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PORT GARDNER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

December Agenda

Monday, Dec. 10, 7:00pm

Jackson Elementary Cafe
3700 Federal Avenue

- 7:00 Welcome
- 7:05 Police Report
- Sgt. Bruce Bosman
- 7:15 Announcements
- 7:20 Government Affairs
- Victor Harris

7:25 HOLIDAY PARTY

Bring a treat to share

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DECEMBER 2012

KICK OFF THE HOLIDAYS ON A SWEET NOTE!

'Tis the season to celebrate!! So whether you've been *naughty* or nice, join your neighbors on Monday, December 10 at 7pm, at Jackson School as the Port Gardner Neighborhood Association celebrates the season with "The Monrovians!"

This local four-piece group is ready to make merry with holiday music and sing alongs -- and yes, they know polkas -- so wear your dancin' shoes!!

Bring something sweet to share with your neighbors - desserts or cookies - show off your culinary skills! There'll be lots of door prizes, and fun for the whole family!

HAVE A COOL YULE !!

FALL PLANTING AT FORGOTTEN CREEK

Saturday morning, November 10 dawned bright and cold, as a dedicated group of volunteers gathered on Kromer Avenue at the entrance to Forgotten Creek. On a steep slope that had been cleared of ivy this spring, these hard workers planted over 170 native trees and shrubs. Snowberry, ferns, cedar, and douglas fir were just a few of the plants that were carefully added to restore this treasured neighborhood gem to its natural beauty. It looks great -- and we all will be rewarded, each time we walk the trail.

Many thanks to: Deroy, George, Glenn, Lauren, Linden, Jean and Bob, for your tireless work!

NEIGHBORHOOD MINI-GRANTS DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 10

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.

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.

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
- Charles Street P-Patch
- 41st Street Flag Project
- Depot Park
- Charles Street P-Patch

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.

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

Email 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.



IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND INFORMATION

PORT OF EVERETT

December 4 5:00pm Waterfront Center 1205 Craftsman Way Blue Heron Room
The Port recently passed Resolutions regarding the Property Tax Levy and the 2013 Operating Budget. At press time, the agenda for the December 4 meeting was not available. Check <http://www.portofeverett.com/home/index.asp> for more info.

PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING

Amendment to Critical Areas Regulations

December 4 6:30pm Wall Street Building 2930 Wetmore Avenue, Everett 8th Floor Hearing Room
The proposed amendment would allow removal of a limited number of non-hazardous trees within non-shoreline critical area buffers. The current code only allows for the removal of hazardous trees in critical areas. The proposal can be accessed on-line at http://www.everettwa.org/Get_PDF.aspx?pdfID=6670. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Ingalsbe at the Planning Department 425-257-8941 or at singalsbe@ci.everett.wa.us.

EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC MEETING

The Future of School District Properties

December 12 6-7:30 pm Jackson High School Annex 1508 136th Street Southeast, Mill Creek
December 13 6-7:30pm Evergreen Middle School Commons 7621 Beverly Lane, Everett
The public is invited to learn about the district's property management plan, and to **provide input about all school owned properties and the possible sale of the Norton Ball Field and Doyle Park**. You can access the property management plan at: <http://docushare.everett.k12.wa.us/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection5061>

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Kimberly Clark/Central Waterfront Plan

December 19 6:30pm Everett City Hall 3002 Wetmore Avenue, Everett City Council Chambers
The intent of this public hearing is the adoption of the Central Waterfront Redevelopment Plan and the adoption of the Zoning Regulations for the Central Waterfront Planning Area. **The public is encouraged to attend the public hearing and provide comments.** http://www.everettwa.org/Get_PDF.aspx?pdfID=6668



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

On Tuesday, November 27th, the Everett School Board Facilities Department presented their recommendations for the future disposition of school-owned properties. Our neighborhood parks, the Norton Ball Field and Doyle Park are slated to be sold. The Everett School Board and Facilities Department have expressed a strong desire to exchange or sell the Parks to the City of Everett, but at present the City Department of Parks and Recreation does not have funds targeted to acquire either park.
Wednesday, December 12 at Jackson High School Annex and Thursday, December 13 at Evergreen Middle School Commons, the Everett School District is holding a community open house to have the neighborhood provide input on the future of these treasured local parks.
Concerned neighbors are urged to attend and speak out at either meeting. The PGNA Board will be presenting our petition stating that our neighborhood wants these properties

to remain as open space, along with a statement, at one of the meetings to be announced next week. You can sign the petition on-line at: <http://portgardner.net/parks-petition/> Or, contact Jean Hewat at meanjeancreative@frontier.com or Yvonne Ricker at yricker@msn.com.
We are hoping to partner with the Everett School Board, the Parks Department and the City of Everett to preserve these neighborhood parks, but we need your input and support to do so. If you'd like to volunteer to gather signatures on your block, please contact Jean Hewat at 425-259-5212 or at meanjeancreative@frontier.com.
More information about Property Use Planning can be accessed at:
<http://docushare.everett.k12.wa.us/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection-5061>

COMING IN 2013

The New PGNA Website...Increasing Density in Port Gardner...Problem Solving Workshop... more!



PGNA PROJECTS AND EVENTS

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPORT

Mayor Stephanson announced the passing of Dale Pope, a former City Council member.

The new Municipal Court building is scheduled to open in December of 2012. Paid for by Criminal Justice funds, it has almost twice the square footage of current Court building. The old facility is being removed and will be replaced with a new Probation office scheduled to open sometime in July 2013.

