

Next Meeting:  
noon-4 p.m.  
Sat, July 21st  
Franklin Park

# Northwest Neighborhood

Summer 2007



## Picnic in the Park, Green Leaves of Autumn, and Franklin Park Rejuvenation

**Saturday, July 21.** Ready for another fun-filled family picnic? Our annual summer event will include an abundance of good food, news about equipment changes at the park, 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.

**Thursday, January 24.** With three projects in the works, we will look at developing a Master Plan for Franklin Park with the help of one or more representatives of Parks and Recreation. The first meeting each year also includes election of officers. In order to keep this great neighborhood association rolling along, we will look at our by-laws with an eye on updating the document from 1984.

## Additional Projects for Franklin Park Build on Interest in Off-Leash Dog Park

by Leonard Bauhs

A second and third project that combine the efforts of our neighborhood with those of Vancouver/Clark Parks and Recreation are now seeing the light of day. We followed the first -- **the off-leash dog park** -- in the winter and spring newsletters, and we heard from Nancy Macklin of DOGPAW in January.

The second project -- **upgrading the playground equipment in the park** -- dawned when Parks and Recreation mailed a postcard invitation in May to about 400 households within half-a-mile of the park.

As told in a pair of newsletter stories on page 3, representatives of Parks and Recreation then came to the park in June, displayed photos of equipment possibilities, and collected comments from kids, parents and anyone else about their preferences.



The third project -- **increasing the tree canopy in the park** -- came on the heels of the equipment issue when an outreach coordinator from the Urban Forestry office contacted us, noting that the canopy is significantly less than what is recommended for the park, for Vancouver and for any city in the northwest.

Much more can be done with the park while maintaining it as a neighborhood gem! We will form a committee of four or five people between now and the first of the year, at which time we can pursue funding from the city to develop a Master Plan for the park. If you are interested, please email me. My address appears on page 2.

(We are also seeking someone with computer skills to maintain the Nwana email group. Tom Knappenburger finds himself out of town often and for lengths of time that do not allow him to get important information to you when you need it. We thank him for doing a great job managing the business and security concerns of the group!)

For now, come to the neighborhood picnic on Saturday!

