

# Port Gardner Neighborhood Association News

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WELCOME TO SUMMER IN THE PORT GARDNER NEIGHBORHOOD!  
By Cheryl Durham and Maria Dopps.

Join millions around the world who will be celebrating the 28th National Night Out Against Crime by getting together with neighbors in YOUR neighborhood on **Tuesday, August 2**.

Our 2011 National Night Out events will be held in the following neighborhood locations: Kiwanis Park, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m., Rucker Hill Park, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. and The Preserve at Forest Park 5:30 – 8:30p.m. Please see page 3 for more information on the particular NNO locations. Please note that there are no neighborhood meetings in July and August. We will be back to our regular meetings in September.

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**From the desk of Cheryl Durham,  
Port Gardner Neighborhood Association Chair**

This is the time of year that many of us enjoy living in this great city. We had great fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup>! And we are able to get out for walks, we have BBQs, we play in our yards, we go to our parks, we enjoy public programs, we stroll the Sunday Farmers Market...AND, lest we forget, let's attend OUR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT. See page three for the locations where you can attend a gathering. I also want to share some information with you-- Tim Ellis has moved into our neighborhood! Tim has interest in re-vamping our internet systems to allow a more easy to use neighborhood and city-wide access. If you have interest in this very important communication highway PLEASE CONTACT: Tim Ellis, [timothyellis@gmail.com](mailto:timothyellis@gmail.com), 206-774-4066.

**Remember the porch light!**

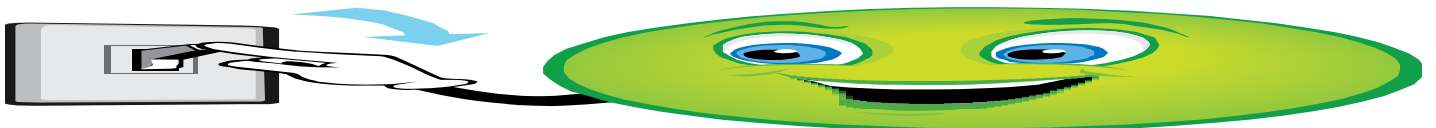
By Mike Dopps

So you think you're saving energy by not leaving your porch light on at night. Well, you're right about the savings, which could be a good thing, especially these days. Most people don't even calculate what these mysterious savings might be. All we know is that it's cash in our pockets, but ...how much?

**Here's the calculation**

Snohomish County PUD Residential Electric Utility Rate = **8.4 Cents** per Kilowatt-Hour  
One 13 watt CFL bulb (60 watt equivalent) turned on for 10 hours per day uses 130 watts  
130 watts per day X 365 days = 4.7 Kilowatt-Hours  
4.7 Kilowatt-Hours X 8.4 Cents = \$3.95 PER YEAR!

Now, based on the calculation, is it really worth the savings to minimize the security around our homes? Probably not. That's because the benefits of leaving the porch light on far outweigh the cost of electricity. Why? Because by leaving your porch light on at night, your home comes alive. Criminals favor dark homes....Why would we want to make it easy for a criminal to "get to work"? We wouldn't. Keep the light on! Why would we make it difficult for fire/medical aid to help us in a time of need? I can't think of a single reason! So please, remember the porch light.



## **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AT KIWANIS PARK**

It's our Neighborhood Night Out coming together event at Kiwanis Park

**When:** Tuesday, Aug 2, 5:30 - 8 p.m.

**What:** Get to know your neighbors! We will have activities for the kids. Visit with city officials, Police Department, Fire Department, & more!

**More:** Bring your dinner and we will provide the cake, snacks and beverages for everyone

**Come and join the fun and meet your neighbors at your own neighborhood park!**

## **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AT RUCKER HILL PARK**

**5:30 – 8:30p.m.**

**Tuesday August 2 at Rucker Hill Park**

**What to Bring:** Your own main dish or entrée to grill, a side dish or dessert, lawn chairs, beverage of your choice (no alcohol allowed).

**What We Will Provide:** BBQ grills for cooking your own food, napkins/plates/cutlery

**Activities:** Bouncy House, Lego construction, games and door prizes  
Donate Legos to our project.  
Drop off box on carport at 702 Laurel Drive

**Special Guests:** Everett Police, Everett Firefighters, City officials  
Jack O'Donnell will offer a historic walking tour of Rucker Hill

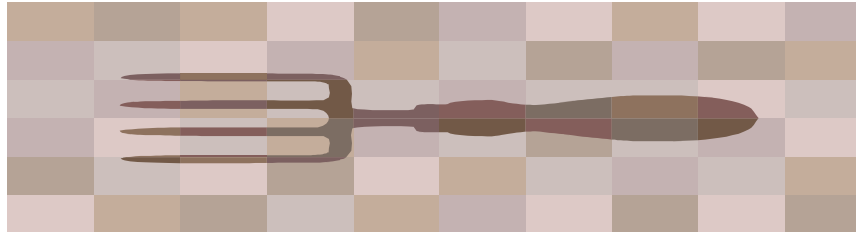
**Volunteers needed!**  
**Contact Yvonne Ricker 425 233-2558**

## **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT at The Preserve - Block Party Potluck**

**5:30 – 8 p.m.**

**Join your fellow Preserve residents at the 41<sup>st</sup> Place cul de sac for a picnic and visits by city officials, police, fire fighters and CERT volunteers. Bring a dozen of your favorite cookies to share at the picnic in addition to non-perishable foods for donation to the food bank.**

**Contact John and Christy Monroe for more information - 425 252-9740**



## CHARLES STREET P-PATCH

The Charles Street P-Patch is thriving. The gardeners have been harvesting lettuce, greens, radishes, strawberries, raspberries, etc. Please stop by and see the garden.

A brunch and summer planning meeting of the gardeners was held at Cheryl Durham's home on July 9. Thanks to Lembi, Dorothy, Elva, Barb, Linda, Nina, Katy, Charlene, Stephanie, Joy, Victoria, Guy, Carol, Tom, Sara, and Cheryl for their attendance and participation in the meeting.

A well attended work party coordinated by Barb Lee on July 10 completed digging the trench for the long awaited water system. Eddie Jones directed and worked with the gardeners to dig the water line trench. Eddie and Sara Jones completed the installation and testing of the water line and the four stand pipes. Backfilling the trench and the final tweaks to the water system were completed by July 14.

Thanks to Eddie and Sara Jones and the work party attendees (Barb, Linda, Deroy, Mary, Tom, Carol, Charlene, Stephanie, Elva, Quentin and Alex) for their contribution to the successful installation of the garden watering system. Water meter and line installation for the garden is funded through the Everett Office of Neighborhoods and matched by volunteer labor and community donations.

Linda Mahagan transitioned into the Garden Coordinator role on July 1, 2011. She can be reached at ph 425 252-9244; E-mail: [DLMahagan@aol.com](mailto:DLMahagan@aol.com)

Please join us to give a big "THANKS" to Barb Lee for all her hard work and efforts this past year. Barb will continue to follow through with the installation of the garden sign.

### **Port Gardner Leadership – Who You Gonna Call?**

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