



# FLSRV Newsletter

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## Annual Meeting and Dinner/Auction

Friday, February 28, 2020  
Wandermere Golf Club

This event is so important. The food is excellent, getting acquainted with your neighbors is so great, and the opportunity to purchase wonderful auction items is a gift to you and to FLSRV. Please make it a point in your life to come this year and celebrate our beautiful Valley.

Board members serve two year terms and this year the following are up for re-election:

- |               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| Lindell Hagen | Kirk Neuman |
| Tina Wynecoop | Mark Case   |

Please make your reservations by returning the form at the bottom of the enclosed membership form along with your money for dinner tickets.

If you have items you would like to contribute to the auction please call

Harla Jean 951-2084

## Safety First

Kirk Neumann

The trail system along the Little Spokane River has become a little safer. This is due to a new crosswalk adjacent to Pine River Park. The new crosswalk, which includes four signs and painted asphalt across Little Spokane River Drive was installed by the Spokane County Roads Department. This new addition to the trail system was set into motion during the Spokane County "Town Hall" session for Roads Safety. Within a week of testifying at the Town Hall Meeting about the need

for a new cross walk, County Road Crews were out installing the signs and painting the asphalt. A special "Thank You" goes out to our County Commissioners; Mary Kuney, Josh Kerns, and Al French for their support for this public safety improvement project. The FLSRV has worked together with Spokane County in the past with positive results. Several of the trail sections that we all enjoy today have been inspired and developed due to cooperation between the FLSRV and Spokane County. We look forward to working together with the county to further develop the trail system in the Little Spokane River Valley Area.

## Valley Cleanup 2020

Michael Kennedy

Friends of the Little Spokane River Valley will hold their annual cleanup day for the valley on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 9:30 AM. Due to the construction along Little Spokane Rd. last year we will meet again at Moose Park in Gleneden at 9:30 AM.

Our goal each year is to clean up most of the major roads in the valley from Wandermere to Perry; Shady Slope to the top of the hill; Dartford to Hazard Road; Hatch Road to the pool; and Golden Road, Midway, and Colbert Road including some new area along US 395.

Please mark your calendars for this year's cleanup. We need your time and continued support to help to keep our Valley clean. This is also a good way to get to know your neighbors. Remember meeting at Moose Park this year!!!

After the cleanup, an annual chili feed will be held at Bart and Lindell Hagen's home for those who helped out. Thanks to all who help with both cleanup and the cooking!

## Membership

A 2020 membership form is enclosed for your convenience.

In 2019, we had over 100 member families. Membership money goes into a general fund and provides the resources for printing and mailing newsletters, maintaining our web site, auditing of each years financial records and other miscellaneous expenses.

Your support is important so please complete the enclosed form, make check to FLSRV and send it to:

Harla Jean Bieber  
2220 E. Colbert Rd.  
Colbert, WA 99005

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## Board of Directors

- Martha Schaefer, President
- Dave Maccini, Vice President
- Lindell Haggin, Secretary
- Harla Jean Bieber, Treasurer
- Mark Case, Director
- Michael Kennedy, Director
- Kirk Neumann, Director
- Tina Wynecoop, Director
- Lance Pounder, Director
- Jack Bury, Director Emeritus

## Little Spokane Connector Trail

Mark Case/Tina Wynecoop

The newest portion of the ever-expanding FLSRV pedestrian trail system was constructed/completed on two Saturdays in October 2019. The Colbert Road Trail now extends from the bridge over the Little Spokane River on E. Colbert Road to Little Spokane Drive.

Professionally designed engineering plans were created by board member Mark Case and presented to the county for approval. Construction bids were sent out. The bids came in over the top – way higher than the trails budget could absorb without impeding future trails construction. FLSRV's board voted to build the connector by relying on the expertise, practical know-how and muscles that characterize the members. Permits were acquired since 220' of the trail crosses private properties. Two landowners generously donated easement rights. The rights are now permitted and recorded by Spokane County. Our deepest thanks extended to two landowners – the Horns and Chaudrys - for being so supportive of our organization's goals by allowing the trail connector to cross over their properties.

Traffic control, required by the county, was necessary during construction of the trail. Funding to cover the expense of hiring traffic control was donated by a FLSRV member. Signage and enforcement protected the work crew while enabling construction to continue uninterrupted and efficiently along the public right-of-way.

