## JULY 2024 Newsletter and Updates

Hello, Felida Community!

We're excited to announce that we've got a time and place for our next meeting!

Saturday, August 3 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Three Creeks Library, 800-C NE Tenney Road.

You can also dial in from home (or vacation) and attend via Zoom using this link:

<a href="https://clark-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/89303776763">https://clark-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/89303776763</a>

To those who attended the meeting on Thursday, June 13th, 2024, in person or through Zoom, your valuable time is appreciated. The June meeting was not intended to be dominated by a private organization, preventing our community from moving forward with the agenda. Our team acknowledges that there are many organizations who do much for our community, but these organizations speak only for their own congregations, not for the community as a whole. Going forward, general announcements regarding upcoming community events and other items of interest will be held at the close of the meeting during the time for comments.

In this newsletter, we've included our next meeting agenda and biographies of the volunteers interested in serving as your board.

Felida Community Neighborhood Association is established by the residents in order to unite the common interests and promote the welfare of the neighborhood and its residents.

Felida Community Neighborhood Association is a Neighborhood Association, recognized by the county, and NOT an HOA.

The Felida Community Neighborhood Association's purpose is to address community issues within our boundaries, form a greater sense of community among residents, generate a unified voice, and organize social & community enhancement events to bring the neighborhood together.



The next meeting will have no time for new/old business. It will be an election meeting.

To ensure timeliness, respect, and organization the Agenda will be as follows:

- 1. Greeting and Introductions
- 2. Guest speaker: Fire Dept. Chief Kristan Maurer, Fire District #6
- 3. Community volunteer introductions
- 4. Vote on Bylaws
- 5. Election of the Officers
- 6. Discussion on topics for next meetings
- 7. Adjourn

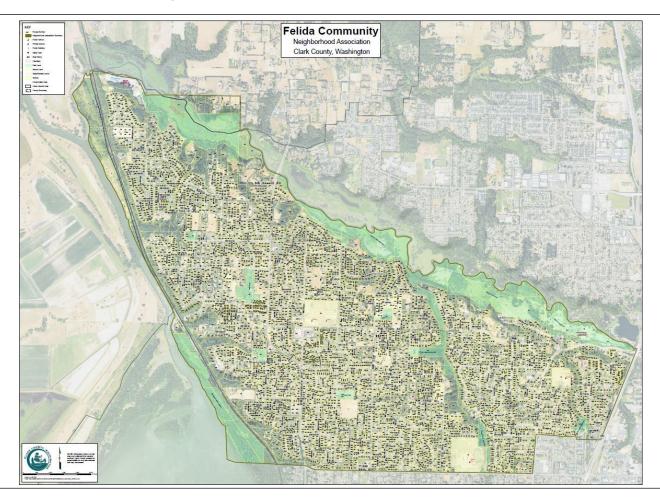
The current draft of the bylaws is available at <a href="www.clark.wa.gov/county-manager/felida-community">www.clark.wa.gov/county-manager/felida-community</a>. Some minor changes were suggested at the June 13, 2024 meeting that are shown on the online copy and will be available on paper copy at the next meeting.

The proposed bylaws are a <u>draft</u>. If you would like to propose changes to the current draft bylaws please prepare them in writing and send to our email at <u>felida.community.na@gmail.com</u> at least two weeks prior to the next meeting. Suggestions for amendments to the draft will be compiled on a separate document for review by the group at the meeting.

For more information on the county's neighborhood outreach program, you can go to their website at <a href="https://clark.wa.gov/county-manager/about-neighborhood-associations">https://clark.wa.gov/county-manager/about-neighborhood-associations</a>.

There are currently 19 active neighborhood associations in the county's neighborhood program. Neighborhood directory: <a href="https://clark.wa.gov/county-manager/neighborhood-association-directory">https://clark.wa.gov/county-manager/neighborhood-association-directory</a>

The Felida Community Neighborhood Association map boundaries are shown below.



The membership of this Association is open to all persons 18 years of age or older that reside or operate businesses within the boundaries. This includes home and property owners, residents that rent/lease their homes or apartments, managers of multiple-family dwellings, and one representative of non-profit and profit organizations within the boundaries of this neighborhood association.

