

The Riverside Report

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Riverside Neighborhood Association

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Join Your Neighbors

TUESDAY
MAY 12, 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

7:15 - 7:40

Dessert Auction

7:40 - 8:10

Community Block Grant

8:10 - 8:30

Open Forum

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.

MAY MEETING GOING TO THE DOGS!

Come join us for dinner followed by a dessert and doggie treat auction to benefit the Everett Animal Shelter.

Come eat, socialize, and have fun while raising money for the Everett Animal Shelter.



Dessert Auction is back!

We will be having the ever fun and popular dessert auction. Feel free to bring a dessert, (people or pet treats) to auction off, and come meet our all-star auctioneer, Tom Eiden.

Come for dinner!

We'll be providing hot dogs, soda and snack for dinner. Please bring a \$1.00 donation for your meal.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Help us decide the best way to spend this year's Community Development Block Grant. Some suggestions have been:

- * Developing a patch of land for a dog park or pea patch.
- * Continued improvements to Garfield Park
- * Riverside Street Signs
- * Sidewalk Repair
- * Street Tree Pruning

Join us at the May meeting and voice your opinion!

ELECTION TIME IS HERE!

Cast your vote June 9th



Have you ever wanted to become more involved in your neighborhood and help pave the way for future generations? Do you need to learn a new skill to build your resume? Would you like Riverside to be a safer, more friendly, beautiful place to live?

These are just a few of the reasons to volunteer for an Executive Board position, Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary or Treasurer. These positions are the backbone of our neighborhood organization, providing stability and vitality.

- ★ All positions require a one year commitment.
- ★ Solicitation of nominations for all positions shall be accepted from the floor at the June 9th RNA meeting.
- ★ 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. *Good for leader, planner, speaker, civic minded.*

Co-Chair: Performs duties of Chair when required, oversees committees and provides support. *Good for administrator, speaker, civic minded.*

Treasurer: Shall be custodian of funds, provides financial status reports at meetings. *Perfect for organized, reliable person, financial background a plus but not required.*

Secretary: Shall be the custodian of the RNA's documents, takes meeting minutes, writes newsletters, notifies media of events, updates mailing list. *Perfect for creative, journalist type. Must have computer knowledge.*

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

—MICHELLE SPIVEY

Want to help your block be more prepared in case of a disaster? The Map Your Neighborhood program can help you do just that. City staff are recruiting one person in each neighborhood to attend a training that will not only help you map your own block, but train others in your neighborhood to map their own blocks. The training is free (and so is the light dinner they provide). Medical Reserve Corps is offering the training Wednesday, May 20th at the Providence Pacific Campus from 5:30 to 8:30. Please RSVP to Therese Quinn at (425) 388-5075 or therese.quinn@snohomish.wa.us.

Garfield Elementary is having an open house on May 11th to celebrate their recent renovations. Tours will begin at 6:30pm, followed by a program at 7:00.

Everett transit is considering fare changes. There will be several opportunities for public comment in May. Three routes in the downtown corridor have route changes, effective May 24th.

THINK GREEN COMMUTE

National Bike/Walk to Work Day
Friday, May 15, 2009

Celebrating Bike to Work Day is as easy as 1-2-3. Commit to biking one day, on two wheels, for three reasons: exercise, environment and economy. Bike to Work Day features Celebration Stations where riders can make a pit stop on the way to their destination and snag Bike to Work safety blinkers, snacks, free bike safety checks and local bike maps. Find Celebration Stations online at communitytransit.org/Programs/BikeToWork.cfm



N2N PLANTING A SUNNY SUCCESS!

-DONNA GLEISNER AND KATRINA LINDAHL

Thanks to 28 wonderful, caring Riverside neighbors, Kimberly-Clark employees and community service volunteers, our last Noise to Nature planting event along Highland Ave, State Ave and Chestnut Street was a great success. We were able to plant all 200 native trees and shrubs, and 75 Boston ivy plants along a three-block section of the freeway noise wall!

The Everett Public Works Department's Street Division was an invaluable assistance by mowing, uncovering buried sidewalks, closing off the street, transporting compost, delivering hog fuel and topsoil, removing large rocks and debris, and swept the street at the end of the day. THANK YOU Mike and crew!

The Everett Parks and Recreation Department was also instrumental to our success. They supplied wheelbarrows and shovels and three picnic tables. THANK YOU Craig and Dan!

Last, but certainly not least, the State Department of Corrections community service volunteers assisted us again by pre-digging all 200 planting holes that we had marked. They also dug out blackberries, thistle and other weeds that were marked with orange paint. THANK YOU Justin and crew!

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the funding for this project – a grant from the City of Everett's Office of Neighborhoods, Neighborhood Project Fund. THANK YOU City of Everett for supporting your neighborhoods!

Visit the website to read more about the N2N project and everything the committee members and volunteers accomplished.



Find out what's happening...

www.riversideneighborhood.org

and get in the know zone

Visit the website to refer or find a home improvement specialist.



SUMMER EVENTS CALENDAR

Although Riverside Neighborhood Association does not meet in July or August we do have summer events and volunteer opportunities.

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.

Riverside Neighborhood Yard Sale July 11

A nominal fee of \$3 is charged to cover the cost of advertising and signage. Those who participate will receive a stepstake sign for their yard. Additionally, a neighborhood map is created with all participating addresses marked. Maps will be made available at the 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 contact Marli at 425 258-0261.

National Night Out August 4 National Night Out is designed to: Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back; Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; and Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs. Consider holding a simple barbecue or ice cream party, or go all out and organize a big event. Look for more information in future newsletters.

Summer Social Date TBD Held at Garfield Park, \$3 purchased a hot dog, bag of chips, soda and ice cream cone. If you have thought about getting involved in the neighborhood but weren't sure where to start, the Summer Social is a great place to begin. Help is needed in every aspect of this event from planning to publicity to day of the social. 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.

EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Did you know the Everett Public Library offers many free events and learning opportunities? Everett has two libraries providing city residents with access to book and media collections, reference services, on-line resources, home library services, a bookmobile and programs for adults, children and families. The library's staff includes specialists in adult reference, children's books, local history and career information. Don't overlook this wonderful resource. For more information visit their website at: www.epls.org.

SORTICULTURE - EVERETT'S GARDEN ART FESTIVAL

Held this June 12th - 14th at Legion Park. The event is free and Everett transit provides a shuttle service from the community col-

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP A HUGE SUCCESS!

RNA would like to thank Ross Johnson for his participation in the largest neighborhood clean up in our history - 63 tons.

THE 15TH ANNUAL MONTE CRISTO AWARDS

Monte Cristo Awards are given to neighbors who help make Everett special by taking pride in their property.



Nominations are welcomed! You can nominate yourself, your neighbor or a business. Nomination forms are available from the City of Everett's Office of Neighborhoods at 2930 Wetmore Ave., 9th Floor, or call 257-8717, or pick one up at the RNA May meeting.

Nominations accepted through June 15 and awards presented on October 8.



Executive Board

Chair: Karol Dereg, 339-8412
info@riversideneighborhood.org

Co-Chair: Roberta Goodwill, 258-1617

Secretary: Toni Petersen
toni@riversideneighborhood.org

Treasurer: Linden Kimbrough, 317-0705

Neighborhood Council Reps

Michelle Spivey, 258-3092
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Project Leaders

Historical: Steve Fox, 252-8008

Holiday Caroling: Judy Corcoran, 339-1150

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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

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

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