

COMMUNITY UPDATE

SUMMIT WALLER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER - 20 TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

SUMMIT-WALLER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION—SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Message from the President

Dear SWCA Members and Friends,

This year is a special year for our association. 2013 marks our “20th Anniversary” of volunteer efforts in the Summit-Waller Community. Twenty years of caring individuals with a comprehensive “community-wide” vision. Twenty years of working out-in-the-open and laboring behind-the-scenes to promote the rural quality of life, neighborhoods and enjoyment of property for the residents living in the Summit-Waller Community. Twenty very productive years with community support of time, talent and treasure.

I urge you to check out the list of some of our accomplishments over the last twenty years featured within this newsletter this year. Our initial involvement over the years in land use issues and community plans has blossomed out to include Franklin Pierce and Puyallup school district issues, vision plans, levies and bond efforts, regional parks, feasibility studies (example: Tom Ballard Report – 2010) of our community, Neighborhood Crime Watch, Waller Road Adopt-A-Road Program, our Integrated Mobile Learning Platform ideas for education, agricultural programs at the FPSD “Farm” for the school lunch program, area road projects, and air quality efforts.

Please join us for our 2013 General Membership Meeting at our new location at the Mid-County Community Center (behind Central Avenue Elementary School) on Tuesday, May 7 from 7:00-9:00 PM. We hope to have a very informative agenda for you again this year.

Thanks again for your great support over the years, and please join us on May 7 as we celebrate 20 years of service to the community.

Larry Volland, President
Summit-Waller Community Association



Please visit us at
summitwaller.org
It's your community!
"Get Involved!"



SWCA
Annual
Meeting
Tuesday
May 7
7 to 9 PM
Mid-County
Community
Center
(new location)

Special points of interest:

- Rick Talbert, P.C. Council Rep., Dist.5
- Puyallup /Franklin Pierce S. D. Updates
- View “Integrated Mobile Learning Platform” Live Demo
- Marianne Lincoln, Pierce Prairie Post
- Crime updates
- ...and more

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Some SWCA Highlight Accomplishments

- ◆ Established March, 1993.
- ◆ Assisted Pierce County in acquiring the 160 acre Orangegate property from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) through an application to Pierce County Conservation Futures for approximately \$900,000.
- ◆ Assisted Pierce County in creating the Summit-Waller Community Plan (1989).
- ◆ Assisted Pierce County in creating the Summit-Waller Land Use Advisory Commission, which later was merged into the current Mid-County Land Use Advisory Commission.
- ◆ Assisted Pierce County in creating the Mid-County Community Plan for the Summit-Waller, Riverside, Summit View and North Clover Creek-Collins communities.
- ◆ Assisted Pierce County in the creation of the Rural Separator zoning for the Mid-County communities.
- ◆ Had a major impact on the creation of the popular "Pierce County Responds" program where citizens can make a single phone call, (253) 798-4636 to deal with litter, junk or abandoned cars on public right-away or on private property.
- ◆ Assisted Pierce County in the design and implementation of the unincorporated Pierce County community signs visible as one enters a community plan area of the county (Ex. "Welcome to Summit-Waller").
- ◆ Assisted the Puyallup School District and Pierce County to create an ordinance that allowed 20 MPH signs on the streets that border Waller Road Elementary School.
- ◆ Assisted the Franklin Pierce School District in resurrecting a farm program at the "Farm" (96th St E & Waller Road E) to provide fruits and vegetables to the school lunch program, and provide agricultural experiences for district students at all grade levels.
- ◆ Assisted the Franklin Pierce School District in its "V" an.
- ◆ Endorsed and assisted the Franklin Pierce School District in its successful 2011 Capital Levy effort..
- ◆ Adopt-A-Road Litter Patrol Participant – Waller Rd E [from SR 512 to Pioneer Way E.] (Aprox. 5 miles).
- ◆ Initiated and paid for a professional, viability study of the Rural Separator Zone including the Summit-Waller Community – The Tom Ballard Report (2010).
- ◆ 2011 – Franklin Pierce S. D. – a SWCA board member received a "Partnership in Education" Award.
- ◆ 2011 – Pierce County Parks & Recreation Department – a SWCA board member received an "Outstanding Adult Volunteer" Award.
- ◆ 2012 – Franklin Pierce S. D. – another SWCA board member received a "Partnership in Education" Award.
- ◆ Conducted a 2012 State 25th Legislative District Candidates Forum for interested citizens.
- ◆ Endorsed and promoted the Puyallup School District Bond Issue in February, 2013.

Consider a SWCA Board Position

Please contact Larry Volland (President) at 531-7795 larbara@aol.com or Carolyn Merrival (Vice President) at 845- 3195 lakotalegends@comcast.net TODAY with that "Yes" indication to serve on the board or just for further information to assist you in making your decision, or to start the application process. You will be making a difference in your community.

OH! BY THE WAY....The Summit-Waller Community Association Board of Directors meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Mid-County Community Center, 10205 44th Avenue East, (off of 104th Street East behind Central Avenue Elem. School), 7 to 9 PM.



