



PORT GARDNER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

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September Agenda

Monday, Sept. 10, 7:00pm

Jackson Elementary School
Cafeteria
3700 Federal Avenue

- 7:00 Welcome
- 7:05 Police Report
- Sgt. Bruce Bosman
- 7:20 Announcements
- 7:30 Government Affairs
- Victor Harris
- 7:35 Mayor Ray Stephanson**
- 8:15 Social Time!

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THE PGNA NEWSLETTER - ONLINE OR BY EMAIL

Important news regarding our Neighborhood Newsletter

You can save the City some money and get a more colorful newsletter by subscribing to the email edition of the PGNA News. Of the 540 households in our neighborhood who receive the newsletter, 33% now get it by e-mail. That saves the city about \$80 a month in postage. Multiply that by the twenty city neighborhoods, and twelve months, and well, you do the math!

Because of revenue shortfalls, the Office of Neighborhoods is discussing the possibility of reducing the number and frequency of printed and mailed neighborhood newsletters. Postcards will be sent on non-newsletter months to update you on meeting dates and speakers.

So – if you received this issue of the PGNA newsletter by Postal Service, and would like to switch to the e-mail edition, please send an email to Bob at bjacksonjmurphy@aol.com or sign up on the Port Gardner website at www.portgardner.net. If you do not have a computer or internet access, please contact one of the PGNA Board members and let us know.

PORT GARDNER NEIGHBORHOOD

National Night Out

The Port Gardner Neighborhood celebrated August 7, with a show of community spirit as neighbors gathered for National Night Out. At Kiwanis Park, dozens of new and long time residents socialized and shared snacks and refreshments as children played with balloon animals and decorated sidewalks with colorful chalk. Over at Rucker Hill Park, the Bouncy House was again a big hit, and kids played tug of war and had a water balloon toss, while neighbors new and old visited and got to know each other. And at the Preserve, people came out to see old friends and greet new ones. Police and fire officials, and Mayor Stephanson were on hand to answer questions, and offer tips on how to build community, fight crime and promote safety.

Special thanks to: the Mayor, the City of Everett Police and Fire departments, Wendy McClure - Office of Neighborhoods, and the Parks Department. At Kiwanis Park thanks to: Bill Vincent, John, and John and Orpha Groves. At Rucker Hill Park: thanks to Yvonne Ricker, Bob Jackson and Jean Murphy as well as everyone who brought food, organized games, set and cleaned up!



ASK THE MAYOR

PGNA September Meeting

Monday, September 10 7:00pm

Jackson Elementary School Cafeteria
3700 Federal Avenue

Find out the latest City of Everett News when Mayor Ray Stephanson joins us for our first meeting after the summer break.

City projects, the future of Kimberly Clark, Parks, Development, Transit info – here is your chance to hear the latest news, direct from the source! Be sure to mark your calendars and bring some questions!



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND INFORMATION

Agendas for City Council, Planning Commission, School Board and Port of Everett meetings are usually not available in time for our Newsletter. Check the websites a few days ahead to confirm.

PORT OF EVERETT Public Information Meeting New Marina District Master Plan
September 6 5:30-7:00pm Port of Everett Administration Building 1205 Craftsman Way The Blue Heron Room

The Port of Everett, in conjunction with its consultant team, has collected extensive public feedback regarding the development of its marina district, and will report back to the public on the Marina District Master Plan Development Plan. Here is the link to the notice on the Port's website: <http://www.portofeverett.com/home/index.asp?page=10&recordid=854>

CITY OF EVERETT PLANNING COMMISSION Public Hearing Kimberly Clark Central Waterfront Plan
September 18 6:30pm Everett Transit Station 3201 Smith Avenue The Weyerhaeuser Room

On August 21, the City of Everett Planning Commission presented its proposal addressing four alternative land use concepts for the Central Waterfront Planning Area/Kimberly Clark. The four alternatives include:

- 1.) No change to existing regulations,
- 2.) Water-Dependent and Heavy Industrial, ex: fish processing plant, cargo handling, ship building,
- 3.) Business Park and Public Access,
- 4.) Water-Dependent and Non-Water Dependent Industrial Mixed-Use.

The Planning Commission is going to select its "preferred alternative" to present to the City Council in the near future.

There will be an opportunity for public comment before and at the Planning Commission Meeting on September 18.

