

# The Riverside Report

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Riverside Neighborhood Association

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NEXT MEETING

You're invited to join us

TUESDAY  
FEB. 9, 2010

7:00-8:30 PM

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

## MEETING AGENDA

Police Report

Home of Excellence

CDBG Grant Projects

Speaker: Everett Animal Shelter

Dessert Auction

HAVE A HEART AND DONATE  
TO THE EVERETT ANIMAL  
SHELTER.



## 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.

Join us at the February meeting

## DESSERT AUCTION FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Open your heart at the February meeting and participate in the ever-popular dessert auction to help us raise money for the Everett Animal Shelter. The way it works is everyone brings a dessert to auction off to the highest bidder, then everyone bids on items to take home. So grab a recipe, or go to the store and put something together, brownies, pie, cookie bars, pet treats, cake—you name it. Its not only fun, but the money goes towards a worthy cause!

Steve and Alana will be donating a birdseye map of Everett. The map measures 39" x 26" and is a reprint from a 1893 lithograph produced by the Brown Engineering Company. The map gives a glimpse of what north Everett looked like in its very beginning.

Donations for the Animal Shelter are welcome. **Blankets and towels** are needed as well as **pet food** of almost any kind. Specialty food like senior, puppy and kitten food, both wet and dry.

## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

These improvements are made possible through the Community Development Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Suggested projects and improvements that will be voted on at the February meeting are:

- Garfield Park improvements:
  - Picnic shelters
  - Lights on the entrance posts
  - Arches for park entries
  - Art panel interpretive signs
  - History of Riverside interpretive sign
- Summit Park improvements:
  - One seat swing set
  - Telescope
  - Mountain interpretive sign

Other possibilities are neighborhood sign repairs, sidewalks, speed feedback signs, and traffic sidewalk bulb outs on street corners.





## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Riverside is a great place to live.  
Help us continue to keep it that way.**



Council of Neighborhood Representatives Pos. 2 and Alternate: This is perfect for someone who wants to get involved and find out first hand what's going on in our city. Representatives attend Council of Neighborhood meetings and report back to RNA and members on current events. The Council of Neighborhood meetings are held at 4 pm. on the fourth Monday of each month except for August and December.

House Number Painting Program: Seeking a project leader who can oversee the details and supervise the project of creating visible address numbers on the alley side of homes. We have a group that is willing to assist with this project.

National Night Out: A summer evening social to take a bite out of crime! Coordinator and volunteers needed to organize.

Yard Squad: Project coordinator required to head up this program. If you enjoy working outdoors and helping people, then this may be the project for you. Volunteers assist home owners that are physically unable to manage basic yard maintenance such as pruning and weeding.

To get involved or for more information, contact Ritch at [riversideneighborhood@yahoo.com](mailto:riversideneighborhood@yahoo.com).



**Everett's Chicken Coop of Dreams** is coming this spring. Tour-goers will have a chance to check out home chicken coops, ask fowl questions and learn about backyard chicken keeping. If you are interested in participating in the tour, or volunteering for the event, please contact Ritch at [riversideneighborhood@yahoo.com](mailto:riversideneighborhood@yahoo.com).



### Volunteer hours make a difference

Volunteer hours count 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.

**Volunteers put in 900 hours last year.  
That adds up to \$18,000 big ones!!!**

## CHOCOLATE FACTS

You've probably heard about the benefits of dark chocolate, but did you know...

One ounce of baking chocolate or cocoa contains 10% of the daily recommended intake of iron.



Chocolate is actually a valuable energy source. A single chocolate chip can provide enough energy for an adult human to walk 150 ft.

You would have to eat more than a dozen chocolate bars to get the same amount of caffeine from a cup of coffee. There are about 5 to 10 mg's of caffeine in one ounce of bitter chocolate, 5 mgs in milk chocolate, and 10mgs in a six-ounce cup of cocoa.

Chocolate can be deadly for dogs. Chocolate contains an ingredient called Theobromine which can be toxic to a dogs central nervous system and cardiac muscles.

The per capita consumption of chocolate indicates that each person consumes 12 pounds of chocolate each year.



**Thank You!** We would like to extend our appreciation to the Solbergs. Their generous financial contribution will help support RNA and our efforts to make Riverside a better community.

**Thank you  
for your  
Volunteer  
hours**



## RIVERSIDE GRINCH

There was a Grinch amongst us this past holiday who made off with some of the string lights that decorated the Riverside Park, and the Holiday Decorating Contest's "Best Block" Sign is missing. A replacement sign will cost the neighborhood association \$125.00 to replace.



### EVERETT LIBRARY EVENTS

Feb. 7, Sun. 2 p.m. Urban Chickens  
Revived interest in "eating locally" and growing your own food evolves into how to keep hens in your own backyard. Laura Faley, 4-H leader and owner of Hidden Meadows Ranch, knows all about it!

