



# FELIDA NA

(FELIDA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION)  
NEWSLETTER – JULY 2011

FELIDA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NORTH SALMON CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION, HAZEL DELL – SALMON CREEK BUSINESS  
ASSOCIATION, AND MANY OTHERS INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN:  
**THE ANNUAL FELIDA CHILDREN'S PARADE**  
and **AFTER PARADE ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK**  
**JULY 4, 2011 (Monday)**

**11:00am – 2:30pm\***

**FELIDA PARK\*\***

**NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES, POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS, OR THROWING CANDY!**  
Parade Map on Page 3. All riders must wear **HELMETS**. Be **SAFE!**

**PARADE GRAND MARSHALL – ADDYSON INGHAM (p. 2)**



### **MANY AFTER PARADE ACTIVITIES IN FELIDA PARK:**

- \* Tentative schedule:
  - 10:45am – line up in Felida Park, at the NW 127<sup>th</sup> Avenue (north) gate
  - 11:00 am -- streets close for parade
  - 11:15am – parade commences
  - 11:45am – parade returns to Felida Park --picnic, lunch, exhibits, games

Kids can earn prize points by participating, learning, asking questions about safety, environment, and community. These points can be redeemed for school supplies, toys, and other prizes.

- ⇒ Free food, beverages, and entertainment
- ⇒ Various displays and activities after parade
- ⇒ Free antique fire engine rides, face painting, button making, and other activities

Bring lawn chairs, blankets, suntan lotion, and sun/rain umbrellas. Wear a costume and decorate your bike, trike, or wagon (red, white, and blue). March, ride, watch, and wave to music!

If you have any questions, would like to sponsor an activity, or need more information, call:

Dr. Milada Allen, President at 360-573-4030,

or visit: [www.clark.wa.gov/neighborhoods/weeklyupdate.html](http://www.clark.wa.gov/neighborhoods/weeklyupdate.html) -- click on Felida NA.

\*\* Felida Park is located between NW 122<sup>nd</sup> & NW 127<sup>th</sup> Streets, west of NW 36<sup>th</sup> Ave in Felida

**FELIDA NA**  
**Executive Board**  
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**Shirley Albeck, Treasurer**

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**Jamie Allen (Volunteer)**  
**Ex-Officio President**  
**& Parks Committee Chair**

Please welcome new and re-elected 2011 executive board officers and directors!

If you would like to serve on the Board or on an event or project committee, please call: 360-573-4030

**FELIDA NA NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS:**

Proposed development projects, policy and code changes, infrastructure improvements, traffic, environment, storm water, watersheds, and other community interests (parks, trails, and events) require 1,000s of volunteer hours to research, coordinate, monitor.

HELP TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

If you would like to sponsor a community event, project, park benches, or bricks in Felida Park at NW 122<sup>nd</sup> off NW 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue; OR If you have questions about Felida NA or projects, please call:

**(360)573-4030**

**THE 2011 ANNUAL FELIDA CHILDREN'S PARADE and AFTER PARADE ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK**

*The 2011 Parade Grand Marshall is Addyson Ingham. He is a charming, 7- year old boy who likes to draw and paint; play mahjong and piano; explore nature; play Star Wars, Pokémon, dragons; and ride his scooter. Addyson is looking forward to several activity camps to learn new and exciting things this summer.*

*Felida Neighborhood Association partners with North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association – our neighbors on the north boundary. Our combined networks produced many sponsorships and activities for July 4, 2009 and July 4, 2010 Children's Parades/Celebrations!*

*In 2011, this partnership continues and we are able to bring more activities and sponsorships to the community and parks celebration. This year, Steve Smith, "the Magician" (creates partnership magic and synergy) and Vice President of the North Salmon Creek NA, has been able to arrange for some baby animals from the zoo, OMSI activities, and much, much more .... You will have to come to the park to find out and have fun!!! Bring your family and friends.*

*The focus of displays in Felida Park, for kids from 2 to 92, has been and continues to be: health, safety, outdoor recreation, community cohesiveness, sustainability, land and environment stewardship, resources, services, volunteerism, and parks. More than 60 organizations have confirmed to Felida and North Salmon Creek NAs that they will participate in 2011. Would you like to? Call.*

*More than 20 organizations are donating hot dogs, buns, ice, tables, shelters, beverages, activities, cotton candy, snow cones, plus. Complete Felida & North Salmon Creek NA donor list will be published and posted at and after the event. Please thank these organizations. With no revenue sources and rising costs, we could not provide this celebration for 4,500 – 5,000 participants. Both NAs are still looking for donations of food, toys, and school supplies.*


