

PRESS RELEASE

RE: ROSEMERE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16, 2003

The Rosemere Neighborhood Association was honored to be invited to hold its meeting in the gorgeous new Washington Elementary School on Tuesday night. Speakers Lisa Goorjian and Terry Snyder gave an informative presentation on Rosemere's Leach Park revitalization plans.

The usual troublemakers, known from previous disturbances, many of them former board members, created a ruckus outside the meeting room, drawing away members of the current Executive Board.

Excessive noise and distraction created so much disruption that the remaining Executive Board members were left no alternative but to adjourn the meeting prematurely. It was announced that the meeting would reconvene at Chronis' Restaurant where it continued until 8:30 PM. Mr. Chronis' unwavering nobleness and generosity was greatly appreciated by all in attendance.

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All 50 States Now Warn Of West Nile Virus Threat

New York Times
Jun 22, 2003
Author: Peter T. Kilborn

George Polk, an inspector for the St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District in Slidell, 30 miles northeast of New Orleans, dips a long-handled ladle into a puddle beside a suburban lawn. He pulls out a cup of motionless black eggs and specks that wriggle like tadpoles. "These are flood-water mosquitoes," Mr. Polk says.

"When flood water dries up," he says, "the female mosquito lays eggs in the mud. When it rains or the tide comes back in, the eggs hatch.

You can get different brews. If you have rain today and more rain tomorrow, you have staggered brews" of eggs and larva. In the laboratory, some could be found to be infected with the West Nile virus.

St. Tammany Parish -- with 50,000 acres of marshland and 300 miles of home front ditches carrying septic tank effluent where the southern house mosquito breeds -- has become an epicenter of the West Nile virus. Of the 25 people who died of the virus in Louisiana last year, 4 lived in St. Tammany.

West Nile first struck the northern hemisphere in Queens, N.Y., four years ago and killed four people. This year, all 50 states are warning of an outbreak from any of the 30 mosquito species known to carry it. From 62 severe cases in 1999, confirmed human cases of the virus spread to 39 states in 2002, and it killed 284 people.

No one has caught it yet this year, but since January, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported, the virus has shown up in 23 states.

It has been found in horses from Alabama and Arkansas to Minnesota and North Dakota, in dozens of dead crows and in a bald eagle near Allentown, Pa. On Wednesday, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection found infected larva near Pittsburgh, Ronald Ruman, a spokesman, said. In Louisiana, 52 dead birds have tested positive.

"I would say that these early season reports of West Nile are distressing," said Michael L. Bunning, an epidemiologist at the National Center for Infectious Diseases in Fort Collins, Colo., who tracks the outbreak in birds and animals. "We're seeing the same level of activity as last year, which is not a good sign. We haven't seen any sign that things are on a downward cycle." He added, "It's just a matter of time before we have the first human case."

Public health officials say they see little reason to doubt that the virus will kill hundreds of people this year, mostly frail and elderly. Last year, the virus struck the first person, in Washington, D.C., in May and the next two, in Louisiana, in June. Last year 4,156 people, many around Chicago and Cleveland, had confirmed cases.

No West Nile vaccine has been developed for humans, although there is one for horses. The virus cannot be stopped by quarantining people, because birds and mosquitoes that carry it cannot be quarantined.

"There are no revolutionary strategies out there that are on the brink of implementation," said Dan O'Leary, an epidemiologist at the infectious disease center.

In St. Tammany Parish, mosquitoes were just a fact of life until major companies began building plants and offices here 40 years ago.

A. G. Woodside, then a General Electric executive and now 85, said the mosquitoes stopped skilled workers from wanting to settle here, so he persuaded officials of 2 of the 10 wards to establish the control district, financed by property taxes. For 10 years, he was chairman of the district's board, now covering all the wards, and is its spokesman.

"There are 3,000 species of mosquitoes of which there are 50 in Louisiana and 10 here," Mr. Woodside said. To control them, the district has one of the nation's biggest local mosquito-control arsenals, with 16 full-time biologists, inspectors and technicians, 17 part-time spray truck drivers, a laboratory, three airplanes, three airboats and about 20 trucks, 55 light traps to catch female mosquitoes and about 20 sentinel chickens from which inspectors draw blood for signs of infection.

"We've got about 1,500 breeding sites throughout the parish that we check," said Charles T. Palmisano, an entomologist and director of the mosquito abatement district here. "The males live four or five days, long enough to mate. The females mate just once and live 40 or 50 days." After mating, the female seeks a blood meal to nourish the eggs, deposits some, gets another blood meal and deposits more.

"Most species prefer to feed on birds," Mr. Palmisano said. They contract the virus from the birds and pass it on through their saliva when they next bite a human or an animal. In a survey last year of about 1,300 parish residents, Mr. Palmisano said about 2.6 percent tested positive for the virus. But most people recover without showing symptoms.

West Nile is baffling, officials say, because it has not established predictable patterns. Louisiana began finding infected birds much earlier this year than last, meaning there might be human cases sooner than last year.

But none have been reported yet. "What does it show when you cannot predict what is coming?" Raoul Rotard, Louisiana's state epidemiologist, asked. "It shows that you do not understand."

In Louisiana and Mississippi, the virus comes with the rain. Yet it killed eight people in drought-starved Nebraska last year, largely because of mosquitoes that bred in stagnant pools of irrigation ditches.

"This year is wet," said Wayne Kramer, medical entomologist with Nebraska's Department of Health and Human Services, so the problem could be worse. "We've got a high population of mosquitoes on the wing right now," he said. "We found our first positive dead bird on May 28, a full month earlier than last year."

Each year, more mosquito species are found to carry the virus. Near La Crosse, Wis., said Linda Glaser, the state's West Nile virus surveillance coordinator, it has been found in the tree hole mosquito, named for its customary habitat. Ms. Glaser found the state's first infected horse in May this year. It survived, but another found this month had to be put to death.

To contain the virus, much depends on the resources that communities commit to spraying and lacing ditches and ponds with larvicide; the protective measures people take, like wearing repellants and long sleeves and staying indoors at dusk in infested areas; and the participation of homeowners, whose old rain-filled tires, flower pots and receptacles as small as a soda bottle cap can harbor eggs and their larva.

