

The Riverside Report

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YOU'RE INVITED
TO OUR MONTHLY MEETING

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 10, 2009
7:00-8:30 PM

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
LIBRARY
2514 RAINIER AVE.

AGENDA

6:45pm - Talk to police

7:00pm - Police Report

Neighborhood Reports

2009 Committees

Grant Funds



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.

GRANT FUNDS FOR RIVERSIDE IMPROVEMENTS

Each year Riverside receives a Community Development Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City of Everett also provides funding in the form of a Mini Grant where funds are matched by volunteer hours. Both grants are used towards neighborhood revitalization. In the past RNA members have voted to allocate grant money from anything to sidewalk repairs to park improvements such as playground equipment and a water fountain for Garfield Park. Project and improvements that were discussed at the January meeting are as follows:

House Number Painting Program:

Seeking project leader to organize a committee for creating visible address numbers on the alley side of homes. Also looking for Boy Scouts, church group, or other organization that could assist with this project.

Dog Park: The WSDOT has a large piece of property they have granted RNA permission to use.

Elderly Yard Clean-Up: Our goal is to help one or two people a year, but to do this **we need your help.**

Garfield Park: Picnic shelters.

Historic Overlay (Further reading available at www.riversideneighborhood.org).

Sidewalk Repairs: Public Works services 750 miles of sidewalks and walkways.

They base sidewalk repairs on ones that are in the worst condition. However, home owners that would like to get their sidewalk repaired sooner may purchase the materials themselves and the City will do the work. Homes on street corners require a sidewalk ramp. For more info, contact Public Works at 257-8800, or to request a service online visit, www.everett.wa.org/Forms/OnlineForms.aspx?ID=22.

Other projects include, Holiday Events, Home of Excellence, Insurance, Neighborhood Clean-Up, Pea Patch, Summer Social, Tree Trimming, Website, Welcome Committee, and the Yard Sale.

To learn more about a project,
or how you can help,
please contact us at
info@riversideneighborhood.org

**VOLUNTEERS
BUILD STRONGER
COMMUNITIES**



RNA Membership Requirements

If you live in Riverside you are officially a member of RNA. There are no membership fees but an unlimited amount of benefits. To get involved attend a meeting, submit your ideas, be a part of the voting process and help shape the community in which you live.

JANUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Katrina and Donna demonstrated the **new banners** paid for with part of RNA's grant money. There are three separate smaller banners that hang on the main banner announcing meeting days, park clean-up, and the ice cream social. Thanks to Katrina for working with PDQ Signs, Toni for creating the RNA logo, Donna for working on the design layout, and everyone who shared their valuable input.

The **arch for Garfield park** is currently being fabricated, and is expected to be completed March/April. Another new addition to the park will be a drinking **water fountain** with three sizes, adult, child, and dog.



Above: Katrina and Donna holding new RNA banner.

Lieutenant Jim Duffy informed us that the number of reported vehicle prowls were down by 11 in December, however vehicle thefts were up six for a total of eight. There were two vehicle part thefts, five burglaries, two drug paraphernalia arrests, and four stolen vehicles were recovered.

An unfamiliar parked car on your street could be a dumped stolen vehicle. If you notice an unfamiliar car that's been sitting in the same spot for more than three days please report it to Parking Enforcement at 257-8437 with location, license plate number, vehicle description (make, model, color), and any characteristics (flat tires, missing parts).

The Everett Police Department's new Pro-Act unit, initiated in the summer 2008, focuses on repeated criminal activity. The program takes an active role in monitoring career criminals as they are released from jail.

The Ride Along Program allows citizens to get a better understanding of the challenges, hazards and rewards of the police officer's role in the community. Citizens interested in riding along must first obtain a Ride Along waiver at the Police Station. Note: there is a long waiting list.

WEST SUMMIT AVENUE TO GET BEAU-TREE-FIED~ SATURDAY MARCH 7

After a brief hiatus from last fall's successful planting of Kelly Hill, we are ready to continue planting the remaining open spaces along the resident side of the freeway sound wall in the Riverside Neighborhood.

First up is a two-block area on the west side of Summit Avenue, from 23rd street south to 25th street. On **Saturday, March 7, from 9AM to 2:30PM**, we will be having a planting party there! Neighbors of all ages are welcome to join in the fun. **Food and drinks will be provided**, as well as tools and gloves.



We will be talking with neighbors on Summit Avenue to help us choose trees and shrubs to plant along this section of the sound wall. Our vision is to plant a diverse mix of evergreen and deciduous trees, shrubs and vines. Final plant choices will be decided with neighbor input.

The success of this planting depends on the care these plants will get for the next three years. We hope some of the folks who live across from this site will help us water the plantings during the summer for the next several years.

This is a great opportunity to have some family fun, get a little exercise, meet new neighbors and green up our Riverside Neighborhood. To help us determine how much food we will need please RSVP to Katrina Lindahl @ 258-1126 or call if you have questions.