The City presented a draft EIS comment on coal trains for citizens to review. Citizens have until **January 7, 2013** to submit their thoughts about the City's comments. Alan Giffen was pleased by the breadth and depth of the comments so far. Almost every issue of concern has been addressed in some way. Comments to the city should be sent to: planning@ci.everett.wa.us Or mailed to: Dave Tyler, Planning Dept. 2930 Wetmore Avenue, 8A, Everett, WA 98201

There is a possibility that the vacant convalescent home, Virginia Manor at 3515 Hoyt Ave. may be sold and rehabilitated for market-value rentals. One concern is environmental mitigation for hazardous materials that need to be removed.

Councilman Jeff Moore thanked Gigi Burke for her service to the community, filling the vacancy left by Drew Nielsen's death. Council Member Scott Bader was sworn in Wednesday.

City utility rates have been set for the next four years. This four-year plan helps our bond rating, as revenues can be forecast.

Code Enforcement has hired two new employees and the department is now fully staffed.

The Monte Cristo Awards are in need of volunteers. The Council of Neighborhoods is committed to this event, which has duties all year long. Contact Wendy McClure at the Council of Neighborhoods to volunteer:

WMcClure@ci.everett.wa.us

Special note: Our neighborhood will be contacted shortly by a City Staffer regarding Comprehensive Planning issues that affect the PGNA.

That's all, folks. See you in January – Victor

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO OUR PORT GARDNER NEWSLETTER

Starting next month, the number of our printed and mailed neighborhood newsletters will be reduced to 4 per year. Postcards will be mailed on non-newsletter months to update you on meeting dates and speakers. But – don't despair! The complete newsletter will still be available every month online at www.portgardner.net and via email.

If you would like to have the PGNA Newsletter 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!



THE NEIGHBORHOOD DIRT

by Christina Robertson

“Tis the season...

Mailbox Bursting with Really Strange Catalogs Season.

While many are regulars, that accelerate their printing to frenzied frequency, others are rare birds I've never heard of, that only dare show their bizarre glossy pages at this time of year. How they end up in my mailbox is a mystery.

And some of the treasures they sport, my oh my. One actually featured a Made-in-China flimsy plastic number that enables the lucky recipient to place their filthy, disgusting baseball cap in it, and then place it in the dishwasher for a good scrubbing. **Fabulous.** Snugged right up against the plates and utensils you'll be eating from. Eeuw... There's not enough detergent in the world to make that OK.

And don't forget those harbingers of fashion: slankets, bumpits, pajama jeans (*oh, the horror*), and garish molded

plastic gardening shoes covered in holes. **Really?**

On the flip side, though are those that offer really, really cool things that leap off the pages and say, “You **MUST** consider overspending on this totally unnecessary item you didn't know existed 5 minutes ago, but now you can't live without.” The stack of those that made the cut for future perusal thickens as the dog-eared pages mount up, until the day months later when I heave them all in recycling, never having ordered a thing.

Because I can never justify buying something I believe I can make cheaper myself; I have pages and snippets all over the house of ideas I want to replicate. Many never come to pass, but some are really more fun and satisfactory to produce in your very own kitchen whenever you want then for a fraction of the catalog cost.

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THE NEIGHBORHOOD DIRT

Bundt Pan Birdseed Wreath

6 cups birdseed
1 cup raw peanuts
1 cup dried cranberries,
2 cups rendered suet, gently melted
2 Tbl dried cranberries

Place first four ingredients in bowl; mix well. Place 2 Tbl cranberries in the bottom of a bundt pan, then pack in the seed mixture. Place in fridge until hardened. (Can use mini-bundts for gift size).

Unmold, tie a strong ribbon through center and hang for the tweeters!

Edible Bird Glue

1/2 cup water
1 pkg. unflavored gelatin (1/4 oz.)
3 Tbsp. corn syrup
3/4 cup whole wheat flour

Heat up the water and then dissolve the gelatin in it. Then mix in the corn syrup and flour. Mix in bird seed, raisins, raw nuts, etc. then form into blocks or shapes that accommodate a string for hanging.

Pinecone Treat

Get a large sturdy pinecone. Secure a sturdy loop of wire to make a loop for hanging. Thickly coat the pinecone with peanut butter, then roll it in birdseed. Hang and watch the birds enjoy.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

STUFF A BUS!

The Amalgamated Transit Union Local 883 and Everett Transit have kicked off their annual "Stuff a Bus" campaign to collect toys and food for community members in need. The toys and food collected will be distributed by Volunteers of America. Port Gardner neighbors can drop off new, non-violent themed toys and donations at the following locations and days:

The Fred Meyer store at 12906 Bothell Everett Highway, 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on: Saturday Dec. 1, 8 or 15, or Sunday Dec. 9 or 16. The Carl Gipson Senior Center, 3025 Lombard Ave., and Everett Transit's Customer Service Center, Everett Station, 3201 Smith Ave. both in Everett, until December 14 during business hours. For information call 425-257-7777 or visit www.EverettTransit.org.

TOYS FOR TOTS

The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's "Toys for Tots" Program is to collect new toys, and distribute them as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community. You can drop off new, unwrapped toys at the warehouse located at 1502 Hewitt Avenue (corner of Hoyt and Hewitt), from 10 am to 4pm, Monday thru Saturday. For more information, contact Mary Butler: mebutler@comcast.net or 425-344-0359.

SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

The Salvation Army's food bank is running out of food after major contributors backed out this year. The food bank will be able to continue serving people without interruption for a little while, but it's running a deficit of 8,000 pounds of food a month. Residents can donate canned food at 2525 Rucker Ave., Everett. Contact Jason Detmer, Food Bank Manager 425-259-8129 jason.detmer@usw.salvationarmy.org

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA FOOD BANK

The VOA Food Bank feeds over 3,000 households each month in Everett. Donations are accepted M-F 8am-3:30pm at 1230 Broadway, Everett For Information call: 425-259-3191

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