

# The Riverside Report

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Riverside Neighborhood Association

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## Join Your Neighbors

TUESDAY  
**JUNE 9, 2009**  
7:00-8:30 PM

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

### MEETING AGENDA

Meet & Greet

Police Report

Speaker: David Dilgard-Everett  
Riverside History

Community Block Grant

Elections

Summer Events

Open Forum

*No meeting July or August*  
**See you at the summer social!**  
*More information will be made available on the website.*

### 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.

## JUNE SPEAKER - DAVID DILGARD

Everett and Riverside are just beaming with fascinating history and no one knows it better than historian David Dilgard. He will entertain members with a delightful presentation that you won't want to miss!

## BOARD ELECTIONS

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Let your voice be heard!

We will be taking one last final vote on how to spend our \$48,000 block grant money. We have narrowed down our options to 5 choices for consideration:

### Speed Calming measures

- Speed feedback signs, curb bulbs.
- Curb bulbs

### Garfield Park Improvements

- Park entrance lights
- Interpretive Signs
- New shelters

The committee has been hard at work and is prepared to present more information about these final options at the meeting. We will hold a vote to decide for sure how the neighborhood wishes to spend these funds.

## MAY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Director of the Animal Shelter, Bud Wessman attended our meeting and brought Sadie, an adult dog available for adoption. We were able to raise **\$300** for the Animal Shelter.

Ross Johnson with the Planning Department talked about the success of the neighborhood clean-up. Apparently Riverside set a record for the City of Everett - a total of **63 tons** of garbage was picked up. We would like to thank Ross again for taking his time to help us with the clean-up.



## ELECTION TIME IS HERE!



Run for an Executive Board position, Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary or Treasurer and help:

- **Pave** the way for future generations,
- **Protect** and promote the interests of Riverside residents,
- **Support** improvement and maintenance of our parks,
- **Encourage** community and civic spirit and involvement, and
- **Foster** communication, goodwill and friendships among residents.

These positions are the backbone of our neighborhood organization that add stability and vitality.

- All positions require a one year commitment.
- Executive Officers shall be elected by simple majority vote of attending members.

*Duties include, but are not limited to:*

**Chair:** Shall be the member that represents the RNA, presides over monthly meetings, appoints committees and signs documents.

**Co-Chair:** Performs duties of Chair when required, oversees committees and provides support.

**Treasurer:** Shall be custodian of funds, provides financial status reports at meetings.

**Secretary:** Shall be the custodian of the RNA's documents, takes meeting minutes, writes newsletters, notifies media of events, updates mailing list.



Find out what's happening...

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and get in the know zone

## GARFIELD ARCH IS IN THE PARK

-KATRINA LINDAHL

On a foggy, April morning the Everett Parks Department installed the long awaited arch at the northwest entrance to Garfield Park. Installation could not have been smoother! All the trouble of making a jig and measuring twice paid off. Thank goodness! This project encountered many snafus and delays but the end product was well worth the effort it took to keep the arch project on track.

The Arch has long been a dream of many Riverside Neighbors and it would not have become reality without the vision, dedication and time spent by some of these neighbors. These people wanted the arch to be in keeping with the historical attributes of our neighborhood and so choose to design the arch using design attributes of the American Arts and Craft era (1890-1930).

Thank you to Riversiders Judy Corcoran, Rachael Vitous and Katrina Lindahl who designed and facilitated the fabrication of the arch. A huge thank you to Randy Howard, our professional engineer who volunteered countless hours to insure the arch is structurally sound and visually pleasing to the eye.



More thank you's to the Sno-Isle Skill Center student welders: Aaron Bosley, James Bosely, Michael Burrow, Travis Clark, Aaron Engstfeld, Joey Hunter, Kyle Kelly, Ray Purviance, Gordon Reeve, Bradley Schurman, Jake Sells and their instructor Bob Throndsen.

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**GARFIELD PARK ARCH CONTINUED...**

We need to thank Mike and Pam Osborne of DCI Metal Finishing who donated a large portion of the cost to powder coat the arch and SandBlasters Inc. who sandblasted the arch in preparation for powder coating.

Thank you to the Office of Neighborhoods as a source of the Large Project funds, a City of Everett matching grant, and to all the volunteers whose hours counted as matching hours. Thanks again to MJ and Bob Creamer, Mary Burns and Cecile Dow who donated money when the project went over budget.

Last but not least a huge thank you to the Everett Parks Department. They make our dreams come true.

We will be scheduling a dedication celebration soon! Next time you walk through the park take a gander at the Arch. It is a sight to see!

**COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS**  
—MICHELLE SPIVEY

Green Everett is looking for volunteers and also looking for neighborhoods who would like to set up informational tables to publicize their associations at the Sustainability Fair on October 3. More info at [www.sustainableeverett.com](http://www.sustainableeverett.com).

