

The Riverside Report

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MARK THIS DATE

TUESDAY
DEC. 8, 2009

7:00-8:30 PM
LOCATED AT THE
HISTORIC VAN VALEY
HOUSE AT
2130 COLBY AVE.



MEETING AGENDA

Police Report

Home of Excellence

Holiday Decorating Winners

Yearly Recap/Financial Report

Council of Neighborhoods Report

Dessert Auction

BRING A SNACK...

Hors d'oeuvres or dessert to share.
Coffee, hot beverages, paper
plates and napkins will be
provided.

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.



DECEMBER 8 MEETING AT THE VAN VALEY HOUSE

Located at 2130 Colby Avenue on the corner of 22nd and Colby.

Bring your favorite snack, hors d'oeuvres or dessert to share. Coffee, hot beverages, paper plates and napkins will be provided.

There will be a Dessert Auction for charity, and Holiday Decorating winners will be announced.

We are seeking a few volunteers to help with set up, a half an hour prior to the meeting, and clean up after the event. Volunteers please email toni@cascadewebdesigns.com.



ANNUAL DESSERT AUCTION & FOOD DRIVE FOR CHARITY

We are celebrating the gift of giving this holiday season with our annual dessert auction. Bring a dessert for the auction, then buy another dessert to take home.

It's tons of fun and it helps us raise money for a local charity.

Our holiday spirit will frolic with a fun and boisterous auction of delectable goodies for people and pets. Buy some delectable treats to share with co-workers, give to a friend, a neighbor, or serve them to your holiday guests while at the same time supporting an event that will go a long way to helping people change their lives.

COOKIES FOR SALE
IT'S FOR A GOOD
CAUSE.



Please **bring a canned food item** or two to donate to the **Everett Food Bank**.

Every can makes a difference.

MINI GRANT PROJECTS 2010

Have you ever wanted to get more involved with your neighborhood and did not know where to start? Opportunities abound in the Riverside Neighborhood. We have so many things we want to accomplish in 2010 and we cannot do it without your help.

Meeting Announcement Signs: Seeking artist type to paint new signs.

Yard Busters: Seeking a project leader to organize a group of enthusiastic volunteers to help neighbors who can no longer maintain their yard themselves.

Outreach Program: Seeking someone who has the ability to read and write in English and Spanish to help prepare multi-lingual information.

National Night Out: A summer evening social to take a bite out of crime! Volunteers needed to organize.



**VOLUNTEERS BUILD STRONGER
COMMUNITIES**

House Number Painting Program: Seeking project leader to organize a committee for creating visible address numbers on the alley side of homes.

Chicken Coop Tour: Tour-goers will have a chance to check out backyard chicken coops, ask fowl questions and learn about backyard chicken keeping. Volunteers needed to help organize.

Other projects include, Garfield Park Watch, Halloween decorating contest, Holiday decorating contest, Home of Excellence, Noise to Nature, Riverside Parks, the Secret Garden, Welcoming Committee, and Yard Sale.

As you can see, there are many ways you can get involved in your community. If you are interested in participating in one or more of these projects email Ritch at riversideneighborhood@yahoo.com. We will put you in touch with others who want to help, and together we can make Riverside an even better place to live.

A SPOOKTACULAR EVENT

Amber's generous husband, Chris volunteered her to head up next year's Halloween Decorating Contest. It will be the first of its kind in Everett. Several homes in Riverside decorated this year, and we hope next year will be even more spooktacular! If this is something you'd like to help out with, just give us a holler at riversideneighborhood@yahoo.com.

SECRETARY POSITION

RNA has a new secretary. Toni Petersen was appointed at the November meeting.



COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

BY MICHELLE SPIVEY

Para Transit provides service for people who are unable to use an Everett Transit fixed route bus due to a medical condition or disability. To qualify for service you must meet one of the conditions established by the Americans with Disabilities Act and have no other means of transportation. Everett residents age 65 and over are also eligible. An application is required. An unlimited monthly pass is available for \$35 by calling Everett Transit 257-7777.

Gary Cohn, Everett School District's new superintendent, met with the council and shared information about the school district, as well as his goals for student achievement for the next several years. He is open to, and looking forward to discovering more ways to partner with the city and neighborhoods.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute's open house on December 3, 3-5pm at Everett Station. Yearly membership program is \$125 (and minimal course fees). Select from a wide variety of courses taught by distinguished professors from the University of Washington. This is a terrific gift idea for the people over age 50 in your life.

THE 12TH ANNUAL Holiday Decorating Contest

BY KATRINA LINDAHL

Just a reminder that judging for the Holiday Lighting Contest will take place on Sunday, **December 6th** and we will be announcing the winners at our December 8th meeting.



