

Next Neighborhood Meeting
Thursday,
December 11th, 7 p.m.
AT THE EVERETT FOOD
BANK!

- 6:40 Police Report / Neighbor Crime Concerns**
- 7:00 Welcome & Announcements**
- 7:10 Winter/Holiday Potluck**
- 8:00 Exec. Nominations**
- 8:00 Exec. Elections**

The November Northwest Neighborhood meeting will be held at:

*Volunteers of America
Everett Food Bank
1230 Broadway Ave.*

Everett's Northwest Neighborhood covers a large and diverse area, stretching from 19th Street northward to 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 or friends down the street!*

NW Neighborhood meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month.



*Northwest
Neighborhood View*

WINTER POTLUCK at the FOOD BANK, Dec. 11th

Please join us at our next meeting, **Thu., Dec. 11th at 7pm** at the **Everett Food Bank** (Volunteers of America building on Broadway and 13th). We have two choices for meeting spaces, elections and a party to keep us going this December meeting, so please bring a potluck snack and a food bank donation. See you there!

NOMINATIONS for EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Also, come to the December meeting prepared with your nominations for the Executive Committee for 2009, and voting will be at the December meeting. The positions include all those listed here →

**Northwest Neighborhood
Contact List**

Executive Committee Email
nweverett@live.com

Holly Gibson, Chair, 210-1480

Dotti Fickel, Vice Chair, 259-6237

MaryVee Westlund, Treasurer,
259-6282

Mark Hammond, Secretary,
259-9578

**GeorgaDee MacLeod, Council of
Neighborhoods Rep., 259-1206**

Everett Office of Neighborhoods,
Wendy McClure, 257-8717

A message from the Chair

I would like to thank you, all the neighbors from our own Northwest Neighborhood for supporting the programs and events of the neighborhood association. It seemed the year went by without much effort and then I began cleaning off my desk to close out my neighborhood to do. I came up with quite a list of accomplishments for the year. We started the year off with a super fun Easter event, we played in the park regularly, even doing yoga on Saturday mornings on occasion, we danced in the 4th of July parade, and we had 11 meetings with 16 guest speakers. We got our bulletin board going at the park on Colby, we had another successful picnic, we got a new dog walk group going, a new non-profit addressing land use issues and a new block watch captain.

I would like to especially thank our team, GeorgaDee Macleod, Mark Hammond, Dotti Fickel and MaryVee Westland. They are a super sharp group that I am grateful to have had as comrades for the last year. At this point in my life, I am changing careers and unable to fulfill the volunteer obligations of leadership, so I will not be serving in an official capacity.

I look forward to 2009 and am happy that I have made so many new friends in the Northwest Neighborhood. I would like to wish all of you a safe and Happy Holiday.

—Holly Gibson

Everett Riverfront District EIS and Addendum Public Hearing

Date: Tue., Dec. 9th, 7:00 p.m.
Place: Weyerhaeuser Room at Everett Station, 4th Floor
3201 Smith St., Everett

An addendum to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was issued 11/24/08, addressing revised max. building heights, improvements to Wetland C functions, school impact mitigation, Design Guidelines and Zoning Standards. The EIS and Addendum are available at the two Everett Public Libraries, or at www.everettwa.org/default.aspx?ID=1075.

Comments may be given at the hearing or submitted in writing to Dave Koenig, City of Everett Planning Dept., 2930 Wetmore, Ste. 8A, or by email to dkoenig@ci.everett.wa.us or mcunningham@ci.everett.wa.us.

Want a new meeting location? A new date?

This is your opportunity for choose

The options are posted below, and you can respond with your preference in one of 4 ways:

- **call** a member of the Exec. Committee,
- **email nweverett@live.com,**
- come vote at the December meeting/party,
- or check your choices below and drop them in the **marked box at 1422 Rucker Ave.**

Possible locations

- College
- Food bank
- Hospital
- Washington Oakes

Possible dates

- 1st Tuesday
- 2nd Wednesday
- 2nd Thursday
- 3rd Wednesday
- 3rd Thursday

Not every date will work with every location, but the Exec. Committee will do our best to find an optimal solution for everyone for the 2009 neighborhood meetings.



There are 6 items of interest that the Captains and I wanted to share.

1.) **Hey, where did that new Northwest Neighborhood logo / masthead come from?** We need to thank graphic designer **Chuck Howard** for his Northwest Neighborhood **Block Watch logo / masthead**. Looks an awful lot like the Northwest Neighborhood sign on the median at Colby and 19th doesn't it?

2.) **Shouldn't the "Alerts" also include crime prevention tips?** A number of people, especially our **Block Watch Captain Erin Pauly** have recommended that we resume the practice that former BW President **Devery Rielly** started concerning **including prevention tips along with our "Alerts"**. Certainly an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. In the future, when feasible we'll try to *include a link* to an article about prevention tips appropriate to the "Alert" we're sending out.

3.) **How large is the Block Watch now? In the last 30 days we've added 100 new members!** So we have 475 members with active, current e-mail addresses and another 125 folks where we just have a mailing address. Our goal is to have 750 active members with good email addresses one year from now.

4.) **Who receives our Northwest Neighborhood "Alerts"?** When you receive an e-mail "Alert" you most likely see a group of about twenty–six email addresses of people that are also sent these "Alerts". These are our Block Watch Captains. They in turn forward the "Alerts" to their respective blocks. **In total over 475 people are sent each alert!** In addition to residents that have specifically requested to be added to our "Alert" list, we have proactively started to copy senior level Everett police staff, the Mayors office, the City Council, the Hospital, the College, and a number of other organizations and individuals that are important to our community that many of us think should see our "Alerts". The intention is to make sure we're *all* aware of crime in our neighborhood.

