

Port Gardner Neighborhood Association News

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MAY 2011

MAY AGENDA

Join us Monday, May 9 in the Jackson Elementary School Cafeteria for the monthly PGNA meeting. 3700 Federal Ave.

7:00- 7:10 Greeting and Introduction

7:10-7:15 Victor Harris-Gov. Affair

7:15-7:30 Police Report Sergeant Bruce Bosman

7:30-7:45 Brad Allen, Everett Public Library

7:45-8:15 **Mayor Ray Stephanson**, Everett's Good News

8:15-8:20 PGNA Board Elections

8:20-8:30 Committee Reports

8:30-10:00 **Dancing with the Stars**

Is accessibility a problem? Contact one of us (p.4). We will find you a ride. The cafeteria is easily accessible by wheelchair from the parking lot on the south side of the school.

To get your newsletter by e-mail contact:
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Snohomish County Forum

You are invited to a county-wide community forum:

SnoCo Together: Building Our Local Future.

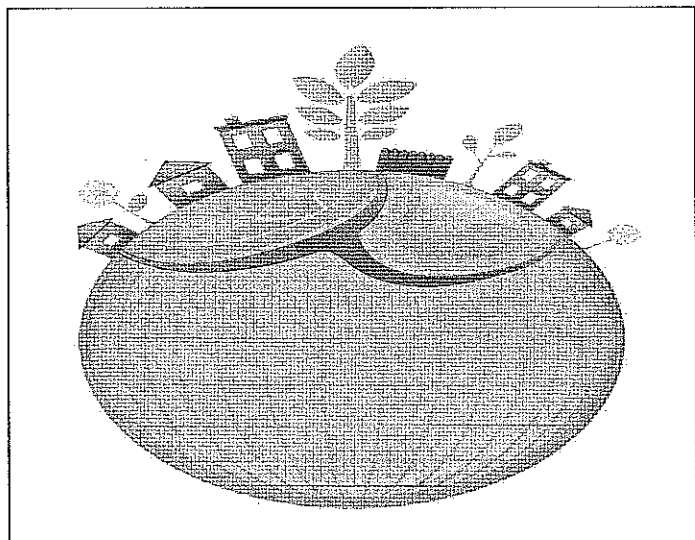
It will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2011 from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm, at the Everett Community College.

Ensuring the benefits of good jobs, nutritious food, health care, decent/affordable housing, and reduction of toxics in your everyday life through asset-based community building.

Admission is free and open to everyone concerned about living well in Snohomish County.

The goal is to provide a day of thought-provoking speakers, breakout sessions, and information fair for a broad audience, including underserved residents and recent immigrants, in a setting that will showcase local artists, musicians and celebrate our richly diverse culture. We want people empowered by having learned key information, seen new ways to improve communications with others interested in the same topics, knowing where to plug in and where their voice can be heard, and discover ways in which everyone of us can build a prosperous future by working together in Snohomish County.

Event is free. Lunch will be provided at cost (\$9). Free childcare provided



Greetings from the Port Gardner Neighborhood Association Chair

April Meeting Highlights

We all really enjoyed and benefited from our Port Gardner Neighborhood Association Meeting on April 11th. Lisa Mandt representing the Port of Everett, spoke on updates and happenings around our Everett waterfront.

May Meeting

Mayor Ray Stephanson will be our key speaker for the May meeting. He will tell us about all the good news going on in Everett. We will have Q&A time for all of us to participate in. Also, Brad Allen from the Everett Library will enlighten us about all their Summer Programs.

Nominations are open for PGNA leadership positions—so anyone with interest is encouraged to step forward. Our elections will be on May 9th.

4th of July

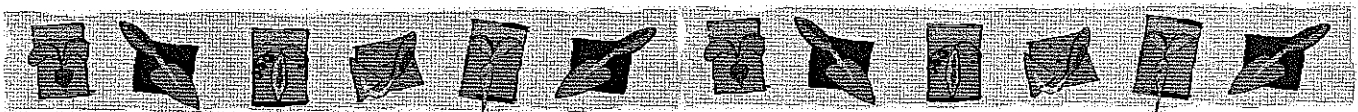
Help us celebrate Independence Day at the City of Everett's Colors of Freedom Fourth of July parade! The City is now accepting applications for the 2011 parade. This year's theme, The Colors of Freedom, celebrates the tremendous diversity that exists in our rich and vibrant community. We encourage you to submit an entry that represents your heritage and culture and/or symbolizes what America means to you.

The City is looking for parade entries with real entertainment value, so get creative and put together a lively and colorful display of music, dance, or drill or build a float! All parade applicants will be reviewed by the parade committee and will be selected based on the following criteria: creativity, enhancement of the parade theme, and incorporation of music and /or sound.

