



PORT GARDNER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

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October Agenda

Monday, Oct. 8, 7:00pm

Jackson Elementary Cafe
3700 Federal Avenue

- 7:00 Welcome
- 7:05 Police Report
- Sgt. Bruce Bosman
- 7:20 Announcements
- 7:30 Government Affairs
- Victor Harris
- 7:35 Transition Port Gardner
Everett Office of Emergency
Management
- 8:15 Social Time!

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OCTOBER 2012

GET CONNECTED...BE PREPARED.

PGNA October Meeting Monday, October 8 7:00pm
Jackson Elementary School Cafeteria
3700 Federal Avenue

Join us for a presentation by Transition Port Gardner about the Transition Movement, a global network of hundreds of communities in 34 countries. Transition's goal is to inspire, connect, support and build resilient communities that are able to withstand energy, climate or economic shocks while creating a better quality of life in the process.

And Everett's Office of Emergency Management is going to share information on how we can prepare our neighborhood to cope with disasters. Learn the three most important things you can do to survive a catastrophe and start planning!!!

THE WARREN STREET OVERLOOK – A PORT GARDNER NEIGHBORHOOD SUCCESS STORY!!

Four years ago, Port Gardner neighbors realized they have an undeveloped gem, the Warren Street Overlook. This little outcropping offers amazing views of the Olympic Mountains and Puget Sound, but was being used more like a parking area, than a place to enjoy. So, a PGNA project was born! PGNA member Anne Busted went door-to-door gathering support and funds from the neighborhood. Eventually, enough money was raised, in addition with a mini-grant from the City, to purchase two benches. Back in the fall of last year, a group of neighborhood children worked with Bob Jackson and Anne, planted native roses at the Outlook as start of the installation process. Concrete pads were placed this summer by the city, and now that the benches are installed, the project is complete! Big thanks to the City of Everett, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and special thanks to Dan



at EP&R, for all his time and patience on this project. And of course, kudos to everyone who donated money time and energy to making this neighborhood project a success. Be sure to stop by and take in the stunning views!!

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTERS

Due to budget reductions, starting January 2013, the Office of Neighborhoods is reducing the number of printed and mailed neighborhood newsletters to 4 per year. Postcards will be sent on non-newsletter months to update you on meeting dates and speakers. The complete newsletter will still be published and available online and via email.

If you received this issue of the PGNA newsletter by mail, and would like to switch to the e-mail edition, please contact to Bob Jackson 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 call one of the PGNA Board members, or send a note to our Post Office box. Contact information is on the back page. We will add you to our list, and come up with an alternative way to make sure the Newsletter will still be available to you!

CHECK OUT THE GREAT WASHINGTON SHAKEOUT ON PAGE 4 OF THE NEWSLETTER!

IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND INFORMATION

EVERETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 10 6:30 pm Everett City Hall

Kimberly Clark Central Waterfront Clean-Up

3002 Wetmore Ave. City Council Chambers

Representatives of Kimberly Clark and the Washington State Department of Ecology will present information about the Kimberly Clark clean-up process, and the upcoming opportunities for the public to comment on the cleanup plan. This presentation was requested by the Everett City Council.

EVERETT TRANSIT

Public Meetings

Proposed Fare Increase

October 11 5-6:30pm Everett Transit Station 3201 Smith Avenue
 October 24 5-6:30pm Evergreen Branch Library 9512 Evergreen Way

Dan Snow Room

Everett Transit will hold public hearings about a proposed fare increase of 25 cents for Everett Transit fixed-route services that would begin January 2013. City Council is expected to make a decision on the proposal in late October or early November. For more information on the proposal, contact Everett Transit at 425-257-7777 or www.everetttransit.org.

CITY OF EVERETT PLANNING COMMISSION

October 23 6:30pm Everett Transit Station

Kimberly Clark Central Waterfront Plan

3201 Smith Avenue The Weyerhaeuser Room

On September 19, the City of Everett Planning Commission presented its proposal, addressing four land use concepts for the Central Waterfront Planning Area/Kimberly Clark. The four alternatives include:

- 1.) No change to existing regulations, Heavy Industrial
- 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 in writing, and at the Planning Commission Meeting on October 23.

