

Crime in Our NW Neighborhood

By Paul Donovan

OK guys...

When thieves are breaking into the same house for the second time during the day (*See plea from our neighbor at end of this article*) and throwing the loot (Mac lap top etc.) in one of the green yard waste bins and rolling it down the alley I think we need to all do an even better job of reporting these crimes and being even more vigilant of our friends and neighbors property....

We've noticed a dramatic decrease in crime reporting and we don't think for a minute that it's because these crooks are preying on other Neighborhoods instead of ours.

I'll take the blame for the decrease in crime reporting. I used to send out our Block watch broadcast alerts and lost and found pet alerts because people would email me pauld@construx.com or nwneveret@gmail.com.

Then we started the Forum (electronic bulletin) portion of the web site in hopes that people would directly post their crime alerts on the Forum so that no one person became the clearing house. The problem is that not everyone uses the Forum but everyone (OK, most people) still want these direct crime alerts that we used to send out more frequently.

Here's what I think we need to do. Send me ANY crime information that you personally experience and /or of any crime you hear of in our Neighborhood. The same goes for lost / found animals too.

I'll send out these broadcast alerts like we used to do as soon as I am able. We're also going to try to have them automatically show up on the Forum too.

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Monthly Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, February 17, 2011 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Room 105 Whitehorse Hall EvCC Campus

- 6:30 – 6:45 Welcome! Coffee & cookies.
- 6:45 – 7:00 Police/Crime Report
- 7:00 – 7:10 Alberto J. Rodriguez, Toxics Outreach
 Coordinator-People For Puget Sound will present information about the cleanup plans for the sites with toxic chemicals in Port Gardner Bay and talk about the effect of toxics on the health of humans and wildlife.



7:10—8:10

Historian Jack O'Donnell will be presenting a slide show of the history of the Northwest Neighborhood. Exclusive view into "Changes in Northwest Everett".

- 8:10 – 8:15
 Closing comments

Volunteers of America Mentoring Program

By JT Dray

There's a waiting list of boys and girls in Everett hoping to become part of the Volunteers of America Mentoring Program.

They're waiting for someone like you (at least 21 years of age) to make a volunteer commitment and become a mentor. Some are the children of prisoners; others, for whatever reason, lack the acceptance, care and guidance of concerned adults in their lives.

Here's a way you can help out in the community that does not require money but rather the very personal gift of yourself and your time. You would need to be willing to meet with a child for at least 8 hours a month and make a minimum commitment of 2 years. Kids usually see their mentors 2 to 4 times a month. These young people need caring and consistency in their lives. Marysville and south Everett are the closest areas with waiting lists. The Volunteers of America manage the Mentoring Program as part of their Children and Family Services effort. They provide training and require that mentors have an in-home interview and a background check.

Current mentors report that it's fun and engaging and very satisfying to be a part of this one-to-one effort to interrupt the cycle of drug addiction, violence and incarceration that many of these kids face. For more information about becoming a mentor you can E-mail

mcp@voaww.org or phone (425) 259 2973, ext. 2717.



We need 50 corner property neighbors to volunteer in getting the word out about the NW Neighborhood.

We'd simply like you to walk out to the corner of your lawn 8 times a year and stick a yard sign in your yard announcing our monthly neighborhood meetings.

Here are the details:

We'll deliver the sign to you AND we'll be happy to place a sign holder in your lawn (below ground level) so you won't have to hammer in the sign each month in a different hole.

We'd ask that you leave it out for display from Friday to the Friday morning after the meeting.

In exchange we'll mark you as PAID for your annual dues.

Please understand that we only have 50 signs for the entire neighborhood so we can't give everyone a sign. We're interested in corners only please.

If each of us made the commitment to attend just one meeting this coming year- perhaps your birthday month that would be a huge increase in attendance for the best Neighborhood in all of Everett. The meetings are held January—June, and October & November.

Please respond ASAP to pauld@construx.com if you're interested in helping out with a yard sign.

*Help Get The
Word Out!!*

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News from the January Northwest Neighborhood Meeting

Our special guest at the January 20th meeting of the Northwest Neighborhood Association was Mayor Ray Stephanson. Mayor Stephanson joined us after a busy day where he had given his annual "State of the City" address that morning and had gone to Olympia to roll out a plan to bring four-year college degrees to Everett in the afternoon. The Mayor spoke about both of these activities during his visit with the Neighborhood Association.

