

NEXT MEETING

You are invited to join us

TUESDAY
SEPT 9

6:30-8:15 PM

Doors open at 6:15

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
LIBRARY
2514 RAINIER AVE.
SW SIDE OF SCHOOL

*Bring a Neighbor
to the meeting!*

MEETING AGENDA

Police Report

Speaker: Crystal Ayco,
Snopac Operations
Coordinator

Community Projects

Council of Neighborhood Report



Science researcher Stephen Post says, "Helping a neighbor, volunteering or donating goods and services results in more health benefits than you would get from exercise or quitting smoking."

The Riverside Report

A cartoon chef with a mustache, wearing a white chef's hat and a red apron, holding a large pizza. The chef is standing on a wavy line that represents water.

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HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT SMART911?

We are excited to welcome Crystal Ayco, the Operations Coordinator with SNOPAC, as our guest speaker. Crystal will share information regarding Smart911, a new service provided by SNOPAC.

Smart911 allows residents to create a free Safety Profile that is made available to 911 when you make an emergency call. The profile can contain information such as phone numbers, address, pets, gate codes, medical conditions, medications, and other details you would want 911 to have.

This is one opportunity you won't want to miss!

JOIN US FOR PIZZA AND A MEETING SEPTEMBER 9TH

A simple illustration of a slice of pizza with pepperoni toppings.

MENU

- ~ Major League Pizza ~
- ~ Crisp Green Salad ~
- ~ Fresh Fruit Tray ~
- ~ Dessert ~
- ~ Water and coffee ~

This is not a fundraising event, but we are asking for donations to help cover some of our costs for dinner.

RNA CHALLENGES RIVERSIDE BUSINESSES

This December the Riverside community will be celebrating our 17th Annual Holiday Decorating Contest. Every year residents and businesses alike compete and show off their decorating skills in the spirit of the holidays. This year we challenge Riverside businesses to participate and maybe spur a little competition amongst other friendly neighborhood businesses. Last year's 'Best Decorated Business' winner was **Motorcycle Goodies**. This year it could be you! So come on Riverside businesses—show us your best decorated store front this December. Help us make the holiday season sparkle and join us in a Riverside tradition. More information will be available in the upcoming newsletters and on the Riverside website at www.riversideneighborhood.org.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT THE HOLIDAYS?

We really enjoy seeing how creative neighbors can get when it comes to decorating their homes. And we enjoy the holidays so much that we are starting to plan for them now! At the September meeting we will be voting on the Halloween contest and the Holiday contest themes. Bring your ideas and cast your vote and let the planning begin. Below are the themes we've celebrated in the past. Now it's time to get your creative energy flowing and think of some fun new themes.

Past Halloween Themes



Turn of the Century, Jack 'O Lanterns & Spiders, Ghosts & Skeletons, Something a Little Alien

Past Holiday Themes



Santa Claus, Snowmen, Candy Canes, Angels, Winter Wonderland, Vintage Holiday, Toyland, Trees & Wreaths, Gingerbread, Merry & Bright

BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS: REGISTER NOW FOR FALL CERT CLASS

Sign up now for the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) classes offered by the Everett Fire Department. **Riverside residents** as well as **Riverside business owners** are encouraged to participate or send employees to these free emergency preparedness classes.

The eight-session course will provide a variety of disaster planning, recovery and survival skills aimed at surviving and assisting the community in disaster response and recovery. CERT classes will be held on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm to 9:30pm 10/1 through 11/19. Applications are available online or through the Everett Office of Emergency Management. Class size is limited and early registration is encouraged. The deadline for applications is Sept. 22, 2014.

For more information or to register, visit www.everettwa.org/default.aspx?ID=879 or contact the Everett Office of Emergency Management at 257-7965 or email everetteoc@everettwa.gov.

KEEP OUR COMMUNITY GRAFFITI FREE

The LFL (Little Free Library) that promotes turning off the TV and reading a book was vandalized just two months after it's installation at Summit Park. Vicki Rosenau designed and constructed the library to look like a retro television. The library was temporarily removed to clean and repaint before reinstalling it back to its rightful place. The Summit Park LFL was only in place for a short time before it became a popular spot to stop and borrow a book. It's sad that after all the time and effort of building something for the entire community to enjoy that the library became a target of vandalism. From all of us who look forward to visiting the LFL; let's turn off the TV, share a book at the LFL as a way of showing Vicki our appreciation.



More graffiti showed up on the post of the newly painted neighborhood sign on E. Grand. Garfield Park continues to be a hot spot for graffiti. The poles to the basket ball nets, a garbage can and a newly painted picnic shelter were all hit with graffiti. An enormous bouquet of appreciation to Katrina Lindahl for taking the initiative to clean the graffiti from the newly painted picnic shelter. And thanks to our Everett Parks Department for their help in keeping our park graffiti-free.

