

# **PUGET NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

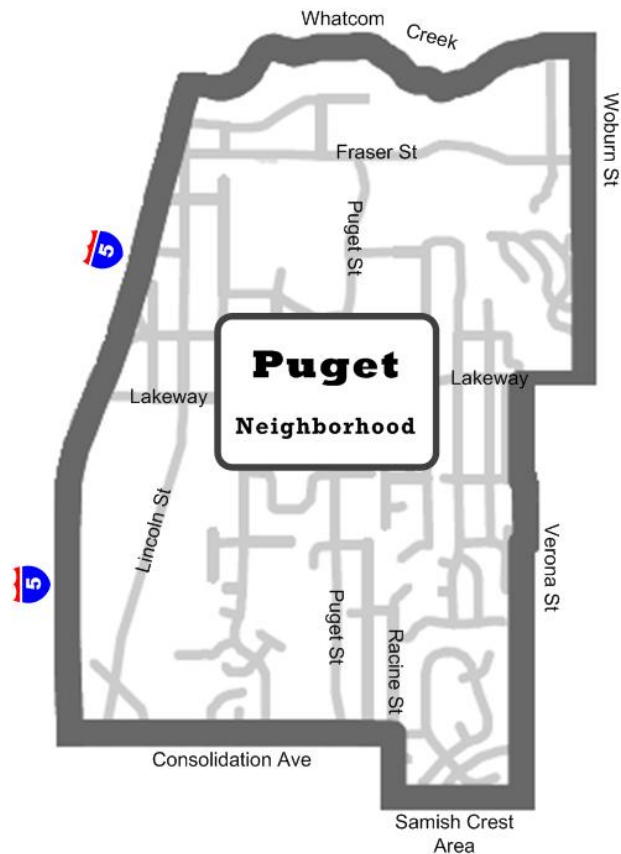
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## **Fraser Street Ribbon Cutting!**

**Please join us to celebrate completion of the  
Fraser Street Bike and Pedestrian Improvements &  
Carl Cozier Safe School Route**

**1:00 p.m. Friday, September 3, 2010**

**At the  
Regency Park Apartments**

**2050 Fraser Street**

**Bellingham, WA**

**North parking lot**

**(More details attached)**

### **Schedule of Events:**

- 12:45 — Meet: Mayor Dan Pike,  
Superintendent Dr. Greg Baker,  
Principal Mr. Tom Venable
- 1:00 — Ribbon-cutting ceremony
- 1:20 — Walk to Carl Cozier School

Contact Kim Brown, Transportation Options Coordinator for additional information about the Fraser Street ribbon cutting – [kimbrown@cob.org](mailto:kimbrown@cob.org), (360) 778-7950

**The Fraser Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements project** completed the third and final phase of a transportation enhancement project connecting key area sidewalks, interurban trails, and bike facilities in central Bellingham. Federal funding supported the bike and pedestrian safety improvements that facilitated the removal of one school bus route.

**Phase three** included shoulder reconstruction to support bike lanes, lighting improvements, interurban trail connections, and a pedestrian boardwalk linking existing sidewalks. The project, surrounded by high-quality wetlands and crossing two creeks, required innovative road design, stormwater treatment, and boardwalk.

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## ***Next Puget Neighborhood Meeting***

***Tuesday, September 21, 2010 @ 7:00 pm***

***Guest: Mayor Dan Pike***

**Community Room at Moles Funeral Home - 2465 Lakeway Dr.**

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## **Subject: City Council said YES!**

I am delighted to report that the City Council passed our Puget Neighborhood Plan amendments at the Public Hearing on July 26th – so we are finished! These changes won't be come "law" until the fall when they make all these things officially on the books. The vote was 7 - 0. There was no public comment and no further questions from the Council. They said we did good work and passed it! YEAH! Laurel did a great job with our presentation.

So thanks to everyone for your work and support. This is the final step in the process for approving our revised Neighborhood Plan. After more than 3 years of neighborhood meetings and draft documents, we are grateful for the Council's affirmation.