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The Everett summer reading program begins soon! Encourage local youth to take part. The summer goal for students is 48 books or 24 hours of reading. Research indicates that reading 20 minutes per day is one of the best activities kids can do to boost literacy. There are prizes!

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The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the UW is a membership-based Institute that will offer people over 50 the opportunity to explore and discuss a wide variety of thought provoking subjects and an exchange of ideas among peers. Topics will range from arts and history to health science research and important local and global issues taught by seasoned UW instructors, retired UW faculty, and community experts. Starting this summer classes will be offered at the Everett Senior Center, 3025 Lombard Avenue. Yearly memberships are \$110. Classes are two hours long, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and evenings. For more info visit [www.outreach.washington.edu/olli/](http://www.outreach.washington.edu/olli/).



**YARD SALE JULY 11**

Now's your chance to get rid of that unwanted stuff stored away in the corner of your garage and the stationary bike that's just sitting there collecting dust.

Sign up to participate in our Community-Wide Yard Sale and for just \$3 we'll do the advertising for you. You will receive a step-stake sign to display in your yard. Plus your address will be advertised on the yard sale neighborhood map and made available at participating yard sale locations throughout the neighborhood.

If you would like to take part in this year's sale, go to the *RNA website where you can download and print a registration form*. If you would like more information please contact Marli at 425-258-0261.

**SUMMER SOCIAL**

Volunteers are needed for this event from planning to publicity to the day of the social. If you are interested call Karol at 425-339-8412.

*More information will be made available on the RNA Website at [www.riversideneighborhood.org](http://www.riversideneighborhood.org).*

*We Love  
Our Volunteers*



## RIVERSIDE TIDBITS

- City Chickens and Hiking the North Cascades program podcasts are available for listening at [www.epls.org/podcast/](http://www.epls.org/podcast/).
- Mayor Stephanson proclaimed May, 2009 as “Older Americans Month.” He presented the proclamation to George Brown, an active member of the Everett Senior Center.
- Solid waste fees have increased to \$20 for up to 360 pounds, and \$105 per ton. Unsecured loads are charged an additional fine, so remember to cover or tie the load down.
- Historic Everett’s annual home tour will be Saturday, September 12.

*This and more events will be posted on the RNA website calendar. Visit through the summer to keep up with important issues and events.*

## GET IN ON THE GROUND FLOOR...

Kelly Mitchell is heading up a committee that will oversee the vacant DOT property on Harrison. So far there’s been talk of starting a community garden or a dog park, but only time will tell. If you are interested in participating in this exciting new venture please email [info@riversideneighborhood.org](mailto:info@riversideneighborhood.org).

## HOME OF EXCELLENCE - MAY/JUNE -TOM & DIANA EIDEN

Norm and Laurie Emery, who reside at 2502 East Grand Avenue, live in a wonderful house that sounds like it had a colorful past. It was built in 1905 and still retains its wonderful character. They bought it in 2003. Since then they have done wonderful things to the yard with the addition of small trees, shrubs and plants to give their yard color and character. They keep their yard up so well. Inside their home you will see that they have remodeled their kitchen and have spruced up the rest of the home to make it a pleasant place to be. It feels relaxing when you enter and it has a very open feel. Keep up the great work. We look forward to seeing what you do next.

## THANK YOU TOM & DIANA EIDEN FOR ALL YOUR YEARS

We are sad to announce that Tom and Diana Eiden will be stepping down as Home of Excellence representatives. Tom and Diana have dedicated the last 5 years to giving special recognition to Riverside home owners who have taken pride of ownership in their property. RNA and the community of Riverside would like to express our gratitude for your enthusiasm and commitment in making Riverside a better place to live.

*If you are interested in taking over this fun project, please email [info@riversideneighborhood.org](mailto:info@riversideneighborhood.org).*



### Executive Board

Chair: Karol Dereg, 339-8412  
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Co-Chair: Roberta Goodwill, 258-1617

Secretary: Toni Petersen  
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Treasurer: Linden Kimbrough, 317-0705

### Neighborhood Council Reps

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### Project Leaders

Historical: Steve Fox, 252-8008

Holiday Caroling: Judy Corcoran, 339-1150

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](http://www.cascadewebdesigns.com)

Welcome Committee: Michelle Spivey  
Fabienne Rausch

Yard Sale: Marli Jenkins, 258-0261

Yard Squad: David Lambert

**Help us build a stronger community by becoming a volunteer. Contact us at [info@riversideneighborhood.org](mailto:info@riversideneighborhood.org)**

We are always looking for people to volunteer for projects, but if you don't have the time then please consider an in-kind donation to help support RNA's efforts.

Make checks payable to:  
**Riverside Neighborhood Association**

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RNA Treasurer; 2210 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Street;  
Everett, WA. 98201

RNA thanks you!