

New Officers for Northwest Neighborhood

Shelley Weyer, Chairman

My name is Shelley Weyer. On October 21st I became your new Northwest Neighborhood Chairman. I live on the corner of 15th and Rucker across from Under the Red Umbrella. My husband and I purchased our home here in the spring of 2008.

I have lived in Everett since 1983. I have always loved this end of Everett. I love older homes and lived in these types of homes as I grew up.

I spent the first part of my years in Everett living in the Riverside neighborhood and then for about 16 years in the Claremont area of the Glacier Neighborhood.

Between my husband, Greg and I we have 6 children and 5 grandchildren. Greg is a Welding instructor at Lake Washington Technical College in Kirkland. Currently, I am a transit bus driver. I am thankful for my job but it is not my chosen profession. I have worked in libraries the past 10 years.

Because of the recession library jobs are few and far between so I had to become resourceful, I fell back on a previous skill which was driving buses. I am also a student at Central Washington University in Administrative Management (I will graduate this spring) and work part time as the librarian at my son's high school in Mountlake Terrace.

I am looking forward to working with the Northwest Neighborhood. There are so many great things that happen here. Each month we have a great meeting on the third Thursday of the month with interesting speakers that everyone will enjoy. We have a bit of time to socialize and get to know each other as well. If you have not come to a meeting, please come this January, we are working on a special speaker to start the new year. Other events such as The Mother of All Garage Sales, the Easter Egg Hunt, etc. will continue to be great socializing events as well.

At this time, we still have volunteer positions open. We are in need of a secretary for the Steering Committee (roughly 1 hour per week and attend 2 meetings per month), event manager for the Softball game that is Colby-Hoyt vs. Grand-Rucker (1 hour per week as the game date comes up), and database management (2-4 hours a week). We just need some willing individuals to step forward.

Paul Donovan has done a fantastic job laying the ground work with so many activities that our neighborhood is involved in. This will continue as will Paul's effort in our neighborhood. Paul will continue as the Block Watch Leader and is working on a great project called Mapping Your Neighborhood. This is an extensive project which all of us will benefit from should we ever have a disaster in our city. More information concerning this project will come soon.

I look forward to meeting you all at our 1st meeting of the year on January 21, 2011 at EVCC in Room 105, Whitehorse Hall.

June Robinson, Vice Chairman

We moved to the Northwest Neighborhood about 12 1/2 years ago. My two sons, who are now 17 and 18, were young when we moved here, so they have grown up here and each have a wonderful circle of friends in the neighborhood. When we moved here from southeast Michigan, I wanted to live in this neighborhood because it felt like a great place to raise kids, and my intuition was correct.

I am currently the Executive Director of the Housing Consortium of Everett and Snohomish County, which is a nonprofit coalition that does advocacy and education for affordable housing throughout the county. Prior to taking my current position, I worked for Community Health Center of Snohomish County for eight years.

I grew up on a family dairy farm in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, which is famous for the large Amish population that lives there. My family is Pennsylvania Dutch, but not Amish. After getting a bachelor's degree at the University of Delaware, I was a Peace Corps volunteer in rural Jamaica for three years. It was a life-changing experience for me, as it is for many people. After that, I went to the



Happy Holidays
from the
**Northwest
Neighborhood**



Pictures from the Past....



Larry O'Donnell found a picture of the 14th street stairs. There were three sets of stairs, one at 19th, and I think Dad said one at 10th. Workmen would finish their work day by climbing these stairs to catch a bus or streetcar home. I remember workmen coming up the stairs with black lunch pails in 1948 when we lived on 1326 Grand. I had asked at the library and they said if it were ever found, it would be accidental to something else. This was a picture of a load of boats going to Seattle. From the clues, the picture was taken between 1955 (the Ford Truck) and 1957 when the license plates changed. *Janet Bryant*

The stairs were fairly heavily used by employees of the lumber, shingle, and plywood mills on the waterfront, including me & my friends, who were too young to be in the Service (WWII) and were hired by the mills in the Summer time. Once a young man (Bill Jenkins by name) drove his Model T Ford over the cliff next to the stairs when it's brakes failed as he approached the edge. About 1/2 way down he realized he'd never got the car back up, as the vines began to impede his progress, and he couldn't back up, so he stepped on the gas and made it to the bottom, and drove out. Luckily the tide wasn't in. The city then put a big log across the top edge.



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Next Meeting

January 21, 2011 at EVCC in
Room 105, Whitehorse Hall,
6:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for the 10th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration Wednesday, Jan. 12

- **Diversity Breakfast celebrating Prodigies for Peace winners**
7 - 8:30 a.m.