A sod-cutter was rented to smooth and level the trail bed. A culvert was set in place. Building the side slope alongside which connected the two parts of the trail, along with burial of the culvert, was accomplished by using on-site material (rock)

necessary for constructing the slope. Additional



- Kirk With Sod Cutter,  
Dave Smoothing Out the Trail Bed -

compaction of the subgrade was done with a rented compactor preparing the way for deliveries of (4) 10-yd truckloads of 5/8"-minus gravel. The robotic gravel application performed by CAD went

- Connector Trail / Continued on page 3 -



- Cad Truck Distributing Gravel Around Newly Installed Culvert -

## Trail And Fundraising Update

David Maccini

Our next planned trail is on the west side of Little Spokane Dr. from Colbert Rd. to Midway Rd. A survey has been completed so that we know where the county right of way is located. We are hoping to partner with local landowners to obtain easements where necessary. Once the design is completed, then the work will be put out for bids to help determine cost of the project. Then the serious work of obtaining funding will begin! We will be applying for grants from local organizations such as Kalispel Tribe, Avista, Innovia Foundation, and others. We will also be accepting donations from our members and local citizens who are interesting in expanding our trails and enhancing our valley. If you are interested in helping with the process or want to make donations please contact us at:

friendsofittlespokaneriver@gmail.com.





really well. The CAD operator (Chris) did a fabulous job. He enjoyed the work as much as we did and gave the impression that this was one of his jobs that had top purpose for the community. He placed the gravel



- Remote Control Conveyor -

accurately. We only had minimal raking to do. "The use of a remote control truck and conveyor system is the way to go in the future, no mess, no work", said organizer Mark Case. (At least for that part of the job!)

Volunteer workers included FLSRV



- Gravel Distribution -

board members Mark Case, Kirk Neumann, Dave Maccini, Lindel Haggin, Tina Wynecoop. Neighbor Greg Heline provided equipment and muscle. Lori Neumann sent lunch the first day, and



- Compactor Girl Tina -

Laura Case provided lunch the second workday. Yum.

Mrs. Chaudry brought Starbuck's hot coffee for all. Other board members who couldn't attend the work party in person, generously donated time, funding, and expertise behind the scene.

Hats off to all and thanks for a job well

done. Now planning and engineering the next link in the trail to connect Colbert Road Trail to Midway Road Trail is in the design stage!

Paul Horn and his dog Jessie were the first to try out the new trail. The smiles on their faces say it all.

Be sure to walk/drive past the new connector path to see what has been accomplished.



- First Pedestrians Minutes After Trail Completion: Paul Horn and Jessie -



- Mark, Dave, Kirk, Greg, Lindell -

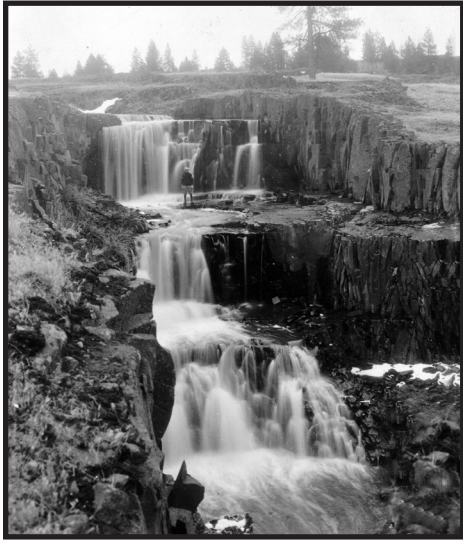


# Jack Nisbet's 8th Annual Walking Tour

## Hog Lake

Sunday, April 26, 2020  
9:30 am-12:30 pm

Join us for a morning hike through pine woodlands and open shrub-steppe to a classic lake of the Cheney-Palouse scablands. We will view the waterfall that feeds Hog Lake, then stroll through a variety of spring wildflowers and cultural features as we listen for spring bird songs.



Meet at the upper Hog Lake parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

The trail has moderate inclines and is very rocky in places.

We will walk around 1 ½ - 2 miles. Bring snacks, good hiking boots, sunscreen, and tick repellent if desired.

### - DIRECTIONS -

Take I-90 30 miles west of Spokane to the Fishtrap exit. Turn left, go back over the freeway, and continue south on the East Sprague Road. Turn left on Lake Valley Loop Road, which is dirt. Cross the railroad tracks and continue straight on past the BLM gate and information sign.

Follow this dirt road to the next BLM parking and information site above Hog Lake.

The hike will start and end at this parking lot. The link below contains both a highway and a BLM map of the area.

[avenzamaps.com/maps/527619/fishtrap-recreation-area/](http://avenzamaps.com/maps/527619/fishtrap-recreation-area/)

On the back, bottom panel of this

newsletter, there is a registration form. Send it, along with a check made out to FLSRV, with your payment of \$25.00 per person by April 15, 2020.

