



Next NWN Meeting:

January location: Legion Hall
(in Legion Park, 145 Alverson Blvd.)

New time: 6:30 p.m.

New date: Now on the third
Thursday of each month
(except August.)
Thursday, Jan. 15th, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting schedule:

- Welcome!
- Police Report
- Old Business
 - Mini-Grant Vote
 - Executive Council Vote

This is a vote for the positions of Executive Council Treasurer, and two seats as Representatives to the Office of Neighborhoods (Second Position and Alternate)
- New Business
 - Proposed Project List
 - 2009 Calendar (Tentative)

Mini-grant applications due!

NW Neighborhood mini-grant applications are due January 30.

That means we're going to have to VOTE at our Jan. 15 meeting on how we want to spend our money.

The top three ideas are:

- NWN – Picnic \$1,500
- NWN – Website \$700
- NWN – Easter Egg Hunt \$400

New Northwest Neighborhood Council proposes list of 29 projects for 2009

By Paul T. Donovan

Hello Neighbor!

I was elected to the position of Northwest Neighborhood Association Chair on Dec. 11.

Honestly, at the time I wasn't particularly interested in running the Association as well as the Block Watch, but when I heard *that no one else wanted the job* I thought *we've just got to do something* to get more people interested in our little neighborhood.

Right now when you think of the Northwest Neighborhood, probably crime, coyotes and the Hospital dispute come to mind. I think that has got to change. With the help of the Executive Committee, we've developed a list of 29 projects that we're going to attempt to complete in the next 12 months as a way of trying to both further improve the neighborhood and increase the sense of community. Yup. Twenty-nine **projects... in 12 months!**

Are these the best 29 or so projects to tackle? Maybe. Maybe not.

The following project list is divided up into three basic categories: Safety, Neighborhood Improvement and Building Community.

What we're hoping you'll do is review this list of projects with your family and friends and that one or more of you will e-mail us about a project of interest

**To meet the rest of the 2009
NWN council, turn to back page.**

to you, your spouse, your parents, your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and/or your kids, and you'll join us for our first Association meeting of the new year (Thursday, Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m., Legion Park), where we plan to discuss these projects in greater depth and the progress we've already made on many of them. We'll also be presenting the 2009 NW Neighborhood events calendar.

You'll notice that these are *projects* not committees. Projects have a beginning, middle and end, "committees" seem to go on forever. Our bias this year is RESULTS not endless committee meetings. My understanding is that most of the projects on this list (Large Community Garage Sale, NW Neighborhood Website, Planting More Trees, Exterior Plaques for

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Providence Regional Medical Center neighborhood update meetings set

To hear an update on our building progress and to continue the dialogue, please join us on Thursday, Jan. 22, 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Cascade room of the 1330 Rockefeller Medical Office Building. We look forward to your attendance and participation regarding the following agenda items.

- Construction update from Mortenson.
- Discussion around the city's environmental review process (SEPA) for the Utility Building. During the SEPA process, materials will be available for public review.
- Update on the design of the Utility



Building north of 13th Street.

- Update on the design of the 35-foot greenbelt buffer along the perimeter of the current athletic field property.

If you have questions related to our expansion plans, please contact Mike Gaffney at (425) 261-4033. If your questions or comments are related to construction activities, please contact Mortenson directly at (425) 258-9140 during normal business hours. If you have construction related questions after normal business hours, please call their hotline at 1-866-584-9924.

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100+ Year Old Homes, Improved Noise Reduction Ordinance, etc.) have been suggested, debated and proposed for YEARS now. This is the year we're going to *complete these projects*.

Too busy? They say that people always seem to find plenty of time, energy and money for anything they really want to do. We'd rather have your family's involvement, but if that's not possible a donation to the

NW Neighborhood Association would be greatly appreciated. \$52.00 (a dollar a week) would be terrific. (Please make your checks payable to The Northwest Neighborhood Assoc. c/o Vice Chair, Dotti Fickel 1705 Hoyt Avenue.)

