

The Riverside Report

You're Invited

To our monthly meeting

**Tuesday
December 9th, 2008**

Doors open 6:45pm
Meeting starts 7pm

Historic
Van Valey House
2130 Colby Ave.
NW corner
of 22nd & Colby

AGENDA

- 6:45 – Talk to Police about
specific issues/problems
- 7:00 – Welcome
- Police Report
 - Suggestions for 2009 Grant
allocation
 - Announcements



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

Remember!!

The location of the RNA December meeting will have to held at
2130 Colby Ave.

Bring your favorite finger food or Holiday treat.



NW corner of 22nd & Colby Ave.

Riverside supports Evergreen Manor for the Holidays

It has become a wonderful tradition of the Riverside Neighborhood Association to sponsor a local charitable organization during the Holiday Season. This year we have selected Evergreen Manor, a non profit organization with a unique program for chemically dependent mothers with children which allows addicted women to begin their treatment during pregnancy, deliver their babies while in residence and return to treatment without disruption. Mothers with children under age 5 may keep their children with them during their treatment. While they are in treatment sessions, the children attend their state-licensed therapeutic daycare program. More than 100 addicted mothers and 50 children annually receive long-term residential treatment at Evergreen Manor as part of the Safe Babies, Safe Moms program. (www.evergreenmanor.org)

Here is how you can help.



Annual Dessert Auction

Bring goodies for the Dessert Auction at our December meeting.

Resident start auctioneer, Tom Eidan gets our holiday spirit frolicking with a fun and boisterous auction of delectable goodies for people and pets. All proceeds will be donated to Evergreen Manor.



Evergreen Donate Wish List Items.

We will put a basket together of donated items and deliver it to Evergreen Manor. Evergreen Manor has suggested the following items:

For the Mothers:

Alarm clocks, Portable CD players, Gift cards (Fred Meyer, Target, etc.), Knitting yarn and needles, Bath towels and washcloths (used perfectly fine), Twin size and crib and toddler bed linens (used perfectly fine), Baby slings, Day planners – simple ones for doctor's appointments, etc.

For the Children:

Toddler push toys, Preschool toys, Baby blankets, Disposable diapers, Car seats (used are fine as long as meet safety standards), Cribs (used fine; must meet safety standards), High chairs, Booster seats



Please no Perfumes and alcohol-based toiletries, Candles and flammables, Small toys and items that are not safe for children under 3.

"It always makes me smile when I see this group of moms and kids chatting and laughing as they pass by on their daily walk through the neighborhood."

Please contact Katrina @ 258-1126 if you would like more info.

Home of Excellence

The Home of Excellence for November and December goes to Joyce Sieminski. She has lived at 2115 Baker Avenue for the past 45 years. She has seen many changes in our community. She owns a cute 1930's brick house that has a twin next door to hers that was probably built by the same builder but is done in wood. She has done wonderful things over the years to keep her home in tip top shape. Recently she has done some repairs and updates to the downstairs to make it more livable. The biggest thing that caught our eye is the work that has been done to the yard. We walk through the neighborhood pretty often and have seen the dramatic change that has occurred. Her house used to be hidden by the shrubs out front so you couldn't notice the charm of the house. She and her family have removed the old shrubs and put in a new young tree and planted new shrubs. There is a border built to separate these from the grass. Her porch was also freshened up with some paint. Now when you see this home you are able to see its charm. Congratulations Joyce.



Historic Riverside

On Wednesday evening, several members of the Riverside Neighborhood Association attended a City Council meeting at which council members heard comments from neighborhood residents regarding implementation of an historic overlay to a previously defined area of homes in Riverside. The project, initiated and spearheaded by Glenn Hunter, Steve Fox, and Sarah Church, already had been unanimously approved by both the Everett Historical Commission and the Everett Planning Commission prior to reaching the Everett City Council. Following a PowerPoint presentation by Glenn Hunter, in which he detailed the history of the neighborhood and some of the homes within the proposed overlay zone, nine residents of the affected area provided comments. Of the nine, only one speaker was opposed to implementing the overlay, due to concerns about possible costs involved to homeowners who have received CHIP grants. (The overlay has no effect on such grants.) Other neighbors who offered comments wholeheartedly endorsed the proposed overlay. Following public comments, the council voted unanimously to approve the historic overlay zone within the stipulated boundaries. Neighbors in attendance were congratulated by Mayor Ray Stephanson for their efforts, and later capped off the evening with a celebration at The Irishman Pub on Colby Avenue. Our particular gratitude and heartfelt thanks go to Glenn Hunter, Steve Fox, and Sarah Church for the tremendous amount of time and effort they contributed to this project. Congratulations on successfully seeing the dream through to fruition.

November Meeting Highlights:

Rick Robinson from the fire department came to talk with us about safety going into the holiday season. He offered some great suggestions for fire prevention:

- Smoke detectors should be located at the bottom and top of each stairway, outside all bedroom doors, and on the ceiling of each bedroom. Remember to test them each month! Try to sleep with your doors closed, if possible. Cooking is the number one cause of residential fires. Be especially careful if using a turkey fryer is part of your holiday plans.
- Christmas trees should not be located anywhere near a source of heat. Keep the water in the tree stand filled constantly (get in the habit of topping it off every night), and make sure your power strips are not overloaded.
- We all know that candles can be particularly dangerous. There are some great alternatives available, including battery operated ones that are scented and have "flames" that flicker.
- Jeff Lockhart from North Everett Little League was our surprise guest at the November meeting. He would like to make more of an effort with the teams to be a better neighbor, including the use of Garfield Park. The league serves about 350 kids in our area. We appreciate his involvement, and encourage neighbors to support Little League. Look forward to games in the spring!

Announcements:

Welcome Committee- if anyone has baskets they would like to donate to the Welcome Committee for new neighbors, please bring them to the neighborhood meetings, or contact Michelle Spivey (258-3092) or Fabienne Rosche (259-1496) to come pick them up. We have finally found a realtor to provide us with names and address of homes sold in our neighborhood, so starting next month we hope to deliver welcome baskets to all our new neighbors. We do not receive names of renters, only homeowners, so if you know the names of new renters in the neighborhood, please pass that along so we can deliver a personalized basket.

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Mission Statement

The Riverside Neighborhood Association (RNA), a not for 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.

**Toni Petersen has generously volunteered
to fill the position of Newsletter Editor.
Thank you, Toni**

**Continued thanks to Michelle Spivey for
taking such great notes at all the
meetings.**