

**NEXT MEETING**

**TUESDAY**  
**FEB 10**

6:30-8:15 PM  
Doors open at 6:15

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

*Park in fenced area on 26<sup>th</sup>  
between Broadway & Rainier.  
Walk north to the library,  
second door to the left.*

**MEETING AGENDA**

Police Report

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Home of Excellence

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Speaker: Elizabeth Woche,  
Old Dog Haven

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Charity Auction

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Long Range Vision

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Council of Neighborhood Report

**Congratulations**

to our previous raffle winners,  
Wayne & Carol Bart who won a  
**\$40 gift certificate to**

**BUCK'S AMERICAN CAFÉ** located  
on Hewitt Avenue.

We'd like to thank

**BUCK'S AMERICAN CAFÉ**  
for their donation to the  
Riverside Neighborhood.

**Sergeant Braley**

PH: 257-8474

MBraley@everettwa.gov

Contact Sergeant Braley if  
you have a specific topic you  
would like him to address at  
our monthly meeting, or if you  
are experiencing problems  
with ongoing suspicious  
neighborhood activities.



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**4 THE LOVE OF ANIMALS**



All proceeds go to  
Old Dog Haven, a nonprofit  
that is dedicated to helping  
homeless senior dogs.

Join us February 10<sup>th</sup> and open your heart to a good cause.

How it works: people bring an item to donate for the auction. Examples may be brownies, dog treats, jam, pie, muffins, cookies. Homemade or store bought are both acceptable. Homemade, gourmet products, or bakery items are the biggest sellers. Please limit 2 per person.

Next comes the easy part, opening your heart and your wallet to help homeless pets. It's all about having fun bidding on items and knowing your money is going towards a good cause.

Old Dog Haven is a nonprofit organization using a large network of people to provide loving homes for homeless dogs 8 years and older. Their goal is that these dogs' last months or years are comfortable and happy, and that they die in peace, knowing they are loved. As of January 2013, Old Dog Haven has helped over 3,000 dogs.

Please consider giving, even if you are unable to attend our auction. Old Dog Haven accepts donations of any value. If you would like to help please make your check payable to: Old Dog Haven, 621 SR 9 NE, PMB A4, Lake Stevens, WA 98258-8525. Old Dog Haven is a 501(c)3 so your donations are tax-deductible.



**FREE MONTHLY MEETING RAFFLE**

Come to the Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting for the chance to win a \$20 certificate to **Noble Palace II** located on Broadway Avenue.

## JANUARY MEETING RE-CAP

Members were asked to break into groups and answer this question, "What do you want to see in the community in the next 3 to 5 years as a result of the neighborhood association?" We arranged the suggestions into four categories, parks, streets, events and communications. Then we organized them into one, three and five year objectives. At the February meeting members will review the plan. We will then work on how we can best accomplish ideas from the one year objective.

1 year	3 year	5 year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Address crime, homelessness, education</li> <li>-Encourage GOOD business to come to area</li> <li>-Kite making &amp; flying contest (Kite Day)</li> <li>-Mile markers Garfield Park walk path</li> <li>-More people at meetings</li> <li>-More involvement in community</li> <li>-Movie in the park</li> <li>-Reminder on how to maintain sidewalks and storm drains</li> <li>-Yard Buster</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-All street signs replaced with Riverside Logo</li> <li>-Annual carnival/craft fair</li> <li>-Bike-a-thon or walk-a-thon</li> <li>-Exercise stations at the park</li> <li>-Garden exchange</li> <li>-Kiosk at Garfield Park</li> <li>-National Night Out/garbage pick up</li> <li>-Newspaper weekly/monthly "The Riverside Neighbor"</li> <li>-Progressive dinner from park-to-park</li> <li>-Solar power speed indicators all around</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Better street parking (during special events)</li> <li>-Bike/Walk path concrete instead of asphalt</li> <li>-Bike paths around Garfield Park connecting to Jackson Park</li> <li>-Community center at Garfield Park</li> <li>-Dog park</li> <li>-Neighborhood clean up</li> <li>-Replace bad sidewalks and add handicap corners</li> </ul>

## VOLUNTEERING COUNTS

THE MOST IMPORTANT HOUR OF YOUR WEEK MAY BE THE ONE YOU GIVE AWAY

Last year volunteers devoted over **520 hours**. Cheers to our volunteers!



If you are interested in volunteering please contact Ritch at [RiversideNeighborhood@yahoo.com](mailto:RiversideNeighborhood@yahoo.com) or 319-0429.

### Halloween Decorating Contest

2015 will mark our 6<sup>th</sup> year for this frightfully fun event. We have signs and certificates. Now we need someone to help us choose a theme, a spooktacular prize, judge the homes, and deliver the good news to the winners.

### Door-to-Door Flyer Delivery

People to deliver flyers regarding crime and community, specifically around our parks.

