

The Riverside Report

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Riverside Neighborhood Association

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NEXT MEETING

You're invited to join us

**TUESDAY
MAY 11, 2010**

7:00-8:30 PM

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

MEETING AGENDA

Police Report

Speakers: **Local Historian
David Dilgard**

New Business:

Home of the Month
Council of Neighborhoods

BRING A SNACK...

If your last name begins with the letter **A-K**, 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.

HISTORIAN, STORY-TELLER DAVID DILGARD

We are excited to once again have David Dilgard delight and entertain members with a historic presentation at the May meeting. Everett and Riverside are just beaming with fascinating history and no one knows it better than David Dilgard.

You don't want to miss this!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, AUGUST 3

Riverside neighbors will be out in full force on August 3 thanks to our Co-Chair Lori Giesen who is coordinating the event. If you ever wanted to volunteer on a short-term project then this is perfect for you! Contact Lori at 425-220-9472 or lori_giesen@hotmail.com.



GARFIELD PARK

-KATRINA LINDAHL

Calling all Riverside Neighbors! We need your help to spruce up Garfield Park for the summer. Many helping hands will make our list of projects disappear in no time and it will make you happy and healthy at the same time.

Projects for this year include a bit of weeding, replacing 100 plants that froze over the winter and painting the shelters.

When: Saturday, May 15

Time: 8:30am to 12:30pm

We will provide tools, gloves, paint and brushes but if you have a favorite tool you like to use feel free to bring it.

This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and give back to your community. It takes all of us to make Garfield Park a special place for our Neighborhood.

Contact Katrina Lindahl at 258-1126 if you have questions.

APRIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

For those of you who were unable to attend, you missed a fantastic meeting. We had Jack Harris from the **City of Everett Public Works** come and talk about the food waste recycling program and he also gave away free kitchen food scrap containers to Rubatino yard waste customers.

Contact Rubatino Refuse Removal to sign up for yard waste and give it a try for a few months, or share the expense with a neighbor. You can get a free container just by bringing your Rubatino bill to Rubatino at 2812 Hoyt, or the City of Everett Utility Billing at 3101 Cedar Street. *The containers are available while supplies last.*

Our other speaker was April St. John from **Cedar Grove Composting**. She gave a fabulously fun and educational presentation about compost and how Cedar Grove Composting processes food waste. Not only did she offer coupons for free compost but extended an invitation to anyone interested in touring their facility on Smith Island. It is really fascinating to learn how the entire process works. You can also visit them online at www.cedar-grove.com and pick up some useful gardening tips.

Sergeant Phillips reported recent crime activity and was on hand to answer questions. You can contact Sergeant Phillips directly at 257-8461.



CHICKEN COOP OF DREAMS TOUR JULY 24TH

This self-guided tour will give an opportunity for tour-goers to check out city chicken coops, ask fowl questions and learn about backyard chicken keeping.

If you would like to be a part of this fun event as a participant or as an event volunteer, please contact Ritch at riversideneighborhood@yahoo.com or 425-319-0429.

More info coming soon!



Support the Off-Leash Fund

The Everett Animal Shelter is campaigning to raise \$40,000 for an off-leash dog park that will be located next to the shelter on Smith Island, and RNA wants to help. You can support our efforts by making a monetary donation. No donation too small. Checks may be written to the Everett Animal Shelter and are tax deductible.

Please mail your check to: RNA Secretary, 2516 Highland Ave. Everett, WA 98201.

Your donations will also be accepted at the May 11th meeting. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.



ANIMAL SHELTER CELEBRATION, MAY 8TH

The Everett Animal Shelter is celebrating its one year anniversary in the new shelter on Saturday, May 8th with a fun, free event starting at 10:30am. They'll also be raising funds for the off-leash area planned for the park next to the shelter.

Cats and kittens will be available for adoption plus free microchips for cats and dogs with a donation to the off-leash fund. Snohomish County residents can come to the shelter to get vouchers for \$20 off the cost of spay/neuter. There will also be a trainer on hand to answer questions, food vendors and a raffle to help meet their \$40,000 goal.



GARDEN TOUR JUNE 6, 11-4PM

—ALANA MEYER

Third Annual Purrfect Pals Cats 'N Garden Tour will be showing six gardens in the Everett area. Cats will be available for adoption at each garden. Tour tickets are \$10 and will be available starting May 1 at the shelter and select local nurseries.

There will also be an extensive plant sale which includes 300 conifers and many other plants, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 5 and 6 at the shelter at 230 McRae Road NE, Arlington (360-618-0417; www.purrfectpals.org).

Show your support of the animals!



THE 16TH ANNUAL MONTE CRISTO AWARDS

The Monte Cristo Awards are given to neighbors who help make Everett special by taking pride in their property. The three award categories are: Rejuvenation and Transformation, Pride of the Neighborhood, and Neighborhood Friendly Business.