Contact Cheryl Durham for contact information and details. Applications are due **May 16, 2011**. Accepted vendors will be notified by **June 1, 2011** and will receive additional information at that time. For questions call 425-257-7117 or email esmith@ci.everett.wa.us.

You will not want to miss our next meeting. So, mark the date: **May 9, 2011**, Jackson Elementary School, 7pm. Hope to see you there!

Cheryl Durham PGNA Chairperson



EAT FRESH!

Spaces are still available to garden in the Charles Street P-Patch for only \$25.00. Contact Linda Mahagan at (425) 252-9244

Council of Neighborhoods Report for April 25, 2011

Building Projects in the Port Gardner Neighborhood

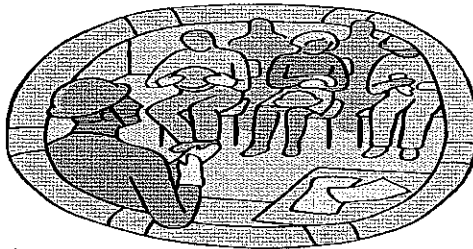
- Potala Village at the corner of Rucker and Pacific currently has a 50% occupancy with 2 eateries leased on bottom floor, but no Trader Joe's.
- Grand Ave. Farmer's Market between Hewitt and Wall Street will start construction in July. The market will be on the ground floor. There will be apartments in the upper 2 stories. Everett Senior Center will prepare Meals on Wheels there. There will be a very large commercial kitchen available to rent.

Cable T.V. tax for Everett Capital Projects will be suspended for at least 12 months beginning this July. That's a \$1.00 per month break, folks!

New Police Officer at our monthly meetings. Sgt. Jim Phillips has been promoted, so our new sergeant will be Sergeant Bruce Bosman. If you have questions, he would appreciate it if you would contact him ahead of the meeting so that he can come prepared with answers. His phone number is 425-257-8474.

Emergency Preparedness. Our neighborhood has many houses built before 1972, so many foundations are not attached to the house itself. This and other emergency preparedness topics are to be presented by Dave DeHaan or Mary Schoenfeldt at a meeting this fall. Mr. DeHaan's phone number is 425-257-8109. Our neighborhood association is also planning presentations on this topic. Check future newsletters for more information!

Monte Cristo nominations are being accepted. If you have not received a nomination form in the mail, download a form from the City website. http://www.ci.everett.wa.us/Get_PDF.aspx?pdfID=4528



Port Gardner Leadership – Who you Gonna call?

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NEIGHBORS' CORNER

Our neighbor Wally is looking for rhubarb plants. If you have any please contact him at Wostover@yahoo.com.

Committee Reports



Friday Street Garden – Last year our neighbors from Friday Street planted 150 tulip bulbs and 150 daffodil bulbs, which are now in full bloom! This planting was done with a neighborhood mini grant. If you live in the Port Gardner Neighborhood and have any ideas to improve our neighborhood, come to our meeting and share your ideas with us!

Come See What's New at the Charles Ave P-Patch!

We have been hard at work and have completed more large-grant projects thanks to the help of student volunteers from Everett Community College and our local gardeners. Our strawberry terraces are installed and we will soon begin replanting the strawberries. In addition to curb appeal, the terraces will make the strawberry patch more accessible, easier to maintain, and will improve berry production! We have also planted our blueberry bushes and have included a very special variety- Pink Lemonade! Come and see the fantastic changes taking place at your very own local P-Patch!

Barbara Lee, www.pgnapeapatch.farming.officelive.com

Crossing Flag Project

Crossing flag holders have been installed at the crossing of 41st Avenue and Grand. We have received the flags and are working with neighborhood families to add reflective tape to the flags, so they can be more effective. We anticipate having the flags ready and installed by the middle of May!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Friday, May 6th 8:30 am Downtown Flower Pot Planting Meet at Cascade Bank at the corner of Hewitt and Colby Avenues.

May 7th Plant Sale at McCollum Park. Sponsored by the Master Gardiner's Association.

May 21 Scrap Metal Recycling Day

The Northwest neighborhood Girl Scouts are sponsoring a Scrap Metal Recycling Day on Saturday, May 21st, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lamoureux Building on 19th and Wetmore. If it's metal, bring it. No oil, gas, or food scraps attached, please. For more info, call Carol Wheeler at 425-923-0039.

Saturday June 4th 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Mukilteo Blvd. Planting. Call 425-257-8300, ext. 2 for more info.

June 24, 5-7pm Artists Reception

Garden art will be displayed and available for purchase at the Evergreen Arboretum & Gardens during a reception that will highlight those artists whose works are to be featured during the Gardens of Merit Tour the next day. Artists will be available to discuss their garden art and answer any questions you may have. Part of the sale proceeds benefit Arboretum projects. The event is free and includes refreshments. You won't want to miss it!

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