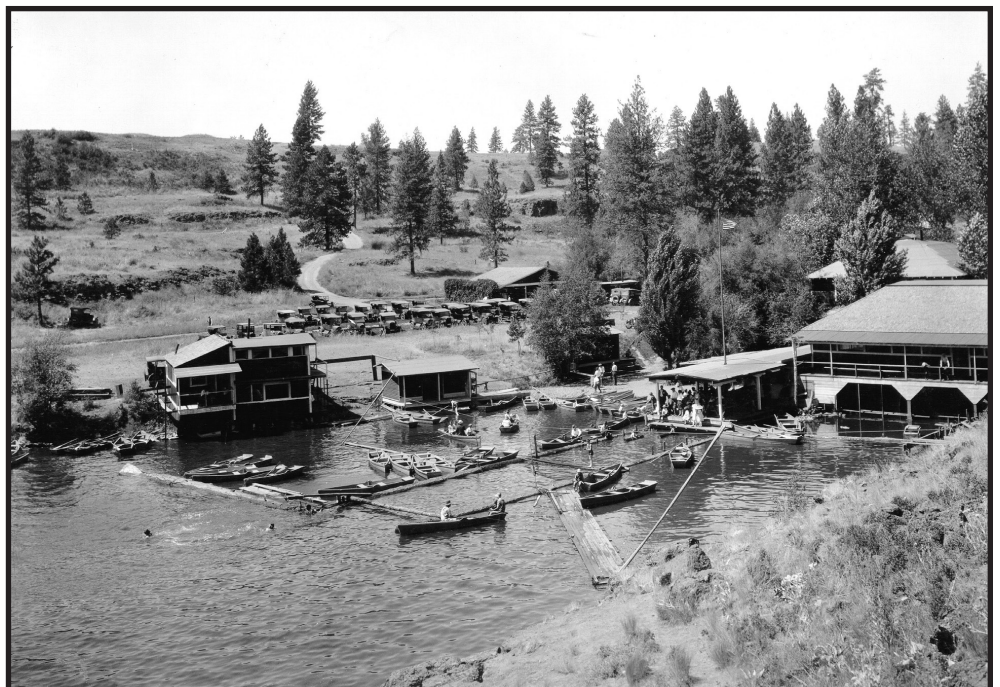
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Rd. Colbert, WA 99005



*"Spokane and the Inland Northwest: Historical Images"*

- by Tony Bamonte and Suzanne Schaeffer Bamonte, 1999  
and Spokane Public Library Northwest Room -



# Friends of the Little Spokane River Valley, Inc. 2020 Association Membership Form

### Goals of the organization:

- ⇒ Preserve and sustain the unique character of the Little Spokane River Valley, including its open space and natural setting, maintaining lower density zoning.
- ⇒ Protect the areas ecosystem including water quality, wetlands, priority habitat and wildlife, and dwindling native vegetation.
- ⇒ Encourage the development of area parks.
- ⇒ Educate public officials of FLSRV concerns, being pro-active when major issues are at the forefront.

Property owners in the area *3/4 mile either side of the Little Spokane River from Chattaroy to Dartford, then 1/2 mile either side of the Little Spokane River from Dartford to the Fish Hatchery* are invited to become members. Each membership may include two members of one family. Individuals who live outside the designated area, or any organization, may join as an Associate (non-voting) member.

**Being in agreement with the goals, I wish to join FLSRV.** Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name (or Organization): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail/FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your special concerns about the valley?

What issues or topics would you like discussed at meetings?

<p><b>Check if you are interested in helping with:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trails Committee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Parks Committee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter (writing &amp;/or publishing)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sign Design or construction</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Board member</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative help</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2020 FLSRV membership dues:</b></p> <p><b>Full Membership</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$25.00</b></span></p> <p><b>(Associate member \$15)</b> <span style="float: right;">\$ _____</span></p> <p><b>General Fund</b> <span style="float: right;">\$ _____</span></p> <p><b>Trail Fund Contribution</b> <span style="float: right;">\$ _____</span></p> <p><b>Welcome Sign (future)</b> <span style="float: right;">\$ _____</span></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><u>TOTAL PAID:</u></b> <span style="float: right;">\$ _____</span></p>
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Friends of Little Spokane River Valley, Inc. is an IRS Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit corporation (a charity). Dues and donations are tax exempt to the full extent of the law. You should check with your tax consultant to be sure this applies to you.