First, he reported that the state of the city is good. People are investing in Everett and he believes the future is very positive for the city. Mayor Stephanson also spoke about his latest initiative to bring a four-year college to Everett. In the current proposal, one that he asked local legislators to support, Washington State University would take control of the University Center that is located on the Everett Community College campus. WSU would offer four-year degrees, including engineering degrees. The mayor explained how very important it is to

have engineering degrees offered locally to support Boeing and other local industries. A large percentage of engineers at Boeing are expected to retire in the next ten years, and he said it will be good for the local economy if we can replace them with locally trained engineers. The mayor spent an hour discussing his initiatives and answering questions of the neighbors in attendance at the meeting.



Three Solar Panels Installed on EvCC Campus

By JT Dray

You may have wondered at the appearance of three solar panels of various sizes which have recently appeared on the perimeter of the EvCC campus. I did. And here's the scoop....

According to Pat Sisneros, V.P. Of College Services:

"The solar panel [on Wetmore] is being used to illuminate a new sign at the entrance to the parking lot on Wetmore. We have two additional solar panels --- one on little Broadway for a sign in front of Shuksan Hall and one on 10th and little Broadway. These three signs were a part of a recently completed project to significantly upgrade our campus signage. The digital reader board on N. Broadway was also a part of this project.



"These solar panels support the College's strong commitment to advance sustainability initiatives and lower our carbon footprint."

Are There New People on your Block?

Please consider printing out this Newsletter and placing it on the doorstep of the home of your new neighbors along with a note suggesting that they may want to get in touch with us (nwneverett@gmail.com) so we can send them Block Watch Alerts and our Monthly Newsletter.

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Our hope is that people still use the Forum. It's an excellent way of all of us being able to communicate directly with our Neighbors.

One last thing, if you know of any recent crime in our Neighborhood (last 3-4 months) send me a short write up. I'll consolidate these recent crime reports and send them to everyone as well as to the police.

By the way the Office of Neighborhoods and the Everett PD are copied on every crime alert we send out.

If we're going to ask folks to contribute a dollar a week to the NW Neighborhood Association the Association needs to and will continue to provide these broadcast crime and lost / found pet alerts.

Please help if you can!!

On Friday Feb. 4th my home was broken into and unfortunately many things were stolen. Two Mac computers a Sony Pro Video camera a small Samsung LCD TV a digital camera and various other items.

To transport these items the thief or thieves took a blanket off a bed and he used it to line a big green garden yard waste bin. They rolled it in the alley two blocks south to 17th and Hoyt

The theft happened between 9:30a.m.-3:00pm. If you saw anything please call the Everett PD 425-257-8400 case # DD11-2496

Neighborhood needs ... Help Wanted!

Editor

Have you ever thought of volunteering to write for our newsletter?

Our neighborhood newsletter needs an Editor and we need you.

To have a great newsletter each month takes a bit of time and effort, but it is well worth it. This important task does not take a degree or years of experience. We need someone who:

Has a heart for the neighborhood

Is able to meet deadlines.

Can create articles such as "Stories of Yesteryear"

Track current events to publish (these come to you by email)

We will train you, support you, and be available to help! Don't be intimidated by the title "editor", this is a relatively simple task. If you have a willing heart and want more information, please email us at: nwneverett@gmail.com or call Shelley Weyer 425-327-3187.

Event Email Person

Each week our neighborhood has an Event Email that we send out letting neighbors know of upcoming events in our NW Neighborhood, Everett and Snohomish county. Our neighborhood needs a person who can do this task. We will train you and help you. You simply need to be able to read email and condense it to the neighborhood using very simple software we will train you on. Contact us by email

nwneverett@gmail.com or call Shelley Weyer at 425-327-3187 for more information.

Both of these positions are very easy and can be done with minimal time commitment, and the Northwest Neighborhood needs you!



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 Russ Kasselmann 1432 Colby Avenue,

Everett, WA 98201



PayPal

We'd like to begin a conversation with you about getting your students more involved in our Neighborhood and learning about our local City government.

What exactly does that mean?

We have lots of volunteer projects that your class can lead or help with. They could submit photographs of the Neighborhood and write articles to be published in the Newsletter and / or the web site. They can lead a food or toy drive at Christmas, interview community leaders, attend our monthly meetings, interview their grandparents about growing up in Everett, help find old photographs of the North End, raise money by selling our 1893 Birdseye Maps of Everett at Safeway and QFC, establish a Northwest Neighborhood Facebook account, help with the Mother of All Garage Sales, the list goes on and on.

If you are a teacher and live in our Northwest Neighborhood please contact us to learn more at nwneverett@gmail.com