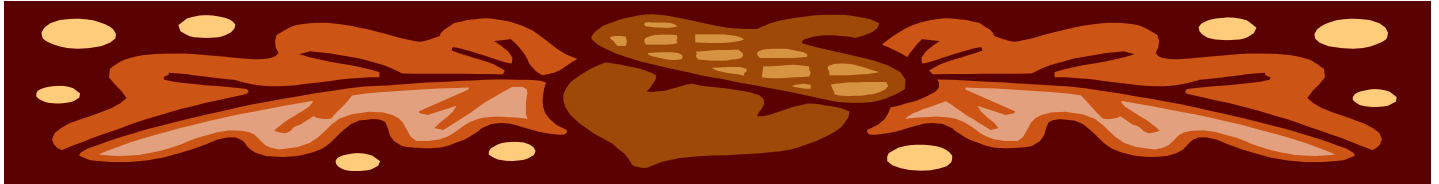


Port Gardner Neighborhood Association News

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October 10 Agenda

Join us Monday, October 10, at 7pm in the Jackson Elementary School cafeteria for the monthly PGNA meeting

7:00 Welcome and Introductions
7:10 Police Report
7:20 Government Affairs
7:30 Update on Everett Parks, Paul Kaftanski
8:15 Committee Reports, Mini Grant Update
8:30 Adjourned

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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BACK IN BUSINESS

By Cheryl Durham, Chair

Port Gardner Neighborhood Association is back in business after we all had a Grand Summer: I saw many of you at our wonderful 4th OF JULY PARADE where everything was very fun and lively. I also saw many of you at our National Night Out events which were a roaring success: we must have had between 300 and 400 neighbors attending our 3 locations (Kiwanis Park, The Preserve at Forest Park, and Rucker Park). Then, at our September 12th meeting, we welcomed NAVY's Commander Dan Lindberg, Home Port Everett, who presented portions of the State of the Navy.

I invite you to be with us at our fall meetings and activities:

Saturday, October 8, 10 am, Adopt a Street – See details on page 3

Monday, October 10, 7 pm, neighborhood meeting - We will have Paul Kaftanski, Everett Parks Director, who will bring us up to date on what is happening at our parks and also will inform us about the programs available to us.

Tuesday, October 18th, at 6:30 PM we are co-hosting a Candidates Forum at Evergreen Middle School. This will be a very efficient way for us to learn about our local issues.

Monday, November 14, 7 pm - neighborhood meeting - What's happening at the Everett Senior Center? Deb Loughrey-Johnson, Senior Center Director, will be here to share with us the programs available at the Center.

Monday, December 12, 7 pm neighborhood meeting – Holiday Party! Please contact us with some of your good party ideas.

LET'S MAKE IT A GREAT AUTUMN!

Naval Station Everett. At our September 12 meeting, Commander Dan Lindberg shared with us that “sailors need to know that their families are secure”. He also thanked the Everett Community for supporting these families. We invite you to help us foster this great spirit of community. A good place to start: join your neighborhood association. Our information is on page 4, and you can contact any of us. We'll get you started.



PGNA Government Report

By Victor Harris

Interest continues on the matter of bicycles, roller-skates and skateboards in the downtown core. The city's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is discussing the matter and it is likely this will extend through the winter in hopes of having a determination of position by spring. There is a contact page for the TAC at the city website for comments on any transportation subject you may have.

City Council has heard numerous speakers on the subject of fluoridated water. The Council intends to continue the practice of adding fluoride to the water using the present grade of material.

WSU and Everett Community College seem to have resolved their differences and will move forward. Programs need to be outlined before need for facilities can be determined. Construction may be anticipated to start in a little more than two years.

Briefings: (1) The Evergreen Way Revitalization Plan is moving ahead. This is a determination and clarification of zoning and building standards for the corridor. At the heart of the proposal is a rezone of the entire corridor currently B-2 or C-1, providing for mixed use with multi-family, to E-1, with a mixed use overlay around the Swift stations, mixed use high-density. (2) Proposed pedestrian sky bridge over alley right of way connecting buildings located at 1100 and 1114 Pacific Avenue. (3) Golf fee modifications effective November 1, 2011. (4) Historical Commission Public Hearing on September 27 at 6:30 to rename city hall which may be a violation of city policy.



