

# Pigeon Point Neighborhood News

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**Next Event:** Tuesday, 8/1, from 6 - 8:30 PM @ 20th & Dakota

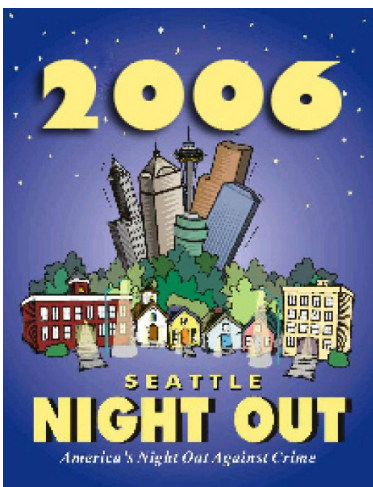
## August 1 Agenda Items:

- City Night Out

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## City Night Out



Join us on Tuesday, August 1st, in the 4100 block of 20<sup>th</sup> Ave SW from 6 - 8:30 p.m., to eat, drink, and mingle with your neighbors for our annual City Night Out event.

The Pigeon Point Neighborhood Council will provide paper plates, utensils, assorted soft drinks and a grill. You bring delicious food and suitable for sharing with your neighbors, and chairs to sit on. As soon as there's a crowd, we'll start grilling.

It's always a good time to meet the large group of neighbors who participate in this event. We hope to have a visit from the Fire Department and possibly some Seattle City Council members. And, there'll be fun activities for the kids, and music for the adults to enjoy.

Don't miss this fun Pigeon Point summertime tradition.

## Taking Steps to Beautify Pigeon Point

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, a group of neighbors met to discuss plans to renovate the poorly lit, overgrown staircase that runs next to the Youngstown Cultural Arts Center up to 21<sup>st</sup> and Genesee. Neighbors have addressed similar issues in the past – namely, by creating the park on 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW.

The group's goal is to clear out invasive plants and to beautify the staircase. Beautifying ideas include:

- Lit glass artwork with water or native plants
- Cooper elementary students creating mosaics
- Ceramic tiles of historical photographs
- Decorative arches at the top and bottom

The City of Seattle's Neighborhood Matching Fund can award up to \$100,000 to well-designed projects that beautify and benefit neighborhoods. These funds must be equally matched by neighbors' volunteering time, supplies or money. October 10<sup>th</sup> is the next application deadline for funds.

We will begin by applying for a small grant of up to \$15,000 to help with project planning and design. Please email [pptstaircase@comcast.net](mailto:pptstaircase@comcast.net), or call Matt, 938-0161, or Pete, 933-6587, to offer ideas and feedback or to get involved. Visit the Pigeon Point website for more information. If you live next to the staircase - we especially look forward to your feedback.



## Empty Lot Disposal

The City of Seattle is seeking comments **by Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**, on the disposal of vacant, City-owned property just south of the 21st and Andover intersection, next to the first house on the west side of the street.

**Please** contact David Hemmelgarn at the City to state your preferred use of this property in any of these ways:

Phone: 684-0701

Fax: 684-0525

Email: [david.hemmelgarn@seattle.gov](mailto:david.hemmelgarn@seattle.gov)

Mail: Fleets and Facilities Department,  
Attn: David Hemmelgarn, PO Box  
94689, Seattle, WA 98124-4689

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## Free Trees for Neighborhoods Available

This fall, the Department of Neighborhoods will be providing free trees for planting on residential streets in Seattle neighborhoods. Applications are accepted from groups of neighbors and are due on Friday, August 11, 2006.

In exchange for the free trees delivered by the City, groups of neighbors attend a City-sponsored training session and then organize their neighbors to plant the trees. The goal is to beautify Seattle streets and to support a clean and green environment.

Groups of five households or more on a street or block can apply for a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 40 trees per project.

Contact the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, 684-0464, or visit [www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/treefund.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/treefund.htm) to request an application.



## Viaduct Discussion Excerpt

*Excerpted from West Seattle Herald*

New details about the Alaskan Way tunnel project indicate West Seattleites would be able to access north and south-oriented downtown streets from a King Street exit, and east-west streets from ground-level Alaskan Way. Building a tunnel with its waterside wall doubling as a new seawall is the preferred alternative of the departments of transportation. With this tunnel, West Seattle residents would drive north on 99 and take an exit to be built at South King Street, which would put motorists on Main Street in Pioneer Square.

One of the first projects scheduled will be to widen the Spokane Street Viaduct and design is scheduled for completion this year. If the mayor's proposal is approved by voters, the city plans to fix all the arterial streets in Seattle. In West Seattle, that would include Fauntleroy Way, California Avenue, and Roxbury Street. Bridge crack repairs in the West Seattle Bridge are also planned and repairs are needed on the Fauntleroy Expressway, which connects the West Seattle Bridge to 35th Avenue. To read more, please visit [www.westseattleherald.com](http://www.westseattleherald.com).

## Watching Out for Each Other



In response to recent criminal activity, a new Block Watch has formed in the 4100 block of 19th Ave SW. A group of 12-14 neighbors began by mapping out their block and gathering phone numbers so that neighbors noticing suspicious goings-on can contact the homeowner or the police. A group email list was also created to keep track of recurring problems and share crime prevention tips. The Southwest Precinct's Benjamin Kinlow provided resources and advice at the recent meeting.

Neighbors notice unusual things that indicate a current or potential crime and are not obvious to police. It's also easy to notify your Block Watch when you go out of town so your home is watched over in your absence. Last, participating in a Block Watch is a terrific way to meet your neighbors!

If you live in any of the following blocks, please contact the person listed to learn more about your Block Watch:

3600-3800 block, 22nd Ave: Sharon Price, 935-1532

3700 block, 20th Ave: Ed Doyne, 973-1915

4100 block, 20th Ave: Joni Swenson, 938-0161

4100 block, 19th Ave: Jerry Stiers, 715-1881

If you don't have an active Block Watch, start one - it's easy and a lot of fun.