

Next Meeting:
Thu, Apr 24th
7 - 8:30 p.m.
Franklin School

Northwest Neighborhood

Spring 2008



Meeting Agenda

Speakers from three organizations: the High-Capacity Transit system study, the newly formed "Team 99", and the Vancouver Police Department. An article beginning here on the front page highlights some of what we will hear from the first two. Then on page four, we are introduced to Drue Russell, our Neighborhood Police Officer.

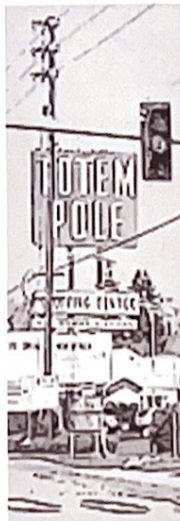
Spring Dumpster Day:
Saturday, May 31st,
from 8-2 p.m.
next to Franklin Park

Pack up the stumps, bushes and other yard debris that won't fit in the tubs provided for curbside pickup. But, please, no sod or grass clippings. And round up the old sofa, carpet and other household goods that are not quite good enough for Good Will. But no large appliances, tires, solvents or other hazardous waste, and no household garbage.

Summer Picnic:
Saturday, July 12th
from noon to 4 p.m.
in Franklin Park

Thursday's meeting to provide overview of High-Capacity Transit and "Team 99"

by Leonard Bauhs and Fred Bateman



Clark County is working on a new design for Highway 99 that will impact business, transportation and residences along it, as well as those of us in surrounding neighborhoods who shop or otherwise do business there. The changes to the stretch of five lane roadway between 63rd and 134th Streets will be significant.

Like the Columbia River Crossing, which we heard about at our January meeting, there is significant outreach to the community from both the Highway 99 and High-Capacity Transit projects. Representatives from both of the latter projects will attend our meeting Thursday evening to present design ideas and progress, and to answer questions from the audience.

"Team 99". Every big government project needs a good moniker, so this project is called Team 99 -- and they are including us on the roster!

Team 99, a group of residents, businesses, and property owners, and Clark County are developing a sub-area plan to revitalize Highway 99 and neighborhoods nearby. The plan will include a vision for the area, design standards, zoning, and targeted projects that can be built in the next six years.

So what is being proposed?

If you have ever driven Old Highway 99 between Tacoma and Seattle, you have noticed a range of development from primitive to fully developed with transit improvements, wide sidewalks with trees and benches, fronting businesses which serve the local neighborhood. That broad swath of possibilities is what Team 99 is considering, and we should, too!

High-Capacity Transit is the other hot-button study that we will hear about at our meeting. Major partners include SW Washington Regional Transportation Council, City of Vancouver, Clark County, C-Tran and SWDOT. (See **Meeting**, page 3)