



First NWN Association meeting of 2009 is **A RECORD TURNOUT!**

More than 73 people joined us at Legion Hall on Jan. 15. We were told by many people that our first association meeting of the year was the BEST-ATTENDED association meeting EVER! Not just for the Northwest Neighborhood but for ANY of the 19 associations! And we hardly mentioned the hospital, and there were no human sacrifices!

In the Jan. 15 meeting we discussed our

30-plus projects, the police gave their crime report, Everett's Finest also mentioned the Jan. 29 police open house, Neighbors for Neighborhoods asked people to attend the Jan. 29 hospital meeting to discuss the CUP perimeter. We voted to approve the December meeting's mini-grant funds (\$1,500 for the picnic, \$400 for the Easter egg hunt and parade and \$700 for our new NWN website).

We also voted JT Dray and Tamela Cole to the Council of Neighborhoods, and we presented the February meeting agenda, too.

We encourage our entire Northwest Neighborhood to come to our meetings and meet your neighbors.

Our pledge to you is, "Come to the meetings, and we promise to make them interesting and enjoyable." Fair deal?

Thanks 2008 Executive Council!

- **Holly Gibson** - Chair • **Dotti Fickel** - Vice Chair
- **MaryVee Westlund** - Treasurer • **Mark Hammond** - Secretary
- **GeorgaDee MacLeod** - Council of Neighborhoods Representative

Please join us in thanking the 2008 Executive Council for all their hard work! We're going to have a short ceremony honoring these folks during our Feb. 19 association meeting at 8:10 p.m.

NW Neighborhood signage update

Look for our cool new NW Neighborhood meeting notice vinyl banners made for us by our friends at Department Graphics. 425-258-4797.



We've also received quotes on replacing our 12-year-old NW Neighborhood wooden sign on 19th and Colby and purchasing two or three more to help mark some of the other entrances to the neighborhood.

Are there any businesses out there that would like to sponsor one of these signs? The cost of each sign is \$1,600.

We could add a small sign to the wooden post with the words "Sponsored by XYZ Company." \$1,600 is a bargain to advertise your company's name 24/7 x 365 days x 12 years!



Your February NWN Meeting



The next meeting of the Northwest Neighborhood Association is Thursday, Feb. 19, Room 105 at Whitehorse Hall on the EvCC campus. Here's a link to a map: <http://www.everettcc.edu/visitors/maps/index.cfm?id=4334>

6:30-6:45 Name tags / Meet & Greet / Welcome

6:45-7 Police report

7-7:30 Historian David Dilgard's favorite photos of old Everett (and why they're his favorites)

7:30-7:50 John Olson, vice president of EvCC will give us an update of what's going on at the college

7:50-8:10 Announcement of significant progress on a number of our 30 projects

8:10-8:30 "Thank you" celebration for Holly, Dotti, Mark, GeorgaDee, and MaryVee - the 2008 Executive Council.

NOTE: If your last name starts with A-M please try to bring your favorite dessert. Coffee will be served.

If you liked our first meeting, you're going to enjoy this next one even more!

PROJECT PROGRESS

Significant progress to report on more than 19 of our 30 projects!

1.) Alley Access Project focus has changed to an alley security camera trial Bob Gudgel is leading the charge. (See page 3)

2.) Deputy Chief Lineberry is willing to closely study/support including decibel meters in patrol cars in the next budget so that the police can prove in court the noise level of radios, mufflers, etc.

3.) On Jan. 23 our Nicole and Trevor McClelland and Geoffrey Grice were awarded certificates of recognition in the first police "Open House" it was the NW Neighborhood that helped persuade the police to publicly recognize citizens that go above and beyond in the apprehension of suspects.

4.) Chuck Howard designed really cool removable window stickers for all Block Watch members. The full color stickers indicate support / membership and interest in the Block Watch and can also be used as a means of raising funds for the NWN Association.

5.) Bob and Myrna Overstreet, Dave Koenig, Allan Giffen, John Olson from EVCC and Paul Donovan met to kick off our Broadway Improvement Initiative on Jan.. 21.

6.) David Chrisman from Historic Everett and Paul Donovan met on Jan. 21 to discuss the launch of David's Centennial residential Plaque Program. (See page 3)

7.) Our first Association Meeting at Evcc!