*More than a 100 volunteers help us set up, during the event, and clean Felida park after the event. All teenage volunteers must have a sponsor who will be responsible for them for the entire event duration. Let Dr. Allen know if you need community service letters. All are recognized at Volunteer Awards ceremonies sponsored by the Felida NA. See lists of volunteers recognized and published in prior newsletters and on the website. Say thank you to those you know.*


*If you would like to sponsor an activity, display, have children's activities, and/or volunteer, please call: 360-573-4030. Both, Felida NA and North Salmon Creek NAs are 501(c)(3) organizations. Your donations, may be tax deductible. Consult an accountant.*

*Thank you for supporting both NAs to improve quality of life!.*

## 2011 FELIDA CHILDREN'S PARADE ROUTE:

**Begin** in the Felida Park at the NW 127<sup>th</sup> Street – north gate. Parade route\* is as follows:

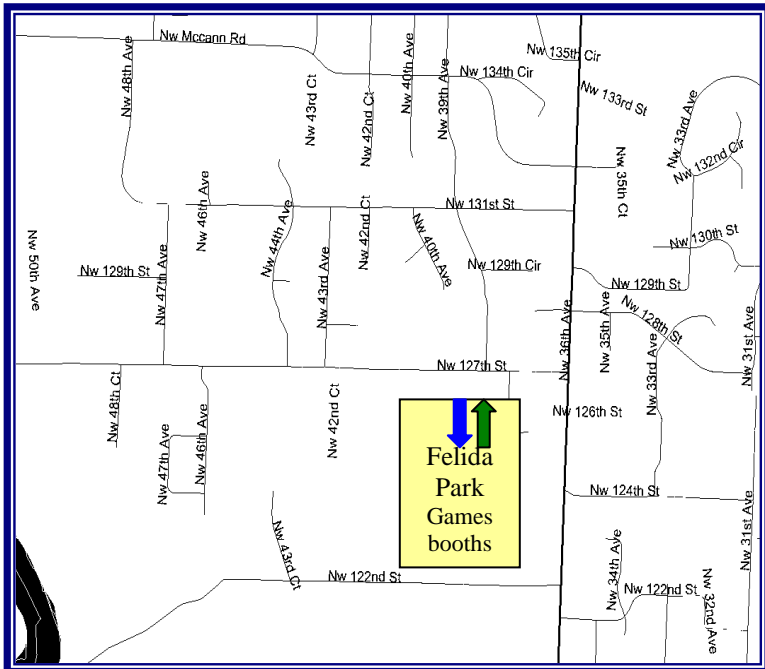
S - North on NW 39<sup>th</sup> Ave.   
 L - West on NW 131<sup>st</sup> Street  
 L - South on NW 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
 L - East on NW 127<sup>th</sup> Street

R - **Return** to the Felida Park   
 NW 39<sup>th</sup> Ave - north gate

\*Route is subject to change -- depending on weather.

Roads will be blocked along the parade route. **Be safe!!!**

L = left    S=straight    R = right



**\*\* PARADE LINE UP AT 10:45AM. ROADS WILL BE BLOCKED AT 11:00AM  
 COME BACK TO THE PARK FOR AFTER PARADE ACTIVITIES & DISPLAYS.**



## Border to Border Bicycle Ride to raise \$25,000 for Share

One of the displays in Felida Park will be **“Border to Border -- Jean E. Toland Memorial Ride,”** July 7 – August 3, 2011, to benefit Share, Serving the Hungry & Homeless. Help ‘Toland Team,’ Felida NA members, to raise \$25,000+ for Share!

On July 7, 2011, four riders will begin a 1,700 mile journey down the Pacific Coast, from Canada to Mexico. The riders will be on the road for approximately 25 days, averaging 80 miles per day. Their goal is to raise \$15/mile, or \$25,000, for Share of Vancouver -- an organization that assists homeless and hungry in Clark County.

This ride is dedicated to Jean Estella (Olsen) Toland – a “friend to the homeless.” Riders are: Terry Toland (son), Sarah & Shannon Toland (grand daughters -- 14 & 11), & Kevin Putnam. Diane Toland -- Terry’s wife and tai chi instructor at Lake Shore Athletic Club -- will drive a car and provide strategic and moral support.