Even Hawaii, so far immune to the disease, is ready for it this year. On its Web page, the Hawaii Department of Health lists pictures of susceptible birds and asks the public to bring in any dead ones. Many states -- notably those with the most deaths last year: Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Louisiana -- have made West Nile virus their No. 1 public health issue this summer.

With "Fight the Bite" public information campaigns, states are installing hot lines to call about dead birds, distributing mosquito repellants to tourists and hanging notices on door knobs.

Linn Haramis, entomologist with the Illinois Department of Public Health, said, "There is a certain amount of responsibility for citizens to protect themselves."

West Nile virus could follow the course of another mosquito-borne virus. St. Louis encephalitis hit hard in 1975 and then abated.

"Usually you have a downturn," Dr. Bunning at the Centers for Disease Control said. "We haven't seen that yet with West Nile. We don't know where the top is."

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Humane Society for Southwest Washington

Visit their website at www.sw-wa-humane-society.org/

2121 St. Francis Lane
Vancouver, WA 98660
phone (360) 693-4746
fax (360) 693-2338

90 Animals Received In One Day

June 23, 2003, the Humane Society for Southwest Washington received 90 animals, a one-day record. The average number of animals received in per day is 30

Last year, the staff at HSSW thought that they set a record that would last for all time when we received 87 animals (19 having been brought in for a cruelty case). The record however, didn't last nearly as long as everyone had hoped.

Of the animals that were brought in yesterday 35 were surrendered by their owners and 55 were brought in as strays. Dogs totaled 33 of the animals, 51 were cats and 6 were "others" (which included 4 baby ducks, 1 crow and 1 injured rabbit).

The Shelter offers many programs and services to assist people with their animal needs. If they can not afford to have their animals neutered, we have grant funding to help dramatically reduce the costs, we have low-cost microchipping clinics three times a year to help people afford permanent identification, we offer low cost dog training and a behavior help line. We want to help the community be proactive in solving the pet overpopulation problem, instead of having to be reactive to days like Monday.

We have a strong adoption program, a foster care program and an alternative adoption network where we work with other animal agencies, but even with all of these, we can not keep up with numbers as high as we seem that we have this past week (62 on Friday, 46 on Saturday, 25 on Sunday and 90 yesterday).

If you are interested in a new animal for your family, now is an excellent time to come to the Shelter and take a look. The need at this time of year, with the onset of kitten season, is always high but this year is proving to especially challenging.

If you are unable to adopt, but would still like to help donations can be made on-line. The funds will be used to help cover the costs that are brought on when the quantity of animals reaches such extreme levels.

Please consider donating to the [Humane Society for Southwest Washington](#), and visit the Paws & Claws Thrift Store at 3308 N.E. 52nd between St. Johns and St. James in Minnehaha - Phone (360) 693-1324

Please don't drink and drive. This could have been one of our children. Or one of our seniors. Or even you!!



JASMINE WARREN



December 6, 1994 -
Feb. 16, 2002

TYSON SCHRAM



October 4, 1993 -
Feb. 16, 2002

In loving memory of Jasmine Warren and Tyson Schram - still neighbors, now angels

Tragically killed by an automobile - Please drive safely in our neighborhood.

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Pet Safety around the Fourth of July

The loud noises of fireworks around the Fourth of July can upset your animals and lead to unpredictable behavior. It's safest to keep your pets indoors during this period although if this is not possible, keeping your pets in a securely enclosed yard is the next best thing. When outside the confines of your home and yard please always keep your pet tethered with a leash for their own safety!

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FIREWORKS SEASON: BE AWARE OF FIREWORKS LAWS!

To help prevent injuries from fireworks-related incidents, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission enforces federal laws that prohibit the sale of the most dangerous types of fireworks to consumers.

Fireworks that are banned under federal law:

- M-80s, cherry bombs and any firecrackers containing more than 50 milligrams (about 1/6th the weight of a typical aspirin tablet) of powder.
- Large re-loadable shells
- Aerial bombs
- Mail-order kits for building fireworks

Before using fireworks, make sure they are permitted in your state or local area. Many state and local governments prohibit or limit consumer fireworks such as shells and mortars, multiple tube devices, roman candles, rockets, sparklers, firecrackers, and novelty items like snakes and airplanes.

Washington is among the states that allow some or all types of consumer fireworks (formerly known as Class C fireworks), approved by enforcing authority, or as specified in law. PLEASE USE UTMOST CAUTION WHEN HANDLING ANY TYPE OF FIREWORKS AND ALWAYS SUPERVISE YOUNG PEOPLE USING FIREWORKS!

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Letter to City of Vancouver RE 1500 E. Fourth Plain:

January 14, 2003

Mr. Jon Wagner
City of Vancouver
Development Review Services
Box 1995
Vancouver, WA 98668

Dear Mr. Wagner,

Over the past couple of years, the property at 1500 E. Fourth Plain Boulevard has been under scrutiny by the City of Vancouver for numerous code violations.

It is the intent of the Rosemere Neighborhood Association to submit this letter in protest of the leniency that the Vancouver Planning Commission is granting the property owners at 1500 E. Fourth Plain Blvd.

There are numerous code violations that this property does not currently meet, which are made even more glaring now that an adjacent piece of property at 2614 'O' street is under consideration for development.

It is important for the property owners to realize that while they are only now being asked to conform to current building codes, they have for the past many years had the chance to operate their business free from compliance. Additionally, the property owners have been given the opportunity to comply with current codes for nearly 3 years. During that time, the RNA has seen very little evidence that the property owners have shown a willingness to comply, or even that they have engaged the City or the Rosemere Neighborhood Association in sincere discussions about compliance. We can only conclude that they had little or no intention of complying with City codes during this period of time.

While it is the goal of every property owner to minimize his expenses, it is also not realistic to expect that property that has remained unchanged for over 40 years would remain so indefinitely. As the world changes, so too must you change with it.

Some may say that it is not fair to expect a small business/property owner to generate the financing necessary to upgrade his/her property. On the contrary, if the property is not properly and routinely upgraded, it is possible that a potential risk to the community at large is created. This risk and potential safety hazard may not be the property by itself. However, it becomes a hazard when it is not maintained to the level of the surrounding properties.