Feb. 20, Sat., 2 p.m. Organizing for Tax Season  
Professional organizer Jessie Wolfrum shares tips for organizing the ominous-and-dreaded materials for tax season.

Feb. 28 Sun., 2 p.m. Author Talk & Book Signing  
Gary Krist, author of "The White Cascade: the Great Northern Railway disaster and America's deadliest avalanche," commemorates the centennial of the Wellington avalanche disaster.

Mar. 7, Sun., 2 p.m. Author Talk & Book Signing  
Alan Bauer, photographer and outdoor enthusiast, presents his latest from Mountaineers Books: "Day Hiking-Central Cascades." Books available for sale and signing.

Mar. 20, Sat., 2 p.m. Author Talk & Book Signing  
Guidebook writer and hiking guru, Craig Romano, presents his latest from Mountaineer Books: "Winter Hikes of Western Washington: The 50 Best (Mostly) Snow-Free Trails" -- a card pack to make it easy getting out on the trails. Available for sale.

Mar. 27, Sat., 2 p.m. Rain Gardens  
Horticulturist and Landscape Designer Zsofia Pasztor will guide you through the very rewarding process of building a rain garden. Conserve water, spend less time working in the yard, and still enjoy beautiful surroundings.



Events are held at the Main Branch,  
2702 Hoyt Ave.

Visit the library's calendar of events  
online at [www.epls.org](http://www.epls.org).



### WELCOME THY NEIGHBOR!

If you know someone that has recently moved to Riverside, home buyers or renters, please call or email Michelle with the address, and Michelle and Fabienne will greet them with a welcome basket and introduce them to the greater Riverside neighborhood.

Contact Michelle at [mhardwick@spu.edu](mailto:mhardwick@spu.edu) or call 425-293-5422.



FREE SERIES OF  
CULTURAL AWARENESS  
TRAINING

Hands on Diversity 2010 is a series of free cultural trainings brought to you by the Everett Diversity Advisory Board in partnership with the City of Everett, Snohomish County Medical Reserve Corps, Everett Public Schools, Puget Sound Energy, Everett Community College, Everett Performing Arts Center and Providence Regional Medical Center Everett.

Each training has two sessions located at the Everett Performing Arts Center, 2710 Wetmore Ave. in downtown Everett.

Session 1: 9 a.m. to noon, or  
Session 2: 1 to 4 p.m.

Feb. 16: Russian/Ukraine  
March 16: African American  
April 20: Native American  
May 18: Latin American  
June 15: Asian Pacific  
July 20: African Refugee

RSVP at: [kreadon@ci.everett.wa.us](mailto:kreadon@ci.everett.wa.us) and indicate which training and session you would like to attend. Seating is limited to 500 people per session.



# NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

—MICHELLE SPIVEY

If you were not able to attend one of the Jackson Park public forums, there is a questionnaire you can fill out online to make your voice and opinions heard. Comments need to be submitted by February 4th. Download the questionnaire at [www.everettwa.org/CityNews.aspx?ID=11&nID=847](http://www.everettwa.org/CityNews.aspx?ID=11&nID=847).

A highlight from the Mayor's State of the City address to the Chamber of Commerce—Everett has seen a 6.3% drop in revenue over the past year. The average at the state level is 5.4%, but despite having a higher drop, Everett has managed to cut no services and even added both a gang and a school resources officer to our police force. Thanks to all city departments for being efficient and managing their budgets this past year.

Green Everett has some great upcoming events planned for the coming months to foster community and, of course, promote sustainable living. Check out their website at [greeneverett.wikispaces.com](http://greeneverett.wikispaces.com) for more details.

In case you haven't heard, Rubatino is now recycling food waste and other organic materials. If you already have a yard waste toter, you can start adding these items today. If you do not currently have a yard waste toter, consider getting one with your neighbors-30% of our garbage is material that can be composted, so this is a great way to help save our planet. You can even get free composting bins for your kitchen counter!

**Yes! I'd like to Support the Riverside Neighborhood Association.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed is my check:**

\$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Gold    \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Silver    \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Bronze    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Check this box to be added to our mailing list and receive the monthly newsletter.

Please make check payable to: **Riverside Neighborhood Association** and mail to: **RNA Treasurer; 2210 - 23rd Street; Everett, WA. 98201**



**Executive Board**

Chair: Ritch Carbaugh, 319-0429, [info@riversideneighborhood.org](mailto:info@riversideneighborhood.org)

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Treasurer: Linden Kimbrough, 317-0705, [lhkimbrough@verizon.net](mailto:lhkimbrough@verizon.net)

**Neighborhood Council Reps**

Michelle Spivey, 293-5422  
POSITION 2: OPEN  
ALTERNATE: OPEN

**Project Leaders**

Historical: Steve Fox, 252-8008

Halloween Decorating Contest:  
Amber Cormier  
Fabienne Rausch

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

Home of Excellence:  
Gem Hunter, 339-9013

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 Rausch

Yard Sale: Marli Jenkins, 258-0261