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TUESDAY
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2009

7:00-8:30 PM

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

MEETING AGENDA

Police Report

Co-Chair Nominations & Election

Harrison Property

Block Watch

Speaker Topics

Bylaw Revisions

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.



Hello Riverside neighbors! My name is Ritch. I was chair 1999-2003 and am once again happy to be of service to the community. Okay, to be honest no one else was stepping up to the plate. Neither my wife nor I really wanted to see the association go dormant or worse yet-dissolve, so she nominated me.

I truly appreciate the past executive board members for everything they've put into making Riverside a better place. They deserve our sincere appreciation. It is their leadership that has allowed us to continue to have such a strong, vibrant community. As we enter a new season, we need more volunteers than ever to help guide us and help keep the vision of our friendly neighborhood alive. Attend a meeting, give us a call or email. Share your ideas, give us your time. It will make your home and your neighborhood an even better place. *By Ritch Carbaugh, RNA Chair*

Join us September and meet other neighbors who share your passion for living in one of the best communities in Everett!

Topics for discussion:

- Co-Chair nominations and election.
- The DOT vacant lot on Harrison Avenue: current status and what steps need to be taken to develop this lot into a viable community asset.
- Neighborhood Block Watch and other crime deterrents.
- Upcoming speaker topics. Bring your ideas!
- Proposed revisions to RNA bylaws.
- Chicken coop tour, spring 2010.

The irrigation system needed to be retrofitted to accommodate a **water fountain** in Garfield Park, but when the new fountain arrived an unfortunate issue involving the freeze proof capabilities developed causing a delay in the installment earlier this year. The new fountain was shipped August 20 and will be installed as soon as the Everett Parks & Recreation Department receives it.



September Meeting

Garfield Park

QUIZ TIME

Can you name the five active and potentially active volcanoes in Washington?

Answer on page (2)

Block Watch Meeting

The Everett Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit invites community members interested in starting a Block Watch Group (BWG) to take part in upcoming meetings. The Informational Summit meeting is designed for anyone interested in organizing a BWG. This session provides the basics of forming and maintaining a successful group. The Captain Summit meeting is an educational course for existing BW captains and co-captains.

Captain Summit

Wed. Sept 9
7:00 - 8:30 pm
Garfield Elementary Library

Informational Summit

Thu. Sept 10
7:00 - 8:30 pm
Garfield Elementary Library

- Block Watch is about neighbors helping neighbors address crime concerns.
- The City of Everett has 65 Block Watch Groups.
- Studies have shown crime is reduced in neighborhoods that have active Block Watch programs.

JUNE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**June Election Results**

Chair: Ritch Carbaugh
Co-Chair: OPEN
Secretary: Kelly Mitchell
Treasurer: Linden Kimbrough

Seeking a volunteer to serve as Co-Chair. Responsibilities include:

assist with chairing the meetings, work with the Chair to develop the agenda, assist the Chair with the creation of documents, oversee committees and provide support. If you would like to get involved at the board member level, please contact Ritch at riversideneighborhood@yahoo.com.

We'd like to thank Linden Kimbrough for running for a third term as treasurer, plus we are proud to introduce Kelly Mitchell as our new Secretary, Gem Hunter as the new project leader for Home of Excellence, and Judy Cocoran has offered to help recruit prizes for the Holiday Home Decorating Contest.

We'd like to extend our gratitude to our previous Chair, Karol Dereg and Co-Chair Roberta Goodwill for their contributions and tireless leadership and commitment.

Glen Hunter discussed adding **historic markers** in the historic overlay area. The presentation showed brown signs with white lettering. The markers would be installed on the street posts directly above the street signs. The cost of 35 signs would be approximately \$2,800. It was put to vote and everyone unanimously agreed with the idea.

