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Greetings neighbors –

There is a lot of material in this month's newsletter. And more: a mass mailing from the Sunlight Supply Amphitheater is also attached to this email. It was sent to the county's FGNA list. But the residents living across the street from the facility (south side) are in a different neighborhood association. So now you have it too. So here ya go:

- Our summer monthly meeting schedule;
- An update from Public Works on the 10th Avenue road improvements;
- The Sunlight Supply Amphitheater concert schedule ;
- Our monthly report from the county official responsible for amphitheater oversight;
- Information from SHIBA about Medicare programs and assistance for low income and seniors.

Were you at our June meeting? If so, you heard the 2 county staff monitoring ingress for the May 6 concert admit that *they did not see the miles long gridlock on the back roads*. What an oversight! Neither they, or the facility operator, made any provisions to manage or control that concert traffic.

So, why didn't the Sheriff's office intervene? At our meeting this month we'll ask them! There are 2 good reasons to make sure you attend our June 14 meeting. First, the Sheriff's Special Events Commander will explain their role in concert management. Second, one of our FGNA members is an expert on Traffic Management Plans. What does he think of the new traffic plan the county approved? Will it be effective? Attend and you will learn a lot. Meeting details are on the next page.

It's graduation time. Here are the events scheduled at the amphitheater:

- Wednesday, June 13 5 - 8 pm, Vancouver High School graduations
- Thursday, June 14 5 - 8 pm, Vancouver High School graduations
- Thursday, June 21 5 – 8 pm, Clark College graduation

If you have a development project in Clark County, you must adhere to county rules and regulations. And the county Comprehensive Growth Management Plan too. If you don't find that acceptable, you try to create a Developer Agreement with the county to get what you want. (Obviously only the 'good ole boys' have the deep pockets and the clout to pull that off.)

The owner of over 100 commercially zoned acres directly east of I-5 is eager to get shovels in the dirt now. They have been meeting with county staff for years to create a Developer Agreement. The result would reserve for them most, if not all, of new trips that will be created by the \$50 million taxpayer dollars that will go into infrastructure improvements at the 179th Street/I-5 interchange in 2023.

We have asked the county more than once to meet with us to talk about this. They are not willing to do so. But we will be notified about a public hearing when the agreement is a done deal. That's too late! So let's all join them for the next county Work Session at 10:00 am on Wednesday July 11 to let them know we're paying attention. More on this in our July newsletter.

Regards,
Bridget Schwarz
for the Executive Board

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FAIRGROUNDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION JUNE MEETING

Amphitheater traffic/Sheriff's role

June 14, 2018 at 7 pm at Community of Christ meeting room, 400 NE 179th

This month the Special Events Commander for the Clark County Sheriff's office will explain their role in handling amphitheater events. How will they help us avoid a repeat of the May 6 concert disaster? Then an FGNA member with expertise in creating Traffic Management Plans will review the new Traffic Management Plan and compare it to the TMP it replaces. This will be an important and informative meeting!

FAIRGROUNDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION JULY MEETING

Amphitheater traffic

July 12, 2018 at 7 pm at Community of Christ meeting room, 400 NE 179th

At our May meeting Clark County staff shared the newly adopted Traffic Management Plan. And got our feedback! We sent them away with a long list of problems and concerns to address. As of this monthly meeting, there will have been 2 concerts. Have there been improvements? We will hear the results tonight!

FAIRGROUNDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AUGUST MEETING

ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC

August 9, 2018 Fairgrounds Community Park (164th St & NW 4th Ave) at 6 pm

As is our custom, during the month of August we gladly yield our usual meeting room to the fabulous pie ladies. During the Clark County Fair, they make 100 pies every day! And we meet at our nearby community park to enjoy a potluck picnic. Bring your favorite summer dish – or not – we always have plenty of food! And as always we will be providing root beer floats!



Sure, bring your barbecue!



HEADS UP

MAY 2018

NORTHEAST 10TH AVENUE ROAD AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

From Northeast 149th Street to Northeast 164th Street

TWO PROJECTS

Work is proceeding on a project to improve and connect Northeast 10th Avenue, from Northeast 154th Street to Northeast 164th Street. This project includes building a 450-foot-long bridge over Whipple Creek.

Public Works' contractor is scheduled to pour the road deck for the two-lane bridge this month. A subcontractor also is improving Northeast 10th Avenue on both sides of the bridge to one travel lane in each direction, along with a center turn lane, bicycle lanes, sidewalks and facilities to collect and treat polluted storm runoff. The bridge and improved roadway are scheduled to open in fall 2018.

As work on one project continues, Public Works is designing a second project to improve Northeast 10th Avenue, from Northeast 149th Street to Northeast 154th Street. Construction on this second project is scheduled to begin in 2020.

OPEN HOUSE

Clark County will host an open house from 4-7 pm Tuesday, June 19, 2018, in the commons area at Skyview High School, 1300 NW 139th St.

Residents can stop by anytime during the three-hour open house to find out more about the current Northeast 10th Avenue project, as well as the second project immediately to the south, and ask questions about either project.

