



## Part One: In Case of an Emergency...

### HAITI: CAN IT HAPPEN HERE?

“Yes and no,” says Mary Schoenfeldt, Public Education Coordinator for Everett Office of Emergency Management. While our area certainly has the potential for an earthquake similar in size to that of Haiti, our hardened infrastructure means the devastation would not be anything on the scale seen in the Haitian disaster. Our building codes are more stringent and our government is better prepared to handle this type of a disaster.

A few buildings in downtown Everett might be damaged. We wouldn't see anything like a tsunami but there is the possibility of a “seiche” — the sloshing around of water in the Puget Sound as in a basin. A waterfront bar (say the Anchor) might see some water damage. Our waterfront is fairly well protected but there is evidence of water damage due to tidal action combined with seiche activity in the last few hundred years.

According to Mary, “You have to understand that there are three major fault lines that could affect our area. The South Whidbey fault runs from the south end of Whidbey Island out towards Duvall and the fault line itself is said to lie about seven miles south of the center of the city of Everett. The other two are the Cascadia Subduction fault which lies off the Washington coast and probably would not have a large effect on Everett this far into the Sound. The third one is called the Seattle Fault and runs east and west through Harbor Island and Alki point in Seattle and goes east out towards the Cascades. Computer modeling for this fault has shown that a moderate quake there could cause damage as far north as Everett. It would greatly affect the 1-5 corridor that we all depend on.”

*Next month: Will Everett Be Ready?*

#### A tip from Mary Schoenfeldt:

#### Learn text messaging on your cell phone...

Cell phones may be the best way to stay in touch during an emergency no matter what we've all heard about service being jammed. And the best way to use the cell phone is to TEXT message. When we make a phone call, the entire time we are talking, the phone service is sending a signal. When we TEXT, the time we take to write the message, or read it for that matter, isn't actually using the phone line. It only gets used for a micro second blast while it is being sent. And it takes less signal strength to send a text message than to connect by voice. There were people who used Twitter (one of the social marketing sites people can use these days) in Haiti when they were trapped under rubble. By sending a message from their cell phone, someone else was able to get the message, use GPS signals to locate their precise location, and send rescuers to save them.

For many of us, we will need to ask our kids or grandkids to teach us some new tricks that just could keep our family in communication during an emergency or save someone's life.

Take a tip from the kids and get proficient with text messaging on you cell phone because it could save your life.

## Learn About the New Animal Shelter at the February Neighborhood Meeting

Do join us for our February meeting when guest-speaker George “Bud” Wessman, Everett's Director of Animal Services will tell us about the wonderful new shelter which he runs on our behalf on Smith Island Road, caring for all sorts of animals.

See the entire meeting agenda on page two.

*“Mr. Herriot,” she said, and in her eyes the pride was still warm, the triumph still as bursting new as if it had all happened yesterday. “Mr. Herriott, haven't I made a difference to this dog!”*

– From “From Rags to Riches” by James Herriot



## Join us for our February Northwest Neighborhood Meeting

February 18, 2010, 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Whitehorse Hall, Everett Community College

### Agenda

6:30 - 6:45 .....Meet and greet

6:45 - 6:55 ..... Crime Report with Sgt. Jim Philips

6:55 - 7:45 ..... Guest Speakers

Patrick "Pat" Sisneros  
*Vice President of College Services*  
Everett Community College  
Elimination of smoking on campus

Bud Wessman  
*Director*  
Everett Animal Shelter  
Animal Shelter Overview  
and Volunteer Opportunities

7:45 - 8:15 ..... Business Meeting

Vote on mini grant projects  
Request for chairperson / elections  
Projects update by project chairs –  
1-3 minutes per project

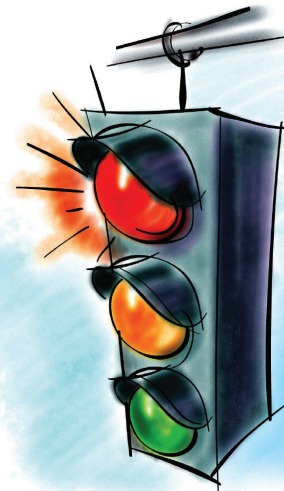
8:15 - 8:30 .....Minutes review and officer reports

Minutes (Meeting Chair)  
Treasurer report (Treasurer)  
Council of Neighborhoods update  
(Council Rep)  
Block-watch update  
Announcements / around the room

### And Save the Date for the March Northwest Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, March 18, 6:30-8:30  
Whitehorse Hall, Everett Community College  
Featuring Stef Frenzl, President of our Neighborhood  
Block Watch speaking about community building

## Report from the Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting



### Broadway traffic signals

Dongho Chang, the Traffic Engineer for Everett, announced that a final round of funding is being applied for before the installation begins on two new traffic signals on Broadway. The signals are part of a mitigation effort by Providence Hospital to lessen the impact of the new hospital construction. The signals will be at 13th and 14th Streets. The hospital will contribute the \$800,000 cost of the installation and if additional funds are found they will be used to make sidewalk improvements.

### Sewer construction

Sewer construction in our neighborhood is scheduled for completion this summer. As one of the oldest sections of the City, our infrastructure has seen the most wear. The main sewer line is being replaced and side sewers are being evaluated for excess wear; tree roots are being removed where necessary.

### Parking rules

At the urging of some residents, a change in guest parking rules is being considered.

