

PUGET NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

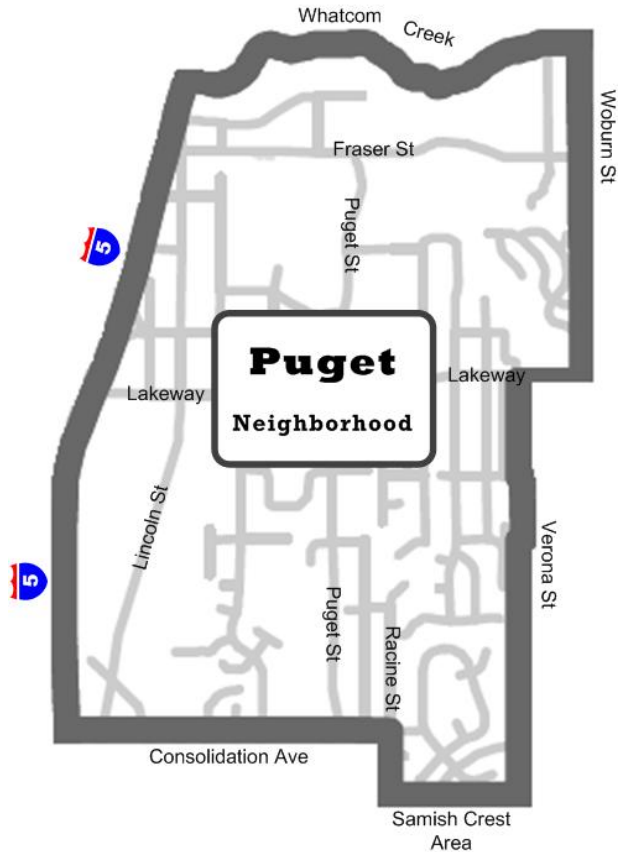
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Puget Neighborhood Meeting

Tuesday, May 18, 2010 @ 7:00 pm

Moles Funeral Home - 2465 Lakeway Dr.

"Meet Your Neighbors" Join us for a Come-Early Social @ 6:30 pm

➤ **Guest Speaker: Brian Griffin** - noted local historian and author will share some tales of old Bellingham and Fairhaven from his Oral Histories Series.

Here is a website link with info about Brian Griffin's background:

http://www.mydarlinganna.com/content/The_Story/about_brian_griffin.asp

➤ **Neighborhood Updates** - Come hear the latest on:

- o Planning Commission Hearing on our proposed Neighborhood Plan
 - o New Fred Meyer gas station
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Message from the PNA President

Dear Friends,

I received a notice from the city that the Planning Commission is going to look at our neighborhood plan update on **Thursday, May 13th, 2010**! That is THIS year! We thought we might be at the end of a long, long list of projects.

Yeah! Public written comment can be submitted no later than May 11, and testimony can be given in person that night.

Mary Chaney,
PNA President

Neighborhood Plan Public Hearing Planning Commission

Council Chambers, City Hall

Thursday, May 13, 2010 @ 7:00 pm

* 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>

Staff Contact: Greg Aucutt, Senior Planner (360)778-8344 or aucutt@cob.org

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)*
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Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Committee (MNAC)

Report from April 21st, 2010 meeting – *Andrea Haas, PNA representative*

Contact Andrea at 733-3163 or email andrea_haas@comcast.net

Bellingham Information - Jackie Lynch of the Planning and Community Development Department mentioned the wealth of information on our City website: cob.org. For example: Type in “native plants” in the search field and enjoy charts, color pictures, water and sun requirements and landscaping ideas.

Waterfront Planning - Linda Stewart, the Neighborhoods and Special Projects Coordinator, has offered to provide an update on the Waterfront Advisory Group at neighborhood meetings. There should be tremendous interest in what's going on with plans for the waterfront development and perhaps she could join one of our future meetings.

Neighborhood Plan - In addition, I gave a brief and well-received presentation of our Puget Neighborhood Plan Amendment Proposal to the MNAC representatives. Easy, with such great material!

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.

York Neighborhood requests safety and sound wall

“Finding a truck in your front yard that has flipped and rolled off the freeway is a rude awakening to the fact that the I-5 corridor through York Neighborhood runs dangerously close to houses. For the residents on the 1100 block of Humboldt Street, this is what happened in February 2008. And it happened not once, but twice in one year...” Go to the Yorker Newsletter for the rest of this article - <http://www.yorkneighborhood.org/>

FYI - The Board of the Sehome Neighborhood Association has written a letter of support stating that safety barriers and sound walls are needed in the area of I-5 (on the west side between Whatcom & Edwards).

SSC Presents Bike to Work and School Day



~ On the trail to Carl Cozier School ~

When: Friday, May 21, 2010.
6:30 AM - 9:00 AM

What: Celebrate Bike to Work and School Day. Bike or walk to one of the more than 30 Celebration Stations* (see below) located throughout the county and enjoy refreshments, gifts, stickers, and a chance to enter prize drawings for dozens of cash prizes.

Distance & Pace: At your own pace and route

Cost: Free

Registration: No registration required

Age: All ages welcome

Weather: Rain or shine

Bring: Ride your bike and wear your helmet

Contact: 671-BIKE or info@everybodyBIKE.com

More Information: <http://www.everybodybike.com/eventDetail.aspx?id=188>

Looking for more support before you hop on your bike?

<http://www.everybodybike.com/classes.aspx>

Learn bicycling skills with everybodyBIKE, the bicycle education program for Whatcom Smart Trips. Take advantage of the many free everybodyBIKE educational materials, classes and events to find out how you and your family can cycle comfortably, safely, and often. No matter what your age or ability level, everybodyBIKE skills-building can help bicycling become part of your transportation portfolio.



* Cindy is looking forward to seeing all you Puget walkers and bikers at the **Celebration Station at the corner of Lakeway & Lincoln.**

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

What topics would you like to hear at future Puget Neighborhood General Meetings?

Send your ideas to info@pugetneighborhood.org

PNA meeting ideas gathered thus far include—

- Gardening (yards and in pots)
- Block Watch
- Puget family picnic
- History of the neighborhood
- An arborist
- Rental/landlord licensing – A new ordinance is being prepared – Would you like to hear more about it before it is finalized?

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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A hearty thank you to our business sponsors. Our sincere apologies for omitting Dave Ivie in previous newsletters. 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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MEMBERSHIP

➤ *The Puget Neighborhood Association is a non-profit organization providing an open forum with government and business to address Neighborhood concerns, and promoting a sense of community within the Puget Neighborhood.* ➤ *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.* ➤ *The Association provides Neighborhood representatives for the MAYOR'S Neighborhood Advisory Commission, and Association of Bellingham Neighborhoods*

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: 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.

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