And EVCC Vice President, John Olson will make a presentation about the Colleges plans for 2009.

8.) Steve Jenson and Paul Donovan created a rough prototype of an improved house number identification system (see the corner of 15th and Hoyt) They're not satisfied with their first attempt so it's back to the drawing board...

9.) People interested in learning more about and or volunteering to work on our project to identify home-bound folks (shut-ins isn't very PC) are invited to Under the Red Umbrella, 15th & Rucker, on Sat., Feb. 21 at 1:30.

Newsletter. Already we've increased circulation by 300%.

12.) With a first meeting attendance of 73 people we're off to a great start in our quest to make our meetings more interesting and enjoyable and thus increase our average attendance to over 100 per meeting!

13.) Meeting Signage- Check out our new vinyl banners that announce our monthly meetings! (See page 3) We're going to attach them to some vintage trucks so the signs will be mobile and have greater visibility.

14.) We've sent out our first email asking people to help notify us of problem addresses.

Peggy Kurtz and I met with Laura Van Slyck (Police Dept. Prosecuting Attorney and author of our new Chronic Nuisance Property Ordinance) about how we can help the police to identify and report these Chronic Nuisance Properties.

15.) Our new web site (Northwesteverett.org) is just about to go live. Finally a website focused just on us!

16.) Future of the Everett Waterfront- Join us March 19 at our third Association meeting for a spirited (yet

polite) discussion of our waterfront. You'll hear from both Preservationist Valerie Steele and Port Commissioner Phil Bannan.

17.) At the February Association meeting we'll be sharing updated crime graphs specific to the NW Neighborhood. We also plan on posting these on our web site.

18.) How do we keep two way communication open between our residents and our local organizations? How do we ensure that all of our residents hear about our monthly association meetings? We've developed a list of over 30 local organizations and our Abbie Little has volunteered to contact each organization each month.

19.) Litter- We developed a flier that Rubatino's has agreed to tape to their clients' containers whose garbage always seems to scatter all over the neighborhood.



10.) People interested in learning more about and or volunteering to work on our "Mother of All Garage Sales" are invited to meet at Paul & Sue Donovan's home at 1431 Hoyt on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 1:00.

11.) There are major efforts underway to significantly improve the circulation of the Northwest Neighborhood Association

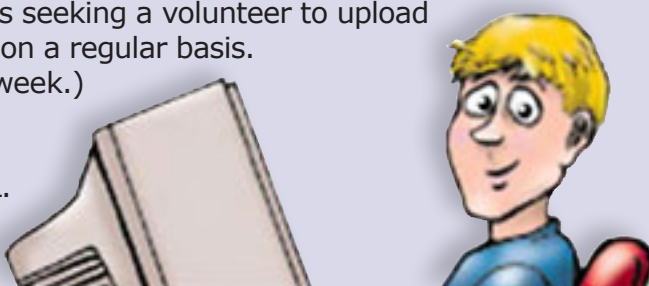
Computer volunteer needed

The NW Neighborhood is seeking a volunteer to upload content for our website on a regular basis.

(Four to five hours per week.)

Ideally this person will understand content management and HTML.

If interested, contact pauld@construx.com.



ON PHOTOS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

Our website and newsletter can be a lot more interesting with great photos.

Typical neighborhood websites may have a list of appropriate contacts. The NW Neighborhood prides itself on being just a little bit different... We want to list all our primary city contacts and neighborhood volunteers, as well as have a candid, informal photo of each of these people. The idea is that in a small community, it's helpful to put a name with a face.

- It helps build community.
- It will increase interest in our site.
- It helps communicate that we're not just a bunch of projects, departments or organizations, but people.
- We all become more approachable.

We'll be taking photos at the next NWN Association meeting Feb. 19 of people who are volunteering in the neighborhood.

And we need one or two people who enjoy people and taking pictures to make appointments to take photos of the rest of our volunteers as well as photos of upcoming neighborhood locations.

For more information, contact Paul Donovan at pauld@construx.com.



Photo/Everett Library



Port Gardner Beach, early 1900s.

OLD NW Everett PHOTOS WANTED!

Do you have any interesting, old photos of our neighborhood? If so, let us know. We'll scan them in, archive them and feature them on our website.

