



Port Gardner Neighborhood Association News

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March Agenda

Join us Monday, April 9 at 7:00 pm in the Jackson Elementary School cafeteria for the monthly PGNA meeting.

7:00 Welcome and Introductions
7:05 Police Report Sgt. Bruce Bosman
7:15 Hasina Wong
Snohomish Health Dist.
7:45 Ryan Sass City of Everett Transportation
8:15 Committee Reports
8:20 Nomination of Officers for May elections
8:30 Time to say goodnight

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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Things have really been "hopping" around Port Gardner Neighborhood. March saw us working on Charles Street Gardens, saw us working on making ready the Warren Street Project, saw us working on exterior lighting regulations for the Port District, saw us working on zoning for Forgotten Creek, saw us making plans for the next PGNA term. Yes! That is right! On April 9th at our monthly meeting we will be collecting nominations for the next term's officers. This would be an excellent time to volunteer to become a "little" more active. We need what you've got!

There are some exciting plans underway. At our next meeting, Hasine Wong, Snohomish Health District, will be our first speaker. He will bring us up to date about current trends at the Health District. Next up, we will have Ryan Sass, City of Everett Transportation Department, discussing new transportation issues before us. Please plan to attend.

In May, Mayor Ray Stephanson will be our speaker. Ray is always wonderful to listen to. In addition, Lisa Lefeber, Everett Port District, will host a Q & A on happenings at the Port.

In June, the Executive Team would like to host a different sort of meeting. This is what we are thinking---anyone who would like to may set up a display in the cafeteria. Maybe you sell Avon, or Tupperware, or real estate, or repair appliances, or landscaping, or anything else. There will be no fee--the point is to just visit with each other and learn what different things we do--maybe we could set up a sort of network.

Finally, I am looking for a person or group to take on a "new" project. Volunteers of America would like this neighborhood to begin a back pack school snack program for some of the children at Jackson School. There are few things that could trump doing deeds to help children. If you have interest in this, let me know, and I will be happy to get you together with all the info.

Enjoy the SPRING!

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Durham,

Sno-Isle Food Co-op

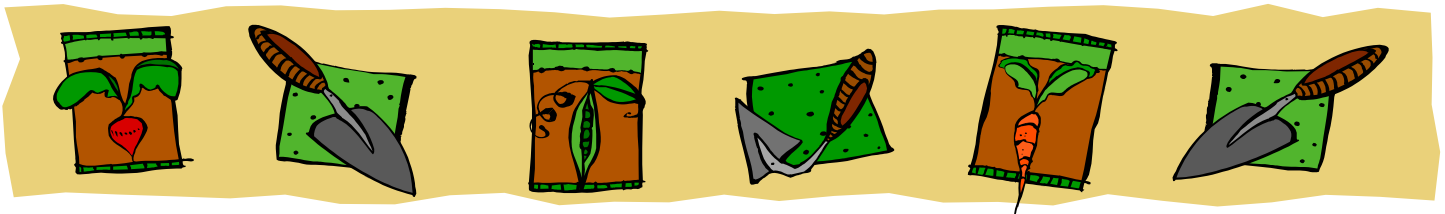
By Vanessa Edwards
Community Outreach/Marketing
Sno-Isle Foods Co-op
<http://www.snoislefoods.coop>

We are celebrating International Co-op Year and as part of our commitment to the community, we are increasing our Community Outreach:

* We have invited local non-profit groups to have a table at the Co-op each month and share what they do.

*We've started the Co-op Cares program. It's a discount program for non-profits and schools. We hope the success of it can be expanded in the future.

*Along with Red Barn Community Farm, we are sponsoring families who want to grow and eat local, healthy produce. Sharecrop is the name of the program. Red Barn will waive the fee for the plot and we will be providing seeds and fertilizer. We ask that a portion of what you grow be donated to the food bank to share with our neighbors.



