

The Riverside Report

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Riverside Neighborhood Association

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Join Your Neighbors

TUESDAY
APRIL 14, 2009
7:00-8:30 PM

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
LIBRARY
2514 RAINIER AVE.
S.W. SIDE OF SCHOOL

MEETING AGENDA

6:45 - 7:00

Meet & Greet

7:00 - 7:15

Police Report with Q&A

7:15 - 8:00 Speakers

John Jimerson, Planning Dept.
Ross Johnson, CDBG Coordinator
Kate Mossman, Everett Library

8:00 - 8:30

New Business



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.

APRIL MEETING SPEAKERS

John Jimerson, Planning Department

The City is considering amending zoning rules to better protect the character of traditional neighborhoods. A proposal is expected to go to the Planning Commission this spring. Come to the meeting to learn how this may impact you and provide feedback for the amendment.

Eileen Simmons, Public Library Director - "The Big Read"

Do you enjoy reading? Kate will share information on this new program designed to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment. The Big Read will launch April 27th and take place throughout the month of May. The first book selected is Dashiell Hammett's hard-boiled classic *The Maltese Falcon*.

Ross Johnson, CDBG Coordinator

Will discuss other projects where our grant funds can be put to good use.



GARFIELD ARCH UPDATE

-KATRINA LINDAHL

Last month an unexpected rust proofing and powder coating left us over budget. Donations enabled us to provide scholarship and supply money for the Metal Fabrication Class of the Sno-Isle Tech Skill Center in lieu of payment for the fabrication of the arch for Garfield Park.

The Metal Fabrication course at Sno-Isle is a wonderful program for High school Students in Snohomish County. Projects, like the Garfield Park Arch and the Garfield Park Art panels, provide the students the opportunity to learn 'real world' skills that they will be able to use when they graduate. In addition, these particular projects provide the students with the satisfaction and pride of creating a wonderful piece of lasting art that is very much admired and appreciated by the community.

The Parks Department will be installing the Arch in the near future. Soon after we will have a celebration recognizing the efforts of all of the people who have helped make the Arch a reality.

We would like to thank the following community members for their generous donations towards the Garfield Park Arch:

Mary Burns
MJ & Bob Creamer
Cecil Dow

SUMMIT AVE PLANTING - A TREE-MENDOUS SUCCESS!

-DONNA GLEISNER AND KATRINA LINDAHL, N2N PROJECT COORDINATORS

Thanks to 25 wonderful, caring Riverside neighbors, including a few moms with kids, who showed up on a very windy and chilly Saturday, our planting party was a total success. We were able to plant 30 heavy street trees, 40 shrubs and 90 Boston ivy plants in about five hours! Talk about team work - WOW! Everyone had a helpful, positive attitude and was willing to stick with it until all the plants were in the ground.

THANK YOU Riverside Neighbors near and far!!!

The Everett Public Works Department's Street Division was again of invaluable assistance. They generously agreed to mow the two-block long strip, and used their equipment to pre-dig holes for all the street trees. They closed off the streets for us and made sure we were safe. The Street Department also transported compost from our storage location to the site, brought hog fuel and topsoil, picked up all the big rocks and garbage we generated, and swept the street at the end of planting day. **THANK YOU Larry and crew!**

The Everett Parks and Recreation Department was also instrumental to our success. They brought their tool trailer, which included buckets, gloves and safety vests, plus many wheelbarrows, and picnic tables so we would have a place to sign people in, put breakfast snacks and lunches, and sit and eat. **THANK YOU Craig and Dan!**

Last, but certainly not least, the State Department of Corrections community service volunteers assisted us again by pre-digging the other planting holes that we had previously measured and marked. They also chopped down and dug out thicket of blackberries, and other weeds that were marked with orange paint. **THANK YOU Justin and crew!**

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP *Coming Soon!*

RNA will be sponsoring a neighborhood clean up this spring. Rubatino will be picking up items put out on the street or alley where you reside (same place your garbage is picked up). Date, list of acceptable items and other pertinent information will be mailed to all Riverside residents a few days prior to the clean up.



SUMMIT TREE PLANTING 3/7/09

Visit the website for more photos.

JOIN US FOR OUR LAST NOISE TO NATURE PLANTING DAY!

In April we celebrate Earth Day, Arbor Day and our last Noise to Nature Planting party. On **Saturday, April 18** we'll need your help to improve and beautify the last three small areas of our project (Yippee!!) along the freeway noise wall. We will be planting one gallon native trees and shrubs and Boston Ivy, as well as adding mulch, along the noise wall between Highland and Chestnut Avenues.

Where: Highland Ave and 25th Street

Time: 9:00am to 2:30pm

Lunch and beverages will be provided

Please bring your own shovel or favorite digging tool. Wheel barrows, rakes and brooms would also be appreciated. We do have gloves!
RSVP to Katrina Lindahl at 425-258-1126, so we can make sure we have enough lunches and beverages for everyone.

Find out what's happening...
www.riversideneighborhood.org
and get in the know zone



Check out the NEW Porches and Peaks gallery, or visit the Photographic Documentary of Garfield Park.