You can help keep our community graffiti free by calling 911 if you see the crime in progress. To report existing graffiti, call the **Graffiti Hotline** at **257-8748**.

GARFIELD PARK PICNIC SHELTERS -BY KATRINA LINDAHL

The picnic shelters at Garfield Park received a fresh new coat of paint this summer. Six youths from the Denny Youth Center, under the guidance of their supervisor Jennifer Crossen, spent three days washing and painting the six wooden shelters and the bench under the cedar tree.

The Everett Parks Department prepared the shelters for paint by replacing six broken and rotten boards and pressured washed over half the shelters.



The picnic shelters, which are heavily enjoyed by park visitors, are well over 40 years old. They have been vandalized by graffiti and knife carvings. For several years we had planned on painting them but the weather never seemed to cooperate. This painting project was a perfect fit for the Denny Youth Center who needed a summer project for their youth. The youths did a great job and we appreciate their time and hard work!

Jennifer commented that many of you took the time to share your appreciation with the youth as you walked through the park. The youth really appreciated this recognition of their efforts. Thank you Riverside for showing your gratitude and support!.

Throughout the years we have tried to maintain and preserve the shelters through painting, miscellaneous repairs and re-roofing. Although the picnic shelters look good for now, time is taking a toll on them.

We are currently in the process of forming an advisory/planning committee to develop a plan and apply for a federal Community Development Block Grant in hopes **to replace the shelters in the park**. The grant application is due in November so we have a bit of work to do in a short amount of time.

We need to develop a design, cost estimates and a construction schedule. At this time we are hoping to continue our successful relationship with Sno-Isle Skill Center to construct the shelters.

Volunteer to be a part of history and make this goal become reality.

Please contact **Katrina Lindahl at 258-1126** if you are interested in being part of the team.



To all the people who, with little recognition are working towards making Riverside a better place to live.

Two thumbs up to **Bryan Bader** for hosting a lemonade stand at Garfield Park to help raise money for children's books for the Little Free Library. Our Co-Chair **Linden Kimbrough** whose persistence pays off when it comes to reserving meeting speakers. A shout out to **Laurel Haseley** and **Jo Brodersen**, our Council of

Neighborhood Reps; **Marcela Ewert** for coordinating the Senior Yard Care event including the volunteers for their hard work; **Donald Staples**, **Katrina Lindahl**, **Bruce Haseley** and **Jo Brodersen**. We salute **Katrina Lindahl** for taking care of our parks and all the volunteers who have worked by her side. There's **Scott Bader** our Home of Excellence coordinator who continues to dedicate his time to recognizing home owners who have taken pride in their home and property. A shout out to **Marli Jenkins** our Yard Sale event coordinator. The Everett **Parks Department**, the **Office of Neighborhoods**, and to all the other volunteers who, through hundreds of unacknowledged deeds, make Riverside the best community in Everett!

Be visible—it could save a life



90% of house numbers are difficult to find at night, and 50% are difficult to find during the day. Clearly readable house numbers can save precious time in an emergency. House numbers should be visible from the street at all times, day and night.

Change your clock—Change your batteries...

Check your smoke alarm batteries when you turn back your clocks Sunday, November 2, 2014 with the end of Daylight Saving Time.

Summit Park—History Rooted in Mountains and Water

This year several Riverside neighbors have been working with Jan Meston and Ross Johnson with the City of Everett Planning and Community Development Department to research and design an Interpretive sign for Summit Park.



David Dilgard will be our guest speaker at the **October 14 meeting**. You will have the special opportunity to preview the sign and learn some little known history of the surrounding area.

How To BUILD COMMUNITY...

TURN OFF THE TV + LEAVE YOUR HOUSE + KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS + PLANT FLOWERS + LOOK UP WHEN YOU'RE WALKING + GREET PEOPLE + HELP A LOST DOG + BUY FROM LOCAL MERCHANTS + TALK TO THE MAIL CARRIER + PICK UP LITTER + SIT ON YOUR FRONT PORCH + BAKE EXTRA AND SHARE + OPEN YOUR SHADES + VOLUNTEER



The Riverside Neighborhood Association (RNA) a not-for-profit organization, shall serve to enhance the safety and livability of the neighborhood through infrastructure improvement, promotion of civic pride, and recognition of historical properties within the neighborhood.

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Yes, I'd like to support my neighborhood association!

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Enclosed is my check for: \$ _____ Issues I care about in the neighborhood: _____

Check this box if you would like to volunteer time to your neighborhood. A representative will contact you.

Skills I could contribute: _____

Please make check payable to **Riverside Neighborhood Association** and mail to:

RNA Treasurer; 2516 Highland Ave., Everett, WA. 98201