Nominate a home or business in the Riverside neighborhood this year and let's show off Riverside's beautiful homes.

Nomination forms are available at the Everett Public Library's main and south Everett branches, the PUD building and the lobby of the Wall Street building . You can also find nomination forms and more information online at everettwa.org/default.aspx?ID=178.



WANT TO DO MORE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?

Run for an Executive Board position, Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary or Treasurer and help:

- **Pave** the way for future generations,
- **Protect** and promote the interests of Riverside residents,
- **Support** improvement and maintenance of our parks,
- **Encourage** community spirit, civic pride and,
- **Foster** communication, goodwill and friendships.

These positions are the backbone of our neighborhood organization that add stability and vitality to our community.

- Positions open to all Riverside residents.
- Elections will be held during the **June meeting**.
- All positions require a one year commitment.
- Executive Officers shall be elected by simple majority vote of attending members.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Linden Kimbrough, RNA's Treasurer. She has been a huge asset to our association overseeing our finances for the past three years. This will be her last term in office so we will need a replacement a.s.a.p. If you are interested please contact Ritch at riversideneighborhood@yahoo.com or 425-319-0429.

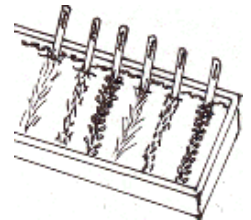


THE 14TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALE, JULY 10

*GET READY...*The biggest yard sale event in our neighborhood will be here before you know it. The fee to participate is \$5.00. Participants will receive a step-stake sign to display in their yard, be included on the neighborhood map (made available at participating sale locations), plus we do the advertising for you! Applications will be made available at the June meeting and online at riversideneighborhood.org.

GARDEN SPACE AVAILABLE!

Get a row to plant for *free*. The idea behind this community garden is that gardeners share their harvest with other gardeners and if there is an abundance of harvest, it will be donated to the local food bank. The ground is tilled and ready. If you are interested in growing and sharing, contact Rick or Janean at 259-2326.



COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

-MICHELLE SPIVEY

- Bike to work day is Friday, May 21st!
- Providence Hospital is considering constructing a pedestrian walkway over Broadway at 13th St. Be watching for more information about this project and how you can voice your opinion.
- Historic Everett is looking for several homes in the Riverside Neighborhood to include in their home tour this coming September. Interested in opening up your home, or know a neighbor who would be interested? Contact Historic Everett. It would be nice to have our neighborhood included.
- The planning commission will soon recommend that city council expand the historic overlay zone near Norton Avenue in north Everett. Those of you who helped support and remember the struggle to get an historic overlay zone in Riverside might consider supporting this area of the city in their endeavor.

MAY HOME OF THE MONTH 2301 CEDAR

-SCOTT BADER

Todd and Stacy Stuehrenberg moved in into their 1910 home in June of 2001. Since then they have changed the paint color of every room. The first major update was in the kitchen with changes to the cupboards and the addition of new appliances. Then they remodeled the bedrooms for their two younger boys. The birth of their first boy required a remodel of the downstairs bathroom since the tub was old and rusted. Like every home owner they have worked to maintain the house against the forces of nature. Squirrels and rain forced them to replace the roof. Raccoons and age forced the replacement of the skirting around the house. They have redone the mudroom and the kitchen floor returning to a more original material of Marmoleum. Each year they try to take on one project inside the house. Todd's dad, who is amazing and has good toys for remodeling, has been indispensable in the improvements.

On the outside they have revitalized the wonderful hedge. Todd is currently trying to turn it into a large snake. The process may take a couple of years. Due to the necessity of site lines along 23rd, the hedge left a much neglected 10 foot strip of grass separating it from the rest of the yard. Three years ago Todd started ripping out the grass and replacing it with berms of soil for plants. As they work in their garden they've enjoyed meeting neighbors as they walk by. The other changes outside are the addition of several raised beds for veggies and a playhouse, as the Stuehrenberg's say the house seems to be getting smaller as the boys get bigger. The Stuehrenbergs had a goal to be a Home of the Month since they moved in and first saw the signs on homes that they admired. Stacy is sure that it was her recent addition of the red pots out front that finally made the difference.



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



Wag more -- Bark less

- 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.
- Make checks payable to:
- **Riverside Neighborhood Association**
- Mail to:
- RNA Treasurer; 2210 – 23rd Street; Everett, WA. 98201



Executive Board

Chair: Ritch Carbaugh, 319-0429, info@riversideneighborhood.org

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

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Alternate: Ryan Spivey

Project Leaders

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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:
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Omar Rodriguez, 259-6350

Secret Garden:
Tracy Johansen, 339-2217

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Cascade Web Designs, 252-8265

Welcome Committee:
Michelle Spivey, 293-5422
Fabienne Rosche

Yard Sale: Marli Jenkins, 258-0261