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# Pigeon Point Neighborhood News

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**Next Meeting: October 11, 7:00 to 8:30 PM @ Cooper Elementary School 19th & Genesee SW**

## October 11th Agenda Items:

- **Oct 9th—Neighborhood Yard Sale**
- **Pro Parks Application**
- **Radio Tower Petition**

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## 10/9 Cooper School Yard Sale *by Jane D. Lanning*

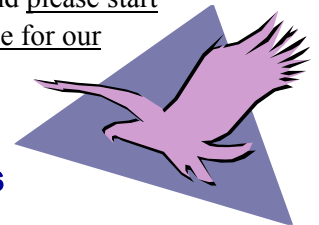
Pigeon Point and Cooper Elementary School will hold our second annual yard sale on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM—3:00 PM to earn funds for much-needed school supplies! The yard sale will take place at the school under the covered basketball courts.

Items for sale can be dropped off at Cooper School on 10/9 between 7:00—9:30 AM. If you have any special needs regarding dropoff of donated items, please call 932-2513 and leave a message for Jane.

### We will need volunteers for the following activities:

- 7:00—9:30 AM: Picking up items for sale (a pickup truck is available)
- 7:00—10:00 AM: Pricing and setting up sale items
- 10:00 AM—12:30 PM or 12:30—3:00 PM: Selling items
- 3:00—4:00 PM: Cleaning up and taking down tables.

Please call 932-2513 and leave a message for Jane indicating how you can help. Your participation will be greatly appreciated. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 - we can do it! Thank you in advance and please start putting items aside for our sale!



## Community Events Calendar *by Pete Spalding*

### Other local events, issues and happenings of note!

- **Oct 20th**—Transportation Forum sponsored by Delridge Neighborhoods District Council at South Seattle Community College
- **Nov 2nd**—Please remember to vote & let your voice be heard
- **Nov 5th**—”Links to the Community” is a fundraising event to benefit Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association ([www.DNDA.org](http://www.DNDA.org)), held at SSCC
- **Nov 13th**—Gathering of Neighbors at Sealth High School

## Pigeon Point Neighborhood Survey Results *by Matthew Swenson*

**THANK YOU** to the 36 neighbors who returned neighborhood surveys! Your feedback reminds us all why we love living in Pigeon Point, and helps the Pigeon Point Neighborhood Council set our future goals and priorities.

Here is a sample of survey results. To obtain the full survey results, please call 938-0161 or visit [www.pigeonpoint.org/2004\\_survey\\_results.pdf](http://www.pigeonpoint.org/2004_survey_results.pdf).

- The top three reasons people liked living in Pigeon Point were: proximity to downtown (55%); friendly and diverse neighbors (55%); and the quiet and privacy of our neighborhood (42%).
- The three things people liked least were: noise from aircraft, the West Seattle bridge and steel plant (25%); slovenly renters and indifferent landlords (25%); and, no nearby stores or restaurants (19%).
- The five issues people most wanted the PPNC to address were: preserving green space and controlling development (28%); cleaning up litter (25%); block watches and neighborhood safety (22%); speeding cars (17%); and, radio tower interference (17%).

## Wartime Memories *by Tance Davison and Joni Swenson*

**Pigeon Point bids a fond farewell to Tance Davison, a much-loved resident for 62 years, and wishes her well in her new home! Here are some of her recollections of living on Pigeon Point during WWII:**

Tance Davison, now age 97, moved to Pigeon Point on July 2, 1942, buying a house for \$3,850. Her property taxes were only \$43. There were fewer homes on the hill, and pheasants and quail were abundant. Streets were unpaved and trees covered the neighborhood. Tance often visited the Scott family store on 20th and Andover to buy vegetables, bread and other household goods.

In 1944, 19th Avenue was lined with military housing and there was a hidden base east of 16th Avenue. Where Cooper Elementary School now stands, the army set up an artificial farm, with fake cows and other animals among fruit trees! At times, Pigeon Point residents were given blackout curtains and dark filters for their cars' headlights. Tance remembers looking out from Admiral Way at night and being unable to see downtown Seattle -



only the blue glow of welders laboring at the shipyards.

Tance and her husband joined the Temporary Coast Guard Reserve from 1944—1945. Men patrolled the waterfront while women did the paperwork. Tance was an ensign and recalls the hard work, wonderful food, good uniforms, and strict army regulations!

Thank you, Tance, for sharing your unique memories of this time.

## New Solid Waste Facility *by Sharon Price*

The City of Seattle is considering a new solid waste facility just north of Pigeon Point on Harbor Island. A public comment period on the facility will last until October 25. There are many potential issues with this location: foul odors, more traffic on the West Seattle bridge, pollution from waste disposal trucks, and additional train whistle noise.

To voice your opinion, please contact Henry Friedman via fax at (206)684-0206; email [swfmp.spu@seattle.gov](mailto:swfmp.spu@seattle.gov); or send letters to Henry Friedman, Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 5th Ave, Suite 4900, P.O. Box 34018, Seattle, WA 98124.

## 10/16 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave Garden Cleanup *by Sharon Price*

The garden at the end of 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW has delighted many with its flowering gaura, rock rose, and hollyhock. However, as summer ends, the plants are looking a little tired.

Please help to clean up the garden on Saturday, 10/16, from 10 AM—noon. Bring your favorite gloves, tools, and a bag for harvesting hollyhock seeds to take home! For more information, please call Sharon Price at 935-1532.

## Fall Gardening Tips *by Jerry Stiers*

- **Prune!** fruit trees to about 2' above head height, removing suckers that run at cross angles or are hard to reach. Prune away no more than 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the total volume of a bush. Open up the center of a bush by removing branches in its center that are deadwood or pointing at cross angles, so that light and air flow through the plant. Prune roses to about a foot high; then, remove any spotted or dead leaves still on the plant or on the ground.
- **Spray!** roses with dormant, oil-based sprays that will stick on branches, help them overwinter, and kill harmful fungi. Use a pump sprayer to cover the entirety of fruit trees after all their leaves have fallen off.
- **Mulch!** around plants that need some protection, in a 6-8" radius around their bases. Use grass clippings, straw, bark chips, or undiseased leaves. Mulch to a 2-3" depth right up to the base of each plant.
- **Plant!** bulbs now: daffodils, tulips, dahlias, and allium. This is the time to move current stock or place new plants. Observe packaged directions for planting depth and spacing.
- **Clean!** Winter gardens can quickly look neglected or unsightly. Brighten up your winter garden by cleaning up debris, installing inexpensive solar lights, decorative urns or garden art; and other touches that will last year-round.