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Pigeon Point Neighborhood News

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Next Meeting: April 11, 7:00—8:30 PM @ New Cooper Elementary School

April 11 Agenda Items:

- *Radio Tower Finalizations*
- *Spring Clean*
- *Open Discussion of Issues*

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Radio Tower Makes Waves

What’s New— and How to Get Involved

If you have not signed the neighborhood petition regarding problems experienced due to interference from the radio tower, you have one final opportunity to do so. April 12 is the cutoff date to sign the petition. Please contact Pete Spalding at (206) 933-6587 or at pigeonpointcouncil@comcast.net to sign the petition. Copies of the petition will also be available to sign at the next Pigeon Point Neighborhood Council meeting.

If you agreed to write a letter in addition to signing the petition, please deliver it to Pete by April 11. Thanks to Paul, Tony and Rob for participating in the news segment on the radio tower filmed recently by KING 5’s Evening Magazine. The segment is slated to air at the beginning of May; Pete will send an email update with the precise air date and time when he receives it.

If you have any other comments or concerns on this issue, please feel free to contact Pete.

2nd Annual Garden Tour

Our 2nd Annual Pigeon Point Garden Tour will take place on **Saturday, May 7 from 9:30 AM—12:30 PM**, rain or shine. About 20 neighbors attended the 1st Annual Garden Tour and had a delightful time.

This year’s tour will feature a mix of both new and familiar gardens. The tour will depart at 9:30 from the bicycle park at the north end of 22nd Avenue SW. Maps with garden locations, addresses and other details will be distributed when the tour begins. A potluck lunch will follow. Please join us!

Time for Spring Clean!

- On **April 30 from 8:00—11:00 AM**, please join your neighbors to weed, collect litter and keep Pigeon Point clean and beautiful! Please meet by the dumpster (see below) at 8:00 AM. Gloves and garden waste containers are helpful.
- Also, a City of Seattle dumpster will be stationed on April 30 at the corner of Andover and 20th Avenue SW, for neighbors to dispose of trash. The dumpster will open at 8:00 AM and will fill up quickly, so please arrive early!

Please bring additional suggestions for Spring Clean to the April meeting, or call Jane Lanning at (206) 932-2513.

New “Neighborhood” Restaurant

Hi-Line Tin Shop (Est. 1930) at 923 SW 152nd St in Burien has, alas, closed its doors. Long time proprietor and friend to the community Ernie Eder has retired, but his legacy lives on as the Tin Room Bar, thanks to Pigeon Point residents Milo Goodrich and Kelley Guerrero.

Now, instead of custom metal work, you will find classic martinis, fresh-squeezed cocktails, fine beer and wine and some great food in the historic “Olde Burien” building. Tin Room Bar invites you to come down and raise a toast to Ernie, Hi-Line Tin Shop and to the future Olde Burien. For more information, visit www.tinroom.com or just stop by!



Chess Players Wanted

Thanks to a \$25,000, two-year grant from the Seattle-based America's Foundation for Chess (www.af4c.org), 2nd and 3rd-graders in four classrooms at Cooper Elementary School receive a weekly chess lesson from Mark Morales, a visiting instructor. Students practice with each other and play during lunchtime using chessboards in the cafeteria.

According to the Foundation, research proves that students who play chess also perform better at math and reading tests. Today, almost 30 nations include chess in their school curricula because of its positive impact on children's critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Chess lessons take place on Tuesday afternoons. Right now only one parent, Kevin



Cain, volunteers to visit a classroom each week and work with young chessmasters-to-be. If you enjoy chess and are interested in helping children learn (not to mention, having a great time!), please contact Kevin Cain at 933-0759 or kecain@quidnunc.net.

Not a chess player, but still want to help children? Here are three options:

- Cooper Elementary's newly official PTA is holding its annual fundraising Health Walk on Friday, May 27. Several volunteer jobs are available throughout the day. To sign up, please

contact Shannon Woodbury, PTA president, at 937-0520.

- The PTA is also holding weekly "Cut and Chat" sessions. Starting April 20, every Wednesday from 9:00 AM—noon you can meet other parents and neighbors while assembling simple classroom aids for teachers. No supplies or advance registration needed—just show up!
- Last, the school is holding a penny drive from April 27—May 5. If you have unwanted pennies, you can "volunteer" to drop them off at the school office and benefit the grade of your choice.

April Gardening Tips

For most plants, April is a prime month for pricking out seedlings from sowing flats to pots and transplanting seedlings to your garden! Here are some handy tips from Seattle Tilth:

- A seedling is usually large enough to prick out when it has 2-3 true leaves.
- Pick pots that will accommodate plant growth: most plants will thrive in 4" pots or 4"-deep flats, but some tender plants such as tomatoes and eggplants may have to be moved to gallon pots before being planted outside.
- Prick out and transplant in the evening, so plants have a full night to recover transpired (lost) water.
- Handle small seedlings by their seed leaves, which will fall off anyway once the plant matures.
- Water seedlings well with lukewarm water, but do not wet their leaves, which may cause excessive water loss.

West Seattle Garage Sale Day

Megawatt (www.megawattjunction.org), a new nonprofit organization with the goal of supporting and strengthening West Seattle neighborhoods, is planning the 1st Annual West Seattle Garage Sale Day on **Saturday, May 14**. For a \$15 fee (or \$38, if you hold a joint garage sale with two or more other households), your garage sale will be widely promoted, featured on a map, and all your unsold items picked up by the Northwest Center (www.nwcenter.org).

To sign up, please contact Mary Ellen Cunningham at 938-4120 or mec@megawattjunction.org. Help a good cause, get rid of unwanted items and make a profit!