NATIONAL HEART MONTH



February is American Heart Month. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States. Women account for 47.1% of deaths related to heart disease. Although the major heart attack signs and symptoms are similar for men and women, women are more likely to experience

the less common symptoms and delay seeking emergency treatment. Receipt of prompt, appropriate treatment greatly increases the chance of surviving a heart attack. Information regarding heart disease is available from the American Heart Association at www.americanheart.org.

FEBRUARY MEETING

**Come one, Come all
to the
SWEETEST MEETING
of them all!**



February 10



Bring your cupcakes your strawberries and chocolates too, doughnuts or cookies just to name a few. We'll set aside some time for laughter and cake, and sweet friendships we're all certain to make!

BLUE HERON SLOUGH

The Port of Everett and its private partner, Wildlands Inc., secured federal permits to construct Blue Heron Slough—the first of its kind in the Pacific Northwest. The Blue Heron Slough project, formerly Biringier Farm, would breach the existing dikes in one or more places and return the area into an intertidal marsh environment. Approximately 300 acres of freshwater wetlands and brackish marsh habitat would be created.

The site preparation is expected to be completed this summer, and Wildlands plans to breach the four dikes in October 2009. The site will flood twice a day when the tide comes in and out. Some of the benefits include the ability to generate an increase in salmon habitat, and provide a habitat for native fish, shellfish, tiny shrimp-like animals, and shorebirds.

For more information, visit www.portofeverett.com.



HOME OF EXCELLENCE

The proud recipients of the Home of Excellence goes to Steve and Alana Meyer who reside at 2318 Cleveland Avenue. They bought the house in 2000 and have since then done quite amazing work at turning a home some would say to demolish into a home that looks awesome. They have completely reworked the yard and it is such a beautiful place to wander through. They have various pathways, a pond, and a small garden area they have created. It is so relaxing to go back there. I also have to mention that Steve has done some wonderful metal art work that would immediately catch anyone's eye. Very creative and works well with their landscape.

Turning to the inside of the home you will find that it has had everything fixed up or worked on by these two. They have completely redone their kitchen retaining the old cupboards and adding a sink that was salvaged from another home. I also really like the bamboo counter tops and cork flooring they installed in their kitchen. It blends right in. Another beautiful renovation they did was to their bathroom. They kept it very period looking and brought it from what they described as non-functional. It is great looking. They have also redone the floors throughout the home among many other things. I cannot speak of everything but just have to say that it is an amazing transformation from when they purchased it. Way to go!



DID YOU KNOW...?

90% of house numbers are difficult to find at night, and 50% are difficult to find during the day.



Clearly readable house numbers can save precious time in an emergency. House numbers should be visible from the street at all times, day and night.

Holiday Lighting Contest 2009

Fire Fighters and other emergency response teams have told us before how important it is that our home address numbers be visible from the street. The judges of the holiday lighting contest have noticed how difficult it is to read house numbers too, so with that being said we have updated the contest rules to include,

Homes will not be considered where the house numbers are not visible from the street.

No Money to Fix Bridge

Though it failed a critical safety inspection in July 2008, the heavily traveled bridge on Broadway between Hewitt and California street was not included on a list of bridges that will receive state funding for replacement this year. Since July's inspection, steps have been taken to keep weight off the bridge such as load restrictions for commercial trucks and several parking spaces on the shoulders of the bridge have been eliminated.

In December the Everett City Council approved lab tests of the bridge's steel and concrete to determine more accurately the bridge's structural integrity, and discussed what steps the city should take to protect the public.

For further reading, visit <http://heraldnet.net/article/20090104/NEWS01/701049906&news01ad=1#No.money.to.fix.crumbling.Everett.bridge>.

RNA Donations



We would like to extend a warm **thank you** to those that contributed funds to help support our efforts in 2008.

- Joyce Lewis
- Barbee and Nash Families
- Sherrie Ringstad
- Dick and Helen Sanford
- The Roberts Group

Your kind contributions help support RNA and our efforts to make Riverside a better community.

Public Meetings

City Council meetings are held every Wednesday starting at 6:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 3002 Wetmore Ave.

Council of Neighborhoods meets at 4 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month except for August and December. The meetings are in the eighth floor conference room of the Wall Street Building, 2930 Wetmore Ave.

Everett Historical Commission meets second Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m. Hearing Room of the Planning and Community Development Department, eighth floor of the Wall Street Building, 2930 Wetmore Ave.

Tree Commission meets at 4 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Horticulture building at Legion Park, 145 Alverson Blvd.



Executive Board

Chair: Karol Dereg, 338-8412
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Co-Chair: Roberta Goodwill, 258-1617

Secretary: Toni Petersen
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Neighborhood Council Reps

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Project Leaders

- Annual Yard Sale: Marli Jenkins, 258-0261
- Historical: Steve Fox, 252-8008
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- Holiday Events: Katrina Lindahl, 258-1126
Ritch Carbaugh
- Home of Excellence: Tom & Diana Eiden
- HUD Grant: Roberta Goodwill
- Parks Liaison: Katrina Lindahl
- Park Watch: Omar Rodriguez, 259-6350
- Secret Garden: Tracey Johansen, 339-2217
- Webmaster: Cascade Web Designs
www.cascadewebdesigns.com
- Welcome Committee: Michelle Spivey
Fabienne Rausch

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