Come by and stop at their booth on July 4 in Felida Park – after parade. If not, visit website: [www.TolandsBordertoBorderBenefit.org](http://www.TolandsBordertoBorderBenefit.org). Send pledges to: “Share - Border to Border,” Attn: Finance Director, P.O. Box 1209, Vancouver, WA 98666.

**Sponsor our community’s riders to help end hunger!**

**Also see “Share – Serving the Hungry & Homeless” article on page 4.**



## Share -- Serving the Hungry & Homeless

Excerpts from “Sharing Lives,” Summer 2011, A Share newsletter:

The 2011 Point in Time (PIT) count revealed some alarming statistics. Conducted annually by the Council for the Homeless, the PIT is a single day count of homeless people in Clark County. The count reported that:

- 837 people were living on Clark County streets, in parked cars or in shelters on Jan 27, 2011 – a drop of 24% from 2010
- 834 people were staying with family or friends – a rise of 34% from 2010 <sup>1</sup>
- 20% of all homeless people suffer from chronic homelessness
- chronically homeless utilize approximately 50% of the public resources dedicated to supporting all homeless people
- There were 2,609 chronically homeless individuals counted in the State of Washington in 2009 (down from 3,073 in 2008)
- Share’s Outreach Program serves more than 1,200 hard-to-reach and hard-to-serve homeless individuals each year
- Share’s ASPIRE/transitional housing program has served more than 665 households since the program’s inception in 2000.
- Families typically become homeless as a result of a financial crisis, medical emergency, domestic violence or death in the family.
- Youth often become homeless due to familial disruption, including divorce, neglect or abuse. A large majority of young people who experience short-term homelessness return home or rejoin family or friends. (Hard to count population.)
- Veterans often become homeless due to war-related disability or difficulties with re-adjusting to civilian life, which can be worsened by substance abuse and violence. In 2009, the Dept. of Veterans Affairs estimated that there are approximately 131,000 homeless veterans nationwide, accounting for 20% of the entire homeless population. There are between 4,000 and 6,800 homeless veterans in Washington.

According to Craig Lyons, Director, Council for the Homeless: *“People living with family and friends tend to be newly homeless. They are tapping into their personal resources to get through a crisis.”* Share ASPIRE provides support to these newly homeless families through rental support and case management... thus preventing eviction.... When your first priority is emergency needs such as food and shelter, it is difficult to focus on the solution to the problem (e.g., looking for a job).

See “Toland Border to Border Ride” (p. 3). Other fundraisers – “Pub in the Park” on every Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> --- August 11<sup>th</sup>. Share: 360-695-7658, [www.sharevancouver.org](http://www.sharevancouver.org).

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<sup>1</sup> These people are referred to as “couch surfers.” They are not technically homeless, based on the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development’s definition. This definition will change in 2012 to recognize and include “couch surfers” as “homeless” -- thus increasing counts and result in higher needs for funding/donations.

## **PARKS & TRAILS LOCATED IN FELIDA NA – UPDATES**

**FELIDA COMMUNITY PARK:** Felida NA and Felida Park Committee is now actively seeking grants and donations of boulders, cement, labor, and landscaping to implement approved plans for the addition to Celebrate Children Area in Felida Park. Please let us know if you can assist with fundraising, writing grants, have contacts, or suggestions for networking to build this area -- designed for access for handicapped and physically impaired individuals. Come see conceptual drawings at the July 4 event. All donations and final designs must be approved by the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Clark County Public Works.

Several benches and bricks are still available for sponsorship in Felida Park.

**SGT. BRAD CRAWFORD NEIGHBORHOOD PARK:** Felida NA and SBCN Park Committee are actively trying to re-establish contact with boulder donors, landscape repair donor, and potential grants for Phase 2. The Crawford Family established a trust fund with the Parks Foundation. If you donate to the trust fund, please state "Sgt. Crawford Park fund" on the check memo line and coordinate with Felida NA so we know how much more needs to be raised for boulder costs & to build memorial arches (Phase 2); and climbing wall (Phase 3).

One more park bench is available for sponsorship in this park. Contact Felida NA.

**SORENSEN NEIGHBORHOOD PARK:** The design of the park went through public process and was well received during public comment. However, although money was allocated to build in 2011-2012, it is now on indefinite hold as park priorities and budgets are revised and/or cut. The Sorenson Park Committee is now looking for fundraising opportunities to provide minor amenities as approved on the plan. Do you have suggestions?

