

The Riverside Report

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TUESDAY
NOV. 10, 2009

7:00-8:30 PM

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

MEETING AGENDA

Police Report

Speaker: Ross Johnson

Grant Funds

Volunteer Opportunities

Holiday Events

December Fundraiser

SNACK ANNOUNCEMENT

If your last name begins with the letter **A - M**, please bring a snack item to share. We'll supply the coffee, cups, paper plates and napkins.

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.

ROSS JOHNSON AND THE CDBG

Each year Riverside receives Community Development Block Grant, CDBG, funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which are used towards neighborhood revitalization. Our November speaker, Ross Johnson is the associate planner with the City of Everett's Planning and Community Development. He will be discussing the CDBG and projects where our funds can be put to good use.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Everett provides funding in the form of a Mini Grant where funds are matched by volunteer hours. Both the CDBG and Mini Grants are used towards neighborhood revitalization. In the past RNA members have voted to allocate grant money for everything from sidewalk repairs to park improvements. So start thinking of where you'd like to spend the money and bring your suggestions to the November meeting.



DECEMBER FUNDRAISER

Raising money for a worthy cause is always good, but it's even better when there are baked goods involved!

At the December we will be having our yearly auction of baked goods to raise money for a local charity. Do you have a favorite local charity? Bring your suggestions to the November meeting.



BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY

We will be accepting nominations and electing a secretary at the November meeting. Any one interested in getting involved at the board member level, please email your interest to Ritch at riversideneighborhood@yahoo.com.

See page 2 for more details.

DECEMBER 8TH MEETING LOCATION



**The Historic Van Valey House
2130 Colby Ave.**

FYI: the December 8th meeting will be held at the historic Van Valey house. Doors will open at **6:45 p.m.** and close at **9:00 p.m.**

We will be having our yearly auction of baked goods to raise money for a local charity and encourage everyone to bring a baked good and participate in the auction. It's for a good cause. See you there!



RNA is planning a chicken coop tour for spring 2010. Tour-goers will have a chance to check out home chicken coops, ask fowl questions and learn about backyard chicken keeping. If you, or someone you know, have a backyard flock and are interested in participating in the tour, please contact Ritch at riversideneighborhood@yahoo.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Secretary: Responsibilities include, but not limited to, recording meeting minutes, writing newsletters, notifying media of events and updating city mailing list. Requirements include a commitment through July 2010, computer knowledge, MS Word or Publisher, internet and email access.

Neighborhood Council Representative: Attend Council of Neighborhood meetings, which are held at 4 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month except for August and December. Report neighborhood activities to the council and collect info from other neighborhoods. This could be monthly or as a substitute.

Painter/Handy Person: We are looking for someone to fabricate new neighborhood meeting signs. These signs hang under the main neighborhood signs announcing the upcoming meeting. The signs will need to be primed and painted with hand painted or stenciled lettering. RNA will provide the necessary materials for anyone who is willing to do the work. Contact Ritch at riversideneighborhood@yahoo.com.

Noise To Nature Planting Party: We need your help to plant about 100 small trees, shrubs, and vines on **Saturday, November 14, at 9:00am**, along the sound walls. We need to get these replacement plants in the ground this fall so they can grow strong roots for next season. Because of the hot, dry summer we had, many neighbors graciously helped plants survive by watering. Thanks to them, we only lost 10% of the trees and shrubs we planted over the past year. The vast majority of the plants look fantastic! We will meet at the Kelly Hill Site (25th and Harrison Street). Please bring your own shovel and gloves. With many hands, this will be a fun, easy time! Contact Katrina Lindahl at 258-1126 for more information. Come join us and make a difference!



Garfield Park

The drinking fountain has been vandalized! Someone has taken gravel and scratched the paint off the fountain heads and tried to etch their name into the paint. We've also found gravel in the bowl, so now we are looking into alternatives to the gravel.

Join RNA's Email List

Receive vital news and information by signing up for RNA e-news. Go to riversideneighborhood.org to join the email list. Once you sign up you will be sent a confirmation email. You must reply to this email in order to be added to the list.

1916 Everett Massacre

Presentation by historian David Dilgard at 7 p.m. follows 6 p.m. Everett Massacre Commemoration with bagpipes. Thursday Nov. 5, \$10 Anchor Pub, 1001 Hewitt Ave. Co-sponsored by Historic Everett as part of Everett History Week: Nov. 1-7, 2009.



Find out what's happening...
www.riversideneighborhood.org
and get in the know zone



The 12th Annual Holiday Decorating Contest



BY KATRINA LINDAHL

The holidays are sneaking up on us and that means it's time again to design and strategize the perfect holiday lighting display for your home and/or neighborhood block. "A Vintage Holiday" is our theme this year for those of you who are vying for this award, or who just like to have a concept in mind when you design. We encourage everyone to make the holiday season sparkle and join in a Riverside tradition by decorating your home for the holidays.

