

PUGET NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

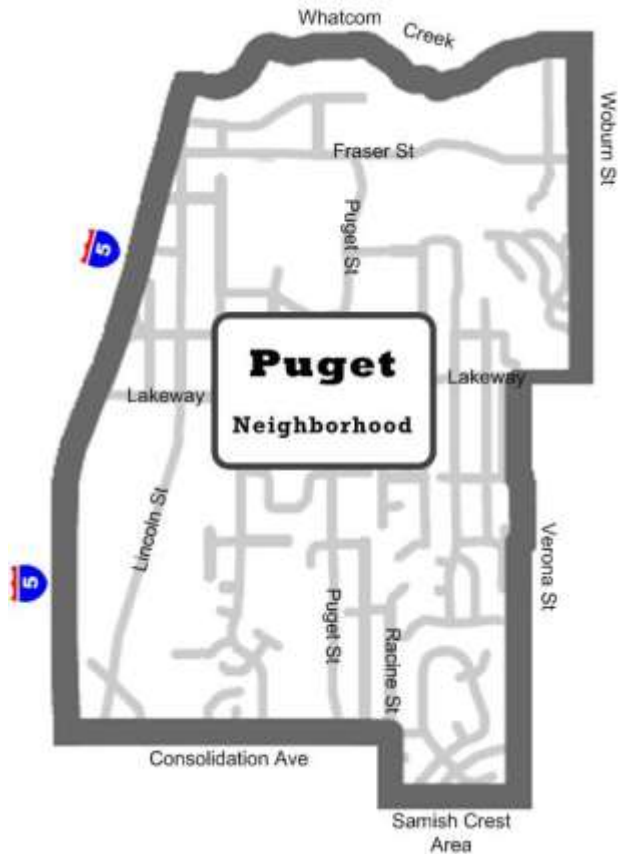
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Next Puget Neighborhood Meeting

****New Date – Wednesday, February 9th at 7:00 pm***

Topic: Neighborhood Updates

Community Room at Moles Funeral Home - 2465 Lakeway Dr.

6:30 for Social and Pizza

Thanks to those of you who responded to the online PNA survey in November. The detailed comments were really helpful. The top 3 vote-getters were 1) email alerts; 2) trail signs; and 3) PNA membership. The Board has reviewed the comments and will use them in planning the 2011 neighborhood meetings. See below for February's agenda—based on your input.

1) Neighborhood Updates

- Lakeway Center remodel
- Rental inspections and/or licensing
- Boulevard Park shoreline – meeting report
- Greenways Levy spending – Chuckanut Ridge & the effects on Puget Neighborhood
- Jail proposal
- Police alerts and crimes
- Development Status for vacant land south of Fred Meyer

2) Board Elections – The following PNA members have offered to serve on the 2011 PNA Board. Nominations may also be made at the meeting.

Returning Board Members

- **Mary Chaney**
- **Marcia Ford**
- **Diana McKinney**
- **Greg McKinney**
- **Bill Radock**

New Board Member

- **David Boyd**

Possible Future PNA Meeting Topics

- Bellingham's drinking water & new well moratorium in Lake Whatcom Watershed
- Yew St. Road rezone proposal
- Emergency preparedness

A Hearty Thank You!

I wish to express a **hearty thank you** to **Nick Powell, Andrea Haas, Cliff Haas, and Laurel Cook** for their years of serving on the Puget Neighborhood Board. Their ideas, hard work, and willingness to share time and energy on behalf of the neighborhood is much appreciated. All of us who have served on the board over the years have enjoyed our work as we have gotten to know each other as friends. And I have certainly enjoyed my time spent with the people. So a big Thank You to all.

Mary Chaney, PNA President 2010

Neighborhood Sign

I would love to be part of an ad hoc committee to research getting a neighborhood sign. Anyone care to join me?

Laurel Cook – Email: laurelcook@aol.com

Adopt A Pothole

The City relies on drivers, cyclists and walkers to alert them to potholes and other street maintenance problems. Please report street maintenance needs on Bellingham streets to pw@cob.org or call 778-7700.

Old Cell Phones

From the Bellingham Police "Block Watch" newsletter

There are a lot of reasons why people don't carry a cell phone. If you have someone close to you who does not have a cell phone, but you want them to be able to call 911 when an emergency arises, consider giving them one of your old cell phones.

The Federal Communications Commission requires all cell phone service providers, like Sprint, AT&T and Verizon, to accept 911 calls from any wireless phone – even one that no longer has a phone number or service contract.

