



# PORT GARDNER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

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## June Agenda

**Monday, June 11, at 7:00 pm**  
Jackson Elementary School  
3700 Federal Avenue

- 7:00 Welcome
- 7:05 Police Report  
Sgt. Bruce Bosman
- 7:20 Announcements
- 7:25 Government Affairs Report  
Victor Harris
- 7:30 Council of Neighborhoods  
Deroy Mahagan
- 7:35 Everett Master Bicycle Plan  
Mark Handzlik
- 7:45 Coal Trains are Coming!  
Dean Smith
- 8:15 Social Time and Prizes

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## CHANGE IS IN THE AIR

Longer days and warmer weather – looks like summer is on the horizon. And with that change in seasons comes change to the Port Gardner Neighborhood Association.

Cheryl Durham has stepped down after a year and a half of being the PGNA chair. Thank you Cheryl, for all your time, energy and enthusiasm in leading our Neighborhood Association - you will be missed!

Cheryl's departure has left the PGNA Chair position open, so this is your chance, neighbors! Here is an opportunity to make a difference in your community. Contact anyone on the PGNA Board to find out how to volunteer for Chairperson of the PGNA!

Treasurer Sheryl Becker is now running the meetings as Vice Chair, and outgoing Vice Chair Yvonne Ricker is now Treasurer, bringing her expertise to the mini-grant process.

Secretary and Newsletter author Maria Dopps has stepped down as well. Thank you Maria, for those colorful, fun newsletters. Jean Hewat and Christina Robertson will be partnering to create the Newsletter every month. Please send articles, updates, suggestions and questions to: [meanjeancreative@frontier.com](mailto:meanjeancreative@frontier.com) and [moosetales@aol.com](mailto:moosetales@aol.com).

Tim Ellis has going to continue as our Webmaster of the PGNA website – be sure to visit and read the latest at [www.portgardner.net](http://www.portgardner.net).

Council of Neighborhoods Rep. Susan Kaftanski has decided to take a break from her position. Thank you Susan, for your years of keeping us up to date on what's happening with the City. Deroy Mahagan and Dean Smith have been re-elected as Council of Neighborhoods Reps, along with newly elected Victor Harris, as an alternate.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION!



## COAL TRAINS ARE COMING !!

You have seen them lumbering along W. Marine View Drive. At our June meeting, Dean Smith will present the latest news on the BNSF Coal trains. Find out how the proposed increase in coal train traffic will impact our neighborhood, the City of Everett, as well as the county and state. Dean will discuss environmental as well as quality of life issues, pollution, noise, seismic, traffic and effect on property values.

Learn how you can take action and have your voice heard!!

*The purpose of the Port Gardner Neighborhood Association is to represent the interests and improve the general welfare of all PGNA residents, by providing a democratic forum for exchanging ideas, setting neighborhood goals and organizing neighborhood actions.*

**IMPORTANT CITY MEETINGS IN JUNE**

**EVERETT SCHOOL BOARD – FUTURE PROPERTY DECISIONS**

**June 5 4:30pm Conference Room 3 Educational Service Center 4730 Colby Avenue**

The School Board will discuss input from the Capital Facilities Advisory Council and from School Board Property focus groups held in March. They will be talking about what criteria/framework will be used in decisions regarding the **sale, development, or future use of School Board owned properties**. The board will not make property use decisions at this meeting. Observers are welcome; the meeting time is dedicated to board discussion without public comment.

**\*\*\*PROPERTIES AFFECTED in Port Gardner Neighborhood: Doyle Park and Norton Ball field**

Materials the board will use in their discussion will be available on [BoardDocs](#) before the Tuesday meeting.

**EVERETT SCHOOL BOARD – FUTURE PROPERTY DECISIONS**

**June 12 4:30pm Conference Room 3 Educational Service Center 4730 Colby Avenue**

The School Board will again discuss, and possibly take action regarding the criteria that will be used in decisions regarding the **sale, development and use of School Board owned properties**. **Public comment is allowed at this meeting.**

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**CENTRAL WATERFRONT AREA PLANNING MEETING/KIMBERLY CLARK**

**Tuesday, June 19 6:30pm The Weyerhaeuser Room@ Everett Station, 3201 Smith Avenue**

A public workshop will be held regarding development at the Kimberly Clark site. Consultant Greg Easton will be presenting his report that examines the economic viability of the former mill site.

**PGNA MAY MEETING RECAP**

It was with heavy hearts that we began our May meeting, noting the passing of City Council member Drew Nielsen. Mayor Ray Stephanson cancelled his appearance at our meeting and will reschedule at a later date.

We have a new Charles Street Community Garden Manager – Lara Breen-Young.

