- Ila Stanek sent information about the new Free Battle Ground dental clinic located at 11117 NE 189th St., Battle Ground, WA. The clinic will be hosting an open house on

April 21, 2014 from 5:15 – 7 PM. Please call (360) 687-8941 or check their Website: <http://www.wafreeclinics.org/battle-ground-healthcare.html> for more information.

- West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association's April 16 meeting will feature Sherian A. Wright who is a Mason Bee specialist and author. Mason Bees are non-aggressive and the best pollinators for your flowers. The meeting will include a humorous slide/movie presentation that reveals the lifestyle of this native been who is often overlooked and sometimes mistaken as a garbage fly. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM at the Clearwater Springs Assisted Living, 201 NW 78th St., Vancouver, WA.

Freeholders Temple Lentz and Jim Mains were our guests tonight. Their presentation included an overview of the Freeholders' mission, progress made toward drafting a county charter and answering questions related to the draft charter.

Fifteen county residents were elected as nonpartisan freeholders. They held their first meeting as the Board of Freeholders Nov. 26. Board members unanimously elected Nan Henriksen, former mayor of Camas, as chair. They elected Joe Zarelli, former state senator from Ridgefield, as vice chair and former state representative Val Ogden of Vancouver as secretary.

The Board of Freeholders has been working to write a home rule charter specifying a form of government for Clark County. By state law, the charter cannot apply to the Prosecuting Attorney or jurisdiction of Superior and District courts, as well as the Sheriff. Any proposed changes to the form or function of Clark County government must be within limits of the Washington State Constitution and federal laws.

Once a proposed charter is completed, it will be placed on the ballot for Clark County voters. A charter becomes law if approved by a simple majority of voters.

The Board of Freeholders will dissolve when a proposed charter is completed on or by Dec. 31, 2014, whichever comes first.

The draft Clark County Charter *as of April 16, 2014* can be reviewed here: http://www.clark.wa.gov/freeholders/documents/BOF_040914clean.pdf.

There was discussion regarding increasing number of county commissioners thereby making them county councilmembers, reducing the salary and why, adding a new election district, addressing how councilmembers are elected and how the council chair would be elected, retaining an appointed county administrator as opposed to having an elected county executive. We also heard the Freeholders work well and are on schedule. The proposed charter should be on the November 2014 ballot.

Roundtable:

Commander Steve Shea advised that there were two serious motorcycle accidents today. One motorcycle driver died at the scene. He **reminded everyone to be aware**

that the nice weather means there are potentially more motorcycles on the road and to be vigilant when driving.

Commander Shea also reminded us this year's Hazel Dell Parade of Bands on May 17th represents its 50th Anniversary and will be themed "The Golden Jubilee." A highlight of this year's parade will be the 50th Anniversary Alumni Band. Anyone who has participated in the parade as a former band member, member of a flag group, banner carrier, cheerleader, etc. is welcome to participate.

More information regarding the alumni band is available at the Hazel Dell Business Association website www.hdscba.org or contact Fire Commissioner Casey Collins at casey.collins@ccfd6.org.

Parade entry registration forms are now available on the Hazel Dell/Salmon Creek Business Association's website www.hdscba.org and at the following locations:

- Clark County Fire District 6, 8800 NE Hazel Dell Ave.
- Clark County Sheriff's Office, West Precinct
- First Independent Bank, Hazel Dell Location
- Riverview Bank, Hazel Dell & Salmon Creek Locations
- West Coast Bank, Salmon Creek Location

The Parade of Bands attracts tens of thousands of spectators each year. Those individuals or businesses interested in sponsoring this community event can contact Tony Ruestig of TwinStar Credit Union at aruestig@twinstarcu.com.

Commander Horch said he will be meeting with Mark McCauley and Mark Wilson, regarding a cost analysis and options for improving the Central Precinct facility. As many of us know the building needs some fixin'. There was discussion about how the current building doesn't lend itself to CCSO needs and how important it is to address the problem.

Sergeant Shane Gardner announced Clark County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Lucas and six year old honorary Sheriff Cole will join other law enforcement officials at Main Event East tomorrow April 18th from 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM for a donation dinner.

