

The Riverside Report

You're Invited

to our monthly meeting

**Tuesday,
October 9, 2007**

Doors open 6:45pm
Meeting starts 7pm

North Middle School Library
2514 Rainier Ave
West side of school

AGENDA

6:45pm - Talk to police about
specific issues/problems

7:00pm - Welcome
-Police Report
-Home of Excellence
-Updates and News

Main Topics:

- Free Clean-up Event
- Garfield Park's Future
- Development Plans for
Kimberly-Clark's east
side Property



For the latest news,
visit us at: www.riversideneighborhood.org

Pizza Party A Tasty Success

-Donna Gleisner

About 40 people attended our September Pizza-eating fest, many of them new faces. Thanks to all of you for coming hungry, we sold about \$120 of pizza and beverages. Plus Katrina brought homemade desserts! We also had greeters, and requested that neighbors wore name-tags so we could get to know each other (without the embarrassment of forgetting which name goes with which face!).



After the police report and a few brief announcements (Clean-up event on Saturday, Oct. 13, 'Home of the Month' will become 'Home of Excellence'), we took a half-hour break. During this time, we encouraged folks to eat more pizza, mingle, and visit the two stations we set up, asking for ideas on how to improve our neighborhood and our meetings.

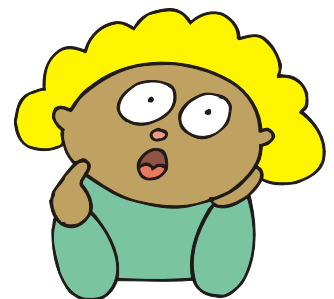
Then we regrouped and discussed all the great ideas, which of course generated even more great ideas. Thanks to everyone for your thoughtful and creative contributions!

Anyone with more ideas please contact Karol Dereg or Roberta Goodwill. Here is what attendees came up with:

Ideas on Meeting Format/Speakers

- Time to mingle, meet neighbors
- Time to bring up new issues
- Speaker every other month
- Books/movies/music swap (fund raiser)
- Keep to agenda times
- Speakers are good
- Team up/invite neighborhood organizations
- Possible speakers/topics:

- David Dilgard
- Post Master on mail delivery or lack of
- Development plans in/around Everett (one night, all projects/proposals)
- Historic Overlay
- Block Watch talk by 2 women (from another neighborhood)
- Emergency Preparedness
- Code Compliance
- Garfield Park Master Plan and phases



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Let's Get to Know – Karol Dereg

Karol was born in Seattle and has been living in Everett on Baker Avenue for the past 13 yrs. She's an insurance liaison between the company and independent agents covering western Washington, Yakima and the Chelan area. Her hobbies include soccer and Rving, and she has two dogs and a small parrot.

What to you like best about Everett?

It's a great location and close to everything - family, personal activities and Seattle, where my family is.

Why do you like living in Riverside?

I originally found this neighborhood several years before buying a house here. It felt like home then and continues to feel that way today. I have wonderful neighbors who know and watch out for each other. Riverside is a great neighborhood with the potential to become one of the most desirable areas of the city in which to live.

Why did you decide to be Chair?

Our prior Executive Board and countless volunteers have done an exceptional job of improving and protecting Riverside. I hope to build on the foundation laid by all their hard work. It is important for Riverside residents to recognize we are the



ones who determine the livability and character of our neighborhood. An Executive Board is only successful when joined by others willing to help make a difference.

Tell us something that most folks don't know about you.

When in my 20's, I took six weeks off work and backpacked around Europe, alone.

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Ideas on How to Improve Riverside Neighborhood

Beautify Summit Park

Improve/broaden interior bus advertising topics

Spend \$2,200 in mini-grant funds before Dec. 31, 2007:

- garbage can/s
- water fountain
- stencil 1/4th mileage marks on path for exercisers (on sidewalk around park, too?)
- walk-a-thon and exercise stations at Garfield to encourage adult use
- swing-a-thon for teens (on swings) to encourage ownership by teens
- bike Parade
- make and fly kites (using paper grocery bags)

Get house numbers on front and alley sides (easier for police to find you):

- reflective numbers or use contrasting paint
- boy scout project?

Clean up sidewalks -- spray weeds, sweep, scrape moss and debris, prune vegetation

Encourage folks to ride the bus and walk to grocery store once a week

Speed bumps or stop signs on East Grand to slow down/discourage traffic

Ask neighborhood markets to take down alcohol/tobacco/lottery banners

- reward them by promoting shopping there

Landscape house-side of noise walls so they look attractive and keep weeds down

Host a tree-pruning training for those with sidewalk trees



Bring Your Junk to October 13th Clean-Up Event

-Bob Creamer

Been meaning to get rid of all that stuff still sitting in your yard, garage or basement? Or hoping your neighbors will finally clean up their stuff in the alley? Now's the time! There's a FREE Clean-up Event happening on **Saturday, October 13, from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM**. It will be held in North Middle School's south parking lot, at the corner of 26th Street and Rainer Avenue (east of the Broadway QFC).

