



SALEM CITY CLUB

“A City of Neighborhoods?”

Guest speakers: John Lattimer, Chair, Croisan-Illahe Neighborhood Association,
Kate Tarter, Chair, Northgate Neighborhood Association, and
Sam Skillern, Co-Chair, Grant Neighborhood Association

Friday, February 9, 2007 | 11:45 – 1 p.m.
Mission Mill Museum, 1313 Mill St. SE, Salem, OR

Reservations Requested

Call 503.589.2975 or e-mail nelalind@aol.com by noon Tuesday, February 6

The community is welcomed and encouraged to join us!

Join Salem City Club (SCC) on Friday, February 9, when our program will explore issues affecting and coming from neighborhoods in Salem.

Salem has 19 neighborhood associations (NA) that discuss and take action on neighborhood issues. Salem City Council recognizes NA as an official voice of the community for making recommendations to the council. NA issues include: crime, traffic and transportation, land use (zoning, planning, new construction, renovations, etc.), parks and park partnerships, and community events.

SCC is pleased to welcome the chairs of Northgate, Grant, and Croisan-Illahe Neighborhood Associations. These three Salem neighborhoods have experienced recent challenges. We hope their chairs can help us understand how Salem's neighborhoods and NA affect what is happening in our city.

John Lattimer, current chair of the Croisan-Illahe Neighborhood Association, is also the Chief Administrative Officer and Budget Officer for Marion County. He previously served as Oregon's Legislative Fiscal Officer for 10 years, for five years as State Auditor and two as Chief Information Officer for the State of Oregon. He spent 19 years working for three other state legislatures—Illinois, Ohio and Kansas—in public policy, budget, finance and program evaluation. In 1984, he was elected Chair of the National Conference of State Legislatures. He has served on a variety of appointed public boards and commissions including the Budget Advisory Team for the Salem-Keizer School District, the Public Commission on the Legislature and the Salem Task Force on Neighborhood Associations. In Illinois, he was elected three times to the Lincoln Land Community College Board of Trustees and served for 11 years—twice as Chair.

Sam Skillern, current co-chair of the Grant Neighborhood Association, is also the executive director of the Salem Leadership Foundation, a faith-based community-action organization founded in 1996. The foundation builds bridges between the faith community and the community at large, especially schools, government, business, human services and law enforcement, and between different religions to help people-of-faith. The foundation is a partner in the Churches as Neighborhood (CaN) Centers Project, the Interfaith Hospitality Network, Fantastic Fridays at Grant School, Reading Buddies at Highland, the North Neighborhoods Community Project Team, and the No Meth: Not in My Neighborhood task force, among many other initiatives. Sam graduated from South Salem High and Oregon State and spent 14 years in Seattle consulting and working a community-building ministry.

Kate Tarter, current chair of the Northgate Neighborhood Association, moved to Oregon in 2001 to be a stay at home mom. She has a Bachelor in Information Technology from Western International University. She currently works for Resource Connections of Oregon as a part-time Community Development Coordinator. Since coming to Salem she helped start Northgate Summer Concerts, park development in Northgate Park, a "Make a Difference Day" an annual project for Hispanic outreach and neighborhood clean up, and advocated for the clean up of abandoned shopping carts. She currently serves on the Salem-Keizer Special Education Advisory Council as its Chair, as Vice Chair of the Salem Parks Foundation, as a member of the North Gateway Redevelopment Advisory Board, as a member of the North Neighbors Community Progress Team, and as a member of the McKay Area Coalition for Student Success.

There is information about neighborhoods and NA in a newsletter the City publishes called [Salem Community Connections](#), which includes information on City projects, public forums, neighborhood activities, and opportunities to learn more or take an active role in civic affairs. It is posted on the City's web page (<http://www.cityofsalem.net/>).