

View Ridge-Madison Neighborhood Newsletter



Feb 2017

Join us for this month's Neighborhood Meeting

When: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 7pm

Where: Madison Elementary School Library
616 Pecks Drive

Agenda:

- **Beat Officer Report**
- **Guess Speaker:** League of Women Voters Snohomish County - Districting Committee members to discuss City Council Districts
- **Neighborhood concerns / issues**

Feb guest: The League of Women Voters will present information they have been preparing on districting for city council positions. The group is promoting informed citizen participation in government. In addition, they would like to share their views on proposed districting in the City of Everett. The League is supporting election of council members by district or some combination of district/at-large. They believe that citizens can be better represented in our city government if they have at least one councilmember elected from the geographic district where they live. Come hear this informative discussion and contribute your thoughts.

The Monte Cristo Awards were a smashing success again this last year, and could not occur without volunteer effort. Thank you! We look forward to continuing this event with your help again this year. Have a favorite house or business in mind? Missed it last year? Watch for the application flyer in February at libraries or PUD building, or city hall, on line and our neighborhood meetings. Get your nominations submitted by June 1, 2017.

See you at the meetings.

Dennis Dudder, Neighborhood Association
Chairperson.



Mark Your Calendars

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- **January 28th Planning meeting for Easter Egg Hunt 3pm at Praise Chapel 710 Pecks**
- **February 14th Happy Valentine's Day!**
- **Feb 22nd Mayor Stephanson visit**
- **April 15th Easter Egg Hunt for kids**
- **April 29th Proposed Spring Yard Sale date**
- **TBD Summer BBQ**



Special Event on Feb 22 – Mayor Stephanson will be our guest! Bring your questions and thoughts, and hear about Mayor's goals and new projects for 2017. Lots of good news. Your input matters. Please plan to attend.

Weather Lore

The flower called snowdrop (Candlemas Bells) appears in February and is a symbol of hope.



Groundhog Day falls on February 2 in the United States, coinciding with [Candlemas](#). It is a part of popular culture among many Americans and it centers on the idea of the groundhog coming out of its home to "predict" the weather. What will the groundhog forecast on Thursday February 2nd?

Ash Wednesday is March 1st

Kissing Friday (the Friday after Ash Wednesday), English schoolboys were once entitled to kiss girls without fear of punishment or rejection, a custom that lasted until at least the 1940s.

Shrove Tuesday Mar 7th marks forty days before Easter.

Whether it's cold or whether it's hot; We shall have weather, whether or not!

Emergency Preparedness Corner

Have you taken a CERT class? Learn vital skills to use at home and in your neighborhood in this low cost training for emergency preparedness. Register now for spring CERT course; **deadline for applications is Feb. 7.** Classes will be on Tuesday evenings, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. from Feb. 21 through Apr. 11. Class is at 2801 Oakes Ave – Free of charge. Information and registration can be found on city website at: <https://www.everettwa.gov/243/CERT-Class>. **Contact:** Everett Emergency Management Phone: 425 257-7965 Email: EverettEOC@ci.everett.wa.us. Must be at least 16yrs old.

Spring cleaning is just around the corner...Stay ahead of it with these reminders!

Leash and Scoop there are 5 locations within the View Ridge Madison Neighborhood with Mutt Mitt stations with Doo bags. Volunteers help keep them filled for your convenience. Help prevent spreading diseases and worms to other animals or yours by picking up after your pet even in your own yard and dispose in the **trash, not in** Yard Waste Bins, especially those bins along your route. For your cat litter, it is recommended you double bag and empty into the trash. Here are some excerpts from Everett Municipal Codes, fines are up to \$250.

6.04.070 Prohibited conduct.

A. Offenses Relating to Safety and Sanitation. It is unlawful for any person to:

1. Allow the accumulation of animal feces in any open area, run, cage or yard wherein animals are kept and to fail to remove or dispose of feces at least once every twenty-four hours;
2. Fail to remove the fecal matter deposited by his/her animal on public or private property of another before the owner and/or animal leaves the immediate area where the fecal matter was deposited;
3. Fail to have in his/her possession the equipment necessary to remove his/her animal's fecal matter when accompanied by said animal on public property or public easement;

9.06.060 Animals at large.

At large" means that the animal is not on a leash or otherwise securely caged or securely restrained. Accept in designated public off leash areas a leash of no more then 10 feet in length is required. Any person with an animal in his or her possession in any park shall carry sufficient equipment for removing fecal matter, and shall collect and place fecal matter deposited by such animal in an appropriate receptacle.

No Littering EMC 13.28.150 and EMC 13.28.170

It is unlawful to throw, cast or deposit, or permit to be cast, thrown or deposited on any street, alley, sidewalk or public or private premises, except in places where the superintendent of streets shall designate, any glass, metal, broken ware, rubbish, trash, dirt or garbage, or any substance or thing likely to make such places unclean, or obstruct or injure them; and it shall be unlawful to carry any matter upon any street or sidewalk exposed so as to be offensive. (Prior code § 13.16.150)

Safe Streets Supportive Housing - Comments are being taken by City of Everett Planning Department concerning the 3 lot short plat to divide the supportive housing facility from the City's reservoir and Fire Department training facility at 6107 Berkshire Drive. A 70 unit supportive housing facility is proposed for Lot 3. Comments to be submitted by January 31, 2017. The link below addresses land use drawings, short plat map, SEPA reports and other related reports.

<https://everettwa.gov/1673/Safe-Streets-Supportive-Housing>

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