The Contest: we have several prize categories you can participate in. Get together with your neighbors to make your block the best decorated in Riverside:

Final judging will take place December 6. If you would like to nominate a neighbor or yourself,

- 1). Best Decorated Home (3 winners in this category)
- 2). Best Decorated Block (1 or 2 winners)
- 3). Best Theme oriented home. **This year's theme: "A Vintage Holiday"**
- 4). Best Environmentally Friendly Decorations
- 5). Best Day Time Decorations
- 6). Best Blow Up Decorations
- 7). Best Decorated Business in the Neighborhood

All contests have rules so here they are:

- 1). Open to Riverside neighbors only.
- 2). Cannot win the same category two years in a row.
- 3). Homes with decorations that have been left up from previous holidays will be ineligible for a prize, except for twinkle lights that are used year round.
- 4). We must be able to see your house number from the street.
- 5). Be safe. Be Safe. BE SAFE!

please call Katrina Lindahl at 258-1126.

We are also looking for additional judges for this event. If interested give us a call. We will be announcing the winners at the December neighborhood meeting. We hope you will join in the fun and make Riverside glow this holiday season!!!



Prizes Needed for Holiday Lighting Contest

Do you have an 'in' with a local business or craft person? Do you think they would like to donate a gift certificate or an item to be awarded to the winners of our Holiday Lighting contest? We are looking for seven prizes to recognize the efforts of our winners who contribute to making Riverside a special place to be during the holiday season. We suggest a value of twenty-five dollars or so and items should be new. We always appreciate the people and businesses who donate prizes and we will recognize their generosity in the January newsletter. Please contact Katrina at 258-1126 for more info or if you have a donation.



COUNCIL OF 'HOODS BY MICHELLE SPIVEY

Shop Everett is a new campaign designed to bring the focus back to shopping locally to support local businesses, and in turn - the local economy! If you go downtown, you may see signs asking you to support local businesses. There's SO many good reasons to shop Everett! Green Everett will also be hosting an event in January with a walking tour of local establishments. Check out GreenEverett.WikiSpaces.com for information about this and other green activities.

There's No Place Like Home
SHOP EVERETT

If you plan on cutting down a tree in your yard, it's a good idea to contact the Planning Department for a permit. It's actually illegal to cut trees that are on a slope or have a waterway nearby. There are some neighbors in the city of Everett who are facing pretty severe consequences for doing this, so use this reminder to contact the Planning Department for more information (257-8731) if you have any questions related to this topic.

Have you heard of OLLI? Wondering what to get a friend or family member over 50 for a holiday gift? The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute has a fantastic variety of classes available through the senior center. There will be an open house to learn more information and explore class offerings on December 3rd from 3-5 PM at the senior center.

Be watching the newspaper or snocoflu.org for information on the **H1N1 vaccine**. October began a weekend series of vaccination clinics to be continued through November. The vaccine is free and available to pregnant women and anyone up to age 24. Clinics are seeking volunteers.

HOME OF EXCELLENCE BY GEM MCCURRY-HUNTER

The Home of Excellence this month goes to Joline and David Lambert and their children Sarah and Connor who live at 2509 Rainier Avenue.



This beautiful jewel of a home, painted in the bright blue vintage color of its era, is accented with crisp white trim and was built back in 1920. The house may have been built earlier, as a previous owner noted it had been relocated from Everett Avenue many years ago.

The first thing you notice is the gorgeous, well-maintained yard with a variety of beautiful trees and plantings lovingly established and tended by Joline. She adores working in her garden paradise. Also note the massive stone walkway leading up to

their front porch, reconstructed to fit the house by David, very appropriate to the time and style of the home. He also placed a matching stone pathway leading from the front to the back of the home. Another feature surrounding the front base of their home is gorgeous tile-work inlaid with glass, stones and shells in the center, done with great care by Joline.

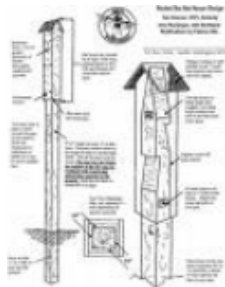
Inside, the home has its original fir floors polished to a glowing beauty along with craftsman style window frames. Several rooms still have the picture railing though David says he thinks this was a period remake by a previous owner. Joline and David have also redone two bedrooms and have many plans for the future. Congratulations Joline and David for splendid job and continue to good work!

OCTOBER MEETING SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

Barbara Ogaard a.k.a. the **Bat Lady from Sarvey Wildlife Center** was amazing! She engaged every person right from the start and presented some fascinating and useful information about bats, and did it all with warmth, charm and a delightful sense of humor! The center rescues thousands of orphaned and injured wildlife every year and readies them to be released back into the wild. We were able to **raise \$145.52 for Sarvey Wildlife** and appreciate everyone who helped make this happen.

The Washington Department of Wildlife lists nine bat species as "Species of Special Concern". Even bats that have adapted well to human environmental change are now losing their roosts. To learn more about how you can help, visit www.batsnorthwest.org.

More information, including the plans to the rocket box bat house that Barbara referred to in her presentation, can be found at www.riversideneighborhood.org.



Rocket Bat House

Thank You! We would like to extend our appreciation to Donald Culvers. Donald's generous financial contribution will help support RNA and our efforts to make Riverside a better community.



Executive Board

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Yard Sale: Marli Jenkins

This newsletter was compiled by Toni Petersen and edited by the Office of Neighborhoods.

RNA is working towards building a better community, but we need your help.

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

Make checks payable to:
Riverside Neighborhood Association

Mail to:
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Thank you for your support.