This brings us to the activities surrounding the Winkleman Property at 2614 'O' Street.

Over the past few months, the RNA has learned about the petition that has been put forth to develop the property at 2614 'O' street. This petition is requesting a permit to develop the property at this location into a 10-unit apartment complex. If this development is allowed to continue, it will place an increasing burden on a

stretch of roadway that will be outdated and sorely in need of updating. The current stretch of roadway on 'O' street is inadequately developed for this anticipated volume of traffic, and would result in considerable traffic snarls at the intersection of O street and 4th Plain Blvd. If this property is developed, the current codes are in place to handle its development and construction. Since it is new construction, there are numerous requirements that must be met before such a building is built. All these requirements are designed to handle the building and its immediate road frontage.

However, this new development has no control over the property at 1500 E. 4th Plain Blvd. The RNA's contention is that since these two properties are adjacent, they are mutually responsible for the activities that take place on that portion of 'O' street and at its intersection with East Fourth Plain Blvd. By not requiring the property at 1500 E. Fourth Plain Blvd. to "come up to code", there is a potential to endanger the lives of people who will be using the intersection at O street and Fourth Plain Blvd. If the Winkleman property is allowed to proceed, the activity at this intersection will only increase. We are concerned for the safety of our neighborhood residents who use this intersection, and without proper improvements, our concern grows each day.

For the owners of 1500 E. 4th plain to hide in the loophole of a pre-existing piece of property does not exhibit integrity, especially at the expense of creating a safer, more livable environment for the residents of Rosemere. It is irresponsible stewardship of the property and shows little respect for the livability of the neighborhood in which it resides.

While it may be a difficult undertaking, it is necessary in an effort to update and upgrade the owner's property, the Rosemere Neighborhood and the City of Vancouver. Doing so will eliminate the need to hide behind the mask of a pre-existing condition when the property in question is sandwiched between a residential neighborhood and in full view of a main city arterial roadway.

For many years the residents of Rosemere have been looked upon as second class citizens. In 1967, the City of Vancouver paid for a field analysis of our neighborhood to better understand the citizens that lived within it. The survey showed that 40% of Rosemere was comprised of renters, most of whom were barely making ends meet on social security pensions, welfare or other forms of subsidized income. Based on the results of this survey, it is no mystery why so many of our residents feel insecure, are angry and often feel alienated.

These matters are often made worse by the fact that so many of the property owners are absentee landlords who seldom interact with their properties or tenants, or even bother to work with the neighborhood association to improve the value of their own properties.

Despite these sentiments, The RNA is actively working to correct this attitude and improve the livability in the neighborhood. With recent grant awards for sidewalks/ADA ramps as well as creating a Children's Public Artwork, program, Rosemere is in the process of re-vitalization.

We are working hard to overturn the long-held belief that our neighborhood is a haven for drug dealers/manufactures, and criminals of various types.

Without the support of the City to enforce current municipal codes, how can we as the Rosemere Neighborhood Association work to improve our neighborhood when little effort is shown by property owners to improve or maintain their property as it exists?

After the field analysis of 1967, the City of Vancouver enacted a moratorium in 1970 that prevented the construction of apartment complexes in the Rosemere neighborhood. This moratorium was designed to abate the further decline of the neighborhood that was already in jeopardy of becoming a slum.

Then, in 1981, this moratorium was overturned when the City of Vancouver enacted a new ordinance that allowed for "transition zones" within Rosemere. These "transition zones" were an attempt by the City to allow

property owners to build multi-family dwellings on most any piece of property in the designated areas of Rosemere provided they installed the proper water, sewer and curb fronts to the property. This potential housing density disaster was largely averted, when in 1988, the City voted to re-zone Rosemere so that it was once again home to only single family residences.

This example plainly shows how the residents of Rosemere have been bounced from one identity to another in an attempt by the City to maximize the population density in an otherwise poorly regarded neighborhood. (In many larger cities, this would be known as "the projects".) This "transition zone" concept also dangerously moved this neighborhood close to a collection of low-income housing projects. Anyone who had the resources and ability could shoehorn in a multi-plex or apartment building in an effort to maximize their income, while paying little attention to the livability of the neighborhood at large. This is part of the reason why Rosemere has such an eclectic mix of housing and why much of the Rosemere neighborhood still has a poor perception about its livability even today.

The argument that is being presented today is that because this building in question has been here for the past 50 years without change, it should be granted a change in conditional use status. The RNA disagrees with this argument on the basis of safety, and impact to the surrounding neighborhood.

Some of the required code changes include:

Curbs/Sidewalks – handicapped access to bus stop.

Adequate parking/accessibility for handicapped persons into the building

Buffer between properties

Landscaping

Water line connection

These improvements are needed even if the Winkleman property is not developed. Since the property owners have not attended any RNA meetings, nor have they contacted any member of the RNA offering assistance to prevent the development of these apartments, then it must be concluded that they are in favor of the Winkleman apartments. If this were so, this would require them to update their property due to the increased activity level these apartments would cause at the intersection of Fourth Plain Blvd, and O Street.

The simple fact is that even though the existing building has not changed in 50 years, the neighborhood has changed around it and the required changes must be reflected to maintain the livability and functionality of the surrounding neighborhood. It is common practice for municipalities nationwide to require updating of older structures and properties so they can comply with modern day standards.

The city may be citing a current law that is on the books as the guiding reference point in this situation. Please be reminded that laws are merely guidelines set up to keep good citizens from straying into gray and nefarious regions. Laws are meant to protect those that abide by them. They are not set up to be pushed to the limit, or to try the patience of municipal governments.

Laws are established as a way to keep order in the moment. When a better way or idea happens, or if circumstances change a situation, then laws can and should be changed.

It is important that the City of Vancouver understands that the Rosemere Neighborhood Association is not supportive of the acquiescence by the City regarding this property. The members of the RNA are law-abiding

citizens who pay taxes and who actively are working to improve our neighborhood and our community. By not making the land owners in this situation conform to current codes is to allow the Rosemere neighborhood to remain trapped by its ill-deserved historical reputation.