If you'd like more information, here is the link to the City of Everett Planning Commission's website:

<http://www.everettwa.org/default.aspx?ID=2048>

and a link to the Draft:

http://www.everettwa.org/Get_PDF.aspx?pdfID=6296

It takes a few minutes to download but it's worth reading.

If you would like to be added to the Planning Department's mailing list, please contact them at 425-257-8731 or e-mail the office at planning@ci.everett.wa.us.



PORT GARDNER PROJECTS AND EVENTS

Forgotten Creek *Truly a Community Project*

It has been over ten years now since the Port Gardner Neighborhood decided to take on the Forgotten Creek Project. The ravine was an eyesore. In those days, a person looking down from Kromer Ave. saw every form of urban garbage imaginable - furniture, appliances, tires and car parts, abandoned toys, clothing, yard waste, dead animals, cans, bottles, and *hundreds* of golf balls. You name it - we found it - even a steel and porcelain bathtub! And, over everything, there was English Ivy. It covered the ground and prevented other plants from germinating. It grew into the tops of the native Red Alders and Bigleaf Maples (conifers had long since stopped growing at Forgotten Creek), rotting their trunks and pulling them down with enormous weight.

The PGNA took a stand. We secured the cooperation of the Everett Public Works Department, who owns the property. Marian Krell, (who was then in charge of the Office of Neighborhoods) arranged to have a dumpster available. On March 16, 2002, nine volunteers from the neighborhood, Roger Darling, Theresa Goffredo, Jim Pauley, Christina Robertson, Bob Jackson, Jean Murphy, Dick Shilingford, Walter Seldon, and Alexis Kuo made their way into the ravine, (there was no trail) and loaded the dumpster with 1.87 tons of junk. The Forgotten Creek Project was underway.

Since then, literally hundreds of different volunteers have contributed thousands of hours of their time to make the Forgotten Creek Natural Area what it is today. We raised over \$60,000 from generous groups such as Starbucks, Tulalip Tribes, Henry M. Jackson Foundation, Martha Kongsgaard, City of Everett, Laborers International Union, and dozens of Port Gardner residents.

The Port Gardner community set three goals for the Forgotten Creek project:

- 1) Replace weeds and trash with native trees and shrubs.
- 2) Create a pedestrian trail through the site.
- 3) Promote community stewardship of the watershed.

Today those goals are largely realized. The pedestrian trail was opened five years ago. The community who uses the trail takes care of it. You and your neighbors have done a terrific job of picking up trash that is discarded and notifying police if anything more serious is seen in the watershed. The conifer forest is being renewed every year through volunteer work parties aimed at removing ivy and planting thousands of native trees and shrubs. Most recently Jean, Glenn, Deroy, George, Jen, Barbara, Bob, Sheryl, and seven kids from Snohomish County loaded a dumpster with the trash and weeds collected over the last two years.

Thank you Port Gardner community!



MORE PORT GARDNER PROJECTS AND EVENTS

Charles Street Community Garden WORK PARTY

Saturday, September 15
9-10am

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

DOYLE PARK WORK PARTY

September 22 9am-noon
at the corner of Grand and 35th Street

The park is finally dry enough for us to work on cleaning up the Northwest corner. The Parks Department is graciously providing gloves, tools and everything we need to get the job done!

Contact Jean Hewat at meanjeancreative@frontier.com or 425-259-5212

Port Gardner Bridge Group Seeks More Players

Every other Thursday evening about a dozen neighbors get together and have a wonderful time playing bridge. If you have ever played, and would like to join us, please contact Jean Murphy at 425 303-0127. All skill levels are welcome. This is a group who helps each other improve their game and has fun doing it.



THE NEIGHBORHOOD DIRT

by Christina Robertson

I'm never complaining again.

Well, that's not true; who am I kidding? I'm becoming a champion complainer, bending folks' ears about all that is deteriorating in our neighborhood and city. And lately that list is long, my friends.

