

Next Meeting:
7 - 8:30 p.m.
Thursday,
April 26, at
Franklin School

Northwest Neighborhood

Spring 2007



Update on 39th St;
Dumpster Day; picnic;
and autumn green!

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Speakers at our spring meeting will update us on the 39th Street rail and bridge project, and the expansion at the Port of Vancouver. Bring your questions about the impact of the construction to traffic through our neighborhood.

Saturday, April 28. Annual Dumpster/Chipper Day! Bring your bulky yard debris and household items like old carpets or furniture. See the story on page 2.

Saturday, July 21. Ready for another fun-filled family picnic? Our annual summer event will include an abundance of good food, games and door prizes, and perhaps a story from our own storyteller, Pat Jollata.

Thursday, October 25. Plans are in the works to take on climate change. Yes, it's a huge issue, but there are no alternatives to acting on it! Speakers will provide us with low-cost options we can consider so future generations will know the same garden of green we call planet Earth.

Truck traffic is major concern during two-year 39th Street bridge construction

by Fred Bateman

For many years we have heard of proposed expansion of the rail yards and an overpass at 39th Street. Thanks to the active involvement of Marilyn Koenninger, the bypass track has been relocated away from the bluff to mitigate the noise.

Now the time is coming to build the overpass. Of the several options put forward, the one selected was for a pedestrian and auto overpass.



Trains rumbling through the 39th St crossing. (Mike Salisbury, The Columbian)

The biggest impact during construction will be alternative routes for the truck traffic.

When 39th was closed to snow this winter, I noted that we had very large trucks driving Lincoln and Bernie to get to the industrial area.

At the open house I was assured by the city representative that they would work with the state to install signs along I-5 that warn trucks about the 39th Street closure. I was also assured that trucks would be directed away from 39th at the Main Street intersection.

For more information, read the March 21st article from The Columbian on page 3 and attend the meeting Thursday evening. Speakers from the state and the city will update

us on the 39th Street bridge project and on plans for addressing the traffic issue during construction.

The WSDOT website, which is listed on page 8, has the most information about the project, to include the complete Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).