

The Riverside Report

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Riverside Neighborhood Association

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NEXT MEETING

You're invited to join us

**TUESDAY
APRIL 13, 2010**

7:00-8:30 PM

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
LIBRARY
2514 RAINIER AVE.
SW SIDE OF SCHOOL

MEETING AGENDA

Police Report

Speakers: Cedar Grove
Composting & Public Works

New Business:

Home of the Month
Council of Neighborhoods
New Community Garden

BRING A SNACK...

If your last name begins with the letter **L-Z**, please bring a snack item to share. Coffee, tea, cups, paper plates and napkins will be provided.

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.

YARD WASTE, FOOD WASTE & COMPOST OH MY!

We are excited to have Jack Harris from the City of Everett Public Works come talk about the new residential food waste recycling program. Learn about the do's and don'ts of yard and food waste composting, Rubatino's yard waste toters and how to get a FREE kitchen food scrap container.

We're just as excited to have Katie Bach with Cedar Grove Composting come talk about what happens to that yard and food waste, where it goes, and at the end of the meeting you may get to go home with a FREE bag of compost gifted by Cedar Grove Composting.



**ALSO...
AT THE APRIL
13TH MEETING**

*Bring your extra
seeds to share
or swap.*

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that, by volume, dumping food waste in a landfill is the largest contributor to methane gas production?

Did you know that food waste coming through the sewers from garbage disposal units is treated along with other sewage and contributes to sludge?

Did you know that an average family of four currently tosses out \$590 per year in just meat, fruits, vegetables and grain products.

Did you know that reducing food waste by half could reduce adverse environmental impacts by 25%.

MARCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Sergeant Phillips reported that the most active time of the day for residential burglaries is between 12:00pm and 1:00pm.

If you are having problems with a rental house but don't know who owns it, Sergeant Phillips can help. Give him a call at 257-8461.

Our speaker, Laura McCrae, an Energy Conservation Marketing Specialist with the PUD, gave us some excellent energy savings tips. Visit the PUD online at www.snopud.com and learn about lighting with CFLS and the latest conservation programs. You can also pick up a free E-Kit that can save you \$20.00 a year in energy and water. For more information visit www.snopud.com/ekits.

We also learned about eating local and about the eating local challenge. Find out more at www.urbanhenry.com.

ARBOR DAY CEREMONY

April 14th ceremony hosted by Mayor Stephanson. 1:00pm-2:15pm at Bayside Park, 2200 Grand Avenue. Program includes Tree City USA designation, tree planting and refreshments.



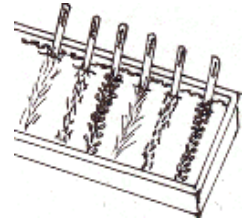
**Welcome
Committee**

Make a new neighbor feel welcome



Contact **Michelle**, our Welcome Coordinator with the address of a new neighbor at mhardwick@spu.edu or 293-5422, or to contact Sarah call 238-7499.

COMMUNITY GARDEN SPACE



If you weren't one of the lucky ones who were able to reserve a plot at the Secret Garden this year, we may have good news for you. Rick and Janean Arends are graciously offering part of their property to create a community garden.

Instead of individual plots like those at the Secret Garden, Rick and Janean's community garden will have rows. Gardeners will share their harvest with other gardeners and if there is an abundance of harvest, the idea is that it would be donated to the local food bank.

The ground is tilled and ready, and best of all—the space is free!

If you are interested in growing and sharing, contact Rick or Janean at 259-2326.



FLOWERIZE DOWNTOWN

Show your community colors May 7th at 8:30am. Equipment, coffee, refreshments provided. Location: Cascade Bank, Hewitt & Colby Ave, Phone: 257-8300

Do you know of someone who has recently moved into the neighborhood, either home buyers or renters?

Our Welcome Committee is on standby waiting to greet new neighbors with a nice basket full of all sorts of goodies and information to get them more acquainted to our area.

Sarah Gravelle, an agent with Century 21 has been lending her support by notifying our Welcome committee of homes that have recently sold in Riverside. We would like to acknowledge our gratitude to Sarah Gravelle for helping us continue making Riverside a *great* place to live, work and play!

APRIL HOME OF THE MONTH 2921 21ST STREET -SCOTT BADER

Brian Cole, the present owner, bought the house many months ago. The house was built in the 20s and had fallen into serious disrepair. The yard was a mess, including a rose garden that used to be a pride and joy but became completely overgrown.

Over the months, Brian, working with Tim Marvin, spent over \$50K to totally renovate the house and it really shows. From the gleaming new white paint with the beautiful little flower boxes, to the inside of the house with such great new amenities as the granite counter tops, the place is now an asset to the neighborhood.

Please help us give a warm RNA welcome to **Scott Bader**, RNA's new Home of Excellence leader.

If you'd like to nominate a neighbor for HOE, please contact Scott at **257-9436** or **scottandjenbader@comcast.net**.

