

## September 2019 Newsletter

## 179<sup>TH</sup> ST. UPDATE

The area along 179<sup>th</sup> Street near the Clark County Fairgrounds will be the next major growth center with some substantial projects planned for development.

The 179<sup>th</sup> St. / I-5 interchange remains the only unimproved freeway interchange in Clark County and it looks like that is about to change as the Washington Department of Transportation (WDOT) has committed to redesigning the interchange. WDOT has earmarked \$50 million for construction to begin in 2025 along with releasing \$500,000 in 2023 for the design, environmental impact study, and permitting. The developers have requested that the Clark County Counselors move this phase up to 2021 The estimated portion of Clark County costs for adjoining infrastructure such as streets, sewer, water, lane traffic control, etc. is approximately \$66.5 million. The current County funding from grants, earmarks, and other existing sources is a little over \$47 million. Developers have committed to approximately \$6 million which leaves a shortfall of approximately \$12 million without increasing current taxes. Alternative sources are being considered as funding needs to be secured before the County can lift the current Urban Hold status of the development acreage. That part of the project is currently under active consideration at this time and various meetings are being held. We will try and keep you updated on this rapidly changing subject.

At present approximately 1200 acres have been earmarked for development of 4800 households consisting of single and multi-family dwellings, light industrial, retail business, and multipurpose use. The project has been described as the last major development area left in Clark County. Once the I-5 interchange is completed, it will ultimately open buildable land for development from I-5 east to Hockinson to the Columbia River on the west.

## **UPDATED COMMUNICATIONS**

Your MGNA board is pleased to announce that we have updated and activated our Facebook page for members only. We will now be able to communicate information to you regarding activities and events that affect our neighborhood on a timelier basis. We will continue to send out a newsletter three times a year and hold at least one public meeting with guest speakers.

Our Facebook page is: Meadow Glade Neighborhood Association (closed group). When you sign in you will be asked a few simple questions to qualify you for membership.

Lastly, we are reaching out to our neighbors at Greater Brush Prairie NA to bring our neighborhood associations together to discuss issues of mutual interest. This will give us a greater voice in the future as our area continues to grow.

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## **MGNA ELECTIONS**

We are rapidly approaching the end of the year and the time has come to hold MGNA President and Vice President elections. The term of office is for 2 years with a second consecutive 2-year term maximum available. Any resident or business owner in Meadow Glade is eligible to run for office providing the individual has attended at least one meeting. Interested persons need to submit a brief indication of interest and resume to be placed on the ballot. The election will be held at the neighborhood association meeting in Oct. Further information regarding our guest speaker and program will be announced later. Please send the requested information to meadowgladena@gmail.com



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