5.) **How about the Hospital and the College?** Of course the Hospital and the College are also our neighbors. I've met with the Hospital folks in person and was very impressed with their willingness to share our "Alerts" with their people. In fact they have already written about the Block Watch in their newsletter. They are copied on all our "Alerts" now. I also spoke to them about the concern some folks have about hospital patients being released prematurely and wandering around our streets. They explained that *by law* they can not hold a patient against their will unless they are threatening harm to themselves or others. Please contact Hospital Security and or Hospital Public Relations Manager Cheri Russum cheri.russum@providence.org 304-0591 directly about any concerns you may have. **The College security folks** now also receive our "Alerts" and have promised to keep us abreast of any crime related incidents that may effect the NW Neighborhood. Vice president John Olson, on behalf of the College graciously offered the Block Watch and the Northwest Neighborhood Association a meeting room to conduct our meetings.

6.) **Is Crime in the NW Neighborhood on the Rise?** With the significant increase in Block Watch "Alerts" over the past month we've had a number of neighbors rightfully ask; *"What the heck is going on around here!"* For the most part the Block Watch Captains, the police and I don't believe we are seeing an increase in crime, *just an increase in people reporting crimes and other weird stuff* in the Northwest Neighborhood. **EXCELLENT!! Our police are very encouraged about this increase in reporting!** I decided to investigate the amount of crimes reported to the police in the NW Neighborhood for each month of this year. The results of that analysis are attached. **I also have graphed the Northwest Neighborhood crime statistics for each of the major categories for the past 5 years. If you're interested in these graphs email me and I'll be happy to send them to you.** If you attend the monthly NW Neighborhood Association meeting you know that the police are there to share recent neighborhood crime statistics and to answer any of your questions. The police have offered to also share their monthly Northwest Neighborhood crime statistics directly with the Block Watch so we can send them to you. A few comments on these results: 1.) Across all crime categories our neighborhood is DOWN 28% compared to last year and DOWN 15% compared to the average of the last 5 years. Granted I'm comparing 2008 even though were still a month short of a whole year. 2.) I believe our police are accurately reporting the number of incidents *that they are aware of*. I personally know of two of the break-ins (one in August, the other in October) I was pleased to see that both were included in the report. ***I'd imagine that our actual crime rate is probably double maybe even triple these numbers. It's just that residents are not reporting every incident.***

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Reports from the Council of Neighborhoods

1. There will be a Boat Parade hosted by the Everett Yacht Club on Dec. 12th at 6:30 on the Pt. Gardner Landing!

2. Shoreline Stewards are looking for shoreline residents willing to provide input on coastal environment issues. This might include erosion, water quality, or natural resource health. Contact Mike to participate: Mike Tillotson / Marine Resource Program Assistant Snohomish County PW-SWM
3000 Rockefeller Ave MS - 607
Everett, WA 98201
425-388-4573

Block Watch, cont'd:

Remember Benjamin Disraeli's quote? *"There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics.* It's up to US not the police to make sure these statistics are accurate. I can't tell you how often I've heard people say that *"yeah, our house / garage / car were broken into. Did you report it? "Ahh, no.. what's the use? It happened a couple of days ago" Or "yeah I did see a guy in the alley and he looked suspicious" Did you call the police?? "No, because I didn't actually see him take anything"... This hesitancy to call 911 drives our police crazy! The Everett PD are trying very hard to keep us better informed of crime in our neighborhoods. Check out this link to our City of Everett Northwest Neighborhood crime map; <http://www.everettwa.org/default.aspx?ID=1253> (click "agree" with the statement, which will take you to another page with a map of each Everett neighborhood. Click on the words, "Northwest" which will take you to another page, then click on any of the months to see a graphical representation of crime in our Neighborhood for that month. Now if we can just get those coyotes to eat the guys that keep stealing our catalytic converters... Well, that's it for now. Thanks, BW Captains!
Thanks NW Neighborhood Block Watch Members!*

Best regards, Paul
Paul Donovan, Northwest Neighborhood Block Watch President
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Get a "paperless" view



If you'd like an *emailed* version of the Northwest Neighborhood newsletter, and/or end your mailed paper copy, contact us at nweverett@live.com with your name and email. Thanks to all who signed up last month—we're up to over 50 email-savvy, paper-saving, colorful e-newsletters being sent now!



Library Holiday Events

More Details?

Contact Esta Anderson
eanderson@ci.everett.wa.us
425-257-8030

Holiday preschool storytimes & crafts: For 2-3 year olds on Tue., Dec. 9 at 10:30am, and for 3-6 year olds on Thu., Dec. 11 at 10:30am, in the Children's Story room, Main Library.

Puppet Show: "Jingle Bell Rock," Clay Martin's Puppet Theater. A FREE show for all ages. Sat., Dec. 13, 2pm, Auditorium, Main Library.

Make Holiday Tree Ornaments! A free family crafts workshop for all ages. Make ornaments to decorate the library's tree and to take home. Main Library on Mon., Dec. 15, from 3pm to 5pm.

Winter Break Family Movie! See a FREE new Disney movie (rated G) about a courageous, funny robot. Call for the movie title: 425-257-8030. Mon., Dec. 29, 2pm, Auditorium, Main Library.

Teen Movie for School Break, a FREE new fantasy and adventure movie (rated PG-13). Call for movie title: 425-257-8030. Tue., Dec. 30, 2pm, Auditorium, Main Library.

Northwest Neighborhood Exec Committee wants to hear from you; meeting topics, mini grant ideas and newsletter input is always welcome.

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