FUNDING

For the ongoing bridge and road project, Clark County has received a \$2.84 million federal Surface Transportation Program grant through the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council and a \$4.8 million state loan through the Public Works Board. The county also will seek a state grant for the future Northeast 10th Avenue project to be built in 2020.

DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Public Works has information to share on the upcoming Northeast 10th Avenue project, from Northeast 149th Street to Northeast 154th Street. Other details will need to be worked out during the remaining design process.

Construction will require closing this section of Northeast 10th Avenue to all traffic, although local access will be maintained for a small number of homes and other properties along this road section.

Through traffic will need to use other routes. Residents on Northeast 154th Street and connecting roads will need to head north across the new bridge and continue north to Northeast 179th Street or west on Northeast 164th Street.

Residents south of the construction zone can use Northwest 11th Avenue or other routes. Temporary signs will guide drivers to alternate routes.

The improved roadway will cross an unnamed tributary of Whipple Creek just north of Northeast 149th Street. Designers are deciding if that will mean conveying the tributary through a culvert or building a small bridge over the creek.

Depending on weather and other factors, the project could be built in a single construction season or take two seasons to build.

Work in the unnamed tributary will be confined to a short period when construction will have the least effect on fish and other aquatic life.



MORE INFORMATION

Troy Pierce, Project Manager
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SUNLIGHT SUPPLY AMPHITHEATER CONCERT SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	ACT	START
Saturday	June 30	Counting Crows	6:30
Sunday	July 15	Pentatonix	8:00
*Friday	July 20	Chris Stapleton	7:00
Saturday	July 21	G-Eazy	6:30
Saturday	July 28	Foreigner	7:00
Thursday	August 23	Slayer	5:00
Sunday	August 26	Alice in Chains	3:45
Friday	August 31	Rod Stewart	7:30
Saturday	September 1	Marco Anotonio Solis	8:00
Saturday	September 8	`Evanescence	7:00

*A big one. Manual control of traffic signals.

You will note that weekday concerts have been approved for an early start time. However, the criteria for approving an early start time is not available. That's because the county has only recently received the document from the amphitheater operators. Their review and approval is not yet done.

MEDICARE BENEFITS

Medicare is good to have! But it is not free!

However, there are several programs available to assist with Medicare expenses. If you are single and have a gross monthly income under \$1538 a month, and limited resources, you may be entitled to help with your medical and drug costs. If married, the income limit is \$2078 a month.

If you would like further information on these programs or anything else related to your Medicare coverage, please contact:

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COUNTY AMPHITHEATER JUNE REPORT

Hi Bridget,

This is a report of work related to the Amphitheater since my May 3rd update.

1. Matt Griswold and I were on-site May 6th to observe traffic for the sell-out event, as was I for the May 5th WSU-Vancouver commencement.
2. Matt Griswold and I attended the May 10th FGNA meeting:
 - a. the new Traffic Management Plan (TMP) was provided, discussed and neighbor input was received;
 - b. May 6th event matters (primarily, traffic-related) were discussed, questions were answered or were noted for follow-up, concerns and suggestions from neighbors were received;
 - c. a question regarding noise level monitoring was raised, specific to pre-event sound checks [I checked on this and sent you an email verifying sound check levels are monitored and those for May 6th event were within limits]; and
 - d. the topic of a 3rd Conditional Use Permit (CUP) was raised, specifically, involving guardrails on 11th Street [I confirmed there is only a 2nd (2004) Final Order that was for proposed egress from events on 11th Street. I also confirmed the operator has not used and does not propose to use 11 Street for egress].
3. May 15th: Matt Griswold, the operator and I met to debrief on the May 6th event.
4. May 31st: Matt Griswold and I met with you regarding the TMP and a number of matters, including apps that are affecting traffic and a Uber/Lyft designated drop off/pick up area.
5. A new sign was posted by the operator at the amphitheater's South gate.
6. Marilee McCall provided you information on the addresses provided to the operator for the 2018 season pamphlet mailing to over 7,000 addresses. I appreciate you sending the pamphlet out to your email distribution list.

Two final things:

1. One Public Disclosure Request you submitted remains 'open' -- your request for the new Early Start matrix or plan. As I previously mentioned, the draft was received May 30th and is being reviewed by the County and WSDOT. When it is final, it will be provided to you.
2. In reviewing various meeting notes and emails to prepare this update, I see in your May 30th email reply to a Public Works individual that you "...will indeed expect a LOT of feedback and progress on that list" at the **July** FGNA meeting. I emailed you today regarding the June 14 FGNA meeting. I will assume the next meeting I will attend is July 12th.

Ann

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FYI: The Community Development department emails out a development review status report every Friday. If you want to know what's in process or submit comments on a development review proposal, ask to be added to the mailing list. Advise Jodi.creamer@clark.wa.gov. *It's too late when they start unloading the dozers next to your property!* If you have concerns about proposed developments that we need to address call Bridget at 360.573.5873.