Holiday Inn, 3105 Pine St., Everett

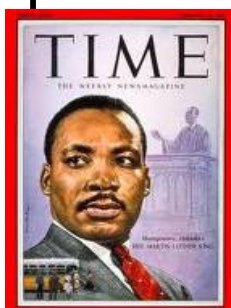
Doors open at 7 a.m. Your RSVP is required for the breakfast at 425.374.5570 or events@uwsc.org.

Suggested donation: \$10 individuals

Table sponsorships: \$100 (contact Kate Reardon, 425-257- 8687 or kreardon@ci.everett.wa.us)

- **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Rally & March**
10:30 a.m. - Noon
Snohomish County Plaza, 3000 Wall St., Everett
FREE

- **Community Celebration**
Noon - 1 p.m.
Edward D. Hansen Conference Center, 2000 Hewitt Ave., Everett
FREE



Event Sponsors: The City of Everett, Snohomish County, YMCA of Snohomish County and United Way of Snohomish County.

Mini Grant for the Northwest Neighborhood

Last year funds were used for our Neighborhood Picnic, Annual Easter Egg Hunt, and a block watch project. We will still use part of the mini grant this year for the picnic and Easter Egg Hunt but there is enough left for other projects.

We would love to hear ideas from the neighborhood, the deadline to submit for funds in January 31, 2011. If you have an idea, please email the neighborhood at nwneverett@gmail.com.

Karen Ruel commented last year about a community garden. Karen, I would like to revisit this idea with you. Please contact me, Shelley Weyer 425-327-3187

One idea has been to bring back the Welcome Wagon. Does anyone remember this concept? It is a great way to welcome new people to our neighborhood. Most of us recently received a mailer from Vince Decker with a list of home sales the last year. From this one realtor were about 34 new residences to our neighborhood.

Others include a Christmas party next year at the Legion Park and a summer beach party themed event.

The Northwest Neighborhood website will have the 2011 information and guidelines for you to access. The website is currently being updated and simplified by Adam Marshall our fantastic webmaster expert.

This process is to be completed by the end of December.

<http://northwesteverett.org/>

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Whittier Elementary Completes Major Renovation

By J.T. Dray

Yellow Durham school buses are once again able to park along 10th St. in our neighborhood. The completion of a major six million dollar renovation project at Whittier Elementary has allowed them to return to their traditional spot. Principal Clara Barton credits neighbors who've been cooperative during construction in helping to speed the project along.

Since things got underway in June, budget constraints have limited the number of buses typically seen in the "line up": starting in September only morning kindergarteners and students who live more than a mile from school are eligible for bus transportation. About sixty-five students out of a total complement of three-hundred and eighty-seven, arrive at Whittier from outside the immediate boundaries of the school on variances of different sorts.



The highlights of the project are the new construction. This comes in the form of an attractive new foyer/entrance (accessed from the parking lot) and the adjacent principal's office and meeting room. Fronting 10th St. are the new gymnasium and a commodious new cafeteria, with a new kitchen and stage. The two can be combined for a large event. Three new classrooms have also been created.

The school's boilers have been retained but just about everything else in the 1949 wing and the 1954 wing (which are conjoined) have been completely refurbished.

The "Three-Hundred Building", a stand alone structure on the Wetmore side of the campus, has seen upgrades as well.

Considerable seismic work was done to the main structure. The fire sprinkler system has been extended so that the entire school is now covered. "Data drops" insure tech requirements are not forgotten. Every teacher's desk is equipped with a computer and a second computer station (at minimum) is provided in every classroom as teaching resource.

A new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system has been installed.

The walls throughout Whittier are push-pin friendly. New flooring is in place and a new roof covers the whole package.

The classrooms at Whittier are bright with large windows and a comfortable, informal feeling.

Principal Carla Barton and Everett School's Construction Supervisor Darcy Walker, who was responsible for coordinating everything, are planning a public open house to show off their "new" school sometime in April of next year.



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University of Michigan and got a Masters in Public Health degree. My husband, Hilbert, and I got married and we lived in the Ann Arbor, Michigan area for several years. Hilbert is from Jamaica and we met when I was in the Peace Corps. In 1997, we were feeling itchy to try something different, and Hilbert took a job with Boeing, which is what brought us to Everett. Now, he is self-employed as a business consultant. Our oldest son, Colin, is a freshman at Evergreen State College in Olympia and his brother, Garret, is a junior at Everett High School.

January 2011 Meeting

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Whitehorse Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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?

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