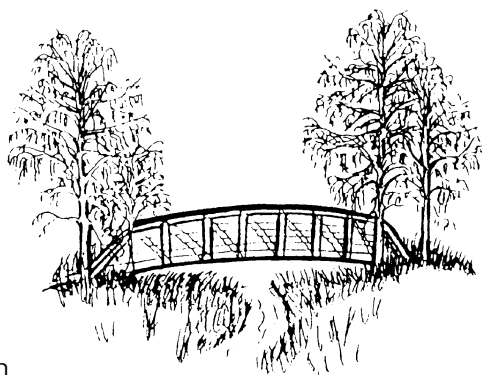



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North Lancaster Neighborhood Association



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The NOLA newsletter is the official newsletter of the North Lancaster Neighborhood Association. The purpose of the newsletter is to involve citizens in local government planning and decision making that affects the development of their neighborhood. Other purposes of the newsletter are to communicate information about the North Lancaster neighborhood and to invite participation from all residents, businesses, and property owners. It is published annually. For more information, call 503-588-6207.

ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 11, 6:30 p.m.
Oak Park Community Church of God
Youth Center (in the back)
2990 Lancaster Drive NE

AGENDA

Opening and Welcome

Police Report

Compliance Services Report

**City Councilor Update – Ward 1 City Councilor
Chuck Bennett**

**History of the North Lancaster Neighborhood
Association and of McKay Park – Annie Battée,
Neighborhood Services Specialist**

Neighborhood Liaison Report - Ken Eatwell

**Nomination and Election of the NOLA Executive
Board for 2011 - 2012**

City residents, businesses, and property owners
within the NOLA boundaries are eligible.

Neighborhood Concerns

Refreshments

FALL LEAF HAUL

December 3, 2011, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Fall Leaf Haul is a leaf collection program designed to provide Salem residents a means to compost their leaves and grass clippings. No tree limbs accepted. The program is for Salem residents (no commercial landscapers, please).

Food or cash donations will be taken for the Marion-Polk Food Share and Parks Tradition Fund. The closest site is located at the State Fairgrounds (Silverton Road at Lana Avenue NE). By November 9, Seniors/disabled citizens may call Center 50+ at 503-588-6303 for assistance in transporting bagged leaves to a collection site.

CHAIR COMMENTS

In these days of political uncertainty, I find it a privilege to be a party to the order and sanity of our local civic endeavors.

Among the formal activities of the city of Salem are nineteen Neighborhood Associations. It has been my pleasure to serve as an officer of the North Lancaster Neighborhood Association (NOLA). The city considers NOLA to be an extension of their information and operating network and calls upon us to hear their representatives and provide feedback for its consideration in the governance of the community, in particular north east Salem.

NOLA calls on the city to provide routine police input on operations in our area and to solicit our concerns on local problems. The same is true of Code Enforcement officers.

We also enjoy the presence of our City Councilor who attends our meetings as often as his schedule permits. In addition to those, NOLA is assigned a neighborhood liaison person who is a city employee and is a regular at our meetings, they work with us in negotiating the intricacies of city communication and in carrying our requests for information to the appropriate city offices as well as informing us of city actions that may be of interest to NOLA.

NOLA is open to all residents, businesses and vacant lot owners in its boundaries and it elects Board Members to monitor specific areas that are of interest to our community. All meetings attendees are invited to participate in our proceedings and we prefer to operate in an informal manner while maintaining an air of decorum that is friendly but respects and orderly attention to the published agenda.

We invite local residents and businesses to attend our meetings and have a hand in the functioning of our city.
William P. Osborn, NOLA Chair

COUNCILOR COMMENTS

By Chuck Bennett, City Councilor, Ward 1

Views expressed by individual City Councilors are not intended to represent the Council as a whole.

