

The Riverside Report

You're Invited

To our monthly meeting

Tuesday

September 9th, 2008

Doors open 6:45pm

Meeting starts 7pm

North Middle School Library
2514 Rainier Ave.
West side of school

AGENDA

6:45 – Talk to Police about
specific issues/problems

7:00 – Welcome

- Police Report
- Update and News
- Skate America
- Drew Nielsen
- Discuss new year's activities
- Ice Cream for all



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Riverside Neighborhood Receives Prestigious Brown Award

Riverside Neighborhood was recognized by Everett Historical Society for efforts to save Baker Street Apartments from being torn down and replaced with a parking lot. Bob and MJ Creamer received special recognition for their time and leadership.

Celebration for Yasko

Yasko, a German Shepherd police dog, was responsible for 155 arrests in his 10 years on the force. He officially retired from the Everett Police Department in April of 2008. Tim Reeves, his handler, is now a patrol officer in the South Precinct. In order to attend our meeting, the Everett Police Dept gave Tim permission to take time away from his duties and also arranged for Yasko to be transported in an old K9 vehicle. Tim said Yasko was very excited when he realized he was going "back to work". The neighborhood presented Yasko with a certificate of appreciation and a huge personalized dog bone from Three Dog Bakery in Seattle. In his honor, neighbors donated about \$150 in food, towels and other "wish list" items to the Everett Animal Shelter. Following up on the success of the dessert auction held earlier this year, we held another one, this time including some pet goodies in the mix. The auction raised **\$237.25**, also donated to the shelter in Yasko's name.

Result of June Elections

Elections were held for the next year's executive board. Karol Dereg, Chair; Roberta Goodwill Co-chair and Linden Kimbrough Treasurer are all returning in their respective positions next year.

Marie Cave replaces Donna Gleisner as Secretary. After serving as Secretary two years, Donna decided to step down to pursue other interests. Donna has also been editor and publisher of the Riverside newsletter. She volunteered countless of hours and in the process kept hundreds of Riverside residents informed on many issues. Thank you, Donna, for all you have done and for your dedication to our neighborhood.

Summer Highlights

Art Panel Celebration

Garfield Park dedication and Riverside social was held August 16. Katrina Lindahl as always coordinated with the Parks Department. Kelly Mitchell along with Omar Rodriguez and Linden Kimbrough did a great job planning the barbeque. There were many volunteers that shared their time and cooking talents for the festivities. Proceeds will be divided between the library at North Middle School and the library at Garfield Elementary. Thanks to all.

Sidewalk Repair

The long awaited sidewalk repairs are underway. The word from the City of Everett is that they are starting by doing the worst first. Walnut is one of the first on the list to be worked on. Residents will be receiving a letter requesting their permission. There will no cost to the residents as this is part of our HUD Block Grants that was designated for this project. Many thanks go out to Jean Hughley for coordinating this project with the City Public Works Department and Planning Department.

Alley Clean Up

Kristi Kramer, project leader, with the help of Alana and Steve Meyer, Candice Valentine and Fabienne coordinated our alley clean up. The initial purpose was to clean the alleys of trash as well as old appliances. The pick-up date is tentatively set for Sept. 27th or the following weekend Saturday, October 4th. More details to follow.

SPECIAL THANKS

Tom and Diana Eiden for their commitment as our Home of Excellence team.

Candace Valentine for her dedication and reliability as our Neighborhood Council representative for the past years.

Katrina Lindahl for her tireless work at Garfield Park and beyond.

And thank you to all Riverside residents who, through hundreds of small, unacknowledged deeds, from picking up trash on the sidewalk to keeping an eye on your neighbors home to being responsible pet owners, make Riverside a wonderful place to call home.



Due to the Veteran's Day holiday, the November meeting to be rescheduled. More information next month.

Riverside Executive Board

Chair: Karol Dereg
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Co-Chair: Roberta Goodwill
425-258-1617
Secretary: Marie Cave
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Treasurer: Linden Kimbrough
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Michelle Spivey
Candice Valentine
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Riverside Project Leaders

Annual Yard Sale...Mari Jenkins
Crime Stats.....Roberta Goodwill
Historical Comm...Steve Fox
Holiday Caroling...Judy Corcoran
Holiday Events.....Bob Creamer
Katrina Lindahl
Home of Excellence...
Tom & Diana Eiden
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The mission statement tells you what we are. Sometimes we need to be reminded of our neighborhood history and ongoing RNA projects, which make our community a better place to live in.

Did you know:

- Everett was the first planned community on the west coast. Riverside Neighborhood was the first site of the development, which started in 1892.
- Garfield Park was a wetlands, which was deeded over to the City of Everett during the depression to be established as a park. Since that time the park has been a center for our community and has under gone many changes. With the cooperation of our neighbors, the association and the parks department, we have completed the 1st phase of a much needed upgrade, which started in 2004. Included in the upgrade is the development and installation of art panels at each entrance to the park, which were dedicated on August 16, 2008.
- HUD grants awarded to our neighborhood are used for the improvement of sidewalks, for the purchase of playground equipment in Garfield Park and many other needed enhancements. These grants are managed by our association and the Everett Planning Department.
- In 1984-1985, the History Committee of Greater Riverside collected some of the stories, known facts, and memories of Greater Riverside and put them into a book. The book is "Riverside Remembers: I, II, III". It should be required reading for all of our neighbors.
- RNA was one of the first neighborhoods to develop a website. Please take a look. Visit us at www.riversideneighborhood.org.
- Our current Historical Committee has developed a historical overlay of turn of the century houses to be presented to our neighbors for their approval in the fall of 2008. After completion, the framework of the historical overlay could be used in other sections of Riverside.

This is not the whole story of our neighborhood and our association. It would take more space than we have available. Please come to our monthly meetings to learn more. You are all members of the association. You should have a voice in community concerns, community improvements and other issues that arise in our neighborhood. Be part of the most active neighborhood in Everett.

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