Apologies for the long-winded intro. We hope to hear from you soon and/or see you and your family at Legion Hall on Jan. 15.

Best regards, **Paul**

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Northwest Neighborhood Association Proposed Projects List 2009

The basic idea is to target approximately 29 or so specific improvements that we can make to our neighborhood in the next 12 months and to report **only when we have significant progress** at each Association meeting. With 29 projects under way, we should have plenty of significant progress to report at each Association meeting! We all know that our winters can be fairly gray and depressing. Here's your chance to get out of the

house, meet your neighbors and do something positive for yourself and your neighborhood!

So which of these projects do YOU care most about? If you want to maintain our wonderful neighborhood and are interested in improving it, let's roll up our sleeves and get to work. Anyone can complain. Winners solve problems.

In addition to the Association duties I'm going to continue with

the Block Watch and assume responsibility for helping each of the project teams, the Residential Centennial Plaque Program, the Planting More Trees initiative, and the Contractor Scam initiative.

The project list that follows is divided up into three basic categories;

- **Neighborhood Safety**
- **Building Community**
- **Neighborhood Improvement**

PROJECTS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

1. Contractor Scam Alert / Referral of Excellent Vendors.

Dozens of folks in our neighborhood – smart people – people that you and I know are taken advantage of each year by contractors who don't do what they say they'll do. So we're going to post a list of contractors that people recommend on our website, as well as post detailed tips that these local contractors want you to know so you can make more informed decisions when contracting for home improvement services.

2. Actively Lobby for Improved Noise Restriction Ordinance.

Here's your chance to finally do something about those people with their car stereos and excessively loud mufflers. Let's write a more strict noise ordinance.

3. Stray Dog Capture Effort (When Animal Control is Closed).

Sue and I have captured countless strays in the last 10 years. (We always carry extra leashes with us in the car.) More often than not Animal Control is closed, and we have no idea what the heck to do with the dog until they open. We need to work out an after-hours agreement with our local vets. Any other ideas?

4. Senior "Shut In" Program.

I bet there's one on almost every block. That disabled person, shut-in, or senior that we all worry about when it snows or it gets really hot or cold. Let's make sure that someone on the block is always looking in on them and that we have a designated back-up for that person.

5. The Northwest Neighborhood Block Watch.

It just makes sense to have the Association and the Block Watch work more closely together.

6. "Aggressive Dog" Identification Program.

When I walk my dog(s) I'd sure like to know which homes have aggressive dogs don't you? Between all of us we probably know where most of them reside (i.e. aggressive dog on the 1600 block of Colby).

7. Free Catalytic Converter Engraving Program w/ Local Auto Repair Companies.

No promises on this one, and it won't really solve our problem, but maybe the police will be able to catch some thieves as a result.

8. Have House Numbers Painted on the Curbs.

Ever try to find a house number at night? Especially difficult for seniors. Solution? Paint the range of house numbers (1401-1431) for that block at the street corner on the curb.

9. Restricted (residents only) Alley Access Trial Program.

Every one of us knows that most of the people wandering through our alleys are not residents. So what the heck are they doing? Sight seeing? Many are up to no good. Let's have a trial program where we put up remote control gates and give only the residents (the police, Rubatinos, etc.) the remotes. They do it in England. They call it alley-gating. Seriously.

10. "Problem" Address Initiative.

It seems like every block has one. It's usually a rental and often the landlord is clueless. The police are called a few times a month. The neighbors know there's a problem but don't know what to do. The idea is to develop a process to raise the awareness of the neighbors so that everyone is calling the police on these people.

11. Sharing and Graphing Police Crime Statistics.

Having access to crime statistics specific to our neighborhood so that we can analyze, graph and disseminate this data in a timely fashion just makes sense.