Substantial work is underway or completed at McKay Park but that's just the beginning of the story with Northeast Salem's biggest community park. During budget and city council hearings, I proposed doing a master plan on the park so that it can be brought fully up to date and repair. The council agreed and that process is about to begin. The main thing with park master planning is that members of the local community, in this case the North Lancaster neighborhood, take part in the several public forums that will be held to determine how the park should be improved. This planning work will set the stage for a whole range of improvements that hopefully make McKay Park the kind of community facility that will provide years of recreational enjoyment in the neighborhood.

Like many of you, I was very disappointed to see the impending closure of Borders. It has been like a community center over the years with books, reading seating, a coffee shop and for several years, weekend entertainment. I have been in touch with the shopping center's out-of-state owners and their representatives tell me the location will reopen quickly as another bookstore. I'll share the details with the neighborhood group as soon as I have the specifics. I hope we'll see each other there.

Politics – for those of you have kept reading, the political news in Salem is that every 10 years there is a census and with that information, the nation, state, and local government are required to redraw political boundaries. In the city's case it is the council Wards or districts. Our Ward shrank in population about 4.5% but the Wards in far South Salem and West Salem grew in excess of 25%. The law is "one man, one vote" so those additional people will have to be redistributed in the eight council districts. There are a number of plans on the drawing boards right now and one of them would remove the North Lancaster area from Ward 1 and place it in Ward 5 and/or 6. There are public hearings occurring on this change and I am keeping the neighborhood association alerted to them. I am very interested in continuing to serve as councilor for North Lancaster and have shared that with the folks working on the plan.

School is about to begin and let me be one of the many people who will ask everyone to be careful on the streets as kids make their way to and from school. I have had several contacts about speeding on local streets in the neighborhood. We all need to be more careful and thoughtful at this time of year. By the way, just a shout out to McKay High School and the truly outstanding job they are doing. I was in a meeting recently with Superintendent Sandy Husk and was so pleased when she singled McKay out for the excellence of its students, teachers and administrators. A well deserved vote of confidence and recognition.

I hope that as you may have concerns, questions or opinions on city services or council actions you will take the time to email me at crbennett@cityofsalem.net or call me at 503-399-7801. I'm a volunteer but I volunteered to serve you at the city level and I'm ready to do it.

SUNNYVIEW ROAD AT 45TH AVENUE NE TRAFFIC SIGNAL

The City of Salem is completing improvements at the intersection of Sunnyview Road NE and 45th Avenue NE to improve safety. This work includes replacement of the existing three-way stop with a signalized intersection, signalized pedestrian crosswalks, and new sidewalk ramps meeting ADA (American with Disabilities Act) standards. The roads will remain open during construction, however delays should be expected. Construction began in late May and is expected to be complete in September.

For more information, please contact Ben Haney, Project Manager, at 503-588-6211.

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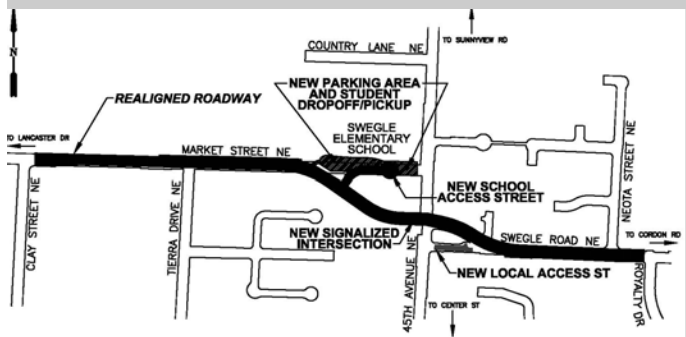
By Ken Eatwell, NOLA City Liaison

Being part of the Neighborhood Liaison Program, gives me a golden opportunity to work with a group of citizens for an extended period of time. The North Lancaster Neighborhood Association (NOLA) shares with me their goals, visions and issues that they have in their neighborhood and I assist in connecting them directly to resources to help them. Working with the public is one of my passions and I enjoy working and being part of the NOLA family.