Sgt. Bruce Bosman gave us an update about door-to-door solicitors. Any approved solicitor need permits from the City Clerk's office, unless they are non-profits. There is only one organization on file at the present time. The status of the home on 3501 Norton: the property has been deemed unsafe to occupy by code enforcement and they are working with the property owner for a solution to the issue. Again, if you have concerns, questions or complaints, contact Sgt. Bosman at: [bbosman@ci.everett.wa.us](mailto:bbosman@ci.everett.wa.us)

The Government Affairs Report from Victor Harris: The City Council will vote on the change in ordinance for naming public places. And the Evergreen Way Corridor Plan was passed.

**PORT OF EVERETT PRESENTATION**

Les Reardanz, Chief Administrative Officer of the Port of Everett outlined current Port projects.

The Port Gardner Wharf development plan is now the North Marina District Master Plan. The Port of Everett has decided to focus on the Marina as a draw for new development. They will be starting to demolish buildings on the site and the Port is planning on overseeing and managing the property. At the South Terminal, the lighting improvement project is starting, and rail spur construction is almost complete. The Port of Everett is considering acquiring the Kimberly-Clark property, and is studying the possibility of doing so.

The meeting ended with the election of PGNA Officers.

**COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPORT**

Notes from May 21, 2012

Mayor Stephanson opened the meeting with a moment of silence for Drew Nielson; talked about Henry 'Scoop' Jackson's Centennial activity events; and working on Everett Transit budgets and schedules.

**City Report** – Richard Tarry discussed the City of Everett's '2013 – 2018' Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The TIP list of various road and transportation needs and wants of the city is used to determine where new transportation money will be spent. At the current time, the coal trains are not a consideration of the TIP list. The Broadway Bridge has 6 inches more clearance than the tunnel so should not be an issue with the coal trains.

Roy Harris discussed the hazardous tree removal at Howarth Park. Due to winter storms, a study was done to determine hazardous trees along Howarth Park's entrance road and parking lot. There are about 200 trees along the road and 178 around the parking lot that need to be removed. The city will replant the area with evergreen type trees.

Lots of summer activities in the city – Music in the parks; Sorticulture; 4<sup>th</sup> of July; etc.

Council of Neighborhood elections were held for Chair, Vice – Chair, and Secretary.



**PORT GARDNER PROJECTS AND EVENTS**

**Adopt-a-Street Work Party**

**Saturday, June 9 at 10am**

Volunteers are needed for about an hour to pick up litter along Hewitt Ave. and West Marine View Dr. Join volunteers from the Bayside neighborhood to walk along the sidewalks of several blocks, filling litter bags. The work is pretty easy and suitable for the whole family. Equipment, including bright safety vests, is supplied. **Show up at the intersection of Hewitt Ave. and Bond St. near the Anchor Pub.**

**Depot Park Work Party**

**Saturday, June 9 9:30am-12:30pm**

A work party is scheduled at Depot Park for Saturday, June 9, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. We will be focusing on making a path on the upper south side of the park to give us better access to this area and clean it up a bit. We also need to pull out the cherry tree suckers. We have some annuals and perennials to plant; the usual weeding and pruning. Come down and spend some time! Linden and Diane

**Charles Street  
Community Garden  
WORK PARTY**

**June 23 9am-**

We are having a work party on June 23rd to build steps and a landing for our recycle bin. If anyone wants to join us we are meeting at 9am. At this point all of our patches are leased for the season!

**COMING THIS SUMMER**

**JULY** (date to be determined): Doyle Park Work Party

**AUGUST 7:** National Night Out at Rucker Hill Park and Kiwanis Park



**THE NEIGHBORHOOD DIRT**

**EDIBLE OASIS** by Christina Robertson

As gasoline heads towards \$4.50 per gallon, folks start turning a wary eye toward their lawnmowers. It starts to dawn on them that in addition to the expense of fuel, water, and often chemical fertilizers and pesticides, the countless hours involved in lawn maintenance result in precious little in return. Nothing to fill the dinner table (or even a vase!). Just endless work and cash outlay. There are bountiful options, however. The time is right to turn some - or all - of your lawn into an oasis brimming with nutritious and delicious vegetables and fruit.

**What you may need:**

1. A truck load of compost, calculated to cover the size of your lawn.
2. Shovels, hand trowels and rakes.
3. Friends and neighbors to help!
4. Irrigation system, such as soaker hoses.
5. Fencing material to deter animals.
6. A composting system (bins, enclosure, etc.).
7. Mulch material (bark, straw, etc.).
8. Selected vegetables, herbs and fruits as seeds, starts, or trees for your region.
9. Maybe a (rented) rototiller and sodcutter.

