

PUGET NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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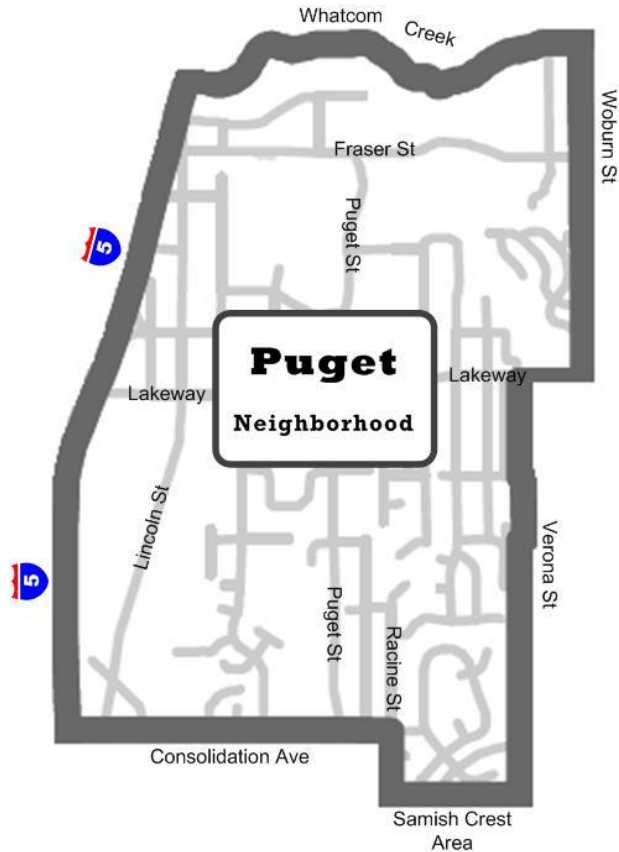
Next Puget Neighborhood Meeting

Tuesday, February 15, 7:00 pm

Topic: To Be Announced

Community Room at Moles Funeral Home - 2465 Lakeway Dr.

6:30 for Social and Pizza



SNOW INFO!

As requested at the November PNA meeting...



Snow and Ice Control - In Bellingham

Excerpts from the following website (*Ed. emphasis in bold*):

<http://www.cob.org/services/transportation/snow-and-ice-removal.aspx>

Bellingham, like much of the Puget Sound region, is somewhere in between long, icy winters and rarely experiencing snow. **Significant snowfall in an "in-between" area like Bellingham always raises questions about appropriate levels of snow-related services.** When should the City plow streets, and which ones come first? How much snow equipment should the City own? What responsibility do members of the public have for taking care of themselves when it snows?

Public Works Department personnel monitor winter conditions from several facilities that are staffed 24-hours a day. When possible, deicing solution is applied to streets in advance of snow and ice. Crews sand roadways when they are icy or covered with light snow, using a mixture of 90 percent sand and 10 percent salt.

All the sand added to the streets must be cleaned up later, or it ends up in the storm drain systems, and ultimately the streams or the bay. Crews work hard to find the right balance, making sure that there is enough sand for traction in difficult areas, but not too much.

When snow conditions warrant it, plows are installed on three four trucks and crews begin pushing snow to the edges of the roadways. **The City's policy is to begin plowing when four inches of snow has accumulated and snow is forecast to continue,** or when wind and weather conditions are severe enough to begin earlier. Four-lane roads initially have only one lane plowed in each direction with additional lanes open as time and conditions permit. Access to side streets will be cleared only after the priority routes are completely plowed.

Priority routes include arterial streets, bus routes and access routes to critical facilities such as hospitals and fire stations. Within this priority system, routes typically cleared first include Alabama Street, Meridian Street, Cornwall Avenue, Old Fairhaven Parkway and the downtown Central Business District. (*Ed. note: Arterial streets in Puget Neighborhood are Lakeway, Lincoln, Woburn, Puget, Fraser, and San Juan Boulevard. Yew is in Whatcom Falls Neighborhood, and is also an arterial.*)

The City does not provide snow and ice control for sidewalks or other public walkways. Snow and ice control for these areas is the sole responsibility of the abutting property owner.

Snow and Ice Resources

- [Sanding Routes \(Map\)](#)
- [Snow and Ice Control Plan PDF \(2009\)](#)
- [City Closure Information](#)
- [Roads and Bridges Anti-Icing Priority List](#)
- [WSDOT Tips for Winter Weather Travelers](#)

Anti-Icing Priority List – of Puget neighborhood streets and bridges. For the complete citywide list, go to <http://www.cob.org/services/transportation/snow-and-ice-removal.aspx>

Streets

- Woburn/Yew – Iowa to San Juan Boulevard
- Consolidation – Pacific View to Puget
- Byron – 46th to 47th
- 46th – Byron to dead end
- Lakeway – Yew to Ellis

Bridges

- Woburn (Iowa to Fraser)
- Valencia (Iowa to Fraser)
- James (Ohio to Meador) (*York neighborhood*)
- Meador (Humboldt to State) (*York neighborhood*)

The Perennial Neighborhood Question –

Q. “What’s the status of development in the wooded space south of Fred Meyer?”

A. For the latest, go to:

The Bellingham Herald - 11/27/10

“Lincoln Street commercial site in Bellingham faces foreclosure”

Read more:

<http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2010/11/26/1740866/lincoln-street-commercial-site.html>

