

Northwest Neighborhood Association Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Room 105 • Whitehorse Hall • Everett Community College

This is "Pie Night"!!!!!!

If you think you make a pretty good pie please bring it for all of us to taste. At the end of the night we'll divide what's left over for folks to take home. We'll vote for "Best Pie" and present the winner with a \$50.00 check.



6:30-6:45Meet, greet and grab some pie & coffee

6:45-7:00 Welcome

7:00- 7:20Recognition Awards

7:20-8:20 **The Northwest Neighborhoods Role in Reclaiming Wildlife Habitat**

8:20-8:45Meet, greet and grab some more pie!

8:30 "Best Pie" Winner Announced

For a map go to: <http://northwesteverett.org/pdfs/ECCmap.pdf>
Parking is available where indicated

Our Summer Vacation

Well it's back to school time. What did you do this summer? Even though we haven't had a Monthly Association meeting since June we've been very busy.

Here's a list of just some of the projects we've been working on...

1) Restored our neighborhood sign at 10th and Broadway

2) Cedar Grove-
We sat down with the Cedar Grove folks three times since June (including a tour of their facility with my friend

and neighbor Dr. David Russian) to discuss various ways to further reduce the odor from the compost facility. We found the owner Steven Banchereo to be very sincere and



anxious to work with us. Spring and Fall they say are their peak seasons with all the grass clippings and leaves that come into their operation.

3) Your dues paid to construct another Neighborhood sign at Legion Park.

4) Locally focused salmon habitat reclamation efforts-
We've been arranging to have 2-3 different



organizations involved with salmon habitat, stream and near shore land reclamation make a presentation to us at our September 17 monthly meeting. The goal? To help our Neighbors understand what the NW Neighborhood can do to help reclaim needed wetlands.

5) The Northwest Neighborhoods Finances- Thanks to you we've raised over **\$11,000** so far this year. We've added a "Finances" tab to the web site so that everyone can see exactly how our money is being spent. Our Treasurer, Don Smith helped organize this portion of the site into:

- Summary sheet highlighting expenses, revenues and our bank balance.
- List of everyone who's paid their annual dues.
- Listing of every expense we've incurred.
- List of all deposits and checking account withdrawals.
- We're finalizing a section dedicated to detailing expenditures per project.
- We have a section on garage sale revenue.
- A section on Mother of All Garage Sales expenses.
- We're fine-tuning a suggested procedure for all further expenses over \$300.

6) Weekly Events Email- We began our very popular Weekly Events email listing all the upcoming events that people have shared with us. We still need a volunteer(s) to place this information into our website events calendar.

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BLOCK WATCH ALERT!!

Do NOT leave outgoing mail in your mail slot!

We had an incident (actually a few as it turns out) where people stole outgoing mail with the purpose of "washing" the check and entering different information!



7) Our revised Northwesteverett.org web site- Russell Kasselmann and Adam Marshall have each spent an enormous amount of time further reconfiguring the site based on all the input we've received. If you have not been to the web site in over a month you'll be amazed at all they've accomplished.

8) Our new Northwest Neighborhood Electronic Bulletin Board-Perhaps the coolest new feature of our website is the Northwest Neighborhood Bulletin Board. Have an item you'd like to sell? A comment you'd like to make about the Association? There's a "Preferred Contractors" section and a Lost and Found section too.....check it out!

9) Mile and 1/2 Mile walking / jogging path designation- Our efforts to establish a 4 mile running/ jogging path from Grand Park to Legion down Colby and back over to the Park.



10) Alley Security Camera Trial Program- Our Bob Gudgel has spent a lot of time establishing this trial program. Please see the Block Watch portion of our website to see the view from Bob's camera. Northwesteverett.org

Our House is Participating in
The Northwest Neighborhood's
"THE MOTHER OF ALL GARAGE SALES"
SAT. August 1
9:00 - 4:00pm
For Details Please Call 425-319-111

11) The first Mother of All Garage Sales- Our 107 participating families were thrilled and delighted at the money they made.

12) We've delivered over 150 informational packets about the City

"Free" Tree program to neighbors we identified as not having much shade in their front yards. Great work Darian and Devery!

13) Our "Dump no waste" storm drain stencil program goal is to remind people that eventually any thing that we dump on our streets ends up in the Bay.



14) Canvassed the entire Neighborhood again dropping off our little green Neighborhood surveys

Why are these Little Green Surveys we left on your doorstep (again) so important?

If you fill out the survey then we can send you "alerts" every time there is a crime reported in the Northwest Neighborhood.


If you fill out the form we'll know what issues are important to you and your family.

If you fill out the form we can share all sorts of information about local events, issues and challenges we face.



Everett's Northwest Neighborhood covers a large and diverse area, stretching from 19th Street northward to West Marine View Drive, and from Broadway westward to Port Gardner Bay, including the Marina and waterfront north of 19th Street. All residents in the neighborhood are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. Invite your new neighbors and friends down the street!

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Passing the Torch

Although the election of new Northwest Neighborhood Association officers isn't until our December monthly meeting (Dec. 18th) it's not too early to start thinking about running for office. There's no telling how far your efforts as a Community Organizer may take you... just ask Barack Obama.

Below are the positions that need to be filled to leverage the work that we've accomplished this year:

Chair- A person that will be responsible to not only maintain the work we've completed this year but has the ability to create a vision for the Neighborhood for 2010.

If I agreed to run for a second term Sue said I'd be living in our dog house along with our 5 dogs! This seat is up for grabs. I keep thinking that a person such as a realtor trying to establish a strong presence in the NW Neighborhood would be perfect for the job. Maybe you're interested in running for City Council? Higher office? This is a great place to start. Email me if you'd like to chat about this position; nwneverett@gmail.com.

