



Families gather regularly to enjoy fellowship in the park

## Pot Lucks Organized at Stuhr Park

By Ann Richards


Throughout the summer good neighbor Cheryl Hejl organized neighborhood pot lucks each month in the Park. Cheryl realized that there were many new families living on the park and surrounding area and she is such a wonderful welcome wagon woman that she wanted to have everyone meet.

The first pot luck get together was a blistery cold May 1, 2005. Eighteen brave soles endured the chilly weather but we all had a wonderful time drinking hot chocolate, coffee, eating brownies, and meeting one another. We've had as many as 40 friends at a pot luck

"The sharing and offerings that are brought to the gathering are true blessings" said Cheryl. "I'm usually one of the first to arrive at the picnic area and it is truly wonderful to see people from all directions start gathering in the park. We have a starting time but no ending time."

The following months lead us to celebrate different themes, such as: "flag day" where everyone wore the good ole red white and blue, the following month wore red for the red hot days of summer, then in August yellow for sunshine, and blue in September, we all wanted to gather another month so in October hotdogs/bratwurst were roasted. Even in December I saw Cheryl and Curtis out there singing Christmas Carols.

The Stuhr Park area neighbors, whether they are homeowner's, renters, previous homeowner's, are all welcome. Let's plan on continuing this fine gathering of friends and families. I'm still learning everyone's names. And between Cheryl and me, we might remember your dog's name before your name!



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## WNA Supports Beltway Bond Issue

On the May 9th primary election ballot is a \$2.7 million bond to purchase 131 acres of park land along the South Beltway. For \$1.60 per year on a \$100,000 home, the Parks & Rec Department will be able to purchase the parkland cooperatively with the Department of Roads land acquisition for the beltway. That acquisition will take place this summer.

To vote FOR the bond is to support needed park space along the south beltway. Similar to Highway 2 and Roper Park, this park land is envisioned to have baseball fields, a network of hiker-biker-walker trails, open space for recreation and picnics, and serve as a buffer between residential and commercial properties and the beltway.

The Witherbee Neighborhood Association board voted to support the bond. Citizens for Quality Parks and Trails is managing the campaign, and raising a \$25,000 campaign budget. The Witherbee Neighborhood Association board also approved a \$100 donation to CQPT's campaign budget.

## Hawthorne to host Multicultural Fair

On Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, the Hawthorne CLC will be holding a Multicultural Fair at the school from 6:00-8:00PM. The format for the event will include booths representing different cultures, along with performances by groups such as the Taiko Drummers from the Asian Community Culture Center. Everyone is welcome!

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