

PUGET NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

November, 2009

Updates from the Puget neighborhood

www.pugetneighborhood.org

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Q. What's happening in the vacant land on Lincoln Street - south of Fred Meyer?

A. The City of Bellingham approved a Planned Development Permit and a Wetland/Stream Permit on September 17, 2009 for development of a 24.3-acre site into mixed uses including retail, residential over retail, 6-story hotel, parking structures, bridge over Lincoln Creek, stormwater vaults, and other infrastructure. Onsite wetlands total 131,379 sq. ft. (3.0 acres) with Lincoln Creek (Type 3 stream) flowing through the wetland. Project will provide the 50-foot minimum wetland buffer per BMC 16.50. Direct wetland impacts total 15,126 sq. ft.; 13,605 sq. ft. proposed as paper fill to provide buffer for remaining wetland. Wetland and buffer impacts to be mitigated on site.

For more details, go to: <http://www.cob.org/cob/Pubnot.nsf>

FRASER STREET CONSTRUCTION

**From the Sustainable Connections
September Green Building Newsletter**
**The City of Bellingham and Low Impact
Development (LID)**

The City was caught in the middle of LID practices... again. The project? The Fraser Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement - Phase III. The City is using the PIN foundation system to provide structural stability for an elevated pedestrian boardwalk through a high quality wetland area without loss of wetland area or function. The project also uses a cellular backfill with integrated sandfilter to allow for the installation of bike lanes. The asphalt mix will be 20% recycled product. These construction techniques are becoming common as the City of Bellingham Public Works Department seeks to employ more sustainable construction practices. Way to go!



Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Committee (MNAC)

Report from November 18th meeting – *Andrea Haas, PNA representative*

Basics of Non-Profit Management: Attorney Karen Funston's excellent overview will be available to us shortly online and should prove very helpful to our board and members. I will be happy to send a copy to any interested members.

Neighborhood Anti-Crime Team: Sergeant Keith Johnson introduced us to the new Neighborhood Anti-Crime Team, which has a progressive philosophy on pro-active policing. They are working with our neighborhoods to get ahead of crime. He can be reached at 778-8800 for non-immediate problems.

Neighborhood Roundtable: Wednesday was a windy night. As we ended the meeting, City Hall lost power and we finished in total darkness, but good spirits, as we reported on each neighborhood. I passed along news from the Puget Neighborhood's November 10th meeting—the impressive presentation from our Planning Committee as well as the suggestion from Steve Ayers to add a tab to the utility bills to encourage donations to our neighborhood associations.

Missing: One French Hen

Wednesday's windstorm knocked over plenty of neighborhood trees and one chicken coop. Laurel Cook lost one of her chickens (Marie Antoinette) to an opportunistic raccoon. One is still missing. Her sister, Jeanne d'Arc, misses her. If you see a lost French hen—who answers to the name of Edith Piaf—please let us know.

SEE & BE SEEN: LIGHT THE BIKE. SEE THE BIKE.

EverybodyBIKE has teamed up with numerous community partners on a new campaign to encourage cyclists to use lights and to remind motorists to watch for bikes. Make sure you can SEE and BE SEEN by using lights when you ride at night.

[Click here to view a list of local bike shops offering discounts on bike lights](#)

Did you know? It's the law! During the hours of darkness cyclists must use a white front light attached to the bike visible for 500 feet, along with a red reflector attached to the back of the bike.

Puget Neighborhood Association

Report from General Meeting – November 10th

Final drafts were presented for the revised Puget Neighborhood Plan. This document helps the neighborhood to identify our vision and values when planning projects with the City for the next 10-20 years.

Revised chapters:

- Open Space & Parks
- Utilities & Service
- Transportation

The revisions were discussed, details were explained, and the entire revised Draft PNA Neighborhood Plan was unanimously approved for submission to the City for the December 1st deadline. To read the approved draft, go to the website: www.pugetneighborhood.org.

Neighbors also provided an update regarding the status of the vacant house at the corner of Puget & Edwards Streets.

How to Be a Part of the Action...Learn the Inside Scoop...Meet Exciting People (no passport necessary) **...All neighbors welcome!**

Meet us at the next

1) Puget Neighborhood General Meeting –
Tuesday, February 9th, 2010 at 7pm.
Community Room at Moles Family Funeral Home
(corner of Lakeway & Woburn)

2) Join the Board – 5 meetings/year
Discussion and Planning for the Puget Neighborhood
Learn about lots more than you will read in the newspaper!

Next PNA BOARD MEETING

January 19th, 2010 – 7pm at Moles

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

- Nick Powell (President)
- Neelam Sharma
- Cliff Haas
- Andrea Haas
- Bill Radock (Treasurer)
- Greg McKinney (VP)
- Jeff Haggen (Secretary)
- Scott Dorough
- Jeff Latta
- Lee Brown
- Mary Anderson

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- **Moles Funeral Home** (no charge for meeting room)
- **Copy Source** (discount on PNA copying)

MEMBERSHIP

Remember to renew your membership or ask a neighbor to join. The more neighbors we have, the more we can keep you updated with what is going on in the neighborhood.

Dues are minimal: Household \$15; Renters/low income \$5; Business \$50-\$500.
Send your check made out to:

- Puget Neighborhood Association, PO Box 28418,
Bellingham, WA 98228-0418.

Include the following information: name, address, phone and email address.

For More Information, go to the **website: www.pugetneighborhood.org**

- Do you have news to share?
- Do you want to know about something in the neighborhood?
- Send your message now!

Email Therese Kelliher, Newsletter Editor: info@pugetneighborhood.org.

Puget News will be sent approximately 6 times during the year—alternating with the PNA General Meetings.