By allowing leniency in this situation, and allowing the property at 1500 E. 4th Plain Blvd. to remain largely unchanged, the City of Vancouver is perpetuating the perception that Rosemere is a run down part of town that caters to low-income, disadvantaged families.

The Rosemere Neighborhood Association shows great concern over the City's inability to make property owners conform to current laws and codes. Throughout this process, the owners have shown little effort of intent to comply. Why would the City be willing to grant this property clemency when there has been little done to date that shows a willingness to comply?

Please understand that the RNA is in full support of any and all businesses that wish to locate within the boundaries of our neighborhood. We welcome the opportunity to meet and openly discuss the issues that face our neighborhood and those who own businesses and manage property responsibly in our neighborhood.

It is our goal to improve the livability and safety of our neighborhood so that it can once again become a shining example of how to live as a cooperative community. Without the support of the City, property owners and the residents of Rosemere, this goal becomes more challenging to reach each day.

Thank you for the opportunity to share these views this evening. If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact the Rosemere Neighborhood Association.

Best Regards,

John Felton

Treasurer
Rosemere Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 61471
Vancouver, Washington 98666

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BE ADVISED!

The City has given preliminary site plan approval For the Winkleman Apartment Complex -- a 10-unit complex at 2614 'O' St. For more information, please see the articles in the attached neighborhood newsletter. Your Neighborhood Association has filed an appeal on this site plan, as requested by various concerned neighbors. This apartment complex can adversely affect our neighborhood. Show your concern by ***immediately sending letters*** to the Rosemere Neighborhood Association, PO Box 61471, Vancouver, WA 98666. Let the City know how you feel! We need your help! Otherwise, you too could end up with one of these complexes next door. Stand up for your rights! Be heard! Protect your property! Keep Rosemere from being turned into a slum!

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Those who have issue or concern with events that occur in Rosemere and may be included on this website or the neighborhood newsletter, are urged to contact Jeff Mize at the Columbian, 694-3391.

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DRUG BUST AT 2617 'P' STREET

This information is provided for the public's safety as a service by the Rosemere Neighborhood Association. The source for this documentation is a public disclosure request from the Clark County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office explained that it needed to get a legal advice as to whether it could release the information contained herein, even though the material is considered public record. The Rosemere Neighborhood Association requested this important information on September 30, 2002, and did not receive it until November 9, 2002, a time span of nearly six weeks. The Rosemere Neighborhood Association specifically requested information on the type and quantity of drugs seized at the residence in question and how the search warrant was issued – all information pertinent to an active Crime Watch Area. During the time the Rosemere Neighborhood Association was waiting for this information to be released, the drug activity continued at the same address, and has spread to six other locations in Rosemere.

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CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – INCIDENT REPORT

Case Number 02011626 September 2, 2002

On 9/2/02 Dustin Oliver (02/18/1978) relayed to the reporting officer that he knew the whereabouts of methamphetamine and other drugs, and this information led to the application of a Search Warrant for 2617 'P' Street.

The search warrant was executed at the address 2617 'P' Street the same day at 4:10pm. At the scene were seven Sheriff's Deputies and two Sergeants. The inhabitants of the house refused to answer the door when the Deputies knocked and demanded entry per the search warrant twice. The Deputies then forced open the front door to the residence to gain entry.

Deputies apprehended six individuals at the address:

1. Daniel McNamara – 08/19/1960 – Apprehended in living room
2. Mark Krussell – 06/17/1972 – Apprehended in upstairs bedroom
3. Karmen Smith – 12/15/1981 – Apprehended with Krussell upstairs
4. Joseph Hall – 06/10/1954 - Apprehended in Van in driveway
5. Donald Allemendinger – 04/18/1960 – Apprehended in basement
6. Lisa Erickson – 03/15/1971 - Apprehended in basement with Allemendinger

Donald Allemendinger and Lisa Erickson were arrested on charges of Possession of Controlled Substance with the Intent to Deliver. The remaining four persons were questioned and released. Deputies determined they could not prove anyone other than Allemendinger and Erickson could be linked to the charges. Erickson was booked for an outstanding Felony Warrant at the Clark County Jail.

Deputies confiscated the following during their search and seizure:

1. \$1,140 (mostly in \$20 bills) from Lisa Erickson's purse

2. Lisa Erickson's Purse
3. Packing material commonly used for the distribution of drugs from the same purse
4. 1.12 grams of Methamphetamine (field tested), some found in the same purse
5. A Tanita Digital Scale commonly used for weighing of illegal drugs (found in desk)
6. Two safes
7. List of people who owed Allemendinger and Erickson for drugs (found in safe)
8. Nylon bags containing glass pipes and other paraphenalia (found in safe)
9. Ithica 20-gauge shotgun – found in basement*

*The list showed a person named Misty owed Allemendinger \$20 for drugs. Allemendinger explained that he had purchased the shotgun from Misty for \$50.

Donald Allemendinger was arrested at 4:20pm. A Deputy asked him if there were any drugs in the residence or if the Deputies would be able to find any drugs there, and he said he did not think so. Allemendinger said he no longer used drugs as he had in the past, though he admitted there was drug paraphenalia to be found in the residence. Allemendinger was asked as to why there would be drug paraphenalia in the house if he did not use drugs, and he replied that he did not want to answer that question. When asked where he derived his income, Allemendinger replied that he works for Admiral Homes (manufactured homes), that he makes good money at \$30,000 annually, but he has not worked in a few weeks because business is slow. He further explained that his employer has been paying him in cash lately because Allemendinger owes the IRS back taxes and he did not want the money going to the IRS. Allemendinger denied that any of his income comes from the sale of drugs. Allemendinger explained that Lisa Erickson, who does not live at the residence but has been staying there frequently, is an ex-girlfriend, and they are trying to work out their relationship. Allemendinger explained that he lives in the basement portion of the house and that everything in the basement belonged to him. Allemendinger could not say if Erickson uses drugs.