Mary Chaney,  
PNA President  
Email: [info@pugetneighborhood.org](mailto:info@pugetneighborhood.org)

\* To view the proposed Puget Neighborhood Plan, go to  
<http://www.cob.org/services/neighborhoods/community-planning/neighborhoodplanning/npas/2010/2010-n1-puget.aspx>

## Racine Street Potluck

This was our 10<sup>th</sup> annual gathering of the Racine loop for National Night Out. We had 42 people from 23 of the 54 houses in our Racine loop. The youngest was about 5 and the oldest about 85.



We talked about making sure our addresses were visible, about checking to see if fire extinguishers worked. We passed out an updated neighborhood address list and equipment and supplies list for disaster preparedness. We signed a card to one of the oldsters in the neighborhood who had just gone into a care center. About three of the people at the picnic had lived in the neighborhood since the 1950s.

*From Ann McCartney*

## I-5 Ramp Renovations to Begin Soon

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i5/bellinghamonofframps/>

WS-DOT will improve the following I-5 ramps in Bellingham between Samish Way and Sunset Drive:

- Exit 252: Northbound Samish Way on-ramp
- Exit 253: Southbound Lakeway Drive on-ramp
- Exit 254: Northbound Iowa Street on-ramp
- Exit 255: Southbound Sunset Drive on-ramp

They will also replace the sign bridge at Exit 253, the southbound I-5 off-ramp.

# Haskell Business Park Tenant Addition

## [Brenthaven moves into smaller manufacturing facility in Bellingham](#)

*Posted in the Bellingham Herald Business Blog on July 22nd, 2010*

“Brenthaven has moved out of its manufacturing facility in Fairhaven into a smaller space in the Haskell Business Park. Brenthaven is occupying 2,400 square feet of space in the Haskell Business Park...maintaining its six manufacturing jobs and 10 Bellingham employees. Brenthaven manufactures and sells backpacks, messenger bags, iPad cases and other laptop computer bags. For details about the company, visit [brenthaven.com](http://brenthaven.com).”

Read the full article: <http://blogs.bellinghamherald.com/business>... Go to the July 22<sup>nd</sup> post.

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## Walking on Lakeway

*The following is a Public Comment statement made to City Council by Cindy Madigan August 9, 2010*

“I want to express my thanks to the City for specific improvements to my daily experience of walking and biking on Lakeway. Because my office is at the intersection of Lakeway and Humboldt, I need to use Lakeway every day to commute to work from my home, which is near Lakeway and Yew. Additionally, since it’s only two miles to downtown, I prefer to walk and bike for errands and social activities.

When I had experienced difficulty in March with safely walking by the construction fences when the new Fred Meyer gas station was being installed, I sent an e-mail to [permits@cob.org](mailto:permits@cob.org) and Burt Ecker promptly replied -- and even better, the contractor moved the fence off the sidewalk. →



I had another positive experience with improving the functionality of pedestrian walk signals at intersections. If I didn't reach the cross walks before the light turned green, the pedestrian signals did not change to "walk" when I pressed the button to cross. If I got there right after the light turned green, I would proceed to cross with the green light. Sometimes drivers crossed in front of me when I was on the crosswalk because they were looking and pointing at the "don't walk" signal. While I didn't want to confuse drivers, I also did not want to wait through another long cycle of lights. Waiting at the corner on Lakeway is unpleasant. So I contacted Kim Brown, the City Transportation Options Coordinator for help. Kim worked with both Washington State Department of Transportation and the city traffic engineers in June to add a "pedestrian re-service phase" to the signals. Now when I get to the intersections after the light has turned green, and push the pedestrian crossing button, the signals will change to "walk" if there is enough time on the signal to safely cross.

I've been pleased with the responsiveness of City staff to my concerns and requests. Because of these changes, I feel safer and it makes a short, but challenging commute less stressful. Also – thanks to the Council for the commitment you have expressed in supporting active modes of transportation."

