



# Port Gardner Neighborhood Association News

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January 2015

## January Agenda

Monday, January 12  
Jackson School cafeteria  
3700 Federal Ave.

7:00 – 7:10  
Police report?

7:10 – 7:20  
Announcements and  
PGNA treasurer's report

7:20 – 7:40  
2015 Mini-grants

7:40 – 8:00  
Brainstorming future  
meeting topics/speakers

8:00 to ?  
Socialize.

All times are a guess!

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We will find you a ride.

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

## December Holiday Party Review

Those who attended the December 7 holiday party at the Schack Art Center enjoyed great food and drinks in a festive setting. Many thanks to Andrea Tucker, Judy Tuohy, and others for organizing a lovely party.

## IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU!! *BRAINSTORMING SESSION – January 12*

*It's time to discuss goals for 2015 and mini grant ideas. Bring your ideas on goals & projects for the PGNA. Let's build a stronger neighborhood!*

## Forgotten Creek Winter Work Party – January 17

This year the winter work party at Forgotten Creek will be on **Saturday, January 17, from 10 AM to Noon**. We will be removing ivy from another section of the watershed in preparation for planting native shrubs and trees later in the year. No experience is necessary and all tools are supplied. Bring your own work gloves or use ours. If you plan to come, meet at the north (lower) entrance to Forgotten Creek downhill from the intersection of Kromer Ave. and Bond St. As always, we hope for decent weather this time of year, but plan realistically. If the forecast high temperature for January 17 is 35 degrees or colder, we will postpone the work party. Questions: Bob Jackson at [bjacksonjmurphy@aol.com](mailto:bjacksonjmurphy@aol.com) or 425 303-0127

## Mail Chimp Survey

Watch your email for the Mail Chimp Survey from Port Gardner Neighborhood Association. We invite you to "opt in" to receive neighborhood news and info via email. You can help us build a better contact distribution list - please participate and sign up. Ask Andrea Tucker, PGNA chair, for more info. 425 870-669

## Recap of the Streets Initiative Task Force Meetings

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The Streets Initiative task force met biweekly from July 24 to Nov. 13, 2014. The task force, appointed by Mayor Stephanson, included the Everett Police Chief, Snohomish County sheriff, health care professionals from the Everett Clinic and Providence Hospital, pastors and others from faith-based organizations, downtown business owners and social service representatives. Still more people were guest speakers on specific topics. I attended all but two meetings, plus a special public comment meeting.

The task force addressed problems relating to homelessness, crime and incivility in the “core” areas (downtown Everett including Broadway, much of Evergreen Way, and Everett Mall Way). The task force wanted to make it clear that they were not blaming homeless people for all core area crime. Concerns included loitering and incivility around the downtown Everett Library branch. Another sore point is feeding programs, mostly run by churches, and the loitering, trash, etc. sometimes associated with them. At the Sept. 9 meeting, people from two downtown churches explained why they had discontinued their feeding programs. In one case it was because of drug paraphernalia on the grounds. In another it was because the pastor decided that “no strings” feeding programs, in which clients are not asked for any commitment in return for a meal, are not the best way to go. He spoke highly of the Recovery Café, which does ask people to make commitments to be sober for 24 hours and help out with chores.

Some of the task force's recommendations include: Instituting AIAs (Alcohol Impact Areas), where certain products may not be sold. This will be relatively quick and easy for the city of Everett, though I do not support it. Increased funding for housing which is more complicated and not necessarily something the city can do by itself. Regulations on panhandling. The jail will stop releasing people at midnight, and, instead, release them at a time of day when they can more easily get transportation back to home towns, etc. The police department will probably have an embedded social worker ride with some officers. There was a long presentation on “housing first” solutions, which give housing top priority for a homeless person without making sobriety a condition or imposing other rules or conditions which other tenants don't have. The old nursing home at 36<sup>th</sup> and Hoyt is being renovated for housing instead of being torn down. The Carnegie building at Oakes Av. and Wall St. will be used for transitional housing following jail terms. There was more discussion of creative housing solutions that have been tried in in other places such as old shipping containers. The task force plans to meet again in March.

You can see meeting details online here: <http://www.everettwa.org/default.aspx?ID=2205>

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