



## NORTHWEST NATIONALS PREMIER SOCCER CLUB

### NWN Field Development

#### Background

- NWN is looking for additional fields to hold practices and games
- Ultimately, the club would like to have a complex of several close-by fields such that we could host tournaments
- A full size soccer field requires approximately 2 acres of flat land with good drainage, available parking, and ideally the ability to have lighting
- Based on WSYSA rules, each premier soccer club must hold practices within their designated school district boundaries – NWN is limited by the Edmonds School District (ESD) boundaries. ESD basically includes Edmonds, Lynnwood and Mountlake Terrace.

#### Progress to date

- We have searched on-line, via real estate brokers, and driven around looking for developable land within the Edmonds School District boundary. There is very little undeveloped land in the Edmonds/Lynnwood/Mountlake Terrace area.
- In addition, we have met with City of Edmonds, City of Lynnwood, City of Mountlake Terrace and Snohomish County Parks investigating potential soccer fields.
- Generally speaking, everyone is in support of creating more soccer fields. Edmonds School District administrators are especially interested in developing more soccer fields for schools as well as the community – and they tend to own much of the undeveloped land within the school district boundary. However, they have little to no money to develop fields.
- After much research and discussion there are three sites that have the best possibility for new fields.
  1. Meadowdale Play Fields – these are the dirt soccer fields that are at the end of 168<sup>th</sup>, and just West of Meadowdale Elementary. This property is owned by the school district and has a joint use agreement between ESD, City of Lynnwood and City of Edmonds.
  2. Old Woodway High School – this project currently has the most momentum. There is a master plan to develop the property for several million dollars that would result in at least two new turf soccer fields. However due to lack of available funding, the current plan is to develop one combination turf field that would be used for both baseball and soccer. A community meeting is scheduled for June 30 to discuss the project further and we will have a representative in attendance.
  3. Edmonds Community College – ECC is developing a new field and is looking for partner organizations to help with the development cost and on-going maintenance. This field has the potential of serving as the NWN home field. We are in close contact with ECC and looking for options to make it work for the club.

#### Next Steps

- We will continue to stay in touch with ESD and support any new field development.
- We will also continue to work with ECC and seek an arrangement to partner on their new field.
- Depending on future club expansion, there may be opportunity to expand boundaries if we can partner with another local premier club.
- Once we have identified a real expansion site, kick off a fundraising campaign through both private and corporate donations to develop a site for more fields.

If you have ideas, questions, or are interested in more information, please contact NWN Board Member Jon Fleming at 206-321-6200.