Lisa Erickson explained that she had used drugs in the past. When asked if there were any drugs to be found in the residence, she said "no." Lisa advised that some of the money that was found in her purse was loaned to her in part by Allemendinger and her family, and that she was going to use it to find a place to live. She explained that none of the money was acquired through the sale of drugs. She made no comment on the drugs found in her purse. Allemendinger explained that he had loaned Erickson about \$1600 to help her out, and that he had obtained this money through his work.

Donald Allemendinger.....2617 'P' St.....(360) 281-2736

Dustin Oliver.....3106 Columbia.....(360) 696-4198

See article below for additional drug-related incident

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POLICE FIRE:

The Columbian, Friday, November 1, 2002

By John Branton

Meth Arrest: A vehicle's cracked windshield led to the arrest of three alleged methamphetamine dealers in Vancouver's Rosemere neighborhood Wednesday afternoon.

About 2:30pm, Washington State Patrol Troopers Ben Taylor and Scott Piva saw a light-blue 1985 Toyota Camry with a cracked windshield and two occupants who weren't wearing seat belts.

The troopers stopped the car and learned that the driver, 32-year-old Wendy K. Lingo, had a suspended license, said Trooper Garvin March.

Officers said they found small bags of meth in one passenger's pocket and more bags of meth on the car's rear seat floor. There was a sawed-off shotgun in the trunk, but all three occupants of the car denied knowing it was there.

Lingo, a Vancouver resident, was in the Clark County Jail on Thursday night on suspicion of possessing meth with intent to deliver and possessing a dangerous weapon.

Her bail was set at \$15,000 and she was to appear in court on Nov. 19.

Doug A. Martin, of Vancouver, was being held on \$5,000 bail on suspicion of possessing meth with intent to deliver, fourth-degree assault and violating a court sentence. He was to appear in court today.

Shane M. York, 26, of Vancouver, was being held without bail on suspicion of possessing meth with intent to deliver, being a fugitive from justice and violating a court sentence.

He also was to appear in court on Nov. 19.

The car was impounded and officials hope to confiscate it.

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Cochrane Letter

Neighbors brought a copy of a letter that is being delivered to various residents in Rosemere. The letter is authored by Steve Cochrane from the Minnehaha Neighborhood, signed as the 'St. Johns Road Safety Committee' and is addressed to the 'Good Citizens of Rosemere.' For the record, the RNA is not involved in any way with the creation or the distribution of this letter. The RNA does not approve of the contents of this letter, or condone the behavior specified within it. Specifically, the RNA does not condone the use of intimidation of city officials as prescribed in the letter. Instead, the RNA follows a public process to address issues as properly organized under city government. Copies of the letter were sent to various city officials to inform them of this printed threat to city staff. City staff will investigate the matter. Residents are asked to dispose of this letter since the contents are entirely false.

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Vehicular Homicide Charges brought against Cashdollar

Vancouver, June 14 --- After four months of careful investigation, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office has determined there to be enough evidence to charge Tamara Cashdollar with two counts of vehicular homicide by operating a vehicle in a reckless manner. Cashdollar lost control of her SUV last February 16, and ran over two children, Tyson Schram and Jamine Warren, brother and sister. Both children were killed. Police Officers who spoke at the Rosemere Neighborhood Association meeting in May explained that the investigation was being handled very thoroughly which takes a great amount of time. Extensive measurements were taken and calculations studied in an attempt to determine the cause of Cashdollar's loss of control of her vehicle. Duplicate parts of Cashdollar's vehicle were obtained to study the SUV's mechanical performance during the incident. The Vancouver Police turned the case over to the Prosecuting Attorney two weeks ago. Cashdollar was formally charged on June 13, Judge Wulle revoked her driving privileges the following day to help keep the community safe, and her arraignment is set for June 28 with a trial to follow.

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MEMORIAL DEDICATION

The Rosemere Neighborhood Association will host a memorial tree planting and dedication in honor of Tyson Schram and Jasmine Warren, brother and sister.

Sunday, March 17, 2002
1:00 pm
3407 P Street, Curbside

Two flowering trees have been donated by a local nursery, and the City of Vancouver has donated two memorial plaques, one for each of the children, to be planted alongside each tree. All are welcome to attend this informal gathering to help plant trees with care and remembrance of the young lives lost.

Opening: Begin playing Pachelbel's Cannon is heard

Friends and Neighbors, welcome to this memorial dedication in honor of Tyson Schram (some of you know him as AJ) and his sister, Jasmine Warren, who lost their lives here on February 16. We come together as a loving community and neighborhood to remember them.

We begin with Christina Rossetti's poem, entitled "Who Has Seen the Wind":

Who has seen the wind?
Neither I nor You
But when the leaves hang trembling the wind is passing through.
Who has seen the wind?
Neither You nor I
But when the trees bow down their heads the wind is passing by.

We are planting these two trees as a living memorial. As these trees grow, so will our hope and our love. These flowering trees are Japanese Snowbells. They will grow to about twenty feet in height, and will have white lantern type flowers. We are told these trees will grow very well in this location. A memorial plaque is being planted beside each tree. They read, "In loving memory of Tyson Schram, 8, and Jasmine Warren, 7, brother and sister. The Rosemere Neighborhood Association, February 2002." The Association and Mr. Bullock, the homeowner, will keep watch over these trees and care for them.

We honor the Vancouver Fire Station number 86 and their sister station crews, our local emergency response crews, the members of the Vancouver Police Department and the crew of American Medical Response Ambulance Service. They have all been deeply touched by the loss of these two young lives. Their service as our protectors and rescuers is a cherished gift. We thank you all with grateful hearts.

The staff of Washington Elementary School helped to mold the lives of these two children, and we honor their work as they continue to forge young minds and help each student reach their true potential. We thank Principal

Bertha Stuurmans, School Counselor Sue Dodge, teachers Alisha Robison and Wendy McCombs, and the entire school staff, for their unwavering dedication to our neighborhood children.

Pam Warren, the mother of Tyson and Jasmine, would like to share her thoughts with us at this time.
(Pause for comments)

Vancouver city councilman, Dan Tonkovich - would you like to say a few words?
(Pause for comments)

Invite any Police Officers and Emergency Response Personnel to speak.
(Pause for comments)

Now let's plant the trees.
(Play "My Heart Goes on")
(Trees are placed in holes by two attendants. Invite Pam to begin adding dirt.)

