

# The Riverside Report

## YOU'RE INVITED

to Our Monthly Meeting  
**Tuesday, March 13, 2007**  
Doors open 6:45pm  
Meeting starts 7pm

North Middle School Library  
2514 Rainier Ave  
West side of school

### AGENDA

6:45 - Chat with police officers  
7:00 - Welcome/Introductions  
Announcements  
Police Report with Q&A  
Home of the Month  
Project Updates  
Council News  
New Business  
Raffle Prizes (tickets \$0.50)

### Guest Speaker

Everett Parks staff will discuss their draft 10-year Strategic Plan, A year-long effort with extensive community involvement. They're eager to hear your ideas and comments. See the draft plan at: [www.everett.wa.org/parks](http://www.everett.wa.org/parks).



### Riverside Raffle

Got an item (or more) you don't need any more? Donate it to our monthly Raffle. This is one way our association makes money to pay for things the City can't, such as liability insurance.



Visit our website at:  
[www.riversideneighborhood.org](http://www.riversideneighborhood.org)

## Congratulations to Our 2006 Neighbors of the Year



### Jean Hughley

For the past three years, Jean Hughley has been the steady hand guiding the community block grant to improve Riverside. This involves much time, energy and patience, organizing a committee to generate ideas on how to best use the money, researching the feasibility of these ideas with city staff and businesses, and writing grant proposals.

Once a proposal is accepted, Jean keeps the project moving forward and makes sure it remains aligned with our neighborhood's initial intent. This requires one to "dog" the city in a respectful and determined manner. Jean is very good at this.

She's also hosted a neighborhood caroling party at her home, and supports Scott Baker with his "Home of the Month" column. Jean's dedication, diplomacy, and positive outlook are a few of the reasons why she was selected as a 2006 Neighbor of the Year.



### Roberta Goodwill

If you've had any coffee or munchies at one of our meetings this past year, you can thank Roberta. She arrives before every meeting, hauling her big box of refreshments to set up. Roberta is a 'behind the scenes' kind of person. She's always ready to give a helping hand at meetings, on committees or work parties, but in a quiet manner.

Roberta also hosted the 2006 Holiday Caroling party at her beautiful home. In fact, her home is probably more famous than she is! It was on the Historical Tour last year, has been a 'Home of the Month' Recipient and received the Monte Cristo Award.

Roberta has also been quite helpful on our neighborhood's historical committee, doing research and helping gather information and history from the city and county to establish an historical overlay district in Riverside. She was also actively involved with the petition against an unneeded parking lot in the neighborhood.

Roberta's unabashed willingness to give of her time and expertise to support Riverside and her community is why she was selected as a 2006 Neighbor of the Year.

## February Home of the Month - 2303 Everett Avenue

-Scott Bader

Bonnie Bester, the present owner, moved here in March of 2006. The first thing she did was put up a lovely white picket fence. Inside, she hired a contractor to repair the walls in the dining room and kitchen. He added in new insulation, sheet rock and upgraded the wiring and lighting. Each room needed to have something done. Bonnie hand plastered a lot of the rooms and painted, painted and painted.

"As an artist and designer, this house has been a blast to fix up," said Bonnie. "I just love old houses. And this neighborhood has been great to take my dog for walks in. I love my neighbors, too. Everyone is so nice!" Thank you Bonnie for all your hard work over the past year!



## February Meeting Highlights



Congratulations to Jean Hughley and Roberta Goodwill for being selected as **2006 Riverside Neighbors of the Year!** Also, congratulations to Katrina Lindahl for her **Riverside Neighborhood Dedicated Service Award**. These people were recognized and warmly applauded at our February potluck.

The hearing examiner made the decision in February to **not approve the Bethany Christian Assembly's proposal** for an additional church parking lot on Baker Ave. Thanks to all of you who did a lot of legwork, provided input and/or supported the cause.



As of February 13, the Riverside Neighborhood Association has \$3,396.23 in its coffers.

Our new North Night Sergeant, Joe Neussendorfer, (Welcome Joe!) reported that thefts and car prowls doubled last month.

He recommended that you **leave nothing visible in your vehicle** for anyone to be tempted to steal, even something as insignificant as 37 cents. It only takes a thief a few seconds to grab a rock and smash your window. It will take you a lot longer to get it replaced.

The police officers also said if you see something happening that doesn't look or feel right, instead of confronting the suspect(s) or alerting them to your presence, **call 911 and keep watching from a safe, hidden location.**

This is exactly what a Riverside neighbor did one recent morning, when car thieves parked outside her house to ransack a stolen car.

Before hearing the officers talk about staying hidden and calling 911, she said she would have gone outside to confront the suspects and probably would have scared them off.

Thanks to officers attending our meetings, her good memory and gut instinct that told her something wasn't right, three suspected car thieves were caught!

Ryan Bianchi and Connie Lewis, from the Washington State Department of Transportation, discussed the **noise wall being installed** along the freeway's east side, north of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to the E. Marine View Drive exit ramp.

During the day, the access gate to the construction site will be open, and they asked that parents watch their children to make sure kids stay out of harm's way.



**Help Us Celebrate the NEW, IMPROVED Garfield Park**

*-Katrina Lindahl*

Join your Riverside neighbors on Saturday, April 21 at Garfield Park for an Earth Day event, a Grand Opening and an Art Celebration all in one!

What better way to honor our planetary home than by planting new trees and shrubs in the park on Earth Day. This planting also completes the first phase of improvements to Garfield Park.

