



Port Gardner Neighborhood Association News

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- June Presentation - Port Gardner History Highlights

Meeting Agenda

Join us Monday, June 13, at 7pm in the Jackson Elementary School cafeteria for the monthly PGNA meeting.

7:00-7:10 Introductions

7:10-7:15 Gov. Affairs,
Victor Harris

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

7:30- 8:15 Historian Jack
O'Donnell Presentation

8:15-8:30 Committee
Reports

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.

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Historian Jack O'Donnell will be our featured speaker this month. Jack will present a history of the Port Gardner area, including landmarks and personalities that helped to form this very rich and diverse community. Jack O'Donnell lives in our neighborhood and often contributes to community events. We are really in for a treat!



According to the city's web page one of "...Port Gardner neighborhood's distinguished public buildings include the beautiful Mission Revival Snohomish County Courthouse (1910) on Wetmore Avenue." I wanted to include this picture here to remind us of Snohomish County's 150th birthday. The petition to create a separate county (Snohomish County) was granted on January 14, 1861. For more information about events related to the celebration go to www.snoco150.net.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

THE PORT GARDNER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION greatly thanks **BARB LEE** for her unselfish use of her time and leadership ability in working with the Charles Street P-Patch. Under her leadership, the gardens have really prospered. We all wish Barb Lee well in her next adventure and know that she will be a valued addition to which ever neighborhood she and her family move into.

Longfellow Clean Up by Pat Cudinski



The Longfellow area of the Port Gardner Bay Neighborhood had their long planned neighborhood alley clean up Saturday May 14. They had grant monies they wanted to use and a neighborhood cleanup was first on their list. We worked with the City Everett Community Development Block Grant program to have Rubatino come through the alleys picking up discarded items, the City provided dumpsters for yard waste & metal to be dropped off at the SnoCope parking lot where neighbor volunteers (Claire Griffith, Paul Bartlow, Ryan Countryman (& fiancée) and Pat Cudinski) helped unload yard waste and scrap metal at our dumpster site. Many

neighbors participated and were thrilled to have an opportunity to clean up their alleys, garages, and backyards of unused and discarded items, grass and yard clippings (even a Christmas tree!) and appreciated Rubatino involvement, Ross Johnson in Community Development, and our own volunteers spending the morning helping unload yard waste and metals into the dumpsters.

Crossing Flags a Success by Maria Dopps

Crossing flags have finally been installed at 41st and Grand Streets; they have been very successful. I was crossing that intersection on Sunday to go to the market. There was a driver hesitating on whether to stop for me or not, but once the driver saw the flag, there was no hesitation: the driver stopped.

The flags have been there for about two weeks, and only one of them has gone missing so far. Please support our neighborhood by walking by there as often as you can, and by letting us know if you see any vandalizing of the flags. There should be 6 flags total, distributed between the northeast and southeast corners of Grand Avenue, at 41st Street. For more information on this project, or to report any vandalizing or flags missing please call Mike Dopps at (425) 259-6051.



Wheelbarrows Available

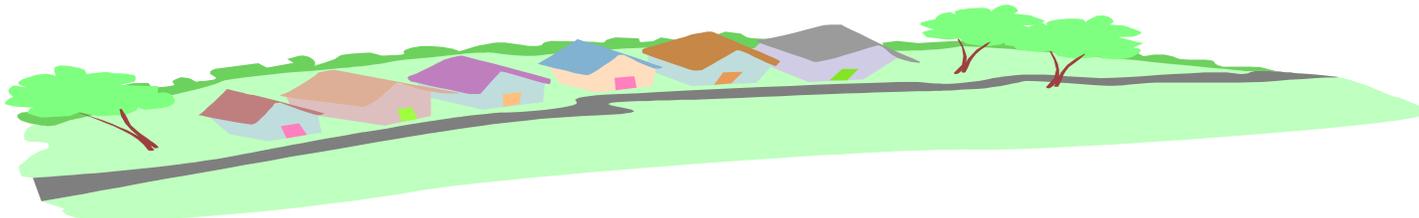
With warmer weather tempting you to get going on those outdoor projects, you may have need for a wheelbarrow. PGNA owns four wheelbarrows for your use. If you need one or more of them, please call Bob Jackson or Jean Murphy at [425 303-0127](tel:4253030127).