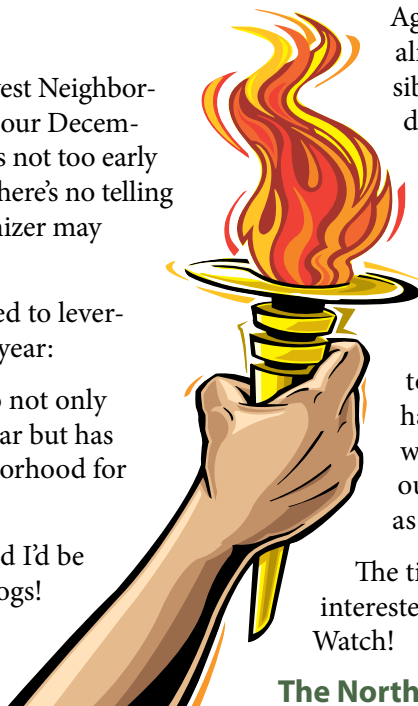
Without the people below we could never have accomplished a tenth of what we've been able to do.

Vice Chair- A person that can fill in for the Chair to run the Monthly Meetings and manage multiple projects. **Russell Kasselmann** has been an incredible help to me this year. He's always proactively asking how he can help me. That's the kind of person you want in this position.

Treasurer- A person with book keeping experience would be best. Our **Don Smith** has done his best with no such background. What a sport!

Web site Construction and Maintenance- The web site is up and running. We think after two major revisions this year we've finally got it right. We've done the heavy lifting. But the web site still needs to be maintained. If you're familiar with Word Press you are needed. **Adam Marshall** is our guy. And he's brand new to the Neighborhood. Without Adam the web site would not be where it is today. The web site needs an Adam Marshall.

Database Maintenance- Here's another area where we have invested an incredible amount of effort this year. Why? Because being able to communicate with everyone is precisely why we've been successful this year. We can't communicate with people if we don't have their contact information, right? We didn't just maintain the database but we more than tripled the amount of members!



Again, we think most of the heavy lifting is already done but someone needs to be responsible for maintaining the largest Neighborhood database of any of the 19 Everett Neighborhoods. **Krista McKee** has done an outstanding job for us in this roll.

Our hugely successful Block Watch-

I'll be stepping down as Block Watch President at the end of September.

Although my year's almost up I've agreed to help with one particular project that may have a huge positive impact on our already wonderful sense of community as well as on our ability to manage a community disaster as well.

The time is *right now* to contact me if you're interested in running the NW Neighborhood Block Watch!

The Northwest Neighborhood News- Our **Chuck Howard** has done a beautiful job with the design and layout of the Newsletter. We probably receive at least a dozen emails from folks that comment on how great the Newsletter looks, each month.

Chuck is a graphic designer by trade and it's obvious. He has designed numerous other pieces for the Neighborhood this year including our wonderful Mother of All Garage Sales Map!

The Mother of All Garage Sales- I'm willing to volunteer to run the MOAGS next year if the New Chair wants some help.

Events- **Carol Wheeler** does an outstanding job with the Easter Egg Hunt and Parade and former Chair **Holly Gibson** is organizing the Picnic once again. I believe we need a person dedicated to helping them as well as other events such as the 4th of July celebration and Sorticulture.

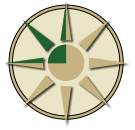
Photography- **Robert Hanline**, **Barbara Kasselmann** and **John Mierke** have been our roving photographers. Next years team will be lucky to have them continue snapping photos all over town. If you can operate a camera and you take photos of the Neighborhood I'm sure these folks would love to have you on their team.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.

Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

– Margaret Mead

The Northwest Neighborhood Annual Picnic



Saturday, Sept 19th, 12-4 pm • Northwest Everett Park 14th & Colby

Holly Gibson holly.goldentouchyachtcare@gmail.com
says the Picnic is Saturday Sept 19th 12-4 pm.

Holly and her team are planning:

- Grilled hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken, potluck dishes
- Historic tours of the NW Neighborhood
- Dixieland Band
- Cake Walk
- Kids Games



Here is what she needs from all of us...

Please bring a potluck dish, or cake for the cake walk, we are looking for 20 cakes for the walk, set up and clean up volunteers, please volunteer at the Park (14th and Colby) at 11 am

Parents who can help with the kids table, bring an ez craft project, bubbles, and we need a 100 water balloons, you can fill them at the park that morning and use Holly's house (next door)

Holly has already arranged for the bus for the Tour and picnic tables, she is still looking for a Historic Tour guide

Monthly Meeting Schedule

October 15th

Open Mike for any one running for elected office

Any candidate for any office can have the floor for 5 minutes as long as they tell us in their talk 3 specific things they plan on doing while in office.

November 19th

This months meeting is to listen to anyone that would like to share their memories of living in Everett from the 1960's or earlier. If you know anyone that was around back then we'd like you to bring them to the meeting, hopefully armed with a few specific recollections they'd like to share.

Thursday, December 18

Election of Officers

Christmas Social

NW Neighborhood Association Donations

We'd very much appreciate if you could volunteer to help with one or more of our projects and if not could you please consider a donation of \$52.

(\$1.00 a week) to help us make our neighborhood an even better place to live?

Make checks payable to:

Northwest Neighborhood Association
"Shameless Commerce Division"
c/o Don Smith, Treasurer
1431 Hoyt Ave., Everett, WA 98201