12. Block Watch / Police Recognition Effort.

The idea is to lobby the police to recognize citizens that were directly involved with the apprehension of crime suspects.

13. Northwest Neighborhood Block Watch Window Stickers.

These removable stickers will be mailed to each address in the Northwest Neighborhood. The idea behind the stickers is to raise awareness for the Block Watch and alert would-be thieves that we watch out for each other in this community. We'll probably ask for donations to the Association at the same time.

PROJECTS FOR BUILDING COMMUNITY

1. Huge Annual NW Neighborhood Garage Sale / Recycle Event to Benefit the Snohomish County Food Bank.

This is going to be the mother of all garage sales. This is a major undertaking, and we'll need the active participation of a project team of at least five people to make this a wild success. We already have a detailed "How-To set up your own Community Garage Sale" brochure from our friends in the Phinney Neighborhood in Seattle. We envision hundreds of residences participating. The tentative date is set for Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 1 & 2 because it's historically the driest time of the year. Here's your chance to sell your old stuff and dispose of the stuff you don't sell properly. Perhaps we charge a \$10.00 participation fee? As one of the most affluent neighborhoods in the county seat we should take a leadership role in ensuring that county residents have enough food to eat. If we don't lead the way, who will?

2. A Website Dedicated to the Northwest Neighborhood.

We can have a copy of the monthly newsletter on the site. In fact we'll have all the past newsletters in an archive on the site. We can have separate tabs for each of these project initiatives. As well as a calendar of Northwest Neighborhood and City events. We hope to have a forum and a blog. Only Northwest Neighborhood residents could make posts.

We'd also list the important contact information for all sorts of city and neighborhood folks. For example, did you know there's a city employee that specifically handles noise complaints? Perhaps Association meeting minutes are posted too. We'd have a good map of the neighborhood on the site as well. Maybe a Rant and Rave section. Hey all you web designers out there, maybe this project is for you! EvCC has already expressed an interest in having some of their students help develop the site.

3. Historic Plaques for 100+ Year-old Homes.

Many communities have historic plaques available for their older homes. Within the next 20 years we'll have dozens if not hundreds of 100+ year old homes. These plaques are one way of celebrating and honoring these older homes that make our neighborhood so very special.

4. Welcome Program for New Homeowners.

I think this one is a natural for our Realtors, mortgage brokers and title

companies to undertake. Are you old enough to remember the "Welcome Wagon"? Well maybe we don't go as far as scheduling an appointment with each new homeowner, but at least new residents should be welcomed to the neighborhood and invited to participate in the Association, don't you think? Maybe we offer new residents a Brooklyn Brothers Pizza coupon and some Silvertips tickets. You get the idea...

5. Hospital "Good Neighbor" Program.

My understanding is that it's inappropriate for the NWN to take sides in the current planning disputes with the hospital. What we can do is make sure that we are proactively attempting to welcome and encourage hospital participation in our neighborhood and work towards even better communication between the hospital and the neighborhood.

6. EvCC "Good Neighbor" Program.

The college is also our neighbor. Did you know they now offer four-year degree programs? Neither did I. It just makes sense for us to keep the lines of communication open between us especially since they've been gracious enough to offer the Association meeting space, and they are growing like crazy!

7. The Northwest Neighborhood Association Meetings.

Perhaps the monthly Association meetings should have more of a social aspect to them, maybe even including a 30-minute social time. Maybe people should wear name tags with their street name. We're moving to Legion Hall in Legion Park. Maybe in the future we'll regularly have pot lucks. With 29 projects under way we should have plenty of significant progress to report at each Association meeting!

8. NWN Representation on All Appropriate Citizen Committees.

There are all sorts of opportunities for city residents to participate on city advisory committees. We just have to make sure we know about these committees and when openings occur, we need to ensure that the Northwest Neighborhood is well-represented. Make sense?