MONTHLY 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;

SOUTH - 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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Summer Schedule

Event	Ingress Time Period	Traffic Control Plan
WSU-Vancouver Graduation	May 5 11am-1pm	Signalized
Kendrick Lamar	May 6 5:30pm-8:30pm	Manual
Vancouver School District High School Graduations	June 13 5pm-8pm	Signalized
Vancouver School District High School Graduations	June 14 5pm-8pm	Signalized
Clark College Graduation	June 21 5pm-8pm	Signalized
Counting Crows	June 30 4:30pm-7pm	Signalized
Pentatonix	July 15 6pm-8:30pm	Signalized
Chris Stapleton	July 20 5pm-8pm	Manual
G-Eazy	July 21 4:30pm-7p	Signalized
Foreigner	July 28 5pm-7pm	Signalized
Slayer	August 23 4pm-6pm	Signalized
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Marco Antonio Solis	September 1 TBD	TBD
Evanescence	September 8 5pm-8pm	TBD

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Summer 2018



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SUNLIGHT SUPPLY AMPHITHEATER

It's That Time Again

The Sunlight Supply Amphitheater season is upon us again and is proud to kick off the 2018 concert season with Kendrick Lamar on May 6th at 7:30 PM.

During our events, we utilize two traffic control plans, signalized and manual control.

The appropriate traffic control plan for shows will be determined as we get closer to each event.

Be sure to look at our I-5 marquee sign or our website for the latest event information. More events may be added as the season progresses.

Signalized Control

In order to minimize the traffic impacts for our smaller events, we allow the traffic signals along the 179th Street corridor to operate as normal.

We will convert the left turn only lane (middle lane) from the intersection of 179th Street and New Delfel Road to the 179th Street Parking Lot Entrance into an additional westbound traffic lane.

Manual Control

During manual control, the traffic signal at 179th Street and New Delfel Road intersection will be turned off and managed by Washington State Patrol.

It is recommended that:

- ◆ Southbound traffic on 10th Avenue at 179th Street, wishing to access I-5 South, turn left instead and use the detour route of 179th Street east to 15th Avenue south to 134th Street. At

134th Street, a driver will then be able to catch I-5 and I-205 at that location. This detour will be much quicker than waiting for a break in traffic on 179th Street during full ingress at Delfel Road.

- ◆ If you are coming to an Amphitheater event and part of your normal route is 10th Avenue, please detour west on 199th Street to Delfel Road and then right onto 179th Street.
- ◆ Westbound traffic on 179th Street before Union Road take 15th Avenue south to 134th Street for access to I-5 South or 10th Avenue north to 219th Street for access to I-5 North.
- ◆ Local traffic exiting I-5 North WILL be allowed to continue north onto 10th Avenue or turn right onto 179th Street, as well as turn left onto 179th Street.
- ◆ In the past, there has been problems with residents wishing to continue beyond the Amphitheater Parking Lot Entrance. If you wish to continue to travel west, no matter what lane you happen to be in, please safely stop and flash your headlights at the Amphitheater traffic staff so that they can quickly identify you and accommodate you through the intersection.

Expect delays on Delfel Road if trying to turn left onto 179th Street, and we highly recommend utilizing alternative routes during this short window of time. These traffic measures are in effect for the ingress and egress periods only.

Neighborhood Barricade

In order to bring in event traffic in the parking lots as quickly as possible and

minimize traffic impacts, a Road Closed Barricade will be in effect from the start of ingress to the end of egress at:

- ◆ 11th Avenue and 179th Street

If heading for I-5 South, it is recommended that you use 11th Avenue south to 149th Street east to 10th Avenue south to 139th Street, which gives you access to both I-5 and I-205.

If heading for destinations north or east, it is recommended utilizing 11th Avenue north to 199th Street east to 10th Avenue, at which you can turn left to head to Battle Ground or I-5 North or right to continue east on 179th Street beyond the the I-5 North off-ramp.

If proceeding past the barricade, be prepared for lengthy delays as priority will be given to incoming event traffic at the 179th Street Parking Lot Entrance.

164th Street Gate

In recent years, there has been an increase in pedestrian traffic exiting out of the 164th Street Gate. This gate was never intended for pedestrian use and is closed to pedestrian traffic during events.

The 164th Street Gate is used primarily as a shuttle bus and limited authorized staff entrance. During event egress, it is briefly used as a exit for the parking lots behind and west of the Amphitheater to avoid the pedestrian traffic at the Lower Parking Lots Intersection. Once pedestrians have made their way to their vehicles, usually about 30 minutes after an event, the 164th Street Gate is again only used for shuttle buses and authorized staff.

Though owned by the County, the Amphitheater was built and operated with private funds. There were and are no tax dollars that went into the construction of the Amphitheater, which was in excess of \$40 million, or going into the operation of the Amphitheater. In our 15-year history, we have averaged about 10 concerts a year with an average attendance of 7500 patrons. We have welcomed nearly 300,000 through our doors.

Questions or Concerns

We want to know your questions or concerns and are committed to appropriately addressing them. However, during a busy event, it may not be practical to provide an immediate response. This does not mean that we don't want to hear from you. The best way to initially contact us is to send an email to neighbors@sunlightamp.com with a description of your question or concern.