News from the Charles Street Community Garden

By Linda Mahagan

The season for gardening is winding down as well as our committed projects on the large grant with the City of Everett. Our last item was the installation of the garden sign. Eddie Jones and Deroy Mahagan dug the post holes and installed the posts on September 18 and attached the sign on September 25. A big thanks to Chandra Cruver for painting the lovely sign (see picture of sign at left). Hats off to Barb Lee for coordinating the project and Deroy and Eddie for

installation. All the projects on the large grant have been completed. For questions and future activities please contact Linda at DLMahagan@aol.com.

In our community...

Adopt-a-Street Cleanup October 8 By Bob Jackson

On Saturday, October 8, at 10 a.m. we are looking for volunteers to help at the next Adopt-a-Street work party. Three times a year Port Gardner and Bayside neighbors get together to clean up trash along several blocks of Hewitt Ave. and West Marine View Dr., part of our common border. We have made those blocks look a lot nicer over the years. The businesses and residents who live there, as well as everyone who passes by, really appreciate what we are doing. The City supplies all the needed equipment so we can safely do the cleanup, which usually lasts an hour or so. If you have some free time that day, consider lending a hand. It is pretty easy, family friendly, and very rewarding. No equipment needed - just show up.

Update on Warren Street Overlook By Annette Bustad

I e-mailed Wendy at the city this week and she is working with purchasing on ordering the bench for the Overlook. It has been a slow project but hopefully it will not take much longer. It still has been congested in the surrounding areas as far as the construction goes on the new sewer/water mains but our site is ready to go. All construction has been cleared from the area.

Tim Ellis joining executive board at Port Gardner Neighborhood Association By Cheryl Durham

Tim Ellis has joined our Executive board at Port Gardner Neighborhood Association. Tim is very interested in compiling all of our Intra-net, WEB, type materials into one easy to use web site. Anyone interested in helping on this worthwhile project is encouraged to contact Tim at timothyellis@gmail.com

Kids' futures 2011



Join your host State Senator Nick Harper-
Watch the stories our young people have to share about the support their communities friends, families and schools provide, and about changes they would like to see.

**Thursday, November 3rd, 2011
At the Everett Music Hall,
In the Everett Mall, near Macy's
1402 SE Everett Mall Way,
Everett, WA 98208
Doors at 6pm
film and community Q and A 6:30-8
Reception to follow.**

Contact Chris Jury for more information
cjury@snoconetwork.org 425-252-2668
This project received funded from the
Snohomish County Human Services Dept.

Council of Neighborhoods meeting

By Susan Kaftanski

1. The Neighborhood Mini-grants will be reduced next year from \$2760 to \$2000 due to revenue shortfalls at the city. Large grants will not be available. The neighborhoods are being asked to look for alternate sources of funding (businesses, donations, advertising, fund-raisers, etc.), or request less.
2. The Monte Cristo Awards will be on October 13th at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend, but an RSVP would be appreciated. Contact Wendy McClure at WMcClure@ci.everett.wa.us.
3. Candidates' Night at Evergreen Middle School will be October 18th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The candidates for City Council, School Board and Port of Everett Commissioner will be present. If you wish to pre-submit questions, contact Tom Norcott at Tom.norcott@comcast.net. Questions can be submitted in writing on the night of the event as well. Location is 7621 Beverly Lane.
4. The Proposed City Budget will be presented November 2nd. There will be no SERIOUS cuts this year. (Please note mini-grant reductions. All departments are being asked to submit departmental budget reductions). All non-union employees will not receive a COLA. Having a very low debt has helped the city tremendously. There will be no lay-offs and no furlough days.
5. There are 2 potential buyers for Kimberly-Clark. Do not give up hope.
6. 9.4 acres surrounding Harborview Park are being considered for purchase by the City of Everett from Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railroad. There is a \$400,000 county grant that would be matched by city funds. Negotiations are presently occurring.
7. Student Essay Contest. Students at Everett High and Cascade High Schools are being invited to submit a 400 word essay that could eventually lead to many civic awards, an article in the Herald, and being a guest at future Council of Neighborhoods meetings. Essays should have 200 words on what they appreciate about our city, and 200 words on what needs attention and/or improvement. At Everett High School, the particulars can be gleaned from student Sam Wright, who is under the guidance of a faculty student advisor. The CON Executive Committee will make the final selection of winners. (Note: all high schools are being asked to participate, but the process has not gone far enough at Sequoia to be able to give you particulars). Everett High School is moving fast--this is occurring NOW.

“Questions are fateful. They determine destinations. They are the chamber through which destiny calls”. Godwin Hlatshwayo

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