This year's theme is **A Vintage Holiday**. Please visit the riverside website at riversideneighborhood.org for a list of prize categories and contest rules.

Call Katrina Lindahl at 258-1126 to nominate your favorite decorated home or neighborhood block.

We encourage everyone to participate in this fun neighborhood tradition.

DECEMBER HOME OF EXCELLENCE

BY GEM MCCURRY-HUNTER



Dawn and Rick Lowrey at 2511 East Grand Avenue purchased their bungalow style house from the actual descendents who built it in 1910 and have turned it into an attractive home.

Dawn has done most of the home restoration herself and went to great care to preserve the original woodwork on the outside of the two story house including the beautiful 'Sun Motif' on the front peak, which is original to the home. They have also made charming improvements to a once derelict yard.

The work on the inside of the home is still in progress, but Dawn has repaired and refinished nearly all the walls, adding the rich colors and textures of this period era. The home welcomes you in and the interior has a warm woodsy flavor with country decorations that fit so appropriately into both its era, and the location near the woods and river. Dawn has also worked hard to restore the kitchen and to refurbish what is now a very quaint bathroom to fit the era even adding period stained glass lighting.

The Lowrey's have many plans ahead including removing the old carpets and restoring the original floors. They even aspire to find the historic stairs that once led from their property down to the 'Old Mill' on the Snohomish River so very long ago. Congratulations Dawn and Rick for a beautiful job! Continue the great work!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Neighborhood Council Representative Position 2:

This is perfect for someone who wants to get involved and find out first hand what's going on our city.

Attend Council of Neighborhood meetings and report back to RNA and members on current events.

There is also an alternate position available.

The Council of Neighborhood meetings are held at 4 pm. on the fourth Monday of each month except for August and December.

Email Ritch at riversideneighborhood@yahoo.com and let him know you want to get involved.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

If you know someone that has recently moved to Riverside, home buyers or renters, please call or email Michelle with the address, and Michelle and Fabienne will welcome them to Riverside.

mhardwick@spu.edu
or call 425-293-5422



Find out what's happening...

www.riversideneighborhood.org

and get in the know zone

NOISE TO NATURE PLANTING

On the morning of Saturday, November 14, Alana and Steve Meyer, Kristi Kramer, Doug Yerout, Vicki Rosenau and Katrina Lindahl planted 75 Boston Ivy and 30 or so native trees and shrubs to enhance what we had all ready planted and to replace the few plants that succumbed to our dry summer heat. The residential side of the sound walls look mighty fine with the new trees and Boston Ivy. Just think what people will say in twenty-five years as they drive through north Everett and see the stately firs and maples. Maybe they will say "What a beautiful sight! The people who live here must really care about their neighborhood and their town." Thank you to all of you who care about the Riverside Neighborhood and do your part to make it a great place to live.

LESS NOISE, MORE NATURE THANKS TO MANY

-DONNA GLEISNER, N2N COORDINATOR

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of many Riverside and Everett neighbors, City staff, Kimberly-Clark staff, Navy personnel, Department of Corrections staff and Everett Christian School, our Noise to Nature plantings are alive and doing quite well!

Due to the generosity of Kimberly-Clark and the Public Works Department, we had enough money left in the grant to pay a company to water all the plants several times over the summer. Public Works also very generously watered once or twice a month during the summer. And of course a HUGE thank you goes to neighbors who watered plants across the street from their homes.

A total of 166 people volunteered a total of 1,265 hours on the Noise to Nature project over the past year. They helped prepare the sites and plant 675 trees, shrubs, ground cover, and 374 Boston ivy plants. In total over 1,049 plants were planted in four separate events at six sites along the Riverside Neighborhood noise walls.

We are so very grateful for and appreciative of everyone's assistance in planting and caring for these plants. This was a huge undertaking and we simply could not have done it without you. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!**



Executive Board

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Neighborhood Council Reps

Michelle Spivey
POSITION 2: OPEN
ALTERNATE: OPEN

Project Leaders

Historical: Steve Fox
Holiday Decorating Contest: Katrina Lindahl & Judy Corcoran
Home of Excellence: Gem Hunter
HUD Grant: Roberta Goodwill
N2N: Donna Gleisner & Katrina Lindahl
Parks Liaison: Katrina Lindahl
Park Watch: Omar Rodriguez
Secret Garden: Tracy Johansen
Web Admin: Cascade Web Designs
Welcome Committee: Michelle Spivey & Fabienne Rausch
Yard Sale: Marli Jenkins

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