

November Meeting

Sprinker - A Skate Park for Kids

In August 2000, members of the Altrusa organization proposed a skateboard facility. They took their ideas to Pierce County Parks & Recreation and found them receptive to locating the facility at Sprinker Recreation Center.

A design process took place in February and March of 2001 at Spanaway Junior High. Over 40 skaters participated. They met every week for two months, sharing ideas and experiences at other skateboard parks in Washington and Oregon.

The design utilizes steel and concrete and includes features such as (pointer) a 12 foot bowl with 2ft

vert, a snake run, pyramids, quarter pipes, half pipes, stairs, rails, a volcano, ramps, curbs, and boxes. Additionally, an area with lower slopes, rails and boxes for beginners will be in a separate section of the facility.

THURSDAY
Nov. 21
7p.m.
Sprinker
Cascade
Room

The project design will incorporate ADA access and cater to family activity with picnic and viewing areas, drinking fountains, and a landscaped section with benches and bleachers for competitive events.

Join us for a discussion of the project November 21 at Sprinker Recreation Center, 7pm in the Cascade Room.



Kids skate wherever they can



Local youth help with skate park design



Jon Ortgiesen of Parks & Rec. drafted the plan

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See Street Fair photos, past newsletters, skate park updates, fluoridation information and other local data on

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Sprinker Skate Park How You can Help

In order to promote the skate park, the Altrusa Foundation has formed the Skate SpanaPark Committee. Members include the Parkland-Spanaway Kiwanis, Spanaway Community Action Network, Bethel Superintendent, Tom Siegel, Franklin Pierce Assistant Superintendant, Frank Hewins and local Lions Club members.

This project will cost about \$550,000. They recently placed first for a Washington State recreation grant of \$275K. They need to raise another \$275K to match that grant by June 2003.

Tax deductible contributions for the Skate Park can be sent to the Altrusa Club Foundation

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Community Plans Shaping Our Future

Ashford, Gig Harbor, Parkland, Spanaway, Midland, South Hill, Frederickson, Mid-County (Summit, Waller, Collins), Graham, etc., All these areas are in various stages of community planning as part of statewide growth management.

Many people have spent thousands of volunteer hours putting together ideas for the best ways to grow in their area while accommodating basic resources such as historical features, water, wetlands and other topography along with cultural and social values.

Hundreds of pages of vision and regulation are laid out in these documents. They are helpful guidelines to some and the crushing of freedoms to others. They are controversial by nature and are pitting

community members, businesses and developers in a diplomatic wrestling match. We could give the WMF some ideas for new characters.

The PSM Plan has been passed, but is going to court. Gig Harbor's Plan has been moving along more quietly. South Hill's is in the ring now and the fur is flying.

As we do all this work, make all these plans, spend all the energy fighting each other over the details do we really have a clue how it will end up? What will our communities look like 20 years from now? If Parkland Spanaway's 1981 Plan is any indication, we're fighting a lost cause. It was never followed. Here we are 21 years later and the roads were never built, the houses are everywhere and the park lands that were

identified have been sold off for other uses.

The Breeseman Forest was preserved thanks to a few hard working activists, but are we gaining? Only if ten times as many people stand up for what is right in their community. Stand up for livable features. Get uppity with your representatives and send only the one who act in your interest to office at election time.

We're spending millions of our tax dollars on plans for our creeks and unincorporated communities. Get active and make sure these ideas are put to use, not overlooked and thrown out with variances and other avoidance tactics. We deserve a great place to live!

Spanaway Water Takes Fluoride Mandate to Court

Five water mutuals (Spanaway, Parkland, Summit, Fruitland, Edgewood), one water district - Lakewood, the City of Bonney Lake and a local citizens group - Citizens Opposing Fluoridation in Pierce County have each filed lawsuit against the Tacoma Pierce County Health Board's mandate to fluoridate here in Pierce County. It is expected there will be a hearing sometime in mid-December to decided if there will be an injunction. Beginning January 1, 2003, water companies that have not signed on to the programs will be fined by the health department - \$250 per day. The water companies are hoping that will be stopped by an injunction.

State law specifically gives water companies and their shareholders the right to decide whether to fluoridate their water system. This mandate pre-empts that authority. Spanaway Water bills are expected to increase \$4.25 per month top cover the costs of fluoridation.

At Spanaway Water's annual meeting Nov. 11, many citizens shoed up to express support for the water company's decision to fight the mandate.

Community Calendar

November (Empathy)

- 4 SCAN Board - P/S Library
sm board room, 7pm
- 11 Parkland Community Assoc. Meeting
@ Parkland Christian Church, 7:30pm
- 21 SCAN Meeting - @ Sprinker, 7pm
Spinker Skate Park Proposal

December (Kindness)

- 4 No SCAN Board
 - 6 Tree Lighting Ceremony, Spanaway Elem. 6-8:30pm
Annual Community Awards
- No SCAN meeting this month

January (Hard Work)

- 6 SCAN Board - P/S Library
sm board room, 7pm
- 13 Parkland Community Assoc. Meeting
@ Parkland Christian Church, 7:30pm
- 18 SCAN Meeting - @ Sprinker, 7pm