Anyone in the family who would like to help add soil to the trees, please step forward.
(Wait for family)

We would like to thank the following people who made this dedication possible:
John Bullock, who allowed these trees to be planted on his property
David Purlick and Richard Hoffman with the City of Vancouver for creating the memorial plaques
Charles Ray, Urban Forester, for assistance with the selection and placement of the trees
Pete Harrington of Pete's Nursery for donating the trees and fertilizers for the soil.

All of the candles, flowers and other mementos that were left here have been given to Tyson and Jasmine's mom. Anyone can still light a memorial candle at the historical St. James church downtown.

We pause for a moment of silent reflection.
(Pause)

In closing, we offer St. Francis' Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon,
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled,
As to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Thank you all for coming and love and respect to each and every one of you.

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Rockaway Park Neighborhood

February 25, 2002

Scott Hewitt
The Columbian
701 W 8th
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Scott,

I wanted to let you know about another project the Rosemere Neighborhood Association has been working on. One of the things that helps to preserve Vancouver's tradition of being "an All-American City" is our unique way of being helpful when it is least expected. We have learned that we can have a positive influence as a neighborhood on people clear across the country, sharing our ideals and extending a helping hand wherever it can be of service. One of the things that makes Rosemere a vital and diverse neighborhood is our willingness to embrace others. And that is just what we have done.

It is the spirit of friendship that helps to unite and support our nation in its time of need. When disaster strikes, even the touch of total strangers can help to heal the hearts of others and can quiet great fears.

Rosemere's heart went out to a neighborhood called Rockaway Park in Queens, New York, where many households were hurt by the tragedy of September 11, 2001. And then they suffered through another plane crash in the middle of their neighborhood last November.

Rosemere sent a representative to the crash site, as well as to Ground Zero in Manhattan. We witnessed how a community comes together, from fighting the fires to the offering of food to the response teams. In such times, it is clear that we cannot travel the road alone. We find strength in one another, even when we may be total strangers.

Even the simplest gesture (a letter in this case) can build a bridge across our country. Please review a letter we sent to the Rockaway Park Neighborhood in Queens, and also the wonderful letter we received in return from our friends back east. We will continue to build upon this relationship among others, and continue to share our own brand of home-grown neighborliness that truly makes Rosemere a lovely bloom to behold.

Sincerely,

Dvija Michael Bertish, Chairman
Rosemere Neighborhood Association

(See letter below)

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Dear Mr. Bertish,

I deeply apologize for not having written sooner.

Not only President of the Belle Harbor Property Owners Association, I have been a teacher of the Belle Harbor School, one of New York City finest public learning institutions, for over thirty years.

The devastating effects of the World Trade Center Disaster and the crash of American Airlines Flight #587 have really taken its toll on the entire community, especially the children.

On behalf of the entire community I wish to convey sincere appreciation for your words of comfort. I was not surprised, however, by your soothing comments. My son, PJ, and my brother Michael & his family live in Issaquah. Whenever I visit them I leave with such a wonderful sense of wanting to return. The residents of the state of Washington are so remarkably friendly!!

Thank you again for your compassionate letter.

Looking forward to our sharing thoughts and sentiments in the future, I remain

Yours truly,


Barbara S. Larkin

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Statement read at Rosemere Neighborhood Association Meeting, February 19, 2002

We have a few comments concerning the accident that took the lives of two of our neighborhood's children, Jasmine and Tyson. Everyone involved -- the victims, their families, the witnesses, and the entire neighborhood -- has lost something very dear. Our children are our hearts. This is a no win situation all the way around. It is a very tragic situation that will be forever etched in all of our minds. However, we should not take sides or rush to judgement, and as a neighborhood we should not spread rumors. We need to let the police do their work. We can learn from this tragedy by reminding ourselves and others about the importance of speed limits, seatbelts, bicycle helmets, and safe driving practices. If anyone would care to take a moment of silence, please do so now in your own way.

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FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

02/17/02

FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISION (UPDATE - NEWS RELEASE #2)On 02-16-02 at 4:53 p.m. Vancouver Police Department responded to a fatality traffic collision in the 3400 block of P Street. A sports utility vehicle, driven by 30-year old Tamara A. Cashdollar, 3304 P Street, was traveling south on P Street and swerved to the east side of the roadway for unknown reasons, striking two children who were riding a bicycle. Tyson D. Schram, age 8, suffered fatal injuries. His sister, 7-year-old Jasmine A. Warren, suffered critical injuries and was transported by ambulance to Emanuel Hospital in Portland, OR. She passed away during the night. Both children were residents of the Rosemere neighborhood and were a few blocks from home at the time of the collision. They lived with their mother, Pam Warren, at 3617 M Street.

Ms. Cashdollar and her 5-year old son, Tyler Cashdollar, were also transported to Emanuel Hospital, treated for minor injuries and released. Alcohol is not believed to be a factor in the collision. The collision is under investigation by the Vancouver Police Department Traffic Unit. Any witnesses to the collision are asked to contact Officer Steve Capellas of the Traffic Unit 360-696-8292 x3247.

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Rosemere, January 20, 2002

Neighbors suspect that drugs are being dealt in the Calvary Baptist Church parking lot on Fourth Plain Blvd. It is also suspected that the same people are dealing drugs in the Burgerville parking lot on Fourth Plain Blvd. and Ft. Vancouver Way.

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Letter to The Columbian dated 1/10/02

Mr. Willoughby,

We are offended by your questions. They are out of line and not worthy of our response. That these questions should arise is preposterous. It sounds as if certain individuals are trying to pursue a personal vendetta and force

an issue that does not exist. They started with the drug dealers, and are now spinning the religious right. It appears the Columbian is about to fall victim to the hate and discontent that only drug users and burned out alcoholics can stir up. This is very near a civil rights and libelous situation.