Contact Bob for more information at robert_kelton@mac.com



A new take on alley security

Our own Bob Gudgel of Rucker Avenue has decided that he wants to run the project to make our alleys more secure.

Instead of the original idea of a trial program to restrict alley access to only residents, service people, police, fire, etc .. Bob's plan is to test a 24/7 video surveillance system comprised of approximately four weather-proof color cameras with infrared capability connected to a 24-hour recording system.

The cameras will be posted on private property with a view of the alley so that license plates can be recorded. The price of these systems has dropped dramatically over the years, while their image quality has improved significantly.

Of course we're in the process of working with the police to ensure that we're in full compliance with any laws restricting video surveillance.

We feel strongly that the entire block's residents need to agree to the placement of these cameras. In fact we'll be asking these residents to donate approximately \$50 per household for the trial program. Interested?

Contact Bob Gudgel bgudgel@eskimo.com.

Centennial Residential Plaque Program

How old is your home?

Contact David Chrisman

(chrism333@hotmail.com)

of Historic Everett to learn how you can get one of these plaques to display outside of your house.



How can you learn more about your home's age and history?

Contact Historic Everett at

<http://www.historiceverett.org/guide.html>

The Northwest Neighborhood Association is seeking donations of time and money!

As you can see we have an awful lot on our plate this year!

We'd much rather have a few hours of your time but if that's not possible, please send a check for \$52.00 (just a dollar per week!), which is our suggested donation, to:

NWN Association
c/o Ms. Dotti Fickle, Vice Chair
1705 Hoyt Avenue,
Everett, WA 98201



"Home-bound folks, problem addresses, and aggressive dogs"

One of the most interesting and possibly helpful projects that we're undertaking this year is to identify homes that have either "aggressive dogs, home-bound folks" or what we call "problem addresses." We really need your help identifying these three different types of neighbors:

a) "Home-bound folks" What we mean is people who live in the NW Neighborhood who have trouble taking care of themselves.

We're starting a "home-bound" program so that in case of a bad snowstorm or other emergency, we have set up a primary and secondary contact in the neighborhood to look in on these people. If you'd like to learn more, come to Under the Red Umbrella, 15th & Rucker, at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21 for our first meeting.

b) "Problem addresses" We want to try to raise the awareness of the immediate neighbors of what we're calling "problem addresses." These are the people that the police visit most frequently (three-plus times a year). Is someone like that on your block? Please let us know.

Our goal in the Block Watch is not to confront these folks, but to try to educate the immediate neighbors about how they can work with the police more effectively so that the people who live in these problem addresses and/or their landlords

comply with the law. We realize that this type of effort to identify problem addresses has its challenges. We also think this project is worth a trial run and will aid in the enforcement of the city's new chronic nuisance property ordinance. Contact Peggy Kurtz peggykurtz@me.com.

c) "Aggressive dogs" This initiative is not about judging either the residents or their dogs. All we're trying to do is make sure that the rest of us know where these animals are so that we can use appropriate caution when we're near these homes.



Contact Paul Donovan at pauld@construx.com

Proposed 2009 NWN Calendar

**Thursday, March 19:
Monthly Association Meeting**

Phil Bannan, Port Commissioner and NW Neighborhood resident, will present the Port's vision of the future of the Everett waterfront.

Valerie Steel of Historic Everett will present her view of the future of the Everett waterfront.

Future guest speakers (dates to be determined):

- Mayor Ray Stephanson
- Planning & Community Development
- Traffic & Engineering
- Parks & Recreation
- The City Council president
- Hospital representative

Important dates:

Website launch	February 2009
Easter egg hunt	Sat., April 11
July 4 th Parade	(Saturday)
Garage sale	Sat., Aug. 1
Annual picnic	Sat., Sept. 19

Save the Collins Building!



Rally at noon on Saturday, February 21 at the Collins Building.

GET "PAPERLESS" NEWS!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN E-MAILED VERSION OF NORTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS, AND/OR TO STOP YOUR MAILED PAPER COPY, PLEASE CONTACT US AT NWEVERETT@LIVE.COM WITH YOUR NAME AND E-MAIL. AND THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE SIGNED UP SO FAR!



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 or friends down the street!