

The Riverside Report

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Riverside Neighborhood Association

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YOU'RE INVITED
TO OUR MONTHLY MEETING

TUESDAY
JANUARY 13, 2009
7:00PM

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
LIBRARY
2514 RAINIER AVE.

AGENDA

6:45pm - Talk to police

7:00pm - Police Report

Neighborhood Reports

2009 Committees

Grant Funds

Happy New Year



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.

HOLIDAYS ARE BRIGHTER IN RIVERSIDE

It truly was a winter wonderland this year. Our Riverside neighbors once again out did themselves with their amazing holiday lights from simple twinkle lights to extravagant displays. A big thank you to all of you who spent hours in the cold, rain, snow and wind to make our neighborhood sparkle. Everyone who decorated officially gets an honorable mention! Some of our neighbors and their Holiday displays were even recognized in the Everett Herald! (See RNA website for the link).

The three teams of judges: Toni Petersen, Ritch Carbaugh; John Batches, Tracy Johansen and Katrina Lindahl

had a wonderful time driving up and down the streets of Riverside admiring the wonderful displays of lights noting that this year many people began making the switch to LED lights. As always the judge's job was very difficult but there was consensus.

The winners were awarded gift certificates sponsored by local businesses, China Doll, Everett Aqua Sox, Silvertips, Ivar's Seafood Bar, Starbucks Coffee QFC on North Broadway, Tampico Mexican Restaurant, and Smashed Tomatoes Italian Restaurant. We would also like to extend




our gratitude to Fabienne Rosche who donated a gift bag.

We also would like to thank Brian Diver and Katrina Lindahl who braved the wind and rain storm to put up signs and deliver certificates to the winners.

Photos are available on our website at:
riversideneighborhood.org



HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS

Best Decorated:	Dawn Schubert Vicki and Matt Christ Ute and Ian Moore	2511 East Grand Avenue 2021 East Grand Avenue 2015 Highland Avenue
Best Theme: <i>Winter Wonderland</i>	Marie and Gary Cave	2413 State Avenue
Best Daytime:	Fabienne Rosche and John Baltches	2514 Leonard 
Best Earth Friendly:	Sharon Edwards	3001 Victor Place
Best Inflatable:	Annabelle Collings	2510 Maple Avenue
Best Business:	Edward Jones Investments	2905 Hewitt Avenue
Best Block:	25-26th block of East Grand Avenue 21-22nd block of Virginia Avenue	





DECEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Sergeant Jim Phillips told us the number of city wide **vehicle prowls and thefts are down 53 percent.**

Two strikes your out now apply to vehicle thefts. It was eight infractions before a car thief would do any time.

Steering wheel locking clubs and car alarms are effective auto-theft deterrent devices that can help protect your vehicle. These can be purchased through the Police Department for \$10.00.

There are **currently two ATF teams** striving to make our streets safer by targeting violent armed criminal organizations. More information on ATF and its programs can be found at www.atf.gov.

Call 911 if you suspect any unusual activity .



It was decided that the remaining \$2,000 **grant money** for this year will be spent on banners and to finish the work on the arch at Garfield Park.

The neighborhood **Welcome Committee** is being brought back from a long hiatus thanks to **Michelle Spivey** who has gladly volunteered to be the new coordinator. The Welcome Committee was originally formed in January 2000 and is a friendly way to extend a warm welcome to new neighbors and provides them with information regarding the neighborhood and the association.

The December meeting was held at the historic Van Valey house on Colby. This beautiful two story craftsman style home with tall

ornate ceilings and spacious rooms accommodated guests perfectly. The dining room table overflowed with pink cakes, pies, decorated cookies, chocolates and homemade fudge ready to go to the highest bidder.

Tom did a fabulous job as auctioneer and Diana helped make sure everything ran smoothly, which it did, in fact the **auction was incredibly fun, and successful in raising \$206.** It was decided that RNA would also make a separate \$200 contribution totaling **more than \$400 in donations going towards Evergreen Manor.**



Thanks to all of you who helped support this worthy cause.

Thanks to our neighborhood angel, **Katrina Lindahl** for decorating Riverside Park for the holidays.

VACATION HOME CHECK

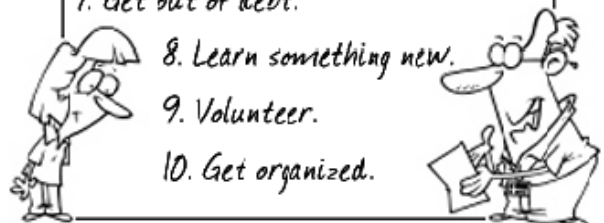


Senior volunteers provide a valuable service by performing house checks for residents who are out of town. Volunteers travel to each residence five days a week and conduct a walk around, making sure the exterior of the home is secure. If they find something unusual or suspicious, volunteers contact a patrol officer to investigate.

If you are going out of town and are interested in signing up for the free Vacation Watch program, please visit the Everett Police Department's north precinct at 3002 Wetmore Avenue to request an application packet or download the forms at www.everettwa.org/default.aspx?ID=666. Submit completed applications to the north precinct during normal business hours.

