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PORT GARDNER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

November Agenda Monday, Nov. 12, 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 Kathleen Dale
Volunteers of America
- 8:15 Social Time!

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 2012

CONNECT – SHARE – VOLUNTEER

To be doing good deeds is man's most glorious task - Sophocles

As the holiday season draws near, people come together in the spirit of giving. And what better place to start, than in our own Port Gardner Neighborhood.

Kathleen Dale from Volunteers of America will be joining us for our November meeting. She has news about a local VOA program that sponsors neighborhood families in need. Hear about how we can support this, and other programs VOA has to assist Everett residents. This is your opportunity to find out what you can do, and where you can volunteer to help this holiday season.

In the next few weeks, the PGNA website will start listing local volunteer and giving opportunities in Everett. Check out www.portgardner.net

CHANGE THE WORLD... *well, maybe a little piece of it*

We've all heard the phrase, "think globally, act locally." Well Port Gardner residents, here is your chance! For over 10 years, the City of Everett has sponsored Neighborhood Mini-Grants, a program that offers City matching funds to 19 neighborhood associations to support local projects that benefit the community, enhance neighborhoods, or foster better neighbor connections.

Residents volunteer their time, valued at \$20 per hour, and the City matches that contribution, dollar for dollar. Each neighborhood association can receive up to \$2,000 per year.

Do you have an idea for a project that will make a positive change in our neighborhood? Then you can apply for City grant money through the PGNA Board.

Many community improvements have been made in our neighborhood through grant-funded volunteer action including:

- Forgotten Creek Natural Area
- National Night Out events
- Doyle Park clean up
- Warren Street Overlook benches
- National Night Out events in Rucker Hill Park and Kiwanis Park
- Charles Street P-Patch
- 41st Street Flag Project
- Depot Park
- Charles Street P-Patch

You can make a difference here in Everett.

If you have an idea about how to improve the livability of our neighborhood, and you'd like to organize the project along with a group of volunteers, contact PGNA Treasurer Yvonne Ricker at yricker@msn.com for a mini-grant proposal form.

Copies will also be available at the November 12 PGNA meeting, and on our website at www.portgardner.net

Deadline to submit project proposals to the PGNA Board is December 10, 2012.

You can mail your proposals to: Yvonne Ricker
715 33rd Street, Everett, WA 98201, or bring them to the December PGNA meeting.

The PGNA Executive Board will review proposals and submit an application to the City of Everett. Selected 2013 Mini-Grant projects will be announced at the January 14 PGNA meeting, and City approval will be announced at our February meeting.

*Remember, you can change the world.
Start here, in Port Gardner!*

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTERS

Starting January 2013, the Office of Neighborhoods is reducing the number of printed 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 available online and via email.

If you receive the PGNA newsletter by mail, and would like to have it emailed to you, 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!



IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND INFORMATION

EVERETT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

November 27 4:30 pm Educational Service Center

The Future of School District Properties

4730 Colby Avenue. Board Room

The ESD Facilities Department will be presenting their recommendations about the future of all school district properties, including the Norton Ball field and Doyle Park.

Agendas for Everett City Council, 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.

Everett City Council 425-257-8703

www.ci.everett.wa.us/default.aspx?ID=10

Meetings are held every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm, except for the fourth Wednesday of each month, where the meeting begins at 12:30pm. City Council Chambers 3002 Wetmore Ave.

Everett School Board 425-385-4016

<http://www.boarddocs.com/wa/waesd/Board.nsf/Public>

Meetings are held Tuesday afternoons at 4:30 pm. Notices about special board meetings are published 24 hours in advance of a special meeting on [BoardDocs](#). Educational Service Center Board Room 4730 Colby Avenue

Port of Everett (425) 259-3164

<http://www.portofeverett.com/home/index.asp?page=193>

Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings at 5:00pm. Waterfront Center, Blue Heron Room 1205 Craftsman Way

TAKE A STAND ON THE FUTURE OF THE NORTON BALL FIELD AND DOYLE PARK

Sign our petition to the Everett School Board

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

Please visit www.portgardner.net, and follow the links to the petition. Or, contact Yvonne Ricker, or Jean Hewat.

The PGNA Board would like to present the School Board with a petition at that meeting, stating that our neighborhood want these properties to remain as open space. You will be able to sign it online.

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> and Superintendent Gary Cohn's at: Superintendent@everettsd.org



A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST OF GOOD NEWS!



On top of all of this hard work, member's boxes are bursting with wonderful healthy food that's in the process of being harvested. And the growing season doesn't end with the cold weather. Many are planning on planting winter crops.

Coming in 2013, the P-Patch is branching out and going vertical! Members will be applying for neighborhood grant monies to add hanging baskets alongside each box next summer.

So when you have some time, stop by and see what's "growing" on at Federal and Charles... The Charles Street P-Patch!

And from everyone at the P-Patch - have a wonderful winter - see you next spring!

Interested in becoming a member? There is a short waiting list, and in January there will be an open registration for new members. If you'd like to become part of this fun and vibrant community please contact Laura Breen-Young by phone (425) 268-5281 or email charlesp.patch@gmail.com.

On Federal Avenue, at the top of Charles Street, a little slice of heaven grows: The Charles Street P-Patch. This community and member funded garden, provides growing space to neighborhood green thumbs, and has been teeming with activity all summer long.

Successful projects in 2012 included: constructing a new pad for a green bin, building new stairs along the strawberry patch, as well as mulching the gardens with three loads of woodchips.