But while a gloomy, or worse – rainy – summer day would normally set me to grumbling about crappy northwest weather and no ripe tomatoes, after observing the human suffering and crop destruction caused by the widespread drought affecting over half the country, I'm starting to be grateful for every drop of precipitation. While not quite at the level of a "Doomsday Prepper," I do have a healthy survivalist streak as evidenced by my ever-growing basement tower of bottled water, toilet paper, garden seeds and ridiculous amounts of cat litter. (Which I recommend everyone has, by the way, cat owners or not. In 2011 when I had complete plumbing blockage for 10 days when the city failed to clear our alley sewer line, that cat litter came in mighty handy. *Mighty handy....*)

For anyone who wants to have a backup plan for garden survival when we are challenged by future droughts of our own (hello, climate change), earthquake destruction, bottling company diversion of our resources, or simply knowing you aren't watering your organic veggies with tap water tainted by fertilizer industry "fluoride," the solution is easy: **rain barrels**.

Rain barrels simply collect the water runoff from your roof gutters. Easy to find and very affordable, garden centers and catalogs feature barrels for any budget, ready to install and sporting a handy spigot at the base where you can connect a hose, or decant into a watering can or bucket. Even more economical is making your own. The materials are readily available at the hardware store: a spigot, some piping, and a few straight and elbow aluminum gutter attachments to line up your downspout with the barrel. For the barrel, use a large trashcan, or recycle a 55-gallon drum, available at, bottling or distribution plants, (I used a surplus pickle barrel), on the Internet, or at local retailers or agencies.

Make sure the lid lets water in but keeps debris and mosquitoes out by cutting a hole and covering it with an old screen, colander, or other filter. The lid should be able to be opened for cleaning or sealed to keep kids from falling in. You can use a watering can to dip water out of the barrel or install a gravity-fed spigot that will enable you to attach a hose. Finally, an overflow pipe or hose will let any excess water escape—just make sure it faces well away from your home's foundation. You'll also need to shorten and most likely redirect the downspout using the attachments you bought. Place your barrel on a stable base, slightly elevated so you have room to work the spigot and wait for the rainy season.



For lots of detailed info:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/stewardship/nw-yard-and-garden/rain-barrels.aspx>

THE PORT GARDNER NEIGHBORHOOD IS MOVING !!!!

well..... maybe a sign

We need your opinion! To increase the visibility of the PGNA in the Longfellow neighborhood, and reach out to new neighbors, we are considering moving a PGNA sign that is hidden behind the trees on Mukilteo Blvd. Some possible suggestions have been, on 37th and Broadway or somewhere on 41st Street. We'd like to get your feedback, whether this sign should be moved, and if so, where. If you'd like to weigh in, please email a board member with your thoughts. We will discuss different locations at the September 10 meeting. See you there!!



The Social Calendar

ONGOING EVENTS

SUNDAYS **Everett Farmer's Market** 1728 W. Marine View Drive 11am-4pm
 The freshest farm products in Snohomish County, fresh flowers, delicious baked goods and unique works by local artisans. until October 7th RAIN OR SHINE <http://everettfarmersmarket.net>

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sept.13-Nov. 1 **CERT Training - Community Emergency Response Team Training –**
Fall class registration is open

This 8 week, free, informative class is taught by local experts and it's all about getting yourself and your family prepared for disasters. You can also learn about how Everett resources will be used in a disaster and how you can become one of those resources!

Your chance to learn about personal and community preparedness is a limited seating opportunity, so apply now and secure your spot. Questions? Call Mary Schoenfeldt 425 257-7965 at Everett Emergency Management, or email her at everetteoc@ci.everett.wa.us.

September 13 **"And Then There Were None" Movie Night at the Everett Theater** **2911 Colby Ave.** **7:30pm**

Based on a novel and subsequent stage play by Agatha Christie; ten people are invited to an isolated island, only to be killed one-by-one. Could one of them be the killer? All tickets are \$5.00 and may be purchased through the box office - in person - or by telephone (425) 258-6766. <http://www.everetttheatre.org>

Sept. 27 – 29 **Schack-tober Fest** **2921 Hoyt Avenue** **Check website for details**

Enjoy this harvest themed weekend at the Schack Art Center. Festivities include a glass pumpkin patch, glass pumpkin blowing demonstrations, pumpkin carving demonstrations, and "Make It Now" pumpkin classes in the hot shop (see website for class details). <http://www.schack.org>

ALL SEPTEMBER **Everett Library** **2702 Hoyt Avenue**

All this month the Everett Library is presenting films, speakers on "Writing for Dollars", "Washington's Seacoast Forts", "Ice-Age Floods" and "WPA Projects in Washington State," book discussions, folk concerts and more. Check out the website at <http://www.epls.org/calendar/adults.asp>

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