



PORT GARDNER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

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January Agenda

Monday, January 13 6:45pm

Jackson Elementary Cafeteria
3700 Federal Avenue

- 6:45 Meet and Greet
- 7:00 Welcome
- 7:05 Sgt. Bruce Bosman
Everett Police Department
- 7:15 Announcements
- 7:20 **BRAINSTORMING
SESSION**

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JANUARY 2014

THE PGNA – IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU!

New Years – a time of new beginnings, a time of reflection, decisions to made, changes to enact, a time to reassess our lives. And in the spirit of the New Year, the PGNA Steering Committee has decided to make it all about you!

We are asking you, our fellow neighbors to think about what you'd like to see the PGNA focus on in the New Year. More social events? Problem-solving workshops? Government Affairs? Neighborhood projects?

Join us at our January 13 meeting for a fun brainstorming session and share your ideas on what you'd like your PGNA to be.

MINI-GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE JANUARY 13!

Have you walked in Forgotten Creek? Spent time admiring the view at the Warren Street Overlook? Walked across 41st Street and used a crossing flag? Then you have seen what a City of Everett Neighborhood Mini-Grant can do!

If you have a great idea for a neighborhood project – you can apply for a City Mini-Grant. Residents volunteer their time, valued at \$22 per hour, and the City matches that contribution, dollar for dollar. Each neighborhood association can receive up to \$2,000 per year. So if you have a project that you are passionate about, you can apply for City matching funds through the PGNA Board.

Contact PGNA Treasurer Sheryl Becker at shebec1@frontier.com for a mini-grant application and

information, or check out our website at www.portgardner.net.

Deadline for completed applications is January 13, 2014.

You can mail your application to:
The Port Gardner Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 13032, Everett WA. 98206
or bring it to the monthly PGNA meeting on January 13, 2014.

After PGNA Board review, selected 2014 Mini-Grant projects will be submitted to the City for approval. These selected projects will be announced at our February meeting, with City approval coming in about 4-6 weeks later.

You can change the world. Start here, in Port Gardner!

A CHANGE IN PGNA LEADERSHIP – IT'S DÉJÀ VU ALL OVER AGAIN!

The PGNA has some administrative news to share!

Scott Crownewourth-Siddley, our Vice-Chair who had volunteered to serve as Chair has to step down – for a great reason. His Exotic and Classic Car business has revved up, and he no longer has the time to dedicate to the position. We wish Scottie, and his partner Robert all the best and hope they will join us again when they can.

So – at December's monthly meeting, your neighbors voted that the PGNA should be run by a Steering Committee made up of the following volunteers: Christina Robertson, Maggie Mullin, Sheryl Becker, Jean Hewat, Dean Smith, Victor Harris and Dave Weiser. If anyone is interested in joining the Steering Committee, please contact a member – all are welcome. The Steering Committee will serve until the next election of the PGNA Board. Nominations for all positions are accepted at the April meeting, with the election being held May 2014 meeting.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT SURVEY – DEADLINE JANUARY 15

Share your thoughts about the City's Comprehensive Plan Update by taking the Planning Department's survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2966F35>. Your feedback will be used by the City to help make important decisions about Everett's future.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS IN JANUARY

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

PORT OF EVERETT Waterfront Center 1205 Craftsman Way Blue Heron Room

January 7, January 14 5:00 pm

Check <http://www.portofeverett.com/home/index.asp?page=193> for Agendas and <http://www.portofeverett.com/home/index.asp?page=255> for podcasts of Port of Everett meetings.

EVERETT CITY COUNCIL Everett City Hall 3002 Wetmore Avenue City Council Chambers

January 8, 15, 22 at 6:30pm January 29 at 12:30

Check <http://www.everettwa.org/default.aspx?ID=10> for Agendas and podcasts of Everett City Council Meetings

EVERETT SCHOOL BOARD Educational Service Center 4730 Colby Avenue Board Room

January 7, 21 at 4:30pm

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

PORT WATCH
PORT OF EVERETT CONSTRUCTION

The Port of Everett has applied for a permit to sink 50 new pilings underneath the South Terminal at the base of Rucker Hill, to allow for increased load bearing capacity. (*larger ships, more activity*)

Written comments on the application must be received by January 22 at the Everett Planning Department, 2930 Wetmore Avenue, Suite 8-A, Everett WA., or at Permit Services at 3200 Cedar Street by January 22nd. If you have questions please contact Steve Ingalsbe at 425-257-8731.