9. Annual Northwest Neighborhood Residential Survey.

The Block Watch conducted such a survey a few years ago. The basic idea is to give people an opportunity to tell us what's on their minds and to learn/react to what projects and events we are working on and then share the results of the survey

PROJECTS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT

1. Promote the Planting of More Trees on Streets and in Parks.

Why do the streets east of Colby look so bare? Did someone run out of trees? Let's fix this problem on our watch! There is a city department that will gladly plant trees on your street. For FREE! And you even get to pick out the type of tree you want. What's not to like?

2. Establish a Walking/Running/Jogging Loop.

My thought is simply to paint a start, finish and ½ mile and mile markers along Grand and to promote a daily walking program via the website. Maybe you have some ideas where this Walking/Running/Jogging Loop should be.

3. Litter.

I don't know about you, but I'm constantly picking up trash in our streets. Some comes from trash cans not being properly secured. Some from people that simply get tired of looking for a place to throw their pop cans. I think three good solutions include: a) working with Rubatino's to identify folks that don't secure their garbage and give them warnings and then fines, b) offer people free bungee cords to secure their garbage can lids and c) place some litter containers at various places where

pedestrians walk.

4. Save the Collins Building.

There's no way we're going to allow anyone to tear down that beautiful building on our watch. We've got to figure out a viable plan. Maybe with the hospital, college or Kimberly Clark's help?

5. Broadway Improvement Initiatives.

Almost every one of us drives on Broadway every day. It's high time that Broadway reflects the charm and character of the NWN. Don't you agree? If we're not lobbying the city to improve Broadway who will?

6. Pedestrian Bridge to the Marina Redevelopment.

Another one of those projects that have been discussed for years! Are we going to get the bridge built this year? Probably not, but we can keep the pressure up to ensure it's on the city's/port's construction schedule.

7. Pedestrian Access to Our Own Shoreline.

We're pleased the city kept the port from agreeing to using a portion of our waterfront as a junk yard a few years ago. But that's not enough! Many/most of us look forward to a day that the entire north-end shoreline has been set aside for the public, not for business development.

2009 Executive Committee of the Northwest Neighborhood Association

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I'm in the software industry. I commute to Bellevue most days. My wife, Sue, is a marketing director at an assisted living community in Queen Anne. We have three Golden Retrievers and two English Pointers. We've lived in our house for more than 10 years now!

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I'm retired from early childhood education/child advocacy. My formal education is in E.C.E. and fine arts from E.V.C. and San Jose State University. My hobbies are quilting, reading and chauffeuring grandchildren. My family lived at 9th and Colby from 1973 to 1983. We raised a son and three daughters, who settled in the Everett-Snohomish area. My husband and I returned to San Jose in 1983, and after his death I returned to Everett in 2004.

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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!

NWN seeks donations of time and money

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

We'd rather have a few hours of your time but if that's not possible please send a check \$52.00 (a dollar a week) - our suggested donation to: The Northwest Neighborhood Association c/o Ms. Dotti Fickle Vice Chair, 1705 Hoyt Avenue, Everett, WA 98201

Important dates:

- Website Launch February 2009
- Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 11
- July 4th Parade (Saturday)
- Garage Sale (First Sat. in August) Aug. 1
- Picnic on Saturday, Sept. 19

Proposed 2009 Guest Speakers

- Mayor Ray Stephanson
- City Council President Arlan Hatloe
- A representative from the Port of Everett
- A representative from Everett Comm. College
- A representative from Providence Med. Center
- A representative from Traffic & Engineering
- A representative from Planning & Community Development
- A representative from Parks & Recreation

Neighbors for Neighborhoods

Have you heard of the local group, Neighbors for Neighborhoods? Check them out: <http://neighborsforneighborhoods.org>

A lot of people are under the impression that they are anti-hospital or only focused on the hospital. Neither impression is correct. These neighbors of ours have given generously of their time, money and energy to ensure that ANY future development in the Northwest Neighborhood complements and doesn't detract from the quality of life for ALL of us.