Introducing the Pierce Prairie Post

The Pierce Prairie Post was an idea whose time was long overdue. Since the loss of the Parkland Spanaway Post in 1998, there was a void that has become even more evident as the News Tribune has been shrinking over these past 12 years. The corridor from Midland and Parkland through Spanaway to Roy and McKenna has not had a local newspaper to bring it closer as a community for a half century. The Bethel and Franklin Pierce School Districts have tried to fill this void recently by creating school news tabloids that come out periodically. Until the Pierce Prairie Post, there has been no news media covering this local area that could bring all the news of interest specifically to these communities. The Pierce Prairie Post is operated by the Spanaway Community Association also called SCAN or Spanaway Community Action Network. SCAN was organized and incorporated as a non-profit, charitable entity with the mission of educating the public on issues important to the community. The driving force behind the Pierce Prairie Post is SCAN President Marianne Lincoln. On August 17, 2012, the Pierce Prairie Post made its debut. Now, seven months later, there have been almost 550 posts and 15,500 views. The focus area of the Post, according to the census, has a pop. of 128,000, so spreading the word about the Post is important. With many events and exciting developments occurring in Pierce County, do check the Post out on the internet at: **Pierce Prairie Post.com**, and "Be in the Know!"

Puyallup School District News



Aylen Junior High School

Congratulations to Aylen Junior High School on its **50 years** of educating junior high students! The school is in the process of creating a wonderful history of Aylen's 50 years of education. The school is in need of your photos...the older the better. Please attach your scanned photos and send them to: aylenfalcons@gmail.com. Check the school's web site for additional information. Go Falcons!

Waller Road Elementary School

Waller Road Elementary School will be celebrating its "**100th Anniversary**" during the 2013-2014 academic school year. Very impressive! We congratulate the school district and the community on this momentous occasion occurring next year. Did you attend Waller Road School? If so, check the school's web site next school year for additional information. Go Roadrunners!



SWCA General Membership Meeting Location

Has changed in 2013!

The location for our Annual Summit-Waller Community Association General Membership Meeting will no longer be held at the Waller Road Elementary School. **Our annual meeting will now be at the Mid-County Community Center located at 10205 44th Avenue East.** The Mid-County Community Center is located just north of 104th Street directly behind Central Avenue Elementary School and the baseball fields. To reach the Community Center drive on 104th Street and turn north at 44th Avenue near the sign which reads: "Mid-County Community Center". If you need further driving instructions, please call Dan Haire at (253) 922-1393. Our annual meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Mid-County Community Center. See you there! Feel free to bring your friends and neighbors because the meeting is open to the general public.

Franklin Pierce Schools News**Ford Middle School Principal – Washington State Principal of the Year**

Heather Renner, principal at Morris E. Ford Middle School, was named this year's Washington State Middle Level Principal of the Year. Renner began her career at Ford Middle as a teacher in 2001. She was promoted to dean of students in 2004 and to assistant principal in 2006. She has been principal at Ford since 2010. Under her leadership, the school has risen the past three years in the State Board of Education Achievement Index from "good" to "very good" to its current "exemplary" rating. SWCA directors have visited Ford twice in the last two years, and were very impressed with all aspects of the curriculum and discipline programs at the school in our neighboring community of Midland. Congratulations, Mrs. Renner! You deserve it!

Plus the Integrated Mobile Learning Platform

The SWCA Board of directors continues to support the Franklin Pierce School District "Farm" and advancing new technologies & education tools and their uses.



Last August the "Integrated Mobile Learning Platform" (IMLP) was presented to the FPSD Administration and then a chapter two in October. This can be viewed in the new SWCA updated web site sometime in May or June. It will also be shown at the annual meeting w new web site is offered in outline form for viewing. The IMLP is fully functional with 16 QR-Codes that can be scanned with your smart cell phone to see the array of information related to education today and tomorrow. Don't miss this opportunity. Bring your tablets or smart phones and take home this new wo of technology QR-Code interactive live links.

The IMLP was targeted for the FPSD Farm program to add uccesses experienced on the farm. It would help to raise awareness and interest of our students in science, math, biology, health, quality of life issues and job preparation. This includes extra credits for university credit requirements. There may be other technology shown and demonstrated at the annual meeting that is coming on line now for education.

Orangegate Park Clean-Up Day

Mark your calendars! **Saturday, April 20, 2013, 9:00am to noon**. This will be a community effort in conjunction with Pierce County Parks & Recreation's "Parks Appreciation Day", and with the Earth Day efforts around the globe. r participation will be greatly appreciated. Besides our usual efforts in picking up litter and clearing debris from trails, this year we would like to pull out as much evasive English Ivy as we can from the park property. Please dress in comfortable work clothes and have work gloves. It is time once again to keep our regional park open to the public. The location is the corner of 84th St E and 46th Ave E . Let's get a little dirty while having fun wor our neighbors.

**Waller Road Adopt-A-Road Clean-Up**

Please join other SWCA volunteers by picking up litter along Waller Road from SR 512 to Pioneer Way E this Spring. Our Spring clean-up will be **Saturday, May 18, 9 AM to noon**. Please meet with SWCA coordinator, John Goodspeed, at 9925 Waller Rd E to sign in and choose a stretch of Waller Road to clean. If you live along Waller Road, we ask that you make it a priority to control litter along the road as often as you can to help our effort. For more information, call John at (253) 209-1785.