



Port Gardner Neighborhood Association News

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 9th Agenda

Join us Monday, January 9, at 6:30 pm in the Jackson Elementary School cafeteria for the monthly PGNA meeting

6:30 Drug House Abatement process, Sgt. Bruce Bosman (p. 2).
7:00 Welcome and Introductions
7:05 Police Report
7:10 Government Affairs Report
7:15 Mini-grant Proposals
7:30 Everett Animal Shelter
8:00 Dessert Auction
8:30 Adjourned

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From our Chair...

Welcome everyone to 2012. We are off and running to put together a fantastic year in the Port Gardner neighborhood. At our December 2011 meeting, we hosted the Jackson School 5th Grade Choir and ballroom dance teams from Oly's Dance Studio. What fun!! We like to PARTY!! Also, we all enjoyed a dessert potluck and a chance to visit with our neighbors.

This month, on January 9th, we are planning on a dessert auction benefiting the Everett Animal Shelter. Lembi Kongas is the chairperson of this event and is doing a most wonderful job. Here is how we have planned it: 1st --You bring a dessert to be auctioned off. 2nd-- we have a speaker from the Everett Animal Shelter identifying their programs and their needs. 3rd-- we have Deb Loughrey-Johnson as Auctioneer. She will sell to the highest bidder the desserts you have donated. 4th--All the proceeds will go the Everett Animal Shelter. AND, we will be done by 8:30PM!

Also, as a membership, we will all vote on the various mini-grant requests. This is very important, so please plan to attend and cast your vote.

I am pleased to announce that in February, Lanie J McMullin, Executive Director of the Economic Development Department, will be our featured speaker. Ms. McMullin spoke with us last year telling us of Everett growth plans. It will be very interesting learning how those plans have worked out. Of course, we will also learn of new plans.

See you all on the 9th!

Cheryl Durham, Port Gardner Neighborhood Association,
Chairperson



Dessert Auction Fund-Raiser for Everett Animal Shelter

By Lembi Kongas

Come one and all to the next Port Gardner Neighborhood Meeting at the Jackson Elementary School Cafeteria, on January 9, 2012 at 7 pm, for the baked goods auction benefiting the Everett Animal Shelter. I know there are many animal lovers among us. As public funding is cut, and individuals are also under increased economic pressure, more people are giving up their pets or turning them loose. The shelter needs our help.

The Acting Supervisor of the Everett Animal Shelter, Shannon Delgado, will give a brief presentation, followed by the auction. We are fortunate to have the capable and fun-loving Deb Loughrey-Johnson, Executive Director of the Everett Senior Center, as our auctioneer.

We will auction off baked goodies such as cookies, fudge, brownies, cupcakes, pies, breads, cakes, and more. It all depends on what our members bring in.

So, bring your favorite baked goods, homemade or store bought, bid on those brought by others, and have a great time supporting a worthy cause.

Thank you and see you there!

DRUG HOUSE ABATEMENT PROCESS

By Cheryl Durham and Maria Dopps

Sergeant Bruce Bosman is inviting our members to arrive at Jackson School at 6:30PM on Monday January 9th. That is just a half hour earlier than usual. He has made time to discuss neighborhood issues that may affect the 3135 Tulalip Avenue drug house abatement process, the Friday Avenue neighborhood issues, and the issues on some other streets of our neighborhood and our community. Come, listen, and ask questions about this very serious issue that has been affecting our communities for a very long time. More than half of all people arrested in the United States test positive for illegal drugs. Drug addiction can lead to increased property crime and robberies. Drug and alcohol abuse contribute to higher rates of domestic violence, child abuse and sexual violence. (National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice, 2007).



Forgotten Creek MLK Work Party Monday, January 16, 10 AM – Noon

By Bob Jackson

January is the one time of year that a Forgotten Creek work party is held on a Monday. This is to take advantage of the Martin Luther King holiday, and attract people who may be looking for a way to make a contribution of service to our community. We will be removing English Ivy from a hillside above Forgotten Creek. No experience needed, and we supply the tools. Wear clothes that don't mind getting dirty. If you can help, meet at the upper entrance to the Forgotten Creek Natural Area on Kromer Ave. between Pacific Ave. and Laurel Dr. across from the hospital.

Council of Neighborhoods meeting

By Susan Kaftanski

Meeting of Monday, Nov. 28, 2011.

1. The last public workshop for the planning of the improvements for the Evergreen Way Corridor will be January 17th. Call 425-257-8731 for time and place, which were not available at this meeting.
2. Transportation Funding Priorities for the City of Everett are:
 - #1: Increasing the number of lanes on Hwy. I-5 from the trestle across the slough to Marysville from 3 to 4 (northbound). This can be done with restriping and using the shoulder, and would not take more construction.
 - #2: Onramp from Everett Mall Way to Hwy. I-5 southbound (take out the Hwy. 525 and Hwy. 527 interchange)
 - #3: Development of Hardeson Road Off-ramps for Hwy. 526.
 - #4: Replace westbound Hwy. 2 trestle.
3. Author Sherman Alexi will be at the Downtown Everett Library on February 4th.
4. Several partners, including Dean Smith, were awarded the Collaboration Award, presented by the Human Services Council, for their work on the Red Barn Community Farm project.
5. Port Gardner has 2 websites: it's own, plus it is part of the City's Department of Neighborhoods website. The City website portion is being coordinated by Kate Reardon, the Communications Director for the city of Everett, who wishes to meet with our website coordinator to launch participation in Face Book. There would not be comments--just one way info out. We need to make changes on the City Website NOW.
6. All mini-grant requests are due at the CON office NO LATER than January 31st

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Celebration

Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Jan. 12, 2012

Celebrate winners of the 2012 essay, art contest at annual reception

EVERETT – The public is invited to celebrate the 2012 Prodigies for Peace essay and art contest winners at the free annual Diversity Partnering Reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday Jan. 12, 2012 at the Carl Gipson Senior Center, 3025 Lombard Ave. in downtown Everett.

Reserve your seat today by calling the reservation line at 425-257-8751 (RSVP required).

Businesses and organizations who support the event through \$100 table sponsorships will receive public recognition for the sponsorship. **In-kind sponsors include Clare Bridge of Silver Lake, Cascadian Place, Garden Court Retirement and Assisted Living, Gift of Love Senior Referral and Placement Agency, Absolute Mobility Center, Right At Home, Super Foods Delivery Express, Hammond Scribe, A Helping Hand Homecare, as well as Creative Aging LLC.**

To sponsor a table at the event, contact:

Kate Reardon, City of Everett, at 425-257-8687 or kreardon@ci.everett.wa.us

Martin Cross, YMCA, at 425-493-2416 or mcross@ymca-snoco.org.

This year, the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration Committee has expanded its annual Prodigies for Peace contest to include adults.

The Prodigies for Peace writing and art contest helps students and adults draw connections between the people and the events that shaped the civil rights movement and the social issues that influence our lives today.

The MLK Jr. Celebration is hosted by the following partner agencies: The City of Everett, YMCA of Snohomish County, Snohomish County Government and the United Way of Snohomish County.

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