FORGOTTEN CREEK FALL PLANTING

Saturday, November 10, 10am to Noon

This year we will plant trees and shrubs on the hillside below Kromer Avenue, that was cleared of ivy last spring. We'd love to have your help. If you can make it, meet by the bench at the Forgotten Creek entrance on Kromer Avenue, across from the hospital. Be sure to dress for the weather. Refreshments and tools will be provided. Call Bob Jackson at 425 303-0127 if you have any questions.

COMING IN DECEMBER !!

Celebrate the season with your neighbors on December 10 at the PGNA Holiday Meeting and Dessert Buffet. Enjoy talent from local schools and bring a dessert to share with your neighbors.

DETAILS IN DECEMBER'S NEWSLETTER!!



THE NEIGHBORHOOD DIRT

by Christina Robertson

It should be any day now. I can hardly wait.

Used to be, after the flurry of holiday activities ended and the bright, cheerful lights packed away, the arrival of the first seed catalog was a winter highlight. Now they compete to be the first to arrive in time for holiday gift giving. The names of new and unusual varieties often bring a smile: 'Purple Haze' carrots! Pink bananas! **Nipplefruit!**

More than just amusing, just reading the exotic names of the varieties can whisk your imagination away. Looking forward to Christmas? How about some 'Rudolph', 'Snowball', 'Pink Icicle' and 'North Pole'?

Want to indulge your feminine side? Well, then 'Lipstick', 'Mascara', 'Merlot', 'Sweet Chocolate', 'Diamond' and 'Romance' ought to help.

'Graffiti' ... 'Stick-up' ... 'Needles'?
Hmmm...north Broadway perhaps? Never mind.

There are tons of companies to choose from, many over 100 years old, Burpee and Stokes from the late 1800's, while D. Landreth Seed Company has been around since 1794, making it the oldest seed house in America.

I tend to focus on seed companies that offer varieties suited to our unique long day/short season maritime climate. Uprising Seeds is out of Bellingham, WA. Territorial Seed Co. and Nichols Garden Seeds are based in Oregon. Pinetree is from Maine, so they have a similar climate, plus the added advantage of offering slightly smaller, less expensive packets more suited to small home gardens.

And then there's Baker Creek. One glance at the artfully photographed full color pages, it's clear why it's been dubbed "porn for gardeners." This year's centerfold was 14 pages of squash close-ups. Positively droolworthy.

Oh what fun it is to...sit back and dream of another season. And look forward to growing a new lettuce variety I just discovered:

'Drunken Woman Frizzy Headed.'

Gotta love it.

For list of my favorite seed sources, visit our website at www.portgardner.net

CONGRATULATIONS to our Port Gardner Neighborhood Monte Cristo Award Winners!

Homeowners who take exceptional care of their properties and those who have remodeled and rejuvenated their homes were honored at the 2012 Monte Cristo Awards on October 11. Of the more than 130 residences and businesses that were nominated by friends and neighbors, 54 were selected by a committee of Everett homeowners and Council of Neighborhoods members. Kudos to our Port Gardner Neighborhood winners:

Pride of the Neighborhood: Larry Smith and Julie Smart. **Friendly Business:** Everett Clinic/Gunderson Building.
Rejuvenation and Transformation: Melvin and Jean Rothrock.

THE SOCIAL CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 7 & 8 **Washington Garden Clubs Show** Holiday Inn 3105 Pine St. **11/7 6pm-9pm**
11/8 10am-4pm

Enjoy the lovely horticulture, designs, educational exhibits, and garden club members' contributions from around the state. Tickets are \$8 in advance at Stadium Flowers in Everett and in Lynnwood. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Kids under 12 admitted free. Call Bea Randall at 360-435-3892 for more information.

NOVEMBER 8 **Map Your Neighborhood Facilitator Training** **6:30pm-8:30pm**

The City of Everett is offering **Map Your Neighborhood Facilitator Training**. Please register by contacting Sarah Oishi soishi@ci.everett.wa phone – 425-257-7979

NOVEMBER 10 **Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens Lectures** 145 Alverson Blvd. **noon-1pm**

Holiday centerpieces from your back yard with Sandy Milam. Free, but limited space. Call 425-257-8597 for reservations. See www.evergreenarboretum.com

NOVEMBER 13 **Everett Parks & Recreation** VanValey House 2130 Colby Avenue **6pm-7:30pm**

Loving Your Small Home Tickets are \$25.00
 Register at 425-257-8300, ext. 2, or www.everettwa.org.

NOVEMBER 17 **Hometown Hootenanny** Historic Everett Theater 2911 Colby Avenue **7:30pm**

Put on your dancing shoes and get set for an evening of honky tonk favorites. The Hometown Band presents classics and modern takes on the honky-tonk genre. 425-258-6766 <http://www.everetttheatre.org>

NOVEMBER 23, 24, 25 **It's A Wonderful Life** Historic Everett Theater 2911 Colby Avenue **11/23 7:00pm**

The Classic Holiday Movie!!

SPECIAL EVENT NOVEMBER 24 beginning at 5:30 p.m

There will be a **Dessert/Wine Meet & Greet with Ms. Karolyn Grimes, who played "Zuzu" in the film.**

Ms. Grimes will be signing autographs and memorabilia, sharing tidbits, and pointing out small "goofs".

Tickets for this event are \$20.00 425-258-6766 <http://www.everetttheatre.org>

ALL NOVEMBER **EVERETT LIBRARY** 2707 Hoyt Avenue

All this month the Everett Library is presenting book discussions, concerts and more. Check out the website at <http://www.epls.org/calendar/adults.asp>

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