Representatives from **American Checker Cab** attended our meeting and offered free cab service between 12:00 am - 1:00 am on July 5th within the Riverside neighborhood only. Perfect for partygoers in the neighborhood that need a ride home. There was also discussion of using an American Checker Cab in the 4th of July Parade. American Checker Cab is located at 2803 Maple Street and their phone number is 425-341-1411.

David Dilgard gave a historical presentation with educational, light-hearted and entertaining stories of Everett and the first dozen years of Riverside. Anyone who has ever heard David Dilgard talk about Riverside's early days knows of its colorful past and rich history - the streets where history lives.

One person David spoke of during his presentation was a man by the name of **Max Carlton Miller** (1899-1967) who grew up in Riverside. *He worked as a waterfront reporter for the San Diego Sun, but is best known for his best-selling book, I Cover the Waterfront. Two movies were made from the book. The major one starred Claudette Colbert and Ben Lyon and is credited with the phrase, "Not tonight Josephine." *Excerpt from www.riversideneighborhood.org.

Max Carlton Miller books about Riverside recommended by David Dilgard, Beginning of a Mortal, Shimmy on your own Side, and No Matter what Happens.

We would like to express our appreciation to **Joyce Lewis** for the kind donation. Your generous contribution will make a difference in the lives of everyone in the Riverside community.

You are making a difference!



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and get in the know zone

Answer: Mt Adams, Mt Baker, Glacier Peak,
Mt Rainier, Mt St Helens.

RIVERSIDE'S BEST KEPT SECRET

The Secret Garden has been growing well. Gardeners have planted peas, lettuce, spinach, big onions, cucumbers, tomatoes, potatoes, flowers and much more. Each season the gardeners with plots will have their choice of the same plot for next year.

Prices will be raised next year to \$20 for a 5x10 plot and \$5 for each tire. Gardeners reserve your plot

early. If you have any questions please call Tracy 425-339-2217. Big thank you to the gardeners who did a lot of work, Adrienne, James, Linda, Julie, Pam, Larry, Sherrie and Craig—you all did a wonderful job. Happy Harvest!



-Tracy Johansen

RIVERSIDE GARAGE SALE

The RNA sale was a success! Lots of neighbors and visitors to the neighborhood were out shopping. The weather, while a little on the hot side was preferable to Sunday's showers--good times and great bargains were had by many. It was wonderful to see so many people out meeting their neighbors and enjoying the sales. To quote Robin, a neighbor who participated, "We had so much fun visiting with neighbors and enjoying the sunshine that I almost forgot this was work. A real joy was finding a home for mom's bird's eye maple dresser and welcoming a woman from Iraq to America." It's a joy indeed to live in a neighborhood with neighbors who are as wonderful as all of you! Thank you to all who participated--and we'll be doing it again in 2010--the 2nd Saturday in July!

I also wanted to include a Thank you to Wendy at the Office of Neighborhoods for printing our maps, to Roberta Goodwill for help with the map, to Toni Petersen for her getting the info and the G-sale registration form up on the website and to all who had sales and who came to shop. Thanks again!

-Marli Willard

VOLUNTEERS BUILD STRONGER COMMUNITIES



WELCOME COMMITTEE UPDATE

We need a **Real Estate professional** to work with the Welcome Committee who will put us in touch with recent home sales in our neighborhood.



If you know someone who recently moved to Riverside, (home buyers or renters), please send their address Michelle's way at mhardwick@spu.edu or 425-293-5422.

The Welcome Committee is a friendly way to extend a warm welcome to new neighbors and provides them with information regarding the neighborhood and the association.

Michelle and Fabienne have created fabulous welcome baskets. Some of the items in the basket are:

- SnoCo Living Publication
- Interurban Trail info
- Hometown Value coupons
- Symphony & theater guides
- Slivertips schedule & coupon
- Children's Museum flyer
- Children's Museum coupon
- Parks & Rec guide
- Welcome letter
- RNA newsletter
- Day's Herald
- Mall directory
- Transit info
- Phone book
- First aid kit
- City Visitor's guide

RIVERSIDE PARK IN BLOOM...