THE 13TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALE

More information will be made available in the June newsletter and on the website.

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

-MICHELLE SPIVEY

For those interested in the environment, you may have noticed the city has added three **hybrid buses** that began running this spring. They have also begun replacing the green, and some of the yellow traffic lights with LED bulbs, which will save the city about \$112,000 per year in energy costs!

Beginning in May, transit will begin a program called ORCA (One Card For All). Users can pay-as-they-go, and pay online. The card will work for all transit options in Snohomish and King counties.

The graffiti removal program has been so successful that it will now be expanded to commercial properties. See graffiti on a local business? Call the **graffiti hotline (257-URIT)** and they will contact the property owner about participating in the program and getting the city to remove the graffiti in a timely manner.

Public Works is offering **FREE gardening workshops**. Visit RNA's website for more details or call Public Works at 425-257-8990.

GARFIELD PARK WATCH GROUP

In the summer of 2007 Omar Rodriguez volunteered to head a group called Garfield Park Watch. He gathered names, phone numbers and email addresses of neighbors who were willing to step up and re-own our neighborhood park. The group went door-to-door passing out flyers and talking with neighbors. They even received a verbal commendation from the Everett Police Department on maintaining control when dealing with unruly kids. The group sports green ball caps with gold lettering, and when kids see them coming they feel safe to enjoy the park without being harassed by other kids. The goal of the group is to help prevent vandalism and harassment from over-taking our park. They are a group of neighbors and friends helping to keep Garfield Park a place for all to enjoy.

To be a Park Watch volunteer, contact Omar at rodstir72@aol.com.

EVERETT BICYCLE PLAN

A master plan is underway to build on an existing network of more than 30 miles of bike lanes, including trails, on-street bikeways and end of trip facilities. The effort is being led by the City's Engineering & Public Services Department with assistance provided by Alta Planning + Design, a nationally-recognized firm from Portland, Oregon specializing in bicycle and pedestrian planning, design and implementation projects. There have been two community workshops to date, the final one this fall will set the stage for adopting a Bicycle Implementation Plan. For information please contact Jim Ozanne, Senior Engineer in the Engineering & Public Services Department, at the City of Everett, at 425-257-8926 or by email at: jozanne@ci.everett.wa.us.

WHAT IS ARBOR DAY?

For the homeowner, Arbor Day is an excellent opportunity to take stock of the trees on your property and plan for the future. Inspect your trees. Note any broken branches or evidence of disease or insect infestation. Think about how planting new trees might improve the look of your property or provide wind or heat protection. Take a trip to your local nursery to see what's available and to get new ideas. Walk around your neighborhood. Are there any public areas where tree planting or tree maintenance might make a real difference to your community? Talk with your neighbors. Find out what their opinions are. And, oh yes, plant a tree.

EVERETT ANIMAL SHELTER

New animal shelter opens to public April 11.

The City of Everett is celebrating the completion and opening of its new animal shelter. The public is invited to two upcoming events:

Grand Opening

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday April 11
333 Smith Island Rd.



Pet supply vendors, adoption information and entertainment by a dancing dog team and other surprises.

JOHN BERG, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Did you ever wonder who put out the signs each month announcing RNA's meetings? John Berg has been the person behind the signs for many years. Every month, a few days before our meeting, John hung meeting reminders under the Riverside Neighborhood signs at QFC and at the bottom of the E Marine View Dr. I-5 exit. He also put out the A-frame meeting signs on the two I-5 entrance ramps at Everett and Pacific Ave. After years of being Riverside's "Sign Guy", he is stepping aside to follow other interests. John, your contribution has been greatly appreciated. If you are interested in taking over this responsibility, please call Karol at 339-8412.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Have you ever wanted to be in a parade? Everett neighborhoods are welcome to enter the Fourth of July Parade that runs through downtown Everett. Entry information should be available in a few weeks. If you are interested call Karol at 425 339-8412. If no one is available, leave your name, phone number and reason for your call.

MARCH/APRIL HOME OF EXCELLENCE 2331 RAINIER AVENUE



Our Home of Excellence goes to Connie Moore who has lived in her Rainier home for a year and a half. The home was built in 1941, which is like a time capsule, but Connie has done an excellent job in maintaining it with great pride. All of the original wood is in place and its unique characteristics have been preserved. Her home has a basement with the original fireplace. She is adding a room downstairs that will serve as an entertainment area. Her yard is wonderfully landscaped and she has done a great job at keeping it looking fantastic. She is also taking special care of the established Maple trees and they look immaculate. Keep up the good work Connie!



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Help us build a stronger community by becoming a volunteer. Contact us at info@riversideneighborhood.org

Yes! I'd like to Support the Riverside Neighborhood Association.

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____

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

Check this box if you would like to volunteer time to your neighborhood. A representative will contact you.

Skills I could contribute: _____

Issues I care about in the neighborhood: _____

Please make check payable to **Riverside Neighborhood Association** and mail to:

RNA Treasurer; 2210 - 23rd Street; Everett, WA. 98201