Rosemere is a multi-cultural neighborhood, with Sikhs, Quakers, Baptists, Sufis, Vegans, Buddhists, Catholics, Adventists and Jewish People among many others. As a board, we have consistently promoted the example prescribed by the City of Vancouver's Cultural Diversity Statement, as seen on the city's website, that we "value art, culture and ethnic diversity for the richness they bring to our quality of life." The Rosemere Neighborhood Association's Mission Statement on our website "encourage(s) participation of all residents" and "prohibit(s) discrimination based on...race, religion...national origin...ethnicity..." to "restore the vitality and life's spirit in the neighborhood..." We will not vary from this mission by stooping to the level of those who seek to create divisiveness instead of celebrating diversity. We are appalled that the Columbian would do so.

We are an active member of the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce. From a business point of view, if a company brings an economically satisfying, saucy, soul-flavor to our neighborhood, we are happy. It is unfortunate that an antiquated mentality from the civil war has revived itself with the intention of antagonizing someone to the point of going out of business. The Laughing Bird, and other businesses like it, will do well and they will have the last laugh. One would hope religious freedom still exists in this country, including Rosemere, and this freedom will not be stomped out by the single-minded intolerance of the religious right.

Please review the following press release statements made by the Rosemere Neighborhood Association from our website (latest news page): www.RosemereNA.org

- 1) September 19, 2001 "Continued disruptions cause abrupt adjourning of neighborhood meeting."
- 2) May 9, 2001 "Statement from the Rosemere Neighborhood Association Regarding the Rosemere Community Center"
- 3) May 14, 2001 "Letter From Pat McDonnell Regarding the Rosemere Community Center"
- 4) July 25, 2001 "Church Block Party Event Not Affiliated With Rosemere Neighborhood Association"

- From the Officers and Board of the Rosemere Neighborhood Association

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Letter to The Columbian dated 1/17/02

For your information, this note of clarification is on the record: We feel that our meeting on Monday did not put matters to rest. As previously stated, in our opinion, the allegations put before us are ridiculous and undeserving of response. However, to clarify and preserve our integrity in light of your lack of understanding, we would like to offer the following:

Would such questions be asked of Red Skelton, Bruce Hagensen, Ethel Lehman, Denny Kiggins, George Propstra, or even Royce Pollard? Of course they wouldn't.

Only an idiot would accuse a multi-denominational, hardworking group of volunteers as being 'anti-Christian'. This extremism dredges up the apocalypse of McCarthyism and the Nazi movement. The soul of our community is enlivened by the contribution each group brings to the flavor of our neighborhood.

The allegation that the Rosemere Neighborhood Association displaced four churches is utterly untrue. The city owns the property and made the decision to close the building. The Rosemere Neighborhood Association simply relinquished management. (See Mr. McDonnell's letter). Scanty rental records turned over to the new Association Board Members last spring by Joe and Pam Schwartz, the former board members of many years, showed only two church groups as active tenants. The center was a pigsty, and churches renting the building should have been more concerned about the unsanitary, unsafe, and rat-infested conditions.

At our September 18 meeting, Pam Schwartz interrupted neighborhood business by screaming hysterically about a moment of silence. The 'moment of silence' was inadvertently achieved as a wave of shock spread over the membership. Ms. Schwartz was not denied her request because she never made one, and her hysterics and hyperventilation were such that she nearly had to be carried out by two paramedics that were there.

The far right wing Christian is like the old time Bela Lugosi vampire sucking the very lifeblood out of the heart of the community. Who is their next target? Will they shut down every business they disapprove of, and deny the blue-collar workers their lifestyle and familiar means of relaxation? They seem to be targeting the areas in their life they were familiar with before they were 'saved'. And you all know the saying "there is nothing worse than a reformed alcoholic" etc. Their fellowship with felons can only bring rotten fruit. The far right-wing zealots should be looking no farther than at the sinners in their own pews and the Aryan thoughts that pervade their churches.

For the benefit of Mr. Brancaccio, who enjoys a good story, we paraphrase one that is told by David Brenner: Hitler dies and of course goes to hell and is greeted by the devil. He is told that for his evil deeds on Earth a special place is reserved for him in hell. We don't remember the whole joke, and couldn't afford the royalties anyway. But it ends with "You.....Go sit with Hitler!" And that is how we feel about the right-wing Christians.

- From the Officers and Board of Directors of the Rosemere Neighborhood Association

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I-5 Transportation Partnership: Rosemere 'K' Street Residents Kept Out Of Forum Meeting

On Saturday, January 12, the I-5 Trade and Transportation Partnership held the latest of their Community Forum meetings, a chance for Forum members and the community at large to voice their opinions to the I-5 Task Force.

Many 'K' street residents had decided, in the week prior to the Forum meeting, to come and speak out, for the record, against the possible removal of their homes. This was their last opportunity to do so before the Task Force Draft is approved on January 29. Several Rosemere residents did speak, including a few from 'K' Street, but they wondered why more of their neighbors did not attend.

It was discovered later that indeed several more 'K' street homeowners were there that Saturday, but had been taken into a different meeting. As they arrived that morning for the 9:00 AM meeting, they were approached by Task Force staff and asked if they would like to go into a technical orientation since this was their first meeting. They agreed and were taken into a room separate from the general Forum meeting, given an overview of the plans, shown maps, aerial photographs, etc. This orientation lasted until well after 10:30 AM when they were shown into the general meeting. By then, the time had already passed for discussion of the I-5 Interchanges and possible removal of their homes on 'K' Street. They did not know this ahead of time, of course, not having attended a Forum meeting prior to this, and were in effect kept from voicing their concerns to the Task Force.

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GUILT ADMITTED IN RACIAL ASSAULT

Saturday, November 3, 2001
compiled by Columbian staff

Brent Ward Luyster, 21, pleaded guilty Friday in Clark County Superior Court for his role in what police had characterized as a racially motivated attack on a black man in Vancouver's Rosemere neighborhood. Prosecutors dropped charges of malicious mischief and rioting in exchange for Luyster's guilty plea to third-degree assault.

He will be sentenced Nov. 21 by Judge Roger Bennett.

Luyster, with his 19-year-old brother, Robert Luyster, and 22-year-old Roy "Roy Boy" Thompson, attacked a 45-year-old man on July 16. The victim had asked the three where they got their two pit bulls, which looked like the dogs that had been stolen from his yard. Yelling a racial slur and threats, the trio punched, kicked and beat the victim with boards. They also smashed the windows of the man's truck.