This may not work for all older phones. Some older phones operate only with analog networks, and would not be picked up by a digital-only service like Sprint. But for the most part this may be an inexpensive solution for peace of mind, and worth checking to see if that old cell phone can be recycled to a new purpose.

Email comments or questions:
Officer Katrin Dearborn
Crime Prevention
Bellingham Police
505 Grand Ave.
360-778-8660

City Offers Water Conservation Rebates

City water customers participating in the Community Energy Challenge can qualify for a rebate up to \$150 from the Water Conservation Program. The rebate applies to the purchase and installation of certain water conserving fixtures, drip irrigation, or rainwater catchment systems.

The Community Energy Challenge strives to make energy efficiency as easy as possible from start to finish. The energy assessment includes customized recommendations and assistance with funding and contractors.

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Please send your PNA membership today.

The City Water Conservation Program aims to reduce overall customer water demand through encouraging both fixture upgrades and behavioral changes.

“Pairing these two programs recognizes the important link between energy and water use,” said Anitra Accetturo, Water Conservation Specialist. “Conserving water conserves energy, and conserving energy conserves water,” said Accetturo. Homeowners benefit by reducing utility bills, while the city reduces the cost of supplying drinking water.

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Public Works
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Opportunity Council
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Bellingham Library – Whatcom READS!

Read Jim Lynch's latest novel *Border Songs* and participate in at least one Whatcom READS! event. *Border Songs* is set locally, so it's the perfect book to share with your friends and neighbors. **Lynch will visit Whatcom County February 22 to 24!**

Part of the fun of Whatcom READS! is getting the chance to explore issues related to the book in-depth, and discuss the issues with others who have also read the book.

Book club members (or individuals) will have two opportunities to discuss *Border Songs* with author Jim Lynch himself: **from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Bellingham Public Library on February 22, and from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on February 24 at the Lynden Library.**

Lynch will speak at two free public presentations on **Thursday, February 24 at Whatcom Community College's Syre Center. At 1:30 p.m., Lynch will give a keynote address. At 7:30 p.m., Lynch will be interviewed** by Bob Winters, WCC Division Chair for Arts and Humanities. Each author event will have its own unique spin and avid fans are encouraged to attend some or all of them.

Bird watchers won't want to miss presentations by **Joe Meche of the North Cascades Audubon Society.** Meche served as the "birding consultant" to the author (the main character is an avid birdwatcher). He'll lead a **birding tour of Whatcom Creek on Sunday, February 20; meet at the Central Library at 1:00 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. that evening, he'll**

reconvene at the Central Library Lecture Room at 6:30 p.m. for a slide show of the various avian species mentioned in the book.

Details about these and other Whatcom READS! events around Whatcom County can be found at www.whatcomreads.org.

There's still time to read Border Songs before Lynch's local appearances. Bellingham Public Library has copies in book, audiobook, playaway and e-book formats.

Open House - Wastewater Plant Improvements

The City of Bellingham will host an open house featuring preliminary designs for planned **Post Point Wastewater Treatment Plant** improvements, scheduled **6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011 at Fairhaven Middle School Commons Area**, 110 Parkridge Road.

In an informal, open house atmosphere, project staff will provide displays and responses to key concerns raised through a series of public meetings in 2009 and 2010. Participants will have an opportunity to talk with both staff and consultants and view scale and computer interactive models of proposed improvements. People are invited to attend throughout the open house hours. Additional public information meetings will be planned throughout the project.

The proposed improvements are at the 30% design phase, based on the preferred improvement alternative approved by the Bellingham City Council in March 2010.

In December 2010, the City selected Mortenson Construction to join the planning team as a General Contractor/Construction Manager. Mortenson was selected through a process that involved qualification-based review along with a bid. Seven firms submitted for the project, four were interviewed and the top two invited to bid on the project. Mortenson will work with City staff and Carollo Engineering to develop the detailed design of the Post Point Improvements project before starting construction in 2012.

The City is planning necessary expansion of the Post Point Wastewater Treatment Plant because the wastewater treatment plant is projected to approach its rated capacity by 2014.

Contact: Freeman Anthony, P.E., Project Engineer
Public Works Department
(360) 778-7924 fanthony@cob.org

(Ed. Note – Freeman is the project engineer who designed the award winning roadwork & boardwalk on Fraser Street, east of Puget)

**Puget General Meetings – 3rd Tuesday of the month
* in February, April, September & November**

- 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.)
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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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- **Ivie Construction** (generous donation!)
 - **Moles Funeral Home** (no charge for meeting room)
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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. Use the form below (or otherwise send the requested information) along with a check 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

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.

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info@pugetneighborhood.org.