Top 10 New Year's Resolutions

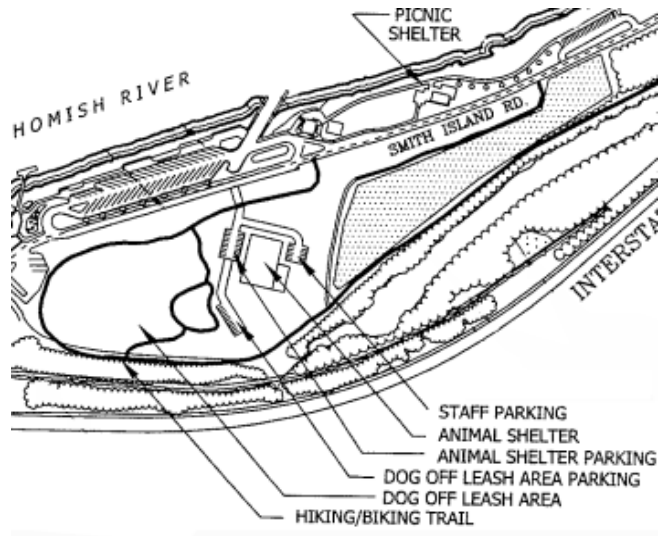
1. Spend more time with family and friends.
2. Get fit.
3. Lose weight.
4. Quit smoking.
5. Enjoy life more.
6. Quit Drinking
7. Get out of debt.
8. Learn something new.
9. Volunteer.
10. Get organized.



EVERETT ANIMAL SHELTER

To meet the needs of the region's increasing animal population a new animal shelter is being constructed in the Langus Riverfront Park vicinity to replace the current one at 2732 36th Street. The new facility will be larger and include a medical facility for animals. The new facility will include a veterinarian to work in the medical facility to perform most of the work that was previously contracted out. There will be an off leash dog park with a separate area set aside just for small breeds. Although the new facility will be larger, it will be more energy efficient and require less maintenance than the old facility. Completion date is expected in 2009.

The Langus Park master plan also includes paved and non-paved trails, interpretive signs, way finding signs, play opportunities, fishing and water use, rowing facilities and storage, and an option to allow for developing a pedestrian bridge across the river.



Above: Partial view of master plan.

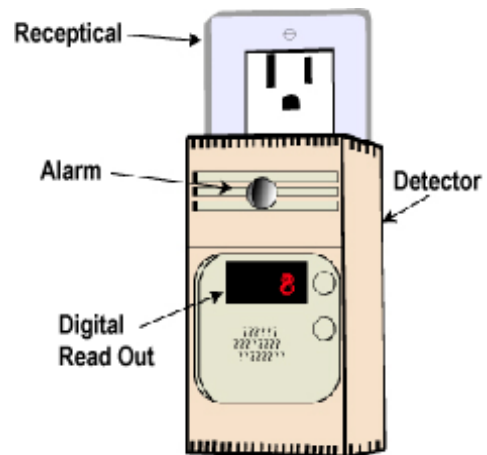
Be Safe with a CO Monitor

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. You can't taste, see or smell CO, but it can kill in just minutes. In Western Washington, at least 6 people died and more than 100 were treated for CO poisoning during the winter storm of 2006.

In a home, CO can be formed by improperly vented heaters and fireplaces, fumes from vehicles or generators, and appliances fueled with natural gas, oil, kerosene, coal, or wood.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headache, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, weakness, chest pain, confusion, and loss of consciousness. Low level poisoning may go unnoticed because it may be mistaken for the flu.

The best way to keep safe from harmful CO is to have a carbon monoxide detector or CO detector installed in your home. If a high concentration of CO is detected, the device sounds an alarm warning you to ventilate or leave the building. CO detectors retail for \$20-\$60 and can either be battery operated or AC powered (preferably with a battery



backup). CO alarms should be installed in the hallway near the bedroom(s). When shopping for a CO alarm, make sure to buy a UL Listed model, and that the brand has a battery back-up. If you buy a plug-in version, remember not to plug it into an outlet controlled by a switch.

CO detectors have a lifespan of 5 to 6 years. Installation varies by manufacturer.

Volunteer hours make a difference

Volunteer hours count towards matching mini-grant funds provided by the City of Everett and the Office of Neighborhoods. These funds are used towards neighborhood improvements and projects.

**Thank you
for your
volunteer hours!**

**Happy
New
Year!**



Shoreline Resident Workshops

WSU Shore Stewards is teaming up with Snohomish County, Puget Sound Partnership, City of Everett, MRC and other partners to bring you the FREE 2009 Shoreline Resident Workshops. These sessions will cover coastal processes, bluff dynamics, landscaping for a coastal environment, tree pruning, and water management, among other exciting shore related topics. Protect your property and Protect Puget Sound.

When: Saturday, 2-28-09

Where: Legion Hall

Contact: Jacquelyn Styrna, Shore Stewards Project Assistant
WSU Extension
Snohomish County
(425) 357-6028

Cystic Fibrosis Day

At the December City Council meeting, Mayor Stephanson proclaimed March 15, 2009 as "Find a Cure for Cystic Fibrosis Day" and invited the community to attend and enjoy the Barry Manilow benefit concert March 15, 2009. The Mayor presented the proclamation to Avery Colgan whose cousin died of cystic fibrosis in 2003.

Public Meetings

City Council meetings are held every Wednesday morning, except the third Wednesday of each month which is a night meeting. All day meetings start at 8:30 a.m., with the night meeting 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 Everett Public Works building, 3200 Cedar St.

Everett Symphony



The beautifully restored Historic Everett Theater in downtown Everett will soon be the home of the Everett Symphony. The 2008-2009 season will be their transition year, with only a portion of music being offered at this venue. With wonderful acoustics and beautiful décor, this 800+ seat venue will be a special place to experience Mostly Mozart, Ala Boston Pops and a night of Jazz concerts. Visit www.everettsymphony.org.

Memorial Bench Program

The Everett Parks & Recreation Department provides citizens the opportunity to honor a loved one with the purchase and dedication of a park bench and plaque. For more information visit www.everettwa.org/default.aspx?ID=1249



Executive Board

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Project Leaders

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Historical: Steve Fox, 252-8008

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 Sprivey

Yard Sale: Marli Jenkins, 258-0261

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