Law enforcement officials will work beside the competent and professional staff of Main Event East requesting donations for the Chief for a Day Junior Deputy Program as Chief for a day expands to other Clark County law enforcement agencies. And, tomorrow night at 6 PM at the Main Event East Chief Chase will be sworn in as Battle Ground's Honorary Chief.

Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission sponsors the statewide Chief for a day program every two years and Clark County Sheriff's Office has participated in the last 3 events. There are 32 agencies participating this year. The focus of the statewide event is about celebrating the lives of children who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening or chronic medical condition.

Sheriff Cole was diagnosed with a stage IV Wilm's Tumor in September 2011. He was sworn in as the Honorary Sheriff on January 14th at the Mill Creek Pub where a fundraiser was held for the program. In four hours, with an amazing outpouring of support, the community raised \$2508 for the program. Russell Brent has issued a friendly challenge to Main Event East to beat that amount. The Main Event jumped at the chance, scheduling this dinner on one of their busiest nights of the week.

Sheriff Cole has a soft spot in his heart for "sick kids". He has done toy drives, made donations, and staffed a cookie and lemonade stand to raise money for other children battling illnesses. Sheriff Cole didn't want to be the only child in Clark County to be the "Chief for a day", so we are expanding the local program. Clark County Sheriff's Office contacted other agencies and asked if they were interested in sponsoring a child locally. The response was overwhelming.

Battle Ground Police Department, Camas Police Department, and La Center Police Department so far have all committed to adopting honorary young Chiefs.

----Honorary Chief Chase Getch-----

Chase Getch is an 8 year old boy who has a condition called Achondroplasia, also known as "Dwarfism", which has caused him to undergo several surgical procedures.

This fundraiser at Main Event East will be to raise money for all Chief for a Day Junior Deputies. On September 20th, 2014 at the Clark County Sheriff's Office West Precinct, all Honorary Chiefs and Sheriff Cole will participate in a motorcade leading them to the annual open house event where they will snack on free hot dogs and soda while learning about special law enforcement equipment and units, life flight, and fire fighters. Between now and then, each honorary chief will have a unique experience partnering with their local law enforcement to both bring awareness to families in need in our community, and give these special kids fond memories that will last a lifetime!

Contributions for the Chief for a Day Junior Deputy Program can be made at Riverview Community Bank.

Sgt. Gardner also reminded everyone if you have medication you no longer need, dispose of it safely, for free and with no questions asked, during three collections on Saturday, April 26.

This year, unwanted medications will be collected from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 26 at:

- **Battle Ground Police Department, 507 S.W. First St.**
- **Clark College's Purple Parking Lot #1 (by the soccer field), 1900 Fort Vancouver Way**
- **Kaiser Permanente's Cascade Park Medical Office, 12607 S.E. Mill Plain Blvd.**

During last year's collection, more than 500 people brought in more than 1,100 pounds of unwanted medication for disposal by the Clark County Sheriff's Office. In addition, more than 400 pounds of paper, cardboard, glass and plastic containers were recycled.

These events are sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Clark County Sheriff's Office, Clark County Environmental Services, Battle Ground and Vancouver police departments, and Kaiser Permanente, in partnership with Clark College, PREVENT! The Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Clark County and PREVENT! The Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Battle Ground.

Concern about the abuse of prescription drugs, especially among teenagers, has placed greater emphasis on proper medication disposal. In addition, trace levels of medications have been found in ground and surface water. To protect water, unwanted medication should not be flushed down the toilet or dumped down the drain.

"The proper disposal of unwanted medication is critical to reducing substance abuse and safeguarding our environment," said Don Benton, Environmental Services director.

All unwanted medications, controlled and non-controlled, will be accepted at the April 26 collections. But unwanted medication also can be disposed of at several sites across Clark County. Controlled substances, such as pain killers and tranquilizers, can be taken to participating law enforcement agencies. Non-controlled substances, such as over-the-counter medications, can be taken to participating pharmacies.

For more information on both types of disposal, visit "[Medications](#)" at [RecyclingA-Z.com](#). For more information about disposal or recycling options for other materials, call Environmental Services at (360) 397-2121 ext. 4352.

Sgt. Gardner also encouraged people to participate the Clark County Connects Day of Service on Sept. 13, 2014.