**Some questions to consider:**

1. How is my soil? Does it need amendments? Has it been contaminated by lawn chemicals?
2. Where is south? Where are the shady and sunny areas?
3. What do you want to eat from your estate? What can't you get from the grocery store?
4. Many of fruits and vegetables grow on vines, do you have

something for them to grow on?

5. How do you want to move through the edible estate? Where should the paths go?
6. What kind of mulch to use? Straw, bark, compost, & leaves retain moisture, block weeds and decompose into the soil.

**Basic instructions to create your own edible estate:**

1. Do a soil test to see what sort of amendments it might need, and if it has traces of lawn chemicals.
2. Cover the grass with newspaper, and place raised beds on top, or use sod-cutter to remove existing grass, roll it up, give it away, or find a new use for it.
3. If planting in existing compacted earth, use rototiller to loosen soil.
4. Spread around 2-6 inches of compost and till soil again.
5. Mark out a plan for your edible estate with stakes and tape.
6. Plant your seedlings, starts, trees and seeds according to the planting calendar and mulch well.
7. Water them in thoroughly and install soaker hoses or drip lines as necessary for irrigation.
8. Install fencing as necessary to deter local animal visitors if that becomes an issue.

**For more ideas and step-by-step instructions:**

-*Food Not Lawns*, Heather C. Flores

-*Edible Estates: Attack on the Front Lawn*, Fritz Haeg

**NEED SOME GARDENING ADVICE FROM A REAL GREEN THUMB???**  
Email Christina Robertson [moosetales@aol.com](mailto:moosetales@aol.com)

# The Social Calendar

<b>June 3</b>	<b>Everett Farmer's Market Opening Day</b> 1728 W. Marine View Drive	<b>11am-4pm</b>
	<a href="http://everettfarmersmarket.net">http://everettfarmersmarket.net</a> The finest, freshest farm products in Snohomish County, musicians every Sunday, bouquets of fresh flowers, delicious baked goods, unique works by local artisans and craftsmen. <b>June 3rd to October 7th RAIN OR SHINE</b>	
<b>June 8-10</b>	<b>Sorticulture</b> Legion Park 145 Alverson Blvd	<b>Fri. 10-8 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-4pm</b>
	<a href="http://www.everettwa.org/default.aspx?ID=1228">http://www.everettwa.org/default.aspx?ID=1228</a> Everett's Garden Arts Festival, unites art and the garden at Legion Park. Entry is free. Now in its 15th year, Sorticulture is a celebration of creative outdoor living, featuring hand-crafted art for the garden, rare plants from specialty nurseries, display gardens and fun projects for the kids.	
<b>June 16</b>	<b>Everett Art Walk</b> see website for participating venues	<b>4pm-7pm</b>
	<a href="http://everettartwalk.org">http://everettartwalk.org</a> A free event where you can experience one of Snohomish County's rapidly growing Art scenes. Browse Everett area galleries & studios, while enjoying complimentary refreshments & hors d' oeuvres.	
<b>June 20</b>	<b>Everett Aquasox Opening Day</b> Aquasox Stadium 3802 Broadway	<b>7:05pm</b>
	<a href="http://www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t403">http://www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t403</a> The Aquasox hit off the season against the Spokane Indians with post game fireworks!!	
<b>June 25</b>	<b>Jetty Jam</b> Jetty Island 10th Street Public Boat Launch, at West Marine View Drive	<b>10am-10pm</b>
	<a href="http://www.everettwa.org/default.aspx?ID=1862">http://www.everettwa.org/default.aspx?ID=1862</a> Experience the human-powered water sports of kite boarding and stand-up paddle boarding along the sandy beaches of Jetty Island. Competitive races, demonstrations, food vendors and free live music Saturday night.	
<b>June 28</b>	<b>Music at the Marina Waterfront Concerts</b> 1700 West Marine View Drive	<b>Thurs. and Sat. 6:30-8:30pm</b>
	<a href="http://www.ci.everett.wa.us/default.aspx?ID=1124">http://www.ci.everett.wa.us/default.aspx?ID=1124</a> Everett's Port Gardner Landing offers a great concert venue with plenty of nearby parking, ADA access, and public restrooms. Bring your picnic (no alcohol) and blanket or chairs. See website for details.	
<b>June 30</b>	<b>Naval Station Everett Open House</b> 2000 W. Marine View Drive	<b>9am-4pm</b>
	Ship tours, food and entertainment. Bring photo ID to enter the base.	
<b>JULY 4</b>	<b>Colors of Freedom Parade</b> Downtown Everett	<b>11am</b>
	<b>Colors of Freedom Festival</b> Legion Park	<b>1pm-11pm</b>
	<b>Thunder On The Bay Fireworks</b> Viewing areas: Legion Park Grand Avenue Park	<b>10:20pm</b>

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