

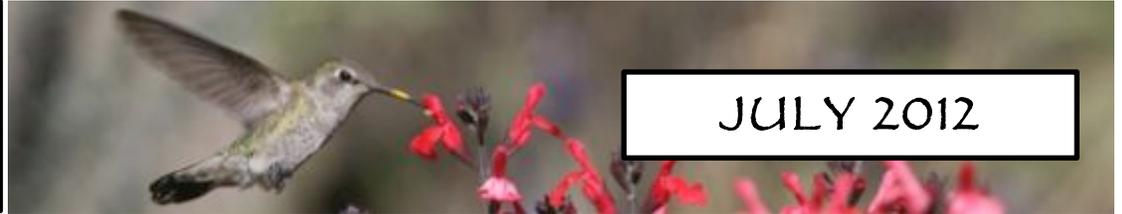


PORT GARDNER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

www.portgardner.net

There are no PGNA meetings
in July and August. We
resume meeting in September.

**HAVE A GREAT
SUMMER!**



JULY 2012

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 7

The Annual Neighborhood Meet and Greet

Enjoy a summer evening and find out what's new with your neighbors, as the Port Gardner Neighborhood Association celebrates National Night Out. The festivities take place on Tuesday, August 7 at two locations: Rucker Hill Park and Kiwanis Park, in the Port Gardner Neighborhood.

It's the perfect time to catch up with friends, or meet new people in the neighborhood. Get to know the kids on your block, and play some games. Talk with local police, fire and city officials about issues that concern you. Share ideas and resources on everything from security systems and a good plumber, to recipes and gardening tips. It's your opportunity to build a stronger community here in Everett.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE !!!

COAL TRAINS ARE COMING TO EVERETT

At the June neighborhood meeting, Dean Smith presented a report on the passage of trains carrying Wyoming coal to China through our neighborhood. At present, only one or two trains each day pass along the tracks at the base of the bluff overlooking the water. However, this could increase to 9 trains each day if a proposed new coal export facility is built north of Bellingham. The trains bring with them increased diesel particulates in the air, coal dust, noise and vibration of the bluff. The benefit to Everett is nil and cost could be great. Come to our neighborhood meetings, read our newsletter and check our website to learn more.

To read the Snohomish Tribune's article:
http://www.snoho.com/Stories%202012/062012_petition.html

RUCKER HILL PARK CELEBRATION

On the corner of Niles and Laurel
4:30-9pm

4:30-8:30 Bouncy House
5:30-7:00 Dinner
7:00-9:00 Family relay races, games & door prizes

Bring your own picnic dinner to grill and silverware. Picnic tables, plates, napkins, cups, condiments and BBQ grills will be provided.

Volunteers needed:
Contact Yvonne Ricker at 425-233-2558.

KIWANIS PARK CELEBRATION

On the corner of 36th Street and Rockefeller
5:30- 8:30pm

Fun activities for the kids.
Bring your own picnic dinner and lawn chairs or table.
Cake, beverages, and snacks will be provided.

Volunteers needed:
Contact Sheryl Becker at 425-259-2196

YOUR THOUGHTS

are important to us... The PGNA Board is starting to plan our meetings for the fall. If you have any suggestions about someone you'd like to see at our meetings, contact any PGNA Board member.



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

IMPORTANT MEETINGS IN JULY

Agendas for City Council, Planning Commission, School Board and Port of Everett meetings are usually not available in time for our Newsletter. Here are a few meetings that look like they might be of interest. Check the websites a few days ahead to confirm!

PLANNING COMMISSION - CITY OF EVERETT - KIMBERLY CLARK/CENTRAL WATERFRONT

July 17 6:30pm Weyerhaeuser Room at Everett Transit Station 3201 Smith Avenue

The Agenda and packet will be published soon. Check <http://www.everettwa.org/default.aspx?ID=1079>

Also, The Snohomish Tribune has written a few articles on the City of Everett and Kimberly Clark.

http://www.snoho.com/Stories%202012/062012_millsite.html

http://www.snoho.com/Stories%202012/062712_millreport.html

PORT OF EVERETT SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

July 31 5:00pm The Blue Heron Room 1205 Craftsman Way

Back at the May meeting, the Port of Everett gave a presentation regarding their plans for the Marina District. Here is the link for the meeting minutes that explain their plans.

http://www.portofeverett.com/docs/docs-_170856-v1-commission_minutes_5_8_2012.pdf

THE FUTURE OF THE NORTON BALL FIELD AND DOYLE PARK

On June 12 – the Everett School Board approved criteria guiding the disposition of school owned properties. This affects two parks in the Port Gardner Neighborhood, the Norton Ball Field and Doyle Park. Although the ESB has no public plans at present to sell either, the possibility is a real one. Norton Ball Field is the only playing field for soccer and base/softball west of Rucker Avenue. Doyle Park is the only park currently with playground equipment west of Rucker Avenue. We are presently forming a committee to figure out how to keep these properties as open space and make the issue a win-win for the Neighborhood, the City of Everett and the School Board. If you are interested in getting involved, please email Yvonne Ricker at yricker@msn.com or Jean Hewat at meanjeancreative@frontier.com.