### June Elections

The Riverside neighborhood needs your energy and enthusiasm. Become a part of the RNA executive board. Educate, promote and oversee the association. implement projects that improve your community and benefit generations to come. Training and ongoing support provided.

### WAYS TO VOLUNTEER WITH KIDS

- Pick up trash in our parks or as you take a walk in the neighborhood.
- Participate in one of our park planting projects.
- Growing vegetables and offer the produce to a local food bank.
- Raise funds to buy pet food, litter, and other items and donate to a local animal shelter.
- Encourage kids to donate their gently used books to one of the neighborhood's Little Free Libraries located at Garfield Park, Summit Park, Riverside Park (temporarily down), and mid-block of 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Baker.



## HOME OF EXCELLENCE

The Home of Excellence award is Riverside's way of acknowledging neighbors who take pride in their homes and property. It's sort of like a pat on the back for a job well done.

The Home of Excellence coordinator position will become available in March. If you have an interest in historic homes, meeting new neighbors and learning how other people are remodeling their homes, then you will enjoy getting involved and coordinating this project. To **volunteer** contact Ritch at 319-0429, [riversideneighborhood@yahoo.com](mailto:riversideneighborhood@yahoo.com).

if you know of a home owner who deserves some positive recognition, email your nomination to Scott at [scottandjenbader@comcast.net](mailto:scottandjenbader@comcast.net) or 257-9436. Here are several of the most recent award recipients.



October Winner, Carolyn Cummings  
1916 McDougall Avenue



November Winner, Omar & Jane Rodriguez  
2317 Maple Avenue



December Winner, Robert & Theresa  
Clark, 1914 McDougall Avenue



January Winner, Wayne & Carol Bart  
2517 State Street

## GARFIELD PARK PICNIC SHELTERS



Back in September a planning committee was formed to develop a plan to apply for a Federal Community Development Block Grant in hopes to replace seven picnic shelters and benches in Garfield Park. The group developed a design, cost estimates and a construction schedule.

The picnic shelters are over 30 years old and are showing signs of rot and fatigue. If the grant is approved, the new shelters will be made with a combination of powder coated steel and composite materials that will reduce maintenance and resist vandalism. Each shelter will have two metal art tiles, one mounted on each end of the gable roof frame. The art tiles will replicate the ones that are located at the park's entrances.

The grant was submitted in December and the presentation is scheduled for mid-February. We should know by May whether or not the grant has been approved.

# WINNERS OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RIVERSIDE HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

-KATRINA LINDAHL

December 2014 was another stellar season for holiday lights in the Riverside neighborhood. Many blocks had multiple homes lit up, making the choice for Best Block a difficult one. Honorable Mentions go to all of you who carried on the tradition of decorating your homes for the holidays.

The theme was   
*Star Light, Star Bright*

Judges Rachael Bauer, Jo Brodersen and Katrina Lindahl enjoyed driving up and down every street in Riverside admiring the wonderful light displays and sharing the good news with the winners. Thanks to those who called in nominations; the judges really appreciated the input.

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our artist, Amber Cormier who spent many hours hand painting the wonderful holiday ornaments that were given as prizes to our lucky winners and another thank you to Brian Diver who helped deliver the winner's yard signs.

And the winners are...

Best Decorated: LeFrancis Family, 2201 Baker; Sarah & Jeff Feinberg, 2310 Virginia; Melissa & Sean Chase, 3317 24<sup>th</sup>. Best Theme: Shawna & Jeff O'Donnell, 2405 Virginia. Best Daytime: Charlene & Sean Coogan, 2406 Baker. Best Earth Friendly: Mary Ann & Andy Sudkamp, 2321 Fulton. Best Blow-Up: Lynn Marie & Earl Dawson, 2815 Fulton. Best Tree: Doug Acheson, 2506 Baker. Best Business: Tampico's Mexican Restaurant, 2303 Broadway. Best Blocks were 2400 Chestnut, 2600 Baker, 2600 E. Grand, 2100 Cedar.



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.

## Executive Board

Chair: Ritch Carbaugh, 319-0429,  
RiversideNeighborhood@yahoo.com  
Co-Chair: Linden Kimbrough, 317-0705  
Secretary/Treasurer: Toni Petersen, 252-8265

## Council of Neighborhood Reps

Laurel Hasley, 252-4518  
Jo Brodersen

## Project Leaders

Halloween Decorating Contest: **OPEN**  
Holiday Decorating Contest: Katrina Lindahl, 258-1126  
Home of Excellence: Scott Bader, 257-9436  
N2N: Donna Gleisner, 252-4185  
Parks Liaison: Katrina Lindahl, 258-1126  
Senior Yard Care: Marcela & Don Ewert, 206-484-7646  
Web Admin: Cascade Web, 252-8265  
Yard Sale: Marli Jenkins, 258-0261

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