Sgt. Gardner reported that a homeless camp was recently removed from Hazel Dell. There was discussion about how our Sheriff's Office enlists assistance from a variety of non-profits. Outreach teams work with the displaced and helps them connect with appropriate services.

Karen Llewellyn provided information about upcoming park volunteer events for April and May 2014.

April:

- **Saturday, April 12th from 9 AM to 12 PM:** Vancouver Lake Trail Extension with Washington Trails Association. At this event we will be extending a mile long section of trail at Vancouver Lake Park. For more information or to register: <http://vols.wta.org/web/web.pl?sm+21299+YWP>
- **Saturday, April 19th from 9 am to 12 pm:** Frenchman's Bar Beach Cleanup with Leadership Clark County. We will be removing garbage from the banks of the Columbia to prevent it from entering the river and ultimately the Pacific Ocean. For more information or to register: <http://www.solve.org/get-involved/events/frenchmans-bar-park-beach-cleanup>
- **Saturday, April 26th from 9 AM to 1 PM:** Invasive plant removal (Himalayan blackberry) from the west end of the Salmon Creek Greenway with SOLVE. We are

trying to remove the non-native plant from this area to reintroduce native plants and make the area more conducive to picnics, etc. For more information or to register: <http://www.solv.org/get-involved/events/salmon-creek-greenway-invasive-plant-removal>

May:

- **Saturday, May 3rd from 9 am to 12 pm:** Vancouver Lake Trail Extension with Washington Trails Association. At this event we will be extending a mile long section of trail at Vancouver Lake Park. For more information or to register: <http://vols.wta.org/web/web.pl?sm+21301+YWP>
- **Saturday, May 3rd from 9 am to 1 pm:** Whipple Creek Park Trail Maintenance, 9 am to 1 pm. At this event we will be hauling and spreading gravel along the trail system at Whipple Creek Park. For more information or to register: <http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/s2EM6veG9L213>.
- **Sunday, May 4th from 9 am to 1 pm:** Whipple Creek Park Trail Maintenance, 9 am to 1 pm. At this event we will be hauling and spreading gravel along the trail system at Whipple Creek Park. For more information or to register: <http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/u64o3M0c2GqfQrexK>.
- **Saturday, May 10th from 9 am to 12:** Downtown Vancouver Spring Spruce Up! At this event we will be weeding, planting annuals, cleaning signs, and removing litter. For more information or to register: <http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/u64o3M0c2GqfQrexK>.
- **Saturday, May 10th from 9 am to 1 pm:** Trail Skills Class with Washington Trails Association. Interested in learning more about trail building? Join us for this unique, free skills class with WTA at Lacamas Park. For more information or to sign up: <http://vols.wta.org/web/web.pl?sm+21333+WP>.

For more information contact Karen Llewellyn, Volunteer Program Coordinator, Clark County Public Works Phone: 360.397.6118 ext. 1627, Cell: 360.608.6428, or at www.parkhero.org.

Jeff Mize said Public Works is preparing to award a contract for Chinook and Dogwood Parks. We still have 8 to build and w community parks but we're moving ahead.

Jeff also talked about the issues related to dog owners not cleaning up after their pet at Dakota Park. The park now has signage requesting users to pick up the waste and advising of the potential hazards and that the park may need to be closed for cleaning if people don't voluntarily comply. The Dakota Dog Park is an off-leash park that is very popular all year.

Sandra Day with North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association said the association has invited Freeholders to attend their next meeting. Sandra is also attending the Neighbors on Watch – class 13—and is looking forward to graduation. She encouraged others to get involved.

The North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association is addressing many issues, including: The Whipple Creek group, Clark County Sheriff's Office partnerships, squatters in vacant

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homes, drugs near the high school, arms dealing in the neighborhood and speeding vehicles.

Barb Cabe with Truman Neighborhood Association said she and her neighbors are working with WSDOT as they continue to deal with graffiti on the SR-500 barrier wall. They have paint and a sprayer. It is a huge project and photos can't/don't capture the amount of graffiti on the wall.

Art Stubbs announced that Nancy is now the President of the Orchards Food Bank. Thank you Nancy.

Meeting adjourned.
Next meeting: May 12, 2014