**COUGAR CREEK COMMUNITY PARK:** This park was purchased with PIFs and REETs in the district -- at a bargain price -- by the Vancouver-Clark Parks. It was saved by almost 700+ concerned stakeholders from being traded (in part or entirely) for a wetland and storm water bioswale used for mitigation of development in Salmon Creek – outside of the park district. Phase 1 improvements were done when the on-site dwelling burned. Park design is "on hold." Cougar Creek Woods Park Committee is looking for grants and opportunities to propose several ideas to Vancouver-Clark Parks and Clark County Public Works. On June 12, 2011, the CCW Park Committee & Felida NA celebrated the Park and installation of an official, but temporary, sign. Many stakeholders in this area would like to use "nature play" areas in this park. A conceptual drawing was prepared, based on preliminary public input, by Jamie Clark, a landscape architect, and Felida NA volunteer.

**KLINELINE TRAIL AND PARK:** Several complaints were received regarding dogs (off-leash) and irresponsible owners who do not pickup waste. Please obey the rules! (Fines.) The Klineline pond and trail, on the south side of the Salmon Creek are within Felida NA boundary. The 2011 Klineline Fishing Derby was a success despite budget and funding cuts from the State. The US Fish & Wildlife, Salmon Creek Lions Club, and other partners are now exploring a formation of a separate charitable organization and will be seeking grants for next year. They will need a Certified Public Accountant to volunteer 20 hrs/year.

**"FOLEY PARK:"** "On hold" for now. If you have ideas, concerns, or suggestions, call Felida NA. Several callers want to keep this park as natural as possible.

It is against the law to dump waste and yard debris in public parks, right of ways, or other peoples' properties. These unauthorized "dumps" create health hazards.

*If you have questions or need more information, contact: Dr. Milada Allen, President, or Jamie Allen, Ex-Officio President & Parks Chairperson, at: 360-573-4030.*

## **ANSWERS TO MAJOR QUESTIONS<sup>2</sup>**

**Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation – 50+ Travel Program** is open to all Clark County & other stakeholders over 50 years of age. Contact Luepke Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd., or call (360)487-7084 or 487-7100 to register. Trips are planned and guided by trained volunteers. A person who is not 50+ can accompany those over 50, but they must be adults. Yes, **Big Canoe Adventure** is in Ridgefield, on Lake River. These are big stable canoes with 20-30 people -- so no one will notice that you cannot paddle. Come and see the flora and fauna, and enjoy nature and outdoors on August 10, 2011. Yes, there is another trip planned with **Pat Jollota in historic Vancouver, Main Street, and adjacent areas**. It will include stories of famous characters and ghosts – just in time for Halloween. Yes, a **Vancouver/ Barracks and Military History** trip is planned with Jeff Davis. Both, Jollota and Davis, are local historians and published authors. Remember to mention “Barney Fund” to get your credit for \$30/person/year towards a trip. See trip lists on the web ([www.vanclarkparks-rec.org](http://www.vanclarkparks-rec.org)) or in the free Senior Messenger (to subscribe call 487-6701).

Note: there will be more information available at a display booth in the Felida Park -- on July 4, 2011 -- after parade.

**McCann Road Volunteer Committee organized a 2<sup>nd</sup> public meeting on June 15, 2011, in Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Felida.** Stakeholders had a chance to re-review facts and proposals. Many provided input. Steve Schulte and Richard Gamble from Clark County Public Works discussed and proposed several safety improvement alternatives. Some could begin this summer. The traffic light (a public safety issue) grant will need more coordination, time, planning, design review, and implementation. Almost three years ago, the McCann Road Committee followed formal procedures and approached Clark County Board of Commissioners regarding safety concerns on McCann Road and at the intersection. The County staff was directed by the Clark County Board of Commissioners to conduct an analysis to mitigate failure at intersection of McCann/36<sup>th</sup> Ave. (LOS F) triggered by a subdivision approval on the North West portion of McCann Road.

**Vancouver Lake Watershed Partnership** seeks to improve and maintain Vancouver Lake water quality. The partnership of concerned citizens and public agency staff conducts regular water testing, sponsors scientific studies into the cause of cyano bacteria (blue-green algae) blooms. It works to help protect and enhance Vancouver Lake, a recognized community resource. Join efforts to improve Vancouver Lake and nearby waterways by planting trees, restoring habitat, limiting your use of chemicals on lawns and fields, and properly disposing of pet waste, paint, and oil. Learn more on: [www.vancouverlakepartnership.org](http://www.vancouverlakepartnership.org).

