



THE PORT GARDENER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

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March Agenda

Monday, March 11, 7:00pm

Jackson Elementary Cafeteria
3700 Federal Avenue

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

7:30 Eileen Simmons Everett Public Library

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BOOK IT TO THE LIBRARY !!

“I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library.”
— Jorge Luis Borges

Our March 11th meeting will feature PGNA neighbor Eileen Simmons, Director of the Everett Public Library. Eileen will take us on a “tour” of all the exciting events, upcoming films classes and lectures the Library has to offer for adults and kids and teens in the coming months.

And be sure to attend the Library’s March 8 event, “An Evening with Garth Stein.” The talented author of “The Art of Racing in the Rain,” will share insights and sign books at this free event at the Historic Everett Theater, 2911 Colby Avenue, March 8 at 7pm.

GET INVOLVED – VOLUNTEER FOR THE PGNA BOARD

Are you interested in making a difference in your community? Would you like to get to know your neighbors a little better? Well then, volunteer for a position on the PGNA Board.

For over two decades, the Port Gardner Neighborhood Association has fostered change and built community in Everett. Members have contributed thousands of hours to create and maintain: the Forgotten Creek Natural Area, Depot Park, The Warren Street Overlook, the 41st Street Crossing Flag Project, the Charles Street P-Patch and more... Here is your opportunity to be a part of it all!!

Positions available are:

Chairperson – Research and schedule speakers for PGNA meetings, run monthly meetings, liason with the head of Council of Neighborhoods, oversee

neighborhood projects.

Vice-Chairperson – Assist the Chairperson with meetings, help organize neighborhood projects.

Secretary – Takes minutes of monthly meetings and produces newsletter.

Treasurer – Manage mini-grant monies and neighborhood account.

Council of Neighborhoods Representative – 2 positions and one alternate.

Represent the PGNA at the monthly Council of Neighborhoods meetings, write and present a report at the PGNA monthly meeting.

Board members are asked to commit to one year. As stated in the PGNA bylaws, nominations for Board positions are accepted at the April meeting, and officers are voted in at the May meeting.

The purpose of the Port Gardner Neighborhood Association is to represent the interests and improve the general welfare of all PGNA residents, by providing a democratic forum for exchanging ideas, setting neighborhood goals and organizing neighborhood actions.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND INFORMATION

PORT OF EVERETT

March 5, 12 5:00 pm Waterfront Center 1205 Craftsman Way Blue Heron Room

On March 5, the Port will be discussing the 2014 Budget. The proposed schedule for the Budget process is available at http://www.portofeverett.com/docs/2014_budget_schedule.pdf.

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

EVERETT CITY COUNCIL

March 6, 13, 10 6:30pm Everett City Hall 3002 Wetmore Avenue Everett City Council Chambers

March 27 12:30 pm Everett City Hall 3002 Wetmore Avenue Everett City Council Chambers

Check <http://www.everettwa.org/default.aspx?ID=10> for Agendas.

EVERETT SCHOOL BOARD

March 5, 10, 12, 26 4:30pm Educational Service Center Board Room 4730 Colby Avenue

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

**HELP SAVE
THE NORTON BALLFIELD AND
DOYLE PARK**

**EVERETT PARKS DEPARTMENT
Strategic Plan Review**

Everett's Board of Park Commissioners welcome community input as the board reviews the city's existing Park's Strategic Plan.

Share your ideas about how to shape the park system's future at a Community Open House, **Thursday, March 14** in the Weyerhaeuser Room at Everett Station, 3201 Smith Ave.

And, get more info at the Board Workshop 6 p.m. **Tuesday, March 26**, at Spruce Hall at Forest Park, 802 E. Mukilteo Blvd.

This is your chance to tell the Parks Department you would like to keep the Norton Ballfield and Doyle Park as open space!

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPORT

1.) Construction of the Broadway Bridge is scheduled to start in June.

2.) The Planning Department's Developer's Forum will take place on March 5th at the Everett Station's Weyerhaeuser Room from 2pm-4pm.

City staffers will pose the following questions to Developers:

-Describe your experiences in working in infill/redevelopment projects.

-What incentives offered by public agencies are most effective in attracting infill residential development? What obstacles are most serious?

-What recommendations would you make to Everett to attract new residents?

Following these opening comments, the session will end with an informal discussion with the audience.

3.) The Comprehensive Police Plan will be reviewed.

4.) Review of the Growth Management Comprehensive Plan continues. Expect public sessions in fall.

5.) Councilman Scott Murphy is visiting neighborhoods.

EVERETT PLANNING DEPARTMENT

DEVELOPERS FORUM

March 5, 2pm-4pm

The Everett Planning Department will host a Developers' Forum on March 5th from 2 to 4 p.m. in Everett Station's Weyerhaeuser Room. This is the second in the series of in-house workshops regarding the City's plans to accommodate projected population and employment growth over the next 20-plus years. Interested citizens are also invited to attend. The meeting will be held March 5 in the Weyerhaeuser Room at Everett Station, 3201 Smith Ave., Everett 2pm-4pm.

PGNA PROJECTS AND EVENTS

SUPPORT THE MEKONG!!

As many of you know – the Mekong Grocery on Grand Avenue in Everett is planning to close. Now, the “Friends of the Mekong” group is seeking to retain the services provided to the community by the Mekong Grocery, by turning the store in to a food cooperative. The group is currently working on creating a board and developing bylaws in order to get to the stage where they can begin collecting memberships to build up capital to reopen the store.

Meetings are being held on the last Saturday of the month in the Sno-Isle Co-op's classroom in the basement, across the hall from the Mekong. The next meeting will be on March 30th at 1 pm. To get on the e-mail distribution list contact "MekongEverettCoop@gmail.com" or leave a message at 425-259-5225.

IT'S MONTE CRISTO TIME!!!

Do you have a neighbor who has done an amazing job restoring their home? Or one that takes pride in keeping their yard and house “just so?” Well, nominate them for a Monte Cristo Award!

The Monte Cristo Awards recognize neighbor homes and businesses who beautify Everett's streets by restoring, renovating or taking exceptional care of their properties.

Remember, it's all about street appeal!

Nominations are due by June 1st.

Forms will be available at public libraries, PUD and local hardware stores or online at:

http://www.ci.everett.wa.us/Get_PDF.aspx?pdfID=5917

Questions? Call Wendy McClure at City of Everett, Office of Neighborhoods, 425 257-8717



JOIN OUR “GROWING CONCERN” The Charles Street Community Garden!

Do you “dig” gardening, but don't have room where you live? Try joining the Charles Street P-Patch!

This member and community funded garden, located on Federal Avenue and Charles Street provides growing space and water for neighborhood green thumbs. If you'd like to become a part of this fun and vibrant community now is the time! Registration has started for new members. Call Lembi Kongas at 425-303-1370

Or email charlespatch@gmail.com

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