

PUGET NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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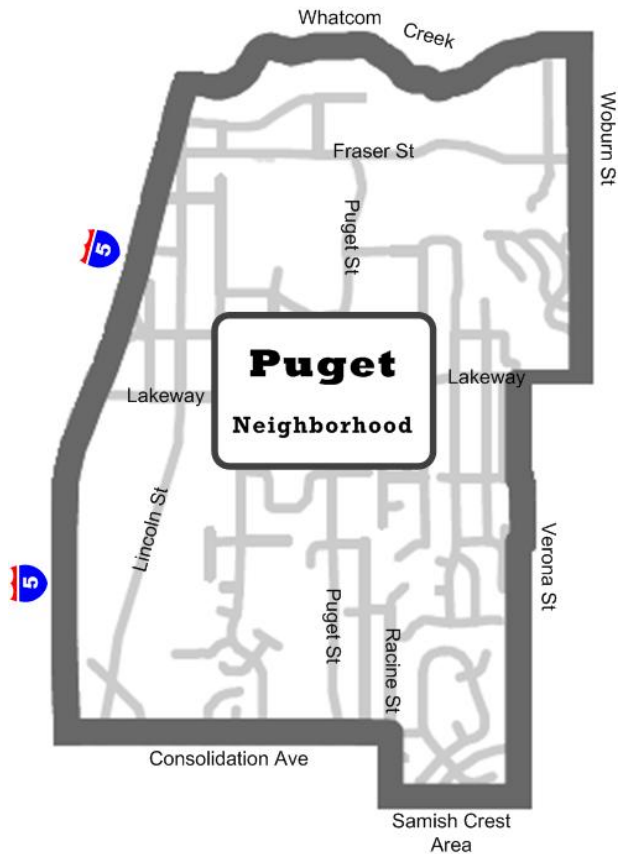
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Next Puget Neighborhood Meeting

Tuesday, September 21, 2010 @ 7:00 pm

Guest: Mayor Dan Pike

Community Room at Moles Funeral Home - 2465 Lakeway Dr.

Door Prizes!

Thanks to Sadighi's and Emerald Smoothie for donating door prizes at the May PNA meeting.

Members Jim McCabe and Therese Kelliher were the lucky winners whose names were drawn.

Sadighi's Restaurant -- on the corner of Lakeway and Lincoln. Established in 1984, the restaurant provides relaxed, peaceful and smoke free dining. Entrees include chicken creme fraiche, blackened New York steak, oysters baked Italian and seafood creole. Desserts are cheesecake with a choice of liqueur, mini cream puffs, and chocolate truffles.

Emerald City Smoothie -- 1058 Lakeway Drive (647-2357) was established in 1996 and sells healthy, great tasting smoothies, as well as other nutritional and food supplement items.

Update: Fred Meyer Gas Station

Fred Meyer has opened their new Fuel Center at the corner of Lakeway and Lincoln. Store manager Bill reports that all of the equipment is newly installed including new underground gasoline tanks. This brings our neighborhood Freddy's up to date with their other location on Bakerview. It is the manager's hope that this additional service will bring added customers who will receive a discounted gas price if they use their rewards card.

The gas station will be open 24 hours a day with an attendant from 7 am to 11 pm. During other hours it will be self-serve. Cars will enter from the East side and exit on the West. This is the opposite direction from the old gas station, which was there many years ago. The PNA board is aware of the possible congestion of cars, bicycles, and pedestrians at this intersection. Let us know how well this works. OR... If you observe problems here, let the City and the Board know—Email: info@pugetneighborhood.org

Mary Chaney,
PNA President

Neighborhood Plan Public Hearing City Council

Council Chambers, City Hall

Monday, July 26, 2010 @ 7:00 pm

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 hopeful for Council affirmation.

* *To view the proposed Puget Neighborhood Plan and the Staff Report, go to*

<http://www.cob.org/services/neighborhoods/community-planning/neighborhoodplanning/npas/2010/2010-n1-puget.aspx>

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The purpose of our PNA Neighborhood Plan revision is to be as forward-looking and prepared for the future as possible. We believe it is important to articulate the vision in the Puget Neighborhood Plan in anticipation of development* (see below) that will significantly affect the present infrastructure. Gaining approval of these revisions now is in the best long-term interests of the Neighborhood and the City.

* *Developments in the planning stages include*

- *Increased capacity and build-out of the Lincoln Creek Park & Ride (by WWU)*
- *Proposed development to mixed-use commercial/residential in the 23 acres south of Fred Meyer (by developer, Derek Stebner)*
- *Reconfiguration of I-5 including the Lakeway access ramps (by WS-DOT)*

Bus Service on Lakeway

“WTA staff unveils options for service cuts”

Both options include “Reduce the frequency of the **Plum Go Line** (serving Lakeway Drive) from four times per hour to three times per hour.”

Read more: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2010/06/09/1469895/wta-staff-unveils-options-for.html#ixzz0rYJ0Y1Kq>

The Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the City's planning document for transportation infrastructure. These are the changes affecting the Puget Neighborhood in the 2011-2016 TIP.

Fraser Street – Completed! (See article below.)

The **Urban Trail** project, which will follow **Meador, Kansas, and Ellis Streets** is being designed by Fritz Anthony who designed the Fraser Street Sidewalks. This portion of the trail will complete the connection between Bellingham High School and Downtown to Whatcom Falls Park.

Puget projects not in 2011 plan that were in 2010 plan

San Juan Boulevard Connection – This project is no longer in the TIP. The costs have escalated significantly to close to \$10 million because of topography and wetlands challenges and the project is now “too expensive”. The city will have to give back federal funds secured for the project.

Nevada Street – Sidewalks for Nevada were identified as “Transportation Options” in the 2010 TIP—though unfunded—in the 2013-2015 time frame. A similar unfunded amount is included for Transportation Options in the last 3 years of the 2011 TIP but no projects are identified. Projects are to be prioritized by the Transportation Commission as part of the Comprehensive Plan update process.

I-5 Ramp Renovations to Begin This Summer

<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.

Bellingham's Fraser Street project honored with engineering award

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Bellingham's Fraser Street Pedestrian and Bike Improvements, a progressive, multimodal transportation project, received **top honors** last week, winning the 2009 American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) - Seattle Section Local Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award for Transportation and Development. The award was presented Wednesday, June 9 at the ASCE meeting in Seattle, WA.

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.

Road shoulder reconstruction occurred entirely within the existing roadway fill footprint using a cellular earth retention system. To enhance water quality, sand-filtration cells in the outer retaining wall courses provide treatment of all roadway runoff.

Environmental considerations precluded conventional sidewalks due to fill requirements. The innovative design solution, supporting the pedestrian boardwalk link, initiated the first installation of minimal-excavation pin-pile foundations in the City of Bellingham. The boardwalk connects area interurban trails, sidewalks, and crosswalks.

"This project had some significant challenges and limitations given its location and condition. The award winning design shows that low-impact design solutions can compete with traditional engineering approaches," said Freeman Anthony, Project Engineer.

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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

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

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

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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- **Ivie Construction** (generous donation!)
 - **Moles Funeral Home** (no charge for meeting room)
 - **Copy Source** (discount on PNA copying)
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- 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.

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