To read the Snohomish Tribune's article: http://www.snoho.com/Stories%202012/061312_parkland.html

PGNA NEWS

The PGNA is still looking for a Chairperson. This is your chance, neighbors! Here is your opportunity to make a difference in your community. If you are interested in volunteering, contact anyone on the PGNA board. Contact info is on page 4.



PORT GARDNER PROJECTS AND EVENTS

DOYLE PARK WORK PARTY

We are partnering with the Everett Parks Department to schedule a work party at Doyle Park. Our goal is to clean ivy off of the fence and cut down the underbrush on the west side of the Park. This area is typically soggy, (rumor has it this is the headwater of Forgotten Creek), so the Parks Department would like to wait until the area gets a little drier. We'll announce the date and time on the website and in the Newsletter as soon as we get it!

CHARLES STREET P-PATCH WORK PARTY

July 14 9-10am

Get out in the sunshine and get your hands in the dirt!

Contact Laura Breen-Young at charlesp.patch@gmail.com or 425-268-5281 for details on how you can help!



THE NEIGHBORHOOD DIRT

by Christina Robertson

When I caught myself humming 'Jingle Bells' last week, I knew something was terribly wrong. Having given up on ever seeing the sun again, I was already visualizing a festive autumn porch display of cornstalks and pumpkins. Not, I soon came to realize, would I have any pumpkins, since the über-giant pumpkin seeds I'd paid a small fortune for had rotted.

The past month has been hell for a vegetable gardener. "January. "Junetober." Whatever dubious moniker the increasingly defensive weathermen came up with, 3-plus weeks of cold, endless rain on fragile seedlings and hopeful seeds was a tragedy.

At last, we seem to have a break, so while a sun-starved populace gleefully embraced a glorious 4th of July, I went to my veggie patch to survey the wreckage.

And wreckage it was. All the seeds for pole beans, parsnips, summer & winter squash, peanuts, and cucumbers had rotted. The sweet pepper and eggplants were beyond salvation. The cole crops I expected to be thriving, had been engulfed by odd 2-plus-foot tall weeds no one can identify and under that robust canopy, the cabbage, and cauliflower were being munched to the ground by enormous brown slugs. Really enormous. Scarily enormous.

There are a few bright spots: broccoli, tomatoes, sun berries, kale, chard, ground cherries, tomatillos and onions are all doing okay. The beets and carrots are up. Most surprising, the heat-loving sweet potatoes I surely thought would be goners are happily truckin' along under their blankets of black plastic. Go figure.

But maybe these setbacks are not such a bad thing. There is still plenty of time to plant a successful fall/winter garden. So if, like me, you are starting over – fully or partially – here's what to plant when:

Sow in July:

Beets, broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, kale, parsnips, swiss chard.

Sow in August:

Arugula, cabbage, endive, lettuces, mustard, onions, spinach, turnips.

Sow in September:

Fava beans, carrots, peas, radishes, GARLIC!

The bigger nurseries like Sky and Swansons still have a good selection of seeds, but to avoid missing out on favorite varieties check out some of these great seed houses:

Territorial Seed Company

541-942-9547 / www.territorialseed.com

Varieties specifically suited to the Pacific Northwest

Pinetree Garden Seeds

207-926-3400

www.superseeds.com

Nichols Garden Nursery

800-422-3985

www.nicholsgardennursery.com



The Social Calendar

SUNDAYS **Everett Farmer's Market** **1728 W. Marine View Drive** **11am-4pm**

<http://everettfarmersmarket.net>
 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.
until October 7th RAIN OR SHINE

UNTIL 8/26 **The Forest Park Animal Farm** **802 E. Mukilteo Blvd** **10am-4pm**

Meet the animals who help make agriculture one of Snohomish County's leading industries. Laugh at the baby goats' antics and visit all their barnyard friends: sheep, ducks, hens, rabbits, calves and pigs. Donations are greatly appreciated to help pay for food and barnyard maintenance.

UNTIL 9/3 **Jetty Island Days** **10th and W. Marine View Dr.** **M-Th 10-5:50 Fri/Sat.10-8:50p Sun 10-6:50**

<http://www.ci.everett.wa.us/default.aspx?ID=2055>
 Take a free ferry and enjoy the day. Wriggle your toes in the warm sand, play in the water and explore the nature trails of Everett's two-mile long scenic gem.

July 21 **Everett Art Walk** **see website for participating venues** **4pm-7pm**

<http://everettartwalk.org>
 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.

UNTIL 8/25 **Music at the Marina Waterfront Concerts** **700 West Marine View Drive**
Thurs. and Sat.6:30-8:30p Sundays 2-4pm

<http://www.ci.everett.wa.us/default.aspx?ID=1124>
 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.

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