Thanks to the efforts of Katrina Lindahl, Vicki Rosenau and assistance from the Everett Parks Department.



RNA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

If you live in the Riverside community 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.

A LOOK BACK AT OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS



In the last 10 months, thanks to neighbors helping neighbors we:

- Raised approximately \$1000 for the City of Everett Animal Shelter, Evergreen Manor, and the libraries at North Middle and Garfield Schools.
- Planted over 600 trees, shrubs and ivy on the neighborhood side of the I-5 freeway wall.
- Installed the Garfield Park arch, among numerous other upgrades, plus two park clean-ups.
- Generated enough volunteer hours to put towards our grant funds which went towards sidewalk repairs and other neighborhood improvements.
- Had two successful neighborhood clean-ups. The one held this spring generated 63 tons of garbage, the largest clean-up in Riverside's history.

Thank you...

N2N project coordinators Donna Gleisner and Katrina Lindahl, Kimberly-Clark, all the volunteers who helped us plant, including the volunteers from the Navy. Steve Fox, Sarah Church and Glen Hunter for working on the Historic Overlay. Ross Johnson and Roberta Goodwill for their help with the neighborhood clean-up, Michelle Spivey for labeling the neighborhood envelopes each month, Marli Willard for overseeing the Yard Sale project, Tom and Diana Eiden our previous Home of Excellence leaders, Michelle Spivey and Candace Valentine for participating in the Neighborhood Council meetings (and for the notes—thanks Michelle), Katrina Lindahl for acting as Parks Liaison, and again Katrina, Vicki Rosenau and the Everett Parks Department for keeping Riverside Park in bloom, Michelle Spivey and Fabienne Rausch for the time they spend welcoming new residents to the neighborhood, and all the other volunteers who, through hundreds of unacknowledged deeds, make Riverside a wonderful place to call home. And last but not least, we would like to extend our appreciation to the City of Everett and the tremendous support from Office of Neighborhoods.

Fun Factoids

The bench in Garfield Park donated by Starbucks was made from 878 recycled milk cartons.

Puget Sound has 3 resident orca pods (about 90 whales), each pod with its own unique language, feeding habits and social practices.

Highest point in Sno Co is Glacier Peak at 10,541 feet.

“The Wave”, a popular fan cheer for the past 25 years, was started by Husky fans at the UW.

ABOUT DAVID DILGARD

David is an Everett native and has worked as a specialist in regional history at the Everett Public Library for 32 years.

In May 2009 the Washington State Historical Society presented David with the Robert Gray Medal Award for his contributions to Pacific Northwest history through teaching, writing, research, historic preservation, and service to local historical societies.

Books by David Dilgard: Buildings of Early Everett (1975), A Bi-Centennial Survey of Historic Properties (1976), The Everett Theatre: A Brief History of Its 90 Years (1991), Dark Deeds (1991), a volume dealing with three celebrated Snohomish County homicides of the territorial period, and Mill Town Footlights: The Theaters of Everett, Washington (2001).



Executive Board

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Co-Chair: OPEN

Secretary: Kelly Mitchell,
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Treasurer: Linden Kimbrough, 317-0705
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Neighborhood Council Reps

Michelle Spivey & Candace Valentine

Project Leaders

Historical: Steve Fox

Holiday Decorating Contest: Katrina Lindahl
Judy Corcoran

Home of Excellence: Gem Hunter

HUD Grant: Roberta Goodwill

Parks Liaison: Katrina Lindahl

Park Watch: Omar Rodriguez

Secret Garden: Tracy Johansen

Web Administrator: Cascade Web Designs

Welcome Committee: Michelle Spivey
Fabienne Rausch

Yard Sale: Marli Willard

**Help us build a stronger community
by becoming a volunteer.**

Contact us at
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

Mail to:
RNA Treasurer; 2210 – 23rd Street;
Everett, WA. 98201

RNA thanks you!