Currently, an Annual Residential Parking Zone Permit is available at no charge to residents. Three guest permits, valid for up to seven days, are also available; they are renewable at no charge. Permits are not transferable. They are issued for a specific vehicle.

The new proposal would continue the Annual Residential Parking Zone permit at no charge. Up to three guest permits could be issued. One would be a short term permit valid for seven days and renewable at no charge. A second option would be for one annual guest permit which would be transferable and which would require a \$10 fee.

The Transportation Advisory Committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month.  
[www.everettwa.org/default.aspx?ID-1141](http://www.everettwa.org/default.aspx?ID-1141)

## Largest Everett Transit Overhaul in a Generation Runs Into Some Bumps — in our Neighborhood and Others

George Baxter, Transportation Services Manager, Everett Transit, reported at the January meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee that there are major snags in the service changes recently initiated and that schedules will need to be corrected before the next scheduled service change in May.

Making timely connections at Everett Station reportedly is difficult. The fact that the new #4 bus, which replaces the Northwest Neighborhood's old #7 bus, now terminates at Everett Station instead of continuing on to the Mall has proven very unpopular with many. Jim Strickland (livedemocracy@hotmail.com) has been moved to circulate the following petition.

### **Operation ACCESS Petition: Restore direct bus service between North Everett and Everett Mall Way**

*"As of November 29, 2009, Everett Transit eliminated direct bus routes between North Everett and Everett Mall Way.*

*Given that Everett Mall Way is the primary shopping, entertainment, and commercial zone in our city, these changes deny important access to those dependent on public transportation, including the young, the elderly, the disabled, and the poor. We, the concerned citizens of North Everett, request that direct service between North Everett and Everett Mall Way be restored immediately!"*

Everett Transit's proposed solution, which will be announced shortly at an upcoming Common Council meeting, apparently will involve some sort of interconnection between the #4 on the west side of Broadway and the #25 on the east side of Broadway, in a sort of circulator loop. This sounds like it could be promising for our neighborhood, perhaps improving the frequency and length of service for Northwest Everett, especially on evenings and weekends.

For more 'Everett Transit Talk' visit the blog at our web site – [www.northwesteverett.org](http://www.northwesteverett.org) – and offer your comments.

## News from the Port of Everett

[www.portofeverett.com](http://www.portofeverett.com)

A tip of the hat to neighbor John Sanders for alerting us at our January meeting to the following news. The Port of Everett has initiated a "NEW Parking Program at the 10th Street Boat Launch & Marine Park." This is the headline on a flier which John got his hands on.

The "NEW Parking Program" will require anyone using the parking area for Jetty Island and 10th St. Park, as well as those launching a boat, to pay a \$3 parking fee. The \$5 boat launch fee will remain unchanged.

Previously, there has never been a charge for parking. Another of our neighbors, former City Council member Mark Olson, alerted us to the fact that this fee was imposed by the Executive Director of the Port and not the elected Port Commissioners, two of whom, Troy McClelland, District 1 and Mark Wolken, District 2 were just elected.

### **Northwest Everett Neighborhood Association News**

The Steering Committee of the Northwest Everett Neighborhood Association, as described in the By-Laws, now consists of the elected officers:

- Adam Marshall, *Vice Chair*
- Russ Kasselmann, *Treasurer*
- J.T. Dray, *Secretary*
- Representatives to the Council of Neighborhoods:
  - GeorgaDee MacLeod
  - J.T. Dray
  - Holly Gibson (Alternate)
- Stef Frenzl, *Block Watch Chair*

The Steering Committee is currently managing the affairs of the Association.

Of immediate importance is completion of the Mini-Grant application which was originally due at the end of January and is a major source of revenue for the Association. This will be a topic covered at our February meeting.

## Garbage News

Everett has recently implemented a program seen in other areas around the Sound that allows food scraps to be deposited in yard waste totes.

Food scraps and food-soiled paper make up more than 30 percent of residential garbage.

Rubatio customers as well as Waste Management customers can recycle fruit, vegetables, meat, dairy, and food-soiled paper (pizza boxes, napkins, and paper towels) with yard trimmings in yard waste totes.



## New Technology at Everett Public Library

### Get great answers to tough questions online 24/7

The Everett Public Library will answer your questions, day or night.

Now asking a librarian is just as convenient as searching the Web. The Everett Public Library has joined Ask-WA, a statewide online cooperative of libraries in Washington that is in turn part of a larger, global cooperative. Using Ask-WA's easy online chat service you can get a quality answer to your questions within minutes, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Ask-WA's friendly librarians are ready to help you with any question — from checking that pesky fact to helping you get started on in-depth research. Whatever your question, Ask-WA has answers from a professional you can trust.



**For more information,  
contact the library at:**  
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425-257-8000  
www.epls.org

## The Census is Important! Really!


According to a recent Associated Press report, one in five people may not participate in the April 1 census “citing mostly a lack of interest.”

As you may have noticed the Census Bureau is hiring like crazy and their commitment is to be in touch if you fail to respond to their questionnaire.

But beyond the hassle and beyond the billions of dollars in federal aid that are at stake, there's an additional important factor for our area: local population growth may well mean an additional House seat when redistribution happens.

## Diversity Series

The second presentation of the Diversity series will take place on February 16th, and will feature the Cultures of Russia and the Ukraine. Meetings take place at the Performing Arts Center on Wetmore. The morning session, from 9:00 am to Noon, will be repeated in the afternoon from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

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