This is a Riverside resident event only. You MUST bring I.D. to show proof of neighborhood residency. The City of Everett is providing free disposal and recycling bins. Please spread the word to ALL your neighbors (not everyone gets the newsletter)!

If you can pitch in during the event, we need help with:

- Providing refreshments
- Picking up items for those who need help
- Directing traffic/helping to unload vehicles

Contact Bob Creamer (425-303-0739) or Dave Lambert (425-232-2892) with your name and how you can help.

What You Can Bring:

- Yard Waste
- Junk and Debris
- Furniture
- Metal and wood scrap

We Will NOT Accept:

- Appliances
- Electronics (computers, monitors, TVs, etc.)
- Household hazardous waste
- Vehicle parts
- Household garbage
- Concrete

We will have a limited ability to pick up items from neighbors who can't get to the event. To schedule this service, leave a message with your name and address BEFORE Saturday, October 13 with Bob or Dave.



-Roberta Goodwill

Jean Hughley has helped our neighborhood tirelessly for the past three years, overseeing the non-so-simple community block grant program to improve Riverside with significant grant dollars and assistance from the City of Everett.

Now Jean and her family need our help.

In early August, Jean's son-in-law, Kyle Bigelow, was stricken with a rare combination of viral meningitis and encephalitis, which strikes only one in 1 million people. Meningitis affects the covering of the brain, making it swell. Encephalitis affects the brain itself, causing it to swell and producing epileptic seizures.

His condition was so serious he was flown to Harborview Medical Center (Seattle) for emergency surgery. Doctors there had to remove part of his skull (temporarily) to relieve the pressure on his swollen brain. This has left him severely handicapped and unable to walk on his own. So Kyle, Jodi and their two children (6 and 8 years old) are living with Jean for now, because her house is wheel-chair friendly.

Kyle was employed and has medical insurance, but doesn't have disability insurance, so at this point they are solely relying on Jean's income. Kyle has applied for social security disability, but that won't begin for months. Thankfully, his job is waiting for him when he recovers and their church is making changes to their home (Delta neighborhood) so they can return there soon.

"What they need most right now are everyday staples," Jean said. That means canned goods, Kleenex, toilet paper, cereal, eggs, milk, bread, meat, tooth paste, shaving cream, and children's basic health needs like night time cough syrup, children's Tylenol, etc. Anything that you can find in your heart to contribute will be very much appreciated.

Jean lives at 2315 Everett Ave; her phone number is 425-259-2803.

Sustainable Energy Fair & Tour

Want to learn practical ways to save energy and lower your utility bills? Come to the Sustainable Energy Fair and Solar/Green Building Tour will be held on Saturday, October 6, from 9am to 4pm, at the PUD building (2320 California Ave). The fair is a hands-on, family-oriented event designed to educate people of all ages and backgrounds about sustainable living practices and renewable energy options.

Cecile Andrews, founder of the Phinney EcoVillage (in Seattle), will energize the Fair as the keynote speaker. It will feature two panel discussions and then kick off the 2007 Snohomish County Solar Tour. Participate in workshops, exhibits and presentations, and take the self-guided solar/green building tour from 10am-4pm. Talk to homeowners about their experiences with "green building" and "going solar".

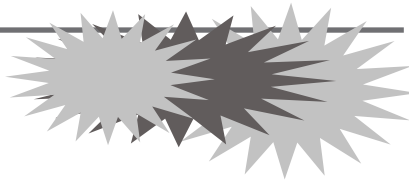
Admission is an old cell phone, empty printer cartridge, clean plastic grocery bags (to recycle), or a \$5 donation. Please consider taking public transportation or carpooling. This event is organized by Green Everett in collaboration with the Foundation for Sustainable Community, the Sustainable Development Task Force and the Snohomish PUD.

Our Best Regards

-Bob and MJ Creamer

It has been an honor for us to represent all of you during the past four years. While we are relatively new to Riverside neighborhood, we feel like this is our home and you are our family. We want to thank all the project leaders who have dedicated their time and efforts on behalf of our community. We also give our best regards to the new Executive Board and their future as leaders for the neighbor-hood association.

Be proud of your neighborhood. Come together. Help each other. Continue to make our community a better place to live in.



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

Riverside Executive Board

- Chair:** Karol Dereg
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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 Excellence...
Tom & Diana Eiden
- HUD Grant.....VACANT
(Chair)
- Parks Liaison.....VACANT
- Secret Garden.....Tracey Johansen
- Tree Planting.....David Lambert
(Streets)
- Welcome Comm... .Melissa Chase
- Yard Squad.....David Lambert
- Webmaster.....Toni Petersen
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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.