Charles Street Community Garden

By Lembi Kongas



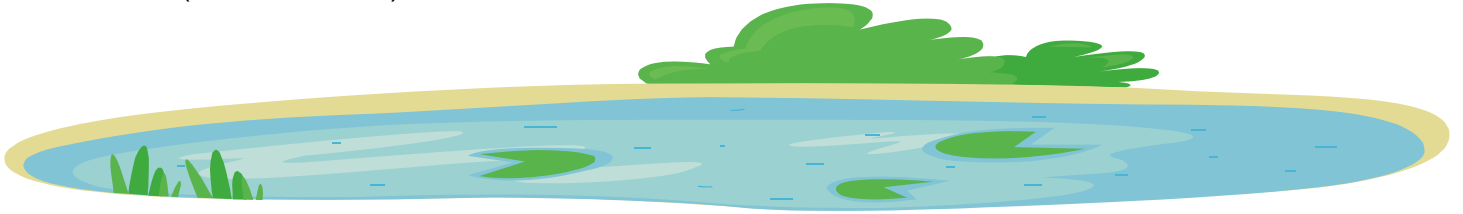
As of the end of March, we have a big turnover from last season at the Charles Street Pea-Patch. There's lots of excitement in the air. The new gardeners represent a variety of people and are all very enthusiastic about the opportunity to garden. And of course, we are waiting for the warmer spring weather to arrive. I've cleared my plot and will start off by planting carrots! How about you? We have five plots available. Let me know if you are interested.

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Red Barn Community Farm

By Dean Smith

The Red Barn Community Farm in the Lowell neighborhood is now in its second year of operation. This is a place where we have access to extensive acreage for growing our own food. If you would like to really grow a lot of food, enough to feed a whole family year round, come join us. You can sign up for a plot at <http://www.transitionportgardner.org/garden>. Plot sizes range from 20x20 ft to a full acre. Prices are as follows: 20x20 \$50, 20x40 \$100, 40x40 \$150, 40x160 \$300. The price is for 12 months. The garden is located 1 mile south of the stop sign in Lowell on Lowell-Larimer Road. Call Dean Smith (425-328-9979) for more information.



Forgotten Creek Work Party - April 21

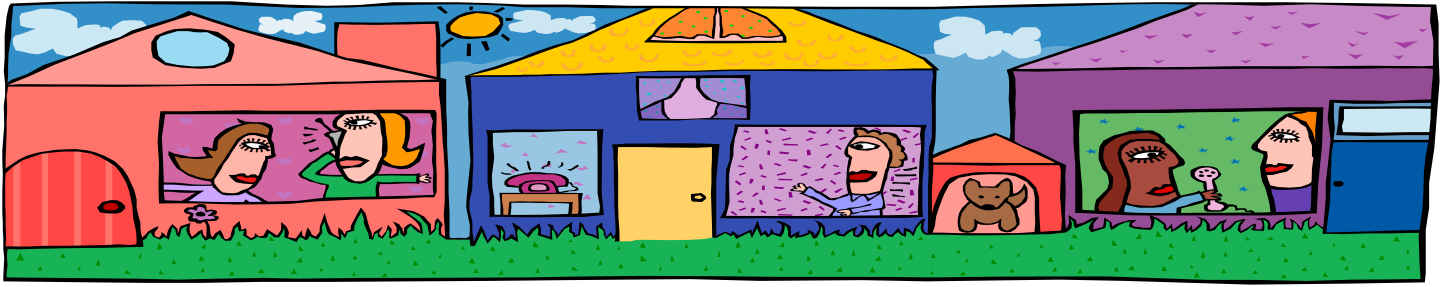
By Bob Jackson

The next work party at the Forgotten Creek Natural Area will be held on **Saturday, April 21, from 10 AM to Noon**. If you were disappointed that the MLK work party in January was canceled because of the snow, now is your chance. We will be removing English Ivy from a hillside above Forgotten Creek. No experience is needed, and we supply the tools. Wear clothes that won't complain if you get them dirty. If you can help, meet at the upper entrance to the Forgotten Creek Natural Area on Kromer Ave.

March 27 Council of Neighborhoods

By Dean Smith

1. Mayor Stephanson -- April 3 is an open house about the Waterfront at the Weyerhaeuser Room at the Transit Center.
2. The Pacific Rim gymnastics event drew 50,000 people to Everett.
3. The new downtown Marriot Hotel is on schedule to break ground this fall.
4. Kristine Morse spoke to us about the Guardian Ad Litem program. This program is for adults who wish to speak up before the courts for children whose cases are being heard. This is your chance to help take a load off the courts and to help get young people started on a better life.
5. Monte Cristo awards -- get your nominations in by June 1.
6. Goal Setting -- the Council of Neighborhoods spent an hour setting our direction and goals for the coming year.



I think the importance of doing activist work is precisely because it allows you to give back and to consider yourself not as a single individual who may have achieved whatever, but to be a part of an ongoing historical movement.

Angela Davis



5 de Mayo Celebration, Saturday May 5th from 1-5 PM at Everett High School

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