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**Puget General Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the following months**  
**- in the Community Room of Moles Family Funeral Home**  
**- at the corner of Lakeway and Woburn**  
*(Watch your email for possible location or date changes.)*

**September 21 - Mayor Dan Pike**

November 16

February 15, 2011

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## **2010 Puget Neighborhood Board Members**

- **Mary Chaney**
  - **Laurel Cook**
  - **Marcia Ford**
  - **Andrea Haas**
  - **Cliff Haas**
  - **Diana McKinney**
  - **Greg McKinney**
  - **Nick Powell**
  - **Bill Radock**
  - **Neelam Sharma**
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## MEMBERSHIP

The Puget Neighborhood Association provides to its members the following opportunities and advantages:

- General membership meetings and social events to meet neighbors and build community.
- Notice via newsletters, e-mail, website and mailings of events, concerns or celebrations which affect the Puget Neighborhood.
- A voice through the Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Committee (MNAC) which articulates and promotes the wishes and concerns of the neighborhood to the ruling bodies of Bellingham and Whatcom County.

Please become a member or renew your annual membership by filling out the following form and returning it with your check made out to:

Puget Neighborhood Association  
P.O. Box 28418  
Bellingham WA 98228-0418

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### **Puget Neighborhood Association Annual Membership Form**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 – Household \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 – Sponsorship  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$5 – Renter/Low Income \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 - \$100 – Business

➤ ***The Puget Neighborhood Association is a non-profit organization providing an open forum with government and business to address Neighborhood concerns. ➤ Association Membership is open to all persons living, or owning property, or business in the Puget Neighborhood. All Puget Neighbors are welcome regardless of Association Membership.***

For more information about the PNA, visit [www.pugetneighborhood.org](http://www.pugetneighborhood.org)

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## PLEASE THANK OUR BUSINESS SPONSORS

A hearty thank you to our business sponsors. Many, many thanks for your thoughtfulness and generosity for the neighborhood.

- **Ivie Construction** (generous donation!)
  - **Moles Funeral Home** (no charge for meeting room)
  - **Copy Source** (discount on PNA copying)
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**For More Information**, go to the **PNA website**: [www.pugetneighborhood.org](http://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](mailto:info@pugetneighborhood.org).

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

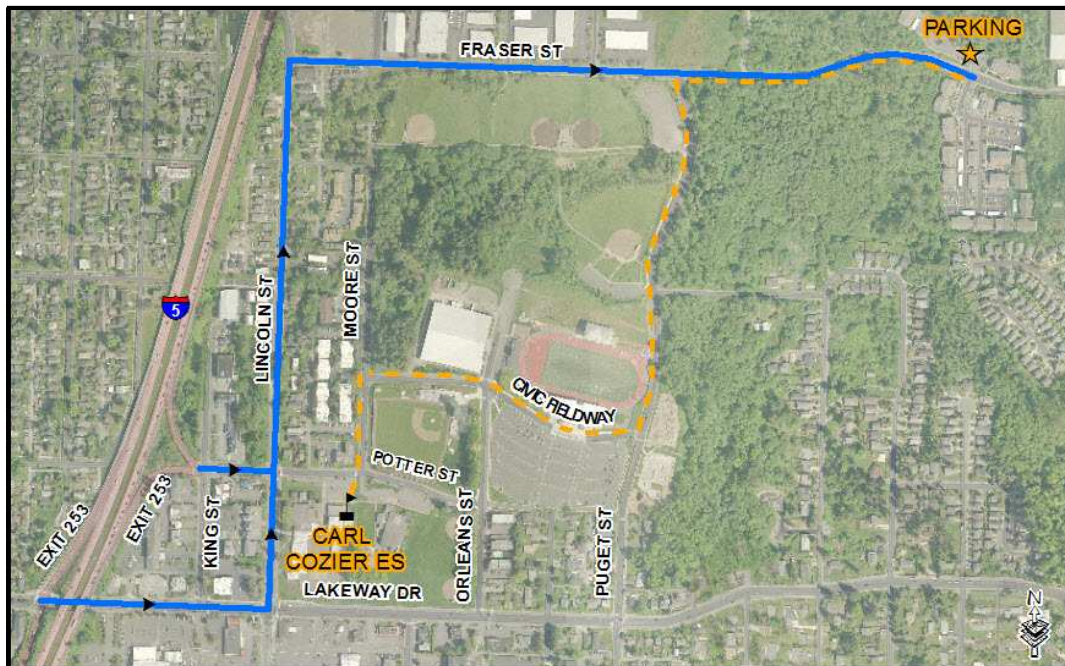
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