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 a spreadsheet comparing each alternative:

http://www.everettwa.org/Get_PDF.aspx?pdfID=6306

They take a few minutes to download but they are 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

EDITOR'S NOTE:

You can contact the Planning Department by email or in writing to express your support or concerns about the Kimberly Clark Planning Alternatives.

You can email comments to: cwpa@ci.everett.wa.us

Or mail or phone in comments to:

Planning Department
 2930 Wetmore Avenue, Suite 8A
 Everett, WA 98201
 T: 425-257-8731
 F: 425-257-8742

HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT KIMBERLY CLARK DEMOLITION NOISE OR POLLUTION?

Call the On-Site Security Office: 425-754-2161 available 24/7
 Or email K-C representative Bryan Lust at bryan.e.lust@kcc.com

THE FUTURE OF THE NORTON BALL FIELD AND DOYLE PARK

UPDATE:

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 Everett School District has no public plans at present to sell either, the possibility this could happen is a real one.

The ESD Facilities Department will be presenting their recommendations about the future of all school district properties, including Norton and Doyle at their meeting on Tuesday, November 27 at 4:30 pm at the Educational Service Center Board Room, 4730 Colby Avenue.

If you have an opinion regarding these properties, please email School Board members, email addresses are available at: <http://www.everett.k12.wa.us/everett/School%20Board> Superintendent Gary Cohn at: Superintendent@everettsd.org

If you would like to get involved, please email Yvonne Ricker at yricke@msn.com or Jean Hewat at meanjeancreative@frontier.com

PGNA September Meeting Update

Our fall meeting was off to a rousing start with good news from Everett Police Sgt. Bosman. Police stats reflect that most crimes are down, but this success depends on neighbors looking out for one another. Please call 911 to report suspicious activity.

Mayor Stephanson visited and spoke about following topics:

Economic health of the City: Everett has been able to weather the recession without layoffs and significant service cuts.

WSU has started engineering classes at Everett Community College: There is a strategic plan in place to create a "University Center," to bring a combination of public and private colleges to Everett.

Kimberly Clark: Demolition has started, removing asbestos, and structures are coming down. Some possible uses being considered are shipbuilding and repair. The City is working with the Snohomish Economic Alliance.

Coal Trains: the City plans to participate in the upcoming EIS process. Date to be determined.

Broadway Bridge: Replacement of the bridge starts 1st quarter of the year. Traffic will be detoured around site. The new development for the Farmer's Market on Wall and Grand has broken ground.

ADOPT-A-STREET CLEAN-UP

SATURDAY, OCT. 13 AT 10AM

BOND ST. AND HEWITT AVE. NEAR THE ANCHOR PUB

If you have a free hour on Oct. 13, we would love to have your help picking up litter on the boundary of our neighborhood. We join with folks from the Bayside neighborhood and walk a few sidewalks along Hewitt Ave. and W. Marine View Dr. It's pretty easy. The equipment is supplied. Meet at 10 AM on Bond St. and Hewitt Ave. near the Anchor Pub. We look forward to seeing you there. Questions to Bob Jackson at 425 303-0127 or bjacksonjmurphy@aol.com.

DOYLE PARK WORK PARTY

A little rain didn't stop a dedicated group of neighborhood volunteers in Doyle Park on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Along with Mason from the Parks and Recreation Department, they removed small trees, cut back branches, and cleaned off a chain link fence in the northwest corner of the Park, making it safer for everyone. Special thanks to the Everett Parks and Recreation Department, a hard-working Mason Hopkins and all who donated their time for making this PGNA project a success!



THE NEIGHBORHOOD DIRT

by Christina Robertson

I always start out great.

You've never seen anyone more bursting with misplaced enthusiasm than me, at the onset of a new project or hobby. Once inspired, I'm off and running, usually to the store to load up on "necessary" equipment before I find out if I'm any good at or even enjoy the activity.

Take stained glass. With visions of Tiffany in my head, I was halfway through my third box of Band-Aids before I realized that a.) the amount of patience and precision required to cut those teeny, tiny shards made me want to scream, and b.) I was always cut and bleeding.

Then came the full-size ceramic kiln. After having a special electrical outlet installed and acquiring glazes, risers and extra shelves, it has yet to see one measly mump of clay enter its cavernous depths. The artist's equivalent of an unused treadmill, its mocking presence has since been diminished since being heaped with random holiday decorations, a lamp that needs rewiring and a bag of weed whacker string.