Forgotten Creek Thank You

Amid all the cool, rainy days in April, Friends of Forgotten Creek somehow managed to hold their spring work party on a very pleasant, sunny day. Lots of Ivy and Blackberry were removed to make way for more native planting this fall. A big round of applause is due for Glenn, Deroy, Bob, Jen, Tom, Marsha, Ian, Sean, Willie, David, Alcie, Rick, Darleen, Miranda, Marissa, Wendyl, Jason, Sheryl, Christine, Jordanne, Karsten, Jacob, Mike, Kyra, and George.

Adopt-A-Street Saturday, June 11, 10 AM

In the last couple of years along West Marine View Drive, you may have noticed signs placed by the Public Works Street Department announcing an Adopt-A-Street area. These were put there in recognition of the efforts being made by the Bayside and Port Gardner neighbors to keep our bordering streets clean. Three times a year we get together with our good friends from the Bayside Neighborhood Association to do a litter-removal event. **The next event is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, at 10 AM sharp. If you can help, meet near the Anchor Pub on Bond St. and Hewitt Ave.** It usually takes about an hour or so to do the eight blocks assigned to us. No experience necessary.



Council of Neighborhoods report by Susan Kaftanski

1. The additional loads of coal coming into and through Everett have caused some concerns about exposure to coal dust. The Mayor indicated that the dust problem exists primarily where the coal is loaded---which is not here. He will ask his staff to contact Burlington Northern, and will have more information by the next meeting.
2. The City Council is trying to act to be more involved on the issues of budget creation and oversight and property issues. At this point, these issues are primarily addressed by the city staff, and the City Council does not just want to rubberstamp the final products.
3. This year's list of the 6 year Transportation Improvement Projects was presented. There are 93 potential/hoped for projects on the list. 7 projects were added and 2 were removed as they have been completed within the last year (1. Bicycle lanes on 112th and 7th Avenues at [Everett Mall Way](#) and 2. the rail crossing closure at 36th street). This list must be compiled in order for any of the projects to be considered for any public funding whatsoever. To view the full Draft Everett Transportation Improvement Program 2012-2017 to to <http://www.ci.everett.wa.us/default.aspx?ID=1637> (all underlined).

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NEIGHBORS' CORNER

If you have some Rhubarb plants you like to share, please contact Wally Stover at (425) 870-5315

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4. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Everett would like to be invited to one of our meetings so that they can give a presentation on what they are accomplishing, and to see if any of us would like to be involved with the club that is closest to our neighborhood. There are 4 clubs within Everett, 17 in Snohomish County, and 16 additional extension sites. For more information please contact Jeremy Oshie at 425-259-5147 or joshie@bgcsc.org

5. The Vice President for Program Development for the [Volunteers of America](#) spoke about the acreage that OUR OWN [Dean Smith](#) spearheaded in the Lowell neighborhood for the growth and cultivation of produce which will be utilized for the Food Bank Program. Federal Funding will decrease by 50% this year, so we must at the local level aide our brothers and sisters in need. To help (they need people to weed out there, too!), please call 425-259-3191.

6. HAM Radio. Everett has a local group which has its annual Field Day every year on the 4th Saturday and Sunday of June. This year it will be at [Howarth Park](#) (VERY close to Port Gardner!) beginning on [Saturday, June 25th, at 11:00 a.m.](#). Interested in world-wide radio? Bouncing signals off of the moon? Helping your community in times of need? There are about 600 ham radio operators in our immediate area, and they would love to see you there! Grant Hopper of the Glenview-Seahurst-Harborview neighborhood is your contact at (425) 355-2485 or grant.hopper@hopperlawoffice.com

7. The new officers for the Council of Neighborhoods are: President: Jim McNeil of the Bayside Neighborhood (immediately north of the Port Gardner neighborhood). Vice-President: Everett Irwin of the Valley View Neighborhood (The neighborhood across 75th Street, East of I-5). Secretary: J.T. Dray of the Northwest Neighborhood (The neighborhood north of Bayside and West of the Delta neighborhood).

The first human that hurled an insult instead of a stone was the founder
of civilization.
Sigmund Freud



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