Make checks payable to: **Friends of Little Spokane River Valley**  
Mail to: **Harla Jean Bieber, 2220 E. Colbert Rd., Colbert, WA 99005**

<b>FLSRV Dinner Reservation</b>		Friday, February 28, 2020, Doors Open 5:30pm, Meeting 6:30pm, Dinner 7:00pm <b>Wandermere Golf Course Clubhouse</b>	
# Tickets requested <b>(\$25.00 Each)</b>	Name(s): _____		
Amount enclosed: \$ _____	Street: _____	City: _____	Zip: _____
Make checks payable to <b>FLSRV</b> . Donations may be tax deductible.		Phone: _____	
Send to: <b>Harla Jean Bieber</b> <b>2220 E. Colbert Rd. Colbert, WA 99005</b>		<b>Pick up your tickets at the door.</b>	





## A Review Of FLSRV's 2019 Accomplishments

Tina Wynecoop

- Colbert Road/Little Spokane Drive graveled connector trail completed
- Crosswalk signage installed at Pine River Park
- Annual Meeting/Auction successful
- Membership to FLSRV increased
- Roadside litter in LSRV removed
- Monthly FLSRV board meetings held  
Mead to Mt. Spokane Highway 2 public input design meetings attended
- FLSRV newsletters and notices published/mailed
- FLSRV website (flsrv.org) updated
- Water Quality testing on Little Spokane River, Little Deep Creek, Deadman Creek performed monthly
- Trails brochure and map revised and updated
- Fred Meyers community \$\$ rewards program added a few new supporters
- Jack Nisbet 7th annual spring hike at Teleford well-attended and enjoyed
- Amazon's Smile.Amazon.com fundraising for non-profits program signed up a few more FLSRV supporters
- Fairwood Farmer's Market booth staffed to inform community about FLSRV
- "Children of the Sun" Trail litter pickup completed three times between Hwy 2-Hwy 395
- Website made "mobile device friendly"
- Members, volunteers, and donors contributed to the on-going success of FLSRV
- Design and engineering plans for the next phase of trail-building (Midway Road to Colbert Road) nearly completed

Thank you each and every one...our review of 2020 accomplishments is only 12 months away!



## Doggy Poo

David Maccini

We have had complaints about doggy poo on some of our walking trails. Dog poop can be a source of water pollution. Rain, snow and sprinklers melt dog poop and then runoff can carry it to storm drains, ditches and streams that feed our river. It doesn't have to be a problem.

What can you do to help? Carry plastic bags when walking your pet. There are convenient bag carriers that clip to your dog's leash. Pick up your dog's waste. Use a plastic bag, gloves or a scoop. Seal the waste inside a plastic bag and throw it in your trash can. Wash your hands afterward. We want to keep our trails pleasant and rivers clean.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

**Scoop the Poop.  
Bag it. Trash it!**

*Your neighbors will appreciate it.*



## Fred Meyer Community Rewards

Our organization is signed up for dollar rewards when you shop at Fred Meyer. Please consider joining up for this plan. It costs you nothing and does not affect your personal rewards. Go online and type in:

[fmcommunityrewards@fredmeyer.com](mailto:fmcommunityrewards@fredmeyer.com)

That will provide you with a sign-up form. Our group number is GG709. We are receiving around \$42.00 per quarter with a few of us signed up at this time. Great rewards with no effort.

## Spokane Conservation District is Looking For A Few Good Men (Or Women)

Lindell Haggin

The Spokane Conservation district is hoping to expand its core of volunteers. Currently, there is one team of volunteers doing water sampling once a month at three sites. These sites are at the distal end of Little Deep Creek just before it enters Peone Creek (Deadman); Peone Creek just below where Little Deep Creek enters; and on Little Spokane River just above the entry of Peone Creek. The testing at these sites has been going on for 16 years or more. This gives the Conservation District a good baseline of information. If changes take place at one or more of the sites that are detrimental to the river quality, we can then try to pinpoint the problem.

A meeting was held in December to demonstrate the equipment and explain the process to potential volunteers. Four people attended and had the opportunity to learn about the purpose of the testing and how it was conducted. The hope is to have additional sites tested over a wider area of the watershed. Then we will better be able to determine if there are problem areas that we are not aware of and/or where changes take place in the future.

The testing only needs to be done once a month (year round) and takes about an hour to complete. If you are interested in helping to monitor the waters of the Little Spokane River watershed, contact Dan Ross at Spokane Conservation District 535-7274 ext. 229 or email him at [dan-ross@sccd.org](mailto:dan-ross@sccd.org) You can also contact Lindell Haggin, Tina Wynecoop or Chris Dudley, our current volunteers to find out what it's like.

## Sign Up For Amazon Smile

Go to: [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and search for: Friends of the Little Spokane River Valley

Then, do your normal shopping on Amazon but use [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) instead of [amazon.com](https://amazon.com) and 0.5% of purchase price on eligible products will be donated to FLSRV!

**No additional costs to you!**



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### Jack Nisbet Walking Tour Sign-Up Form

Please detach, indicate how many people are in your party and complete the rest of the registration form. Send it along with a check made out to FLSRV with your payment of \$25.00 per person by April 15, 2020.

**Mail to: Harla Jean Biever, 2220 E. Colbert Rd. Colbert , WA 99005**

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 per person      Check enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_