

Next Meeting:  
Thu, Jan 29  
7 - 8:30 p.m.  
Franklin School

### Highlights of Thursday's meeting

#### Trailhead rehabilitation

A representative of the Vancouver-Clark County Parks & Recreation will tell us more about the new construction we see at the trailhead, as well as its place along Burnt Bridge Creek Trail (see page 7 for website).

#### Discounted trees

A member of Friends of Trees and neighborhood resident Allen Wilson will discuss the process for ordering trees for the upcoming planting (see page 8 for story).

#### NPO program and us

Corporal Drue Russell had planned to discuss community safety and livability issues. (See page 5 for excerpts from a memo concerning the status and future of the Neighborhood Police Officer program.)

#### NWNA Officers

A year ago, the By-Laws of the Northwest Neighborhood Association were modified to increase the terms the Association Officers from one year to two (see page 7 for related story).

# Northwest Neighborhood

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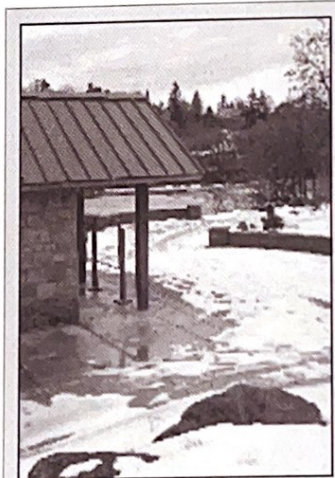


## Rehabilitation nearing end for Burnt Bridge Creek trailhead

by Fred Bateman

Neighbors traveling down Bernie Drive to Fruit Valley Road have noticed construction this summer and fall. Likewise Burnt Bridge Creek Trail walkers have found the trail closed until recently.

This is all part of the rehabilitation of our cherished jewel.



Arcs of stone wall hamper no views while guiding walkers through the new trailhead facility to Burnt Bridge Creek Trail, or provide a well-deserved resting place at the end of the day.

There is already quite a history to this, the west end of Burnt Bridge Creek Trail.

**The original dirt trail** and adjoining land, which was known as Stewart Glen, were provided through the generosity of the Stewart family. When it was first developed, there were few standards for such things as width (remember the contention between bicycles and walkers?), grade and sight lines.

**The paved trail** that served our neighborhood was 24 years old, but the Americans with Disabilities Act and stream protection measures have since become law, rendering both the trail and trailhead outdated. Walkers also know that the trail itself was deteriorating, in part because of slippage, tree roots

and general aging of the pavement.

Reconstruction to current standards was certainly warranted and the city received a state grant to fund a major portion of the project cost.

**So, what do we find on the new trail?** A width of twelve feet where possible. Slopes that permit wheelchairs (and us aging seniors) to more easily navigate the course. At the trail head, a much more welcoming facility (continued page 2, **Trailhead**)