

Next Meeting:  
Thursday, Jan 27  
7 - 8:30 p.m.  
Franklin School

# Northwest Neighborhood

Winter 2011



## Nominations sought for election Thursday

The Executive Board of the NWNA will see a change after the meeting Thursday night when President Leonard Bauhs leaves the post and another neighbor will be elected to it. Now is a great time for you to nominate someone -- including yourself -- to that or some other position on the Board. This is an opportunity to make a difference in the community. Voting for Board Officers, as well as the proposal to create a paved pathway from Franklin Park to Burnt Bridge Creek (see page 3), will be limited to residents of the neighborhood.

## Survey seeks your interests

We are interested in learning more about your skills and interests, and about how you might consider volunteering time and talents to the neighborhood. To that end, the Board has put together a short survey, a copy of which is attached to this newsletter.

You can also complete it at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/hzstyh2](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hzstyh2).

## Safety improvements to 39th Street now the focus of local and state funds

By Leonard Bauhs

With the completion of the rail overpass bridge, commuters can now vigorously exercise their right-of-way up and down 39th Street while many of us sit at the foot of the hill on Lincoln, waiting for a safe left turn. Big, rumbling trucks, perhaps half-a-block off the pace, follow.

**While benefits of reopening 39th to Fruit Valley Road** might be minimal to us in the NW neighborhood, the number of commercial and personal vehicles using it is significant. The Lincoln Neighborhood anticipated this impact. They sought and were awarded a traffic safety



Rainy days won't slow the pace of construction along 39th Street, where a total of \$620,000 in state and local funding will make the highly travelled roadway safer for vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists alike.

REET grant of \$139,000, which they then added to other funding for improvements between Lincoln and P Street on the east side of I-5.

City transportation staff assisted the Lincoln Neighborhood Association in preparing their successful grant application for traffic calming and increased pedestrian safety elements.

## We thank both the city and

**Lincoln NA** for adding the REET grant funds to what WSDOT contributed. Many commutes from our neighborhood follow that route and the changes will be welcome.