View the notice at:
http://www.everettwa.org/Get_PDF.aspx?pdfID=7565

FEE-SIMPLE LOTS

February 4 (tentative)

The Planning Department has issued a report on an amendment for fee-simple small lot subdivisions. This proposed amendment was initiated by the Master Builders Associations of Snohomish and King Counties and will allow lots to be subdivided, allow changes in parking requirements, setbacks and density.

You can read the Planning Commission's Staff Report at: http://www.everettwa.org/Get_PDF.aspx?pdfID=7552 or contact John Jimerson at 425-257-8737 or jjimerson@everettwa.gov. to be added to the contact list for further updates.

PGNA EVENTS AND PROJECTS

Martin Luther King Day at Forgotten Creek

Monday, January 20 10am-noon

It's ivy-pulling season at Forgotten Creek. If you like attacking weeds, this activity is made for you. The next volunteer work party will be on **Monday, January 20, from 10 until noon**. No experience is needed. Tools are supplied. Meet at the north (lower) entrance to the Forgotten Creek Natural Area at the south end of Bond St. near the railroad tracks. Watch the weather as the date approaches. If it is snowing, there is snow on the ground, or the temperature is below 35 degrees on January 20, the event will be canceled. Questions to Bob Jackson at 425 303-0127 or bjacksonjmurphy@aol.com.

Changes Coming to Adopt-a-Street Program

NEIGHBORS - WE NEED TO RALLY TOGETHER HERE - AND VOLUNTEER!

Because of very low turnout the last two years, the Bayside/Port Gardner Adopt-a-Street program is changing. We will still be picking up trash on the sidewalks along W. Marine View Dr. and lower Hewitt Ave. three times a year, but the dates for these events will no longer be posted in the newsletter. Instead, people who are interested in being notified of the events will be contacted by e-mail. If you would like your name added to the list, notify Bob Jackson at bjacksonjmurphy@aol.com. Events will be scheduled on fairly short notice, so they can be done in reasonably good weather. They may often occur on weekdays.

THE WINNERS OF THE PGNA HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

Port Gardner's holiday spirit was blazing in December, (and PUD meters were spinning) as neighbors lit up the neighborhood for the PGNA Holiday Lighting Contest. Congratulations to all who participated and we promise to get the results on our website next year, for everyone to share!

THE "TIM TAYLOR" AWARD for the most over-the-top, outrageous display went to First Prize winners Julie and Donald Teigen for their home at 3509 Norton Ave. Runner-Up honors went to Amy and Andrew Solheim at 3702 Friday Ave., and Honorable Mention to the Hulls at 3306 Norton Ave.

THE "MARTHA STEWART" AWARD – for the best "traditional" decorations was a tie between Teresa Townsell's cute cottage at 3318 Rucker Ave., and the Dean's home, (we call it the "Wedding Cake house) at 3222 Grand Ave.

THE "CLARK GRISWOLD" AWARD – for the home that used the most "wattage" was a well represented category and tough to judge! First Prize went to April and Stuart Cole at 3120 Grand Ave., with the Runner-Up prize going to The Pollacks at 806 33rd Street. AND there were a number of Honorable Mentions at: 4020 Grand Ave., 3701 Hoyt Ave., 3602 36th St., 3320 Federal Ave. and 35th and Bell.

THE "WILD CARD" AWARD – for a well done design was a tie between two homes in the Longfellow area – The Smiths at 3419 Oakes Ave., and The Williams at 3529 Norton Ave.

And finally, **THE BLOCK PARTY AWARD** - for the street that showed the most holiday spirit. This honor is given to the 3500 and 3600 blocks of Norton Ave. Not only did they decorate their homes beautifully, they epitomized the true spirit of the season. When fellow neighbors, the Teigens' holiday blow-ups were stolen by two female Grinches in a white SUV, neighbors snuck into the Teigan's yard in the middle of the night and set up their own blow-ups to the entire neighborhood's surprise and delight.

And this contest would not have been possible without the generous neighbors and businesses who donated prizes for our lighting contest and door prizes for our holiday party.

You all deserve a standing ovation!