The community should understand that our team is not interested in discrimination of any kind. Any member of the association is welcome and encouraged to join in volunteering their time to the Felida Community Neighborhood Association at whatever level they choose to participate. All residents are encouraged to attend our meetings, volunteer for any clean-up or service projects, contribute ideas for presentations, speakers and committees, and run to be elected to serve on a Board position.

Board members are not appointed; they are elected by our community to serve our residents.



Provided below are short biographies and photos of the team of individuals that met as neighbors and connected with Clark County's Neighborhood Outreach Program Coordinator to re-activate a county-recognized Neighborhood Association in the Felida area. With several months of organizing they were able to bring the community together for a first meeting in an attempt to reactivate the Association.

If you are interested in joining in running for a Board position at the next meeting, please email <u>felida.community.na@gmail.com</u> with your contact information, the position you're interested in, and a short bio. We'll share the information with the email list prior to the next meeting and add your name to the ballot for the elections on August 3.

We welcome and encourage any willing members of the community to join us in volunteering to serve on the Board.

My family, consisting of my wife of 25 years and two daughters, ages 18 & 20, moved into the Felida neighborhood in May 2005



I own/operate N.W. Responder which provides Health & Safety education & certification. My experience includes retired military E-8 1st Sgt with 20 years' service, US Bank Loan Officer, Operations Officer & Assistant Branch Mgr., American Red Cross Oregon Trail Chapter Vice-chair, PTA President, Mt Hood Ski Patrol, and hobbyist beekeeper.

My family loves the Felida area; its many hiking trails, scenic waterways, and people that make up the community.

My attention is drawn to what appears to be unchecked speeding and a sense of reduced community safety. I want to help Felida speak with one voice in addressing our concerns to local agencies and support our current and future local businesses.

I have witnessed many changes over the past 19 years. Future growth is inevitable. Instead of sitting back, I like being active in the community I'm a member of by ensuring the community has a say in its continued growth.



My family and I have been fortunate enough to be residents of our great area of Felida for three years.

I have owned and operated two successful businesses. One in exterior home restoration and another in professional home flipping.

My lovely and supportive wife and I decided that Felida was the best place to raise our two young adorable daughters. We both worked hard to find a home here that suited the needs of our family. We love it here and only want it to be even better than it already is.

I am a graduate of our own Clark College with a Bachelors in applied management.

I would be proud to represent our beautiful community and help voice your concerns and be heard.



I have been a Felida resident for 19 years and a Felida homeowner for 2 years. I have my associate's degree from Clark College. I am a student at Washington State University Vancouver, graduating in December 2024 with my bachelor's in business administration, major in Entrepreneurship. At WSU Vancouver, I am President & founder of the Entrepreneurship Club, President of the Book Club, and Vice President & co-founder of Survivors United Club.

In addition to my university activities, I volunteer at the Providence Center for Medically Fragile Children. I work as the Event Manager for Project Wellness, which I love because I connect with several Felida businesses. I am enrolled in CNA school, and I am excited to begin both my master's in business administration and master's in healthcare administration at WSU in January 2025.

I enjoy reading and the outdoors. I am grateful for the many trails and parks located in Felida. I hope Felida Community NA can host annual events like a summer picnic to create a better sense of community.



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Next meeting Saturday, August 3rd, 2024 10:30 a.m.—12:00 noon

LOCATION: Three Creeks Community Library 800-C NE Tenney Road, Vancouver, WA 98685

## MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

If you live within the Felida Community Neighborhood Association boundaries, you are a **member** of our neighborhood association, whether you rent, own, or lease your residence or business. Homeowners living in HOAs are also part of the greater neighborhood association and have access to our programs and information. There are no dues associated with the Neighborhood Association, as it is part of Clark County's Neighborhood Outreach Program.

Our boundaries are: NORTH: Salmon Creek, WEST: Lake River, EAST: I-5, SOUTH: NE 99th Street to NE Hazel Dell Avenue, to NE 105th Street, to Interstate 5.

MAP: https://gis.clark.wa.gov/ccimages/MapGallery/PDF/Felida Landscape 36x48.pdf

We have created a Gmail account for the neighborhood association to use to start building a contact list.

The address is felida.community.na@gmail.com to signup to receive email updates and information on community events.