Robert Luyster pleaded guilty on Sept. 17 to third-degree assault and second-degree malicious mischief. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail, 28 of which will be spent on work crew.

Thompson pleaded guilty Oct. 26 to third-degree assault and second-degree malicious mischief. He was sentenced to 120 days in jail. Court records show that Brent Luyster, a self-proclaimed skinhead, has convictions for theft, burglary and malicious mischief.

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* * * Sent to the Columbian, September 19, 2001 * * *

CONTINUED DISRUPTIONS CAUSE ABRUPT ADJOURNMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

VANCOUVER, WA (September 19, 2001) - The Rosemere Neighborhood Association began an otherwise orderly meeting Tuesday night at Washington Elementary School. On the agenda were important Vancouver City and County issues affecting residents.

The proceedings were soon interrupted by disrespectful rabblers spouting epithets of confused patriotism, refusing to follow protocol and Roberts Rules of Order.

"Americans feel helpless in our current national crisis and are over-inundated with repetitive video viewing of crisis scene photos," says one meeting attendee. "These unprovoked outbursts show how lazy and misguided some people are. Instead of using their would-be patriotism for something positive, they find a way to vent in disruptive public disorder."

Rosemere Neighborhood Association Chairman Dvija Michael Bertish emphasizes, "Regardless of the rabblers, who are former board members and their associates, we will continue to perform our elected duties and hold meetings as scheduled. We expect that people will conduct themselves with civility and without the constant need for cathartic behavior."

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STATEMENT FROM ROSEMERE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REGARDING THE ROSEMERE COMMUNITY CENTER

VANCOUVER, WA (May 9, 2001) With their recent election in mid-April, newly appointed Rosemere Neighborhood Association Board members were advised the management of Rosemere Community Center, a city-owned building, would be part of their elected duties.

On further investigation and judging by the inherited condition of the building and grounds, the new Board members discovered the Rosemere Community Center to have been grossly mismanaged and poorly represented; examples being scant attention paid to health standards and universal cleanliness both inside and out, the lack of handicapped accessibility, and insufficient finance accountability by past Officers. Past Officers were inaccessible and reluctant to surrender full details of financial records and minutes of previous meetings.

Because of the crushing burden of liability, responsibility and number of hours required to maintain the Rosemere Community Center, it was clear to all new Board members that the situation presented an unyielding management task.

Combining the duties of both the Rosemere Community Center and Rosemere Neighborhood Association in the past had so thinly stretched the talents of individuals involved, current Board members realized that past Officers lacked the cultural refinement to address and connect with the diverse needs of the Rosemere Neighborhood.

Managing the Rosemere Community Center would detract from current Board members performing their elected duties, which are first and foremost to manage the business of the neighborhood and to serve the community.

In order to rectify the years of apparent botched and clumsy management, it was obvious to the new Board members and City Manager, immediate changes had to be made. In the course of a meeting on May 3rd with Vancouver City Manager, Pat McDonnell, all parties agreed the management responsibility of the building would be restored to the City. On May 7th, City officials told the new Board members the City had closed the Rosemere Community Center and it is no longer available for rent. The building's future is yet unknown.

For further information concerning management of the Rosemere Community Center, contact Pat McDonnell, Vancouver City Manager; Grace Farmer or Rita Davidson at the Vancouver Office of Neighborhoods.

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LETTER FROM PAT McDONNELL REGARDING ROSEMERE COMMUNITY CENTER

In a letter dated May 14, 2001, Pat McDonnell, Vancouver City Manager states "I support RNA's request to relinquish its responsibility for the Rosemere Community Center (RCC). As we discussed, the city will now take full responsibility for the facility. A legal letter specifically addressing the RCC is forthcoming. We are currently evaluating future usage of the RCC."

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CANCELLATION OF THE "SPRING CLEAN UP" – JUNE 2001

In an attempt to better manage the Spring clean-up dumpster service this summer, the RNA Board contacted Vancouver Waste Management Division and several other neighborhood associations that sponsor this event.

Both city staff and association volunteers warned the RNA board that sufficient help was needed to manage the logistics of the clean-up, especially with long lines of eager neighbors forming to use the service. It was further advised that six to eight volunteers should be on-hand for the duration of the event. Many other neighborhoods schedule this event in shifts of a few hours each.

An announcement was made to the general membership at the May meeting requesting assistance with the Spring clean-up. Aside from an offer to provide a thermos of coffee for the volunteers, no one offered assistance of any kind, even when the event duration was reduced to four hours. Another request for volunteers was posted in the June newsletter.

Since no volunteers came forward in the weeks following the May meeting, and upon the advice of city staff, the Spring Clean-up was cancelled.

If you're interested in having the RNA reschedule this event, please contact us.

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CHURCH BLOCK PARTY EVENT NOT AFFILIATED WITH ROSEMERE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

VANCOUVER, WA (July 25, 2001) - On Saturday, July 14th, the Calvary Baptist Church held a "Building Bridges in Vancouver" Block Party event. Although the event was held within the boundaries of Rosemere Neighborhood, it was in no way associated with the Rosemere Neighborhood Association.

Motorcyclists with megaphones advertising the event throughout Rosemere resulted in several complaints to the RNA Chairperson, who responded with a call to the Church Pastor requesting the motorcycles be called back and to discontinue the use of megaphones.

Weeks beforehand, the RNA was approached by the church requesting permission to hold the event in the neighborhood and invite all Rosemere residents. The RNA informed the church the RNA's permission was not required, however, the church would be required to comply with all city codes regarding public gatherings of this nature, specifically the application of special permits with such events. The RNA stipulated it was not to be associated as a partner or sponsor.

The RNA maintains that the use of megaphones and the church's use of the

term "neighborhood block party" announced over megaphones implied the event was sponsored by, or under the auspices of the RNA, which it was not. Further, the church was in violation of Vancouver Municipal City Codes regarding Public Peace and Safety.

The Rosemere Neighborhood Association does not sponsor, nor is it affiliated with, any religious organizations or special interest groups.