Then we'll celebrate the official grand opening of the park and playfield, as well as dedicate the unique metal art panels displayed at the four entrances. These art panels would not have been possible without the collaboration and creativity of our schools, riverside neighbors, the City of Everett, Starbucks Coffee and local artist, Dan Cautrell.

We need your help to organize this FUN celebration. Please call Denise Canonica (259-0876) or Katrina Lindahl (258-1126) if you would like to get involved in this memorable day.



**Katrina Lindahl Receives Dedicated Service Award**

*-Donna Gleisner*

I would like to share my thanks and gratitude with my Riverside neighbors for the honor of recognition you bestowed on me. Riverside is a wonderful place to live. It is a privilege to work side by side with such caring people and to participate in such positive activities and projects. It takes all of us working together to make Riverside and Everett a great place to live.

Thanks again,  
Katrina

Katrina began attending Riverside Neighborhood meetings shortly after moving here in 1991. She became chairperson when the current chair stepped down and no one wanted the job. She was chair for the next three years.

Under her leadership, meeting attendance grew from a handful to 20+ people, block grant funds were used to install a sidewalk south of Garfield Park, Riverside Park (east end of Everett Ave) was developed, Riverside logo street signs were created and installed, the first neighborhood newsletter was written and published, and 100 pink cherry trees were planted on 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, among other things.

While working full-time, Katrina still periodically trims those trees

on 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue; oversees the yearly maintenance of Riverside Park, stays involved with the Garfield Park Master Plan and the Starbucks Grant Project, is Co-chair of Riverside's Holiday Lighting Contest, and is the current Co-chair for the neighborhood.

Outside of that, she's also a member of the Mayor's Vision Committee, is co-chair of the city's Tree Committee, and volunteers at Everett High School's horticulture class.

She says she gets her community volunteer ethic from her great-grandmother and grandmother, who always volunteered their time to their community, and from her mother, who continues to do so today.

**Get Graffiti Out**

*-Bob Creamer*

Graffiti is a nuisance, an eyesore and a problem in the Riverside Neighborhood. Would you like to help locate and clean-up graffiti in Riverside? Plans are being developed for a meeting in March with police and local businesses to address these points. Time and place will be announced at our March meeting. Contact Bob Creamer at 425-303-0739 if you're interested.



### Upcoming City Meetings

-from City of Everett's website

A workshop on the **Everett Core Residential Design Standards** will be held Tuesday, March 6, at 6:30pm; the location will be announced.

The City of Everett was awarded a competitive growth management grant to complete a market study and draft design standards and zoning code changes that would encourage more desirable high quality, higher-density housing in three of seven strategy areas adjacent to Everett's downtown.

The strategy areas are identified in Everett's recently updated 2025 Comprehensive Plan as indicated on a map you can see online.

A meeting to discuss the **Broadway Corridor Design Standards** will happen on Friday, March 30; location to be determined. This covers Broadway Avenue from 41st Street north to East Marine View Drive.

For more information, contact Dave Koenig at 425-257-8736 or e-mail [dkoenig@ci.everett.wa.us](mailto:dkoenig@ci.everett.wa.us).

### Riverside Executive Board

**Chair:** Robert J. Creamer  
425-303-0739

**Co-Chair:** Katrina Lindahl

**Secretary:** Donna Gleisner

**Treasurer:** Joline Lambert

**Council of Neighborhood Reps:**  
Delores DeMonbrun  
Candace Valentine

**Office of Neighborhoods:**  
Wendy McClure  
425-257-8717

### Riverside Project Leaders

Annual Yard Sale...Marli Jenkins

Crime Stats/.....Jim Snow  
Graffiti

Historical Comm.....Steve Fox  
(Chair)

Holiday Caroling.....Judy Corcoran

Holiday Events.....Bob Creamer  
Katrina Lindahl

Home of Month.....Scott Bader

HUD Grant.....Jean Hughley  
(Chair)

Parks Liaison.....Rachael Vitous

Secret Garden.....Tracey Johansen

Tree Planting.....David Lambert  
(Streets)

Welcome Comm.....Melissa Chase  
Chair

Yard Squad.....David Lambert

Webmaster.....Toni Peterson

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### Mission Statement:

The Riverside Neighborhood Association (RNA), a non-profit organization, shall serve to enhance the safety and livability of the neighborhood through infrastructure improvement, promotion of civic pride, and recognition of historical properties within the neighborhood.



### Thank You Kendra!

-Toni Petersen

A hearty thanks to Kendra Communications, located in Lake Stevens, for hosting our RNA Website. After continuous incidents with the previous web host, Kendra has been our "light at the end of the tunnel"! Not many internet service providers donate space, so we are very fortunate that Kendra has offered to support our neighborhood's efforts.

Kendra offers internet connection and web hosting services. To find out more please visit [www.kendra.com](http://www.kendra.com), or call 425-397-7911, and tell them you heard about them from the Riverside Neighborhood!

### YES, I'd like to Support the Riverside Neighborhood Association

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check: \$50\_\_\_ Gold \$25\_\_\_ Silver \$10\_\_\_ Bronze \$\_\_\_ Other

Check here if you'd like to volunteer. A representative will contact you.

Skills I could contribute \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood issues I care about \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to **Riverside Neighborhood Association**  
and mail to: Joline Lambert, RNA Treasurer; 2509 Rainier Ave.; Everett, WA 98201