Dave Mascarenas

Dawn and Gene O'Neil

Howie Bargreen/Bargreen's Coffee

Ole Soul Southern Creole Restaurant

VisionQuest

The Cravin' Cajun Grill

Sol Food

Historic Everett Theater

Imagine Children's Museum

And thank you to Christina Robertson and Jean Hewat for coordinating and judging the contest! (and also risked being pulled over by the police after driving around Port Gardner VERY SLOWLY on a dark Sunday night!!!)

THE NEIGHBORHOOD DIRT ~ by Christina Robertson

It happened so slowly, so sneakily, I honestly didn't realize what was going on. Didn't register the magnitude of the problem until it was literally staring me in the face.

After being waylaid by a nasty rhino-virus a week before Christmas, the resulting sinus and bronchial problems sent me scurrying to my Doc for remedy. The last time I went to the Doc was a year ago when a truly evil flu hit hard. At that time, my weakened condition earned me a get-out-of-weigh-in-free pass.

No such leniency this time around; there was no way to escape being led like a lamb to slaughter straight to the pure evil that is the Doctor's Office Scale of Doom. And not unlike the hopeful optimism followed by crushing disappointment one experiences while waiting for the bright, spinning cylinders to lock in on a winning combo on a slot machine, I didn't luck out.

There it was; a number so horrifying I couldn't speak for several minutes. A number that proclaimed the awful truth beyond a shadow of a doubt. Oh. My. God... I am FAT! Not full-figured, not pleasingly plump, not Zofig or any other flimsy catchphrase for hauling around more pounds than is healthy. **Fat.**

Two short decades ago I fondly recall parading around poolside clad only in a stunning black-and-white striped string bikini. Now I'm stunned to realize the only parading I'm qualified for is being held aloft with the other balloons above the annual Macy's spectacular. While two closets packed with cute clothes sit unused, I'm

one tuu away from being mistaken for one of those dancing hippos from Disney's Fantasia.

Holy crap, how in the world could I have let this happen? This is not who I am. Yes, the last three years have been hellishly stressful, for a wide variety of reasons. Yes, 3 years of underemployment + no longer having Molly to walk = too much time to sit on my (ever-widening) keister. But really, that's no excuse. If anything I've had more time to exercise; too bad I loathe and detest it unless it's a by-product of spring and summer gardening.

Lately, my poor knees have been trying to get my attention before there's real trouble. "Hey Lady. We're doin' our best here, but we can only hold up so much. Step away from the fridge." And since every pound of body weight equals four pounds of pressure on the knees, I hereby sincerely apologize to and thank them for valiantly hanging in there. I promise to ease their pain.

First things first. Sad as it is, I have to break up with the two men in my life of late: Ben & Jerry. Fellas, it's been sweet, but it's over. Ya gotta go. And take your Pistachio Pistachio with you. A bright shiny new year is starting and with gardening season three short months away, I have to get myself in shape NOW, lest my knees finally give out and I keel over face-first into the kale when I get started in the yard in March.

Folks, I'm here to tell you this ends here, this ends now. You are all my witnesses. Wish me luck.



THE FINAL WORD

THANK YOU...

There are many people who volunteer their time to help make the PGNA a success. Just attending meetings and sharing ideas brings us all closer together as a neighborhood. As the New Year begins, we would like to say thank you to everyone for your time and support throughout the coming year, and we'd like to acknowledge a few people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to help make our organization a success.

Thank you to Claire Griffiths, who takes makes our meetings a friendly, warm place with her decorations and hospitality table. The cookies and treats are much appreciated.

Thank you to Vivian Wagenius, who greets us with a pen, nametags and a smile and makes sure we all sign in.

Thank you to Kinuko Noborikawa, who puts out and picks up our very heavy signboards in rain, sleet and the dark of night and who pulled off a last-minute coup to get us a new sign board this December.

Thank you to Bob Jackson and Jean Murphy, for maintaining the email list and sending out the Newsletter to hundreds of people every month.

Thank you to Wendy McClure and Sgt. Bosman for your helpful, thoughtful advice.

And there are countless more – thanks to you all!

The Port Gardner Neighborhood Association Steering Committee wants to hear from you! If you have any suggestions or comments, or would like to be part of the Steering Committee, please feel free to contact any of the members below

To receive the Newsletter via email, contact Bob Jackson at bjacksonjmurphy@aol.com. If you do not have internet access or a computer and would like to receive the Newsletter via USPS, please contact any Board member.

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