We'd like to thank **Gem Hunter** for the time she spent as the leader of the HOE program. You may no longer see her scouring the neighborhood for potential winners, but you can often catch her at Garfield Park doing her part in keeping it clean. She also keeps track of her time to put towards our volunteer hours. Three cheers for Gem!

VOLUNTEER BULLETIN BOARD

Every hour you volunteer on a project counts 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.

Last year volunteers put in 900 hours. That adds up to an incredible \$18,000 worth of match towards our Mini Grants!

Please keep a record of your hours and submit them monthly to our Co-Chair Lori Giesen at **lori_giesen@hotmail.com** or **425-220-9472**.

If you have any questions, please call or email Lori Giesen.

Thank you for your volunteer hours!

GARFIELD PARK WATCH



Garfield Park is a valuable community resource and we need your help in protecting it.

Started in 2007, the objective of the Park Watch Program is to prevent crime and vandalism through *community* involvement.

We encourage park visitors and neighbors to take a more active role in protecting our parks. Please be alert to safety hazards, vandalism, and suspicious activity. If you observe any of these in Garfield Park please report what you see.

If you observe someone committing a crime, its time to call 911. Do not attempt to take any action yourself. This is a job for the police. The best thing you can do is to note the location, description of the people involved, license numbers of any vehicles, and report the incident to 911 as soon as possible. If you observe acts of vandalism or other criminal or suspicious activity, please call 911 from a safe place.

To become a Park Watch volunteer, contact Omar at 259-6350 or **rodstir72@aol.com**.

HOW TO BE HAPPY

Science researcher Stephen Post says, "Helping a neighbor, volunteering or donating goods and services results in a helper's high, and you get more health benefits from that than you would from exercise or quitting smoking." Researcher Elizabeth Dunn found that those who spend money on others reported much greater happiness than those who spend it on themselves.



MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT

The North Everett Lions Club is sponsoring an indoor mini golf tournament to raise money for scholarships at Sequoia High School.

Donations accepted which includes food, drinks and 9 holes of golf. *Fun and prizes!*



Tuesday, April 20
5:30pm—8:00pm
North Everett Lions Suite A
Hawaiian themed food & refreshments served.



NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

—MICHELLE SPIVEY

The Everett Animal Shelter will be celebrating it's one year anniversary in its new location **Saturday, May 8th** from 10am-4pm.

The celebration will include a fundraiser for the new off-leash dog park that will be built adjacent to the shelter. Before Phase One begins, the shelter needs to raise \$40,000.

The ROTC will be hosting a BBQ and raffle. Free micro chipping will be available with donations. You'll also be able to participate in an adopt-a-cat-athon and learn valuable tips from a professional pet trainer. In addition to these exciting opportunities, consider making a donation of \$250 to the shelter for fencing the new park The donation includes a marker with your name on it.

Watch the city government on TV channel 21 if you have Comcast, and on channel 29 if you have Verizon.

Sorticulture is coming! Everett's garden art festival will take place June 11-13 at Legion Park. Check out enjoyeverett.org for more information.

You can also find information for the city's 4th of July celebrations or sign up to volunteer. Music and films are coming to the parks soon. You can sign up for e-news at enjoyeverett.org and receive the schedules when they are available.

Thanks again to **Joell Coltrane** for volunteering to be our second council representative! It was great to have another member from Riverside at this month's meeting.

All Fools Day: Although its origins are a mystery English pranksters begin April 1, 1700, popularizing the annual tradition of April Fools' Day by playing practical jokes on each other. Read more at www.history.com/this-day-in-history/4/1?catId=7



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■ 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. All donations are greatly appreciated. ■
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■ Make checks payable to: ■
■ **Riverside Neighborhood Association** ■
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■ Mail to: ■
■ RNA Treasurer; 2210 – 23rd Street; Everett, WA. 98201 ■
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Executive Board

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Co-Chair: Lori Giesen, 220-9472, lori_giesen@hotmail.com

Secretary: Toni Petersen, 252-8265, toni@cascadewebdesigns.com

Treasurer: Linden Kimbrough, 317-0705, lhkimbrough@verizon.net

Neighborhood Council Reps

Michelle Spivey, 293-5422

Position 2: Joell Coltrane, 259-2973 x2716

Alternate: Ryan Spivey

Project Leaders

Historical: Steve Fox, 252-8008

Halloween Decorating Contest:
Chris Cormier, 206-313-4524
Fabienne Rosche

Holiday Decorating Contest:
Katrina Lindahl, 258-1126
Judy Corcoran

Home of Excellence:
Scott Bader, 257-9436

N2N: Donna Gleisner, 252-4185
Katrina Lindahl, 258-1126

Parks Liaison:
Katrina Lindahl, 258-1126

Park Watch:
Omar Rodriguez, 259-6350

Secret Garden:
Tracy Johansen, 339-2217

Web Admin:
Cascade Web Designs, 252-8265

Welcome Committee:
Michelle Spivey, 293-5422
Fabienne Rosche

Yard Sale: Marli Jenkins, 258-0261