**Vancouver Barracks Military Association (VBMA)** is planning on opening a museum to preserve history of 160 years of U.S. Army at Vancouver Barracks (1849-2011) and 104<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division “Timberwolves,” the only “night-fighter” Infantry Division in WWII. To make a pledge of support, or offer an artifact to the VBMA, a 501(c)(3) organization, visit : <http://vbma.us/2201.html> or contact: VBMA, Post Office Box 820203, Vancouver, WA 98682. E-mail: [president@vbma.us](mailto:president@vbma.us), or [treasurer@vbma.us](mailto:treasurer@vbma.us). (See planned tour above.)

To comply with laws, **new more restrictive storm water** runoff management, bioswales, and storm water retention/filtration facilities rules and regulations are now in effect. Visit Clark County website: [www.clark.wa.gov](http://www.clark.wa.gov).

Several homeowners associations had inquired regarding benefits/costs of owning/acquiring a storm water facility versus turning it over to the County if they own it, or telling the developer to turn it over to the county if they do not own it. This is a complicated issue and decisions should include due diligence research, consultation with a neutral attorney, and full disclosure to the membership (investment & liability). Some HOAs are planning to turn their storm water facilities over to the County (costs increased for annual environmental reports, insurance, maintenance/repairs). The County can require retrofits for older facilities, inspections, and a 2-year period to demonstrate that the system works properly. (HOAs, or the County, have the right to ask for an inspection report from the developer and/or the County.)

<sup>2</sup> Due to limited space, several questions are combined per category in a large paragraph with major Qs/item “bolded.”

## **Clark County Veterans Assistance Center (CCVAC)**

The Clark County Veterans Assistance Center (CCVAC), a 501(c)(3)<sup>3</sup> organization, opened its doors on April 1, 2011. On May 1, 2011, many of you participated in the ribbon cutting ceremonies. The CCVAC is located at 1305 Columbia Street, Suite 100, downtown Vancouver, just south of Mill Plain and 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

The CCVAC's mission is to:

- 1) provide a welcoming and safe environment;
- 2) assist veterans and their families connect to benefits, services and resources to meet basic needs; and
- 3) provide support to re-integrate into the community.

The challenges that veterans face as they transition from military service to civilian life include: unemployment, health and family issues, transportation and housing needs, homelessness, and lack of basic services.

The CCVAC is operated by a cadre of trained, caring veterans and community volunteers who provide a listening ear in a welcoming, safe, confidential, and informal setting. These trained volunteers provide veterans and their families with information and assistance by connecting them to existing services, benefits and resources. These may include:

- Skills training and education
- Employment services and jobs
- Transportation programs
- Health care services
- Mental health care programs
- Food banks, clothing, and housing
- Community resources
- Children's services
- Marriage and family services

The center works to build positive and productive relationships to assist veterans to re-integrate into community and improve quality of life for them and their families. CCVAC supports and honors veterans who have sacrificed for our freedom. Call or drop by (M-F, 8am – 5pm) to: speak to volunteer representatives, find out what services you may be eligible for, volunteer, donate, or just talk.

The center needs community support, supplies, and donations. See CCVAC volunteer application on the website. Share your skills and talents at CCVAC. Donate with a credit card through the PayPal link on the website. OR make checks payable to "CCVAC" and mail to: P.O. Box 56, Vancouver, WA 98666. Drop off supplies at 1305 Columbia Street, #100, Vancouver, WA 98660 (call in advance).

For more information about CCVAC, call: (360)693-7030; FAX (360)693-7560; e-mail [ccvac@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ccvac@qwestoffice.net); and/or visit: [www.ccvac.net](http://www.ccvac.net).

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<sup>3</sup> Donations may be tax deductible. Consult with your accountant.

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**REMINDER – see pages 1-3 for details:  
July 4 Children’s Parade & after parade activities in Felida Park**

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**State Fire Marshall urges people to use caution in purchasing fireworks. Be sure the fireworks you purchase are legal to possess and discharge; obey bans and time restrictions; get facts before purchasing, discharging or storing legal fireworks. POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL EXPLOSIVE DEVICES, INCLUDING ALTERED LEGAL FIREWORKS, IS A FELONY.** Many jurisdictions banned fireworks, increased fines, and changed from a “class 3” to “class 1” civil infraction. Enforcement officers can also confiscate all illegal fireworks. Check RCW 70.77 and WAC 212.17 (as revised) for discharge dates and times, bans, sales, and discharge laws. Celebrate legally! **Be Safe!**

**TO ALL SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AND TO PAST AND PRESENT VETERANS:  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

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