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## A Message from the Executive Committee

At the December meeting, we were charged by the Chairman with finding a way forward for the Northwest Everett Neighborhood Association when no candidates could be found to stand for election as Chair for 2010. The only Board office filled was that of Treasurer.

We are happy to report that we have met and put together a plan which we are confident will move the Association ahead in a stable way during the coming year; we also have developed an agenda for our first meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2009 at 6:30PM in our usual location.

Kevin Fagerstrom, Director of Code Enforcement for the City of Everett will let us in on the responsibilities involved in his job. He has a powerful and intelligent delivery style which includes a selection of slides and he always provokes a lot of questions. Mr. Fagerstrom performs a tough job with finesse; you'll be interested to hear how he measurably goes about improving the quality of life for the residents of Everett.



*City Code Enforcement Director Kevin Fagerstrom explains chopping down trees the legal way at our January 21st meeting.*

Following his presentation, we will once again hold an election for the offices of Secretary, Chair and Vice-Chair. We invite any of you who may have entertained second thoughts about serving as an officer, to give it a third thought, knowing the following:

With input from last year's Chairman Paul Donovan, the Executive Committee has attempted to delimit the responsibilities involved in running the organization. We think we've defined a set of manageable responsibilities which could be filled by a fairly small number of volunteers in addition to our elected officers. We will try to engineer redundancy into the positions so that if one person becomes overburdened, another person, familiar with what's involved, can step in and help. Paul has already recruited some very able people willing to continue on in 2010, making things that much easier. The Executive Committee intends to continue meeting monthly to offer support and guidance. We will also develop a plan for providing continuity in the leadership of the organization from year to year so that we do not find ourselves in a similar bind at this time next year.

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**Please contact any us if you are interested in standing for office as Secretary, Chair or Vice-Chair. See you at the meeting on January 21st!**

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Those of you who read the Seattle Times on Sunday, January 3rd, no doubt noticed the very prominent and positive article featuring our neighborhood on the front page of the real-estate section. After the heading "Rich History, Affordable Homes," the sub-head reads "Tree-lined streets, two waterfront parks and historic homes built in the boom times of this old mill town tend to draw buyers who appreciate Old World charm."

Featured in a photograph at the top of the story is a our "welcome" sign on Colby. Good thing your Neighborhood Association got that sign rehabilitated before the picture taking, wouldn't you agree? We know that if you're reading this you most likely concur with us that our neighborhood is a pretty special spot and that the Northwest Everett Neighborhood Association contributes a significant part of what makes living here so pleasant. We urge you to support the Neighborhood Association by serving as an officer or volunteering in another capacity. If possible, become a voluntary monthly dues contributor. At the very least, be sure to visit our great web site often to keep up with our progress.

*- JT Dray, Russ Kassellmann, GeorgaDee MacLeod, Adam Marshall*

## The Seattle Times Gives a Shoutout to Our Neighborhood

What can only be described as a glowing portrait of our neighborhood, authored by Kelley Guiney, appeared prominently in The Seattle Times recently (Sunday, January 3, pp E1-2). The article was accompanied by several great photographs. The concluding sentence reads: "People don't generally leave North Everett if they don't have to."

The article reported that "there were 30 single family houses sold in North Everett during 2009 ranging in price from a relatively affordable \$280,581 to \$470,000." Real-estate agent Dan Gunderson is quoted as remarking that "property values in North Everett tend to be more stable and less affected by bumps in the economy than those in other neighborhoods." He also is quoted as saying that "...what supports the stability of the neighborhood is that so many residents, when they upsize or downsize to a different home, will move just blocks away from their original location..."

The neighborly feel of our Northwest Neighborhood is remarked upon by Mary Ann Erickson. According to author Guiney "the old mill town of Everett is getting a cosmopolitan feel. It's home to a musical theater company, a children's museum, as well as professional hockey, baseball and lacrosse teams and lots of parks."

## Spring Can't Be Too Far Off... Time to Sign Up for Little League

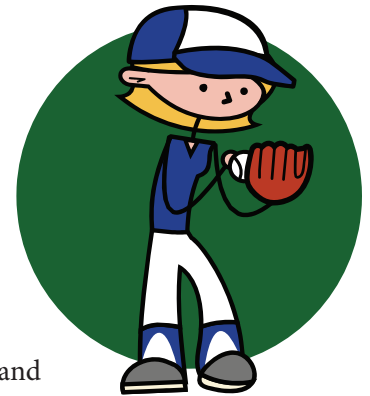
Did you know that Megan D., a young lady from our neighborhood is considered perhaps the best pitcher among all the pitchers in the North Everett Little League? And were you aware that our very own Flowers by Adrian, is a long-time supporter and sponsor of Little League teams?

Three-hundred and fifty girls and boys participate in the North Everett Little League each season. (North Everett in this case covers roughly the area north of Fifty-Second St.) Such a good sized turn-out also means enough players are participating so that competition stays within the North Everett area, except at the highest skill levels.

Since the variety of teams offered is so wide-ranging, every skill-level is able to participate in learning the national game, starting off with T-Ball (does that bring back memories!) and Coach-Pitch. Softball leagues are offered as well.

The children range in age from kindergarten to high school. The League pays the City to rent the fields where the games and practices are held. So while a charge for participation is necessary, 'scholarships' mean that no one who wants to play is left out. The good sized turn-out also means enough players participate to ensure that competition stays within the North Everett area, except at the highest skill levels.

Normally registration could be done at Whittier Elementary (you must register in person) but because of the on-going construction at Whittier regular league activities have been moved to other sites. Registration dates, locations and times are listed below.



- Jan 19th at Lowell Elementary 6-8PM
- Jan 20th at Jackson Elementary 6-8PM
- Jan 21st at View Ridge Elementary 6-8PM

Sponsors and potential coaches are always a welcome addition for the League. All adults involved with the children, including parents, coaches, umpires and concession workers, are vetted by a national organization that does vetting for the Little League and all receive an identifying badge.

For further information, please visit the North Everett Little League web-site:  
[www.eteamz.com/NorthEverettLL/index.cfm](http://www.eteamz.com/NorthEverettLL/index.cfm)

### Save the Date for these Northwest Neighborhood Meetings

**Thursday, January 21, 6:30-8:30**  
**Whitehorse Hall, Everett Community College**

**Thursday, Feb 25, 6:30-8:30**  
**Whitehorse Hall, Everett Community College**

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