

Pigeon Point Neighborhood News

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Next Meeting: Monday, 10/9, 7 PM @ Cooper Elementary

October 9 Agenda Items:

- § Boeing Field
- § Cooper Elementary
- § Dells & Ridges
- § Staircase project
- § and much, much more!

Street Parking in Pigeon Point

Although possibly frustrating to some Pigeon Point homeowners, the streets of Seattle are public property, and therefore anyone may park on them. However, the City's Traffic Code does prohibit vehicles from being parked on city streets for longer than 72 hours. The