We won't even talk about the specially thermostated mini-fridge and cheese press combo, the hand-cranked grain mill, or the brand new smoker still in its box that has yet to cough up a single piece of jerky.

But there is one activity that has captured my attention for the long haul: **backyard beekeeping**.

Although three years in and still very much a novice, I find my herd of tiny livestock endlessly fascinating and an immeasurable boon for garden pollination. Their happy presence is everywhere in the garden, busily nosing in the blossoms, getting sips of water at the

birdbath and sometimes sleeping overnight on the dahlia blooms, waiting until their wings warm up so they can fly back home.

Good beekeepers "work" their bees all spring and summer; feeding them in spring, inspecting frames, intercepting swarm activity, adding honey supers and generally monitoring all aspects of the hive on a weekly basis. Even though I am woefully negligent in opening up the hive for inspection, the bees know what to do all on their own and last summer they generously provided almost 30 pounds of honey.

The last decade has been hard on bees the world over, with environmental hazards causing dramatic declines in bee populations. Folks don't realize just how important bees are to our food supply, with some crops completely dependent on bee pollination: cherries, peaches, plums, apples, nectarines and almonds to name just a few.

Fortunately the recent increase in backyard beekeeping has started to reverse the decline, and you have an opportunity to become an apprentice beekeeper yourself. The Northwest District Beekeepers Association is hosting a Beginner Beekeeping Class, Saturday, October 13. Cost is \$60 and includes the study guide. Lunch and snacks will also be provided. Class will be held at 1305 Pine Avenue in Snohomish, from 8:30 am to 4:30 p.m. Space is limited. To pay online visit Colonial Honey Farm's blog at:

<http://colonialhoneyfarm.webs.com/beekeepinglessons.html>

For additional information about local beekeeping, visit Northwest District Beekeepers Association website at www.nwdba.org

ONGOING EVENTS

October 7 *Last Day!! 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>

ALL OCTOBER EVERETT LIBRARY 2702 Hoyt Avenue
 All this month the Everett Library is presenting films, speakers on "Seattle to Everett Interurban Railway" "Geneological Research" and others, " book discussions, concerts and more. Check out the website at <http://www.epls.org/calendar/adults.asp>

SPECIAL EVENTS

October 11 MONTE CRISTO AWARDS The Everett Performing Arts Center 2710 Wetmore Ave. 6:30pm
 The Monte Cristo Awards recognize neighbors who help make Everett special by taking pride in their property. The Council of Neighborhoods chooses winners from properties that have been nominated by the community. Reception at 6:30, Awards ceremony at 7:15pm. The evening includes refreshments and music. For more information, contact Wendy McClure, Office of Neighborhoods, at 425-257-8717 or wmclure@ci.everett.wa.us.

October 18 THE GREAT WASHINGTON SHAKEOUT!!
 Join the Everett Office of Emergency Management in practicing earthquake safety by participating in the **Great Washington Shakeout** to be held October 18, 2012 at 10:18 am.
At 10:18 a.m. on October 18, 2012, thousands of Washingtonians will participate in the largest earthquake drill ever! Why? Major earthquakes can and will happen anywhere you work, live, or travel in Washington. But when only seconds count, you want to take quake-safe actions. To learn more, visit <http://www.shakeout.org/washington>.

October 14 MUSHROOM SHOW Floral Hall at Forest Park 802 E. Mukilteo Blvd 10am-5pm
 This annual event celebrating the mushroom, is sponsored by the [Snohomish County Mycological Society](http://www.snohomishcountymycologicalsociety.org) in cooperation with Everett Parks & Recreation. Mushrooms are collected in season and placed on display. The public is welcome to bring their own discoveries, for possible identification by an expert.

October 23 "HOUSE ON HAUNTED HILL" 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>

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OCTOBER 12 at 7pm
Everett Performing Arts Center
 2710 Wetmore Ave., Everett

The Friends of the Everett Public Library invite you to attend the third annual *Spelldown: A Spelling Bee for Grown-Ups*. Help raise funds to provide library materials and services for kids and their families. Come and cheer on two-time team winner and PGNA resident Kinuko Noborikawa !!!!
<http://www.epls.org/spelldown>

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