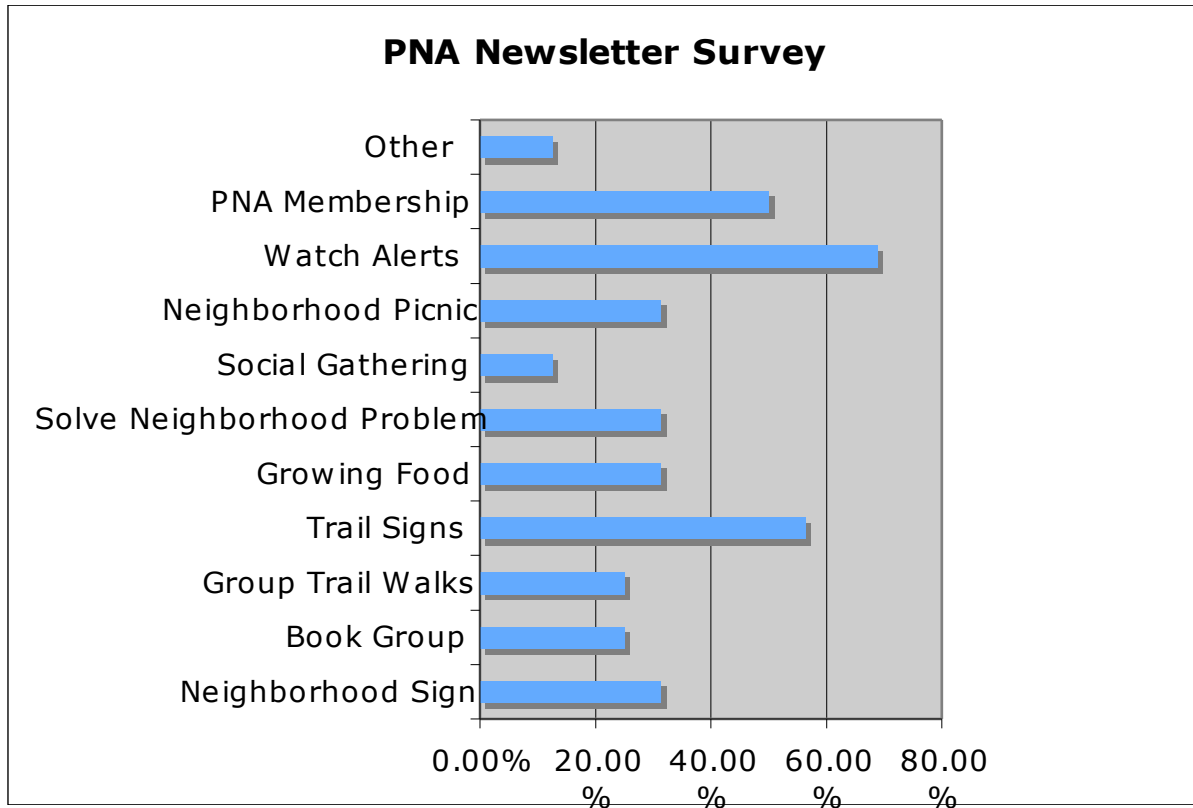
(Note: this article refers to the wooded lot – NOT the Lakeway Inn.)



One Last Chance for Your Input – before Monday, December 6th

Here's what Puget neighbors have said so far.

Q. Mark items that interest you in the Puget Neighborhood (+ Comment Boxes)



We still want to hear from the rest of you. We want to make it easy for you to participate (in-person and online) by offering a variety of experiences. Let us know what you think. It's a short – 4 questions – neighborhood survey. **Please share your responses at the link below – before December 6th.**

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/68YX8LV>

Thanks for your responses!

Mary Chaney
PNA Board President

A full summary of results & comments will be in the January PNA newsletter.

Background Info from the Board

This year the PNA Board sponsored the following topics at our meetings –

- Discussion with the Mayor
- Book Talk with stories of Fairhaven Village by Brian Griffin
- Community Boating Center
- Water Conservation Programs and Resources
- Neighborhood Updates and Discussions, and many other topics
- Waterfront Development Update

We wanted to bring you interesting meetings and informative newsletters. Our goals:

- *Promote a sense of community*
- *Provide an open forum for neighbors to discuss and pursue issues such as—quality of life, land use, safety, parks, and transportation.*
- *Be "at the ready" if a concern comes along that might upset our neighborhood! (For example, a land use application or re-zone)*

Meeting Notes from Tuesday, November 16, 2010 - 7:00 pm

Topic #1: Waterfront Redevelopment

Moving Towards a Master Plan

Presented by Linda Stewart from the City

From the City website

<http://www.cob.org/issues/waterfront-district.aspx>

The [Waterfront District Draft Sub-Area Plan](#) is available on the Port of Bellingham website. Printed copies and CDs may also be obtained at the Port of Bellingham Administrative Office, 1801 Roeder Ave, Bellingham.

This document is expected to be submitted to the City for review and legislative processing in the fall of 2010. Public process on the master planning effort will continue during [Planning Commission](#) and [Bellingham City Council](#) hearings and work sessions.

For More Information, go to the Port's website

<http://www.portofbellingham.com/>

Topic #2: Discussion of Neighborhood Topics & Concerns

Summary of discussion will be included in January's newsletter – in combination with Puget Neighborhood survey results.

Thanks to the City of Bellingham for the support of our Puget Neighborhood. Prior to our September quarterly meeting, the PNA Board sent out postcards to all 2600 households within our borders. The total cost was \$928, of which the City paid \$600.

With current budget cuts, it is unlikely that the city will be able to give us that support in the future. Thus, **we request you to please 1) forward this email to your neighbors, and 2) send your email address to be added to future mailings** (if you didn't receive it directly from the PNA). **Your generous membership of \$15 also keeps this important civic activity thriving!** See below for the membership form you can mail in today.

Your email address is used only for this Puget neighborhood news update. Email us at info@pugetneighborhood.org to be included.

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.)

- February 15, 2011 – topic to be announced
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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 today 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

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

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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.

- 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.

If you would prefer to be removed from this mailing list, please let us know:

info@pugetneighborhood.org.