

NEXT MEETING

You are invited to join us

TUESDAY
APRIL 12

7:00-8:45 PM

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

BRING A NEIGHBOR
TO THE MEETING!

MEETING AGENDA

Police Report/Crime Statistics

Speaker: Crime Prevention Unit

Topics: Upcoming Projects
Council of Neighborhoods
Home of the Month
*Door Prize



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CRIME PREVENTION TIPS—APRIL 12TH

The FBI database shows that crime in Everett is above the national average.

Type of Crime	Everett	National Average
Burglary	1,117	716
Motor Vehicle Theft	791	259

www.FBI.gov

On April 12th the Everett Police Department's **Crime Prevention Unit** will share some useful tips that will help reduce your odds of becoming a victim. The following topics will be discussed:

- **Commercial** burglary prevention.....(For further information see **page 2**)
- Ways to safeguard your **Home**
- **Vehicle Prowls** and car theft protection
- Neighborhood **Block Watch**

By taking proper preventative action, it is possible to effectively discourage most burglars from attempting a break in.

*WE'RE GIVING AWAY 1 CLUB STEERING WHEEL LOCK



Auto theft accounts for more than \$7 billion in losses in the United States, but you don't have to be a victim. The Club is the original, patented vehicle steering wheel lock and the #1 mechanical anti-theft device for cars and trucks.

The Club is synonymous with automotive security.

The Club steering wheel locks are highly visible. This strong visual deterrent alerts a potential thief that your car is protected. The Club is virtually impossible to defeat - and time and effort are a thief's enemies.

Come to the April 12th meeting—one lucky neighbor will go home with this door prize, and it might just be you!



GARFIELD PARK PLANTING DAY

**Saturday, April 16
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Come help plant a few trees and shrubs at Garfield Park. We will be planting two Crab Apple trees plus several Rose and Barberry shrubs around two new Zelkova trees. Bring gloves as the shrubs are prickly. If we have a good turn out we would also like to plant six Cypress trees along the sound wall on Harrison and do a bit of weeding and litter control in Garfield Park and on Harrison.

We will bring the tools and treats. You bring the energy and good times. Contact Katrina Lindahl for more info at 425-258-1126. Looking forward to seeing you there!

NOTICE TO RIVERSIDE BUSINESS OWNERS

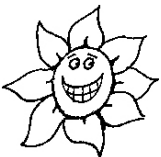
Crime Prevention Conference
April 21-22

Don't miss out! This class is designed for business owners, law enforcement, healthcare/school security professionals, and crime prevention volunteers. This is a unique opportunity to "get connected" and learn the latest strategies in crime prevention. To find out more visit www.wscpaonline.org. The WSCPA offers some valuable tips in their Business Watch Manual at www.wscpaonline.org/Manuals/BusinessWatch.cfm.



Join 5th grade students from Horizon Elementary School as they help Everett Parks and Recreation staff plant a selection of trees. Mayor Ray Stephanson hosts the event which includes a student presentation, Tree City USA Designation to the City of Everett and Tree Line Award to Snohomish County PUD.

Wednesday, April 13, 1:00-2:15 p.m.
Walter E. Hall Park, 1226 W. Casino Rd.



SENIOR YARD CLEAN UP

Last summer 14 community volunteers helped make a difference in the life of a neighbor as part of the Senior Yard Clean Up project. This community service endeavor is sponsored by the RNA and organized by community member Linden Kimbrough. By assisting with basic yard maintenance and removal of debris, volunteers can help seniors live independently in their own homes.

If you know of a senior who needs assistance managing their yard, please contact Linden at 425-317-0705 or lhkimbrough@frontier.com.

This year's Yard Clean Up will be held Saturday, May 14.

If you would like to participate and help make someone's life a little better, please contact Linden. Thank you.

Trivia Question: What is Washington's state tree?
(Find the answer on page 4)



The City of Everett's Tree Committee has planted more than 4,000 street trees in Everett's 19 neighborhoods since the year 2000.

EARTH WEEK IS APRIL 18-22

Because car batteries can be dangerous to the environment, pets and humans, it's important that they be properly recycled. For every battery dropped off during Earth Week, AAA will donate a tree to the Mountains to Sound Greenway along the I-90 corridor. In the fall, AAA employees will plant these trees as part of a community service project. Drop off your used lead-acid batteries (car, boat, motorcycle, ATV) to be recycled at one of the participating auto shops in Everett:

Conway Motors, 5201 Colby Ave.
Everett Auto Clinic, 3132 Rucker Ave.

Volunteer

OPPORTUNITIES...