When not serving as the NOLA Liaison, I am a Senior Building Inspector, Code Specialist, for the Community Development Department, Building and Safety Division. As a Senior Building Inspector, I inspect structural and mechanical components of residential and commercial structures. I am also, the Divisions Liaison for the Compliance Services Division of Community Development Department working closely with Compliance Officers on building code issues. Please feel free to contact me at 503-540-2416 or by e-mail at keatwell@cityofsalem.net.

MARKET STREET NE/SWEGLE ROAD NE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

(Clay Street NE to Royalty Drive NE)



The Streets and Bridges Bond passed by Salem voters in November 2008 provided funds for improvements to the Market Street NE/Sweogle Road NE corridor from Clay Street NE to Royalty Drive NE. This project will widen the current roadway to 46-foot minor arterial standards, with center turn lane, two travel lanes, bike lanes, curbs, sidewalks, streetlights, and storm sewer and water system modifications. Improvements will also include modifications to the existing horizontal alignment of Market Street and Sweogle Road to create a single signalized intersection with 45th Avenue, replacing the two existing stop-controlled intersections.

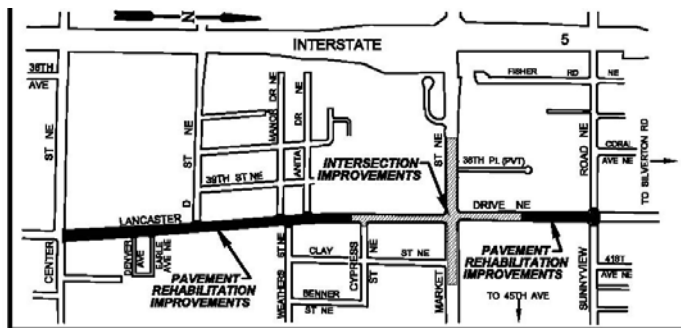
A stakeholder group assisted with the selection of improvements along the new access street at Sweogle Elementary School.

The City hired design consultant for this project has completed 60% design drawings. Property acquisition process is underway and will extend into spring of 2012. The City expects to have 90% design plans ready for review by late spring 2012. Construction is currently scheduled for 2013 and 2014.

An informational and design status presentation on the project was given by City staff at the East Lancaster Neighborhood Association (ELNA) Annual Meeting on June 2, 2011. The next design update presentation will be scheduled soon after receipt of the 90% design drawings in late spring 2012.

For more information, please contact John Echeverri, Senior Project Manager, at 503-588-6211.

MARKET STREET NE/LANCASTER DRIVE NE INTERSECTION WIDENING



The Streets and Bridges Bond passed by Salem voters in November 2008 provided funds to widen the intersection of Market Street NE and Lancaster Drive NE. The main purpose of this project is to reduce congestion and improve safety in the intersection area. The intersection widening will provide two left-turn lanes from northbound Lancaster Drive NE to westbound Market Street NE and two left-turn lanes from eastbound Market Street NE to northbound Lancaster Drive NE. Additionally, a second through lane will be provided westbound on Market Street NE for a short distance east of the intersection. In order to reduce collisions and vehicle movement conflicts, a traffic separator is included along the widened areas north, south and west of the intersection. Other improvements will include traffic signal revisions, new curbs, new sidewalks, and storm sewer modifications.

In addition to the intersection widening work, the project will include rehabilitation of the existing pavement on Lancaster Drive NE between Center Street NE and Sunnyview Road NE.

Project design and property acquisition are underway with construction currently scheduled for 2012. Franchise utility relocation work (ie power, phone, cable TV, and gas) will begin this fall.

For more information, please contact Gary Myzak, P.E., Engineering Program Manager, at 503-588-6211.



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The NOLA Executive Board meets the second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Park Church, 2990 Lancaster NE, Behind the Church in the youth center. The Annual Meeting, where officers are elected, is traditionally held in the fall. These meetings are open. The public is invited. Visit us online at www.nolaneighbors.org.

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