National Night Out (NNO):

An annual crime/drug prevention event to be held Tuesday, August 2 at Garfield Park. In order to make this a

successful event we need one or two more people to assist in organizing as well as help during the event. Contact Lori at lori.giesen@gmail.com or 425-220-9472 and volunteer for a worthy cause.

Welcome Committee: We are looking for a new volunteer to help assemble and deliver welcome baskets. This is a fun and rewarding project for anyone who enjoys meeting new people. If interested please contact Michelle at mhardwick@spu.edu or 425-293-5422.

Council of Neighborhoods Representative: 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 4:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month except for August and December. If interested please contact Ritch at riversideneighborhood@yahoo.com or 425-319-0429.

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

-Michelle Spivey

Colby Providence Open House:

The new emergency room at the Colby Providence hospital will open June 14th. An open house with tours of the new hospital tower will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 11th and 12th, from noon to 5:00 p.m. each day. The old emergency room located at the Pacific Campus will close June 16th.

Everett Art Walk:

Check out 3231creatives.com. Located in the old Crown Printing building on Broadway, this facility participates in the Everett Art Walk each month and has space available for artists or offices, as well as public meetings. They put on many events for the community, including a play during the month of April, so check them out for some great local events.

APRIL HOME OF THE MONTH 2808 19TH STREET



Ryan and Michelle Spivey purchased their home in the fall of 2004. It had been a rental and was well updated when they moved in but as they explained, "There are always projects galore when you own a home, especially an older one." They were attracted to older homes when they began looking for a place to buy and love that theirs was built in 1916. Michelle and Ryan appreciate the character it provides—many of the doors and fixtures are original, the ceilings are surprisingly tall for the era, and the downstairs living area has a huge window seat and beautiful crown molding. They said their favorite part of the house is the hidden staircase to the second floor.

Much to their dismay, immediately upon purchase, the home needed a new roof. It seemed like the first few years were spent on necessary projects, such as updating the pellet stove, landscaping and adding insulation to the walls that were not insulated. Now that some of those projects are out of the way, they can focus on the fun projects!

While having the new insulation put in, the couple realized there were old closets behind the bedroom walls that had been plastered over, and a crawl space running the length of the house. They have been busy turning this into useable space for storage and a reading nook for their baby that's on the way. For Michelle's birthday last year, Ryan and his father made built-in booths in their eating space and Michelle was able to find an old table at an antique store that fits perfectly.

Michelle and Ryan look forward to many more projects and years to come in the Riverside neighborhood.

Send your nominations for Home of Excellence to Scott at scottandjenbader@comcast.net or 425-257-9436.



RIVERSIDE'S SHANNON DANKS WINS 2010 MAYOR'S ARTS AWARD

Congratulations to Shannon Danks who received the 2010 Mayor's Art Award in the education category. Shannon, recognized as an outstanding arts educator, teaches art to special needs adults in a program called All Aboard. Her diverse talents and abilities, in conjunction with her boundless energy have bridged gaps and achieved phenomenal milestones in working with students of varying disabilities.

In addition to working on her own art, Shannon spends much of her free time after work and on weekends collecting donated art and framing materials to augment the program's limited budget. Shannon knows the importance of completing a project and having it recognized by the public so she helps frame her students' art and finds locations to display it.

The Riverside neighborhood is lucky to have a piece of art at Garfield Park created by Shannon and students of Garfield Elementary School. Shannon worked with students to design and create the large mosaic tile art piece depicting two hands joined together in harmony, hanging on the restroom building in the park.

Shannon, with her contagious smile and energy can often be seen jogging through the neighborhood with her dogs. In addition to all of this she curates art shows locally at multiple venues and is the lead singer in Smokin' 66, an alternative rock band.

A nominator said of Shannon "she is a constant, supportive, happy art lover who loves art just for the sake of art".

(This article includes excerpts from Shannon's bio presented at the Mayor's Arts Award Ceremony with permission from Carol Thomas, City of Everett's Arts and Culture Department).



The official tree of
Washington State is the
Western Hemlock.

PLOTS AVAILABLE AT THE SECRET GARDEN

Do you enjoy growing things but lack the space to do so? Then the Secret Garden might be just the answer for you! The Secret Garden is a wonderful opportunity to work the soil and have fun while producing something to show for your efforts! There is a \$20.00 fee for a 5x10' plot and \$5.00 for a tire. Reserve your plot by calling Tracy at 425-339-2217.



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Halloween Decorating Contest:
Fabienne Rosche, 259-1496

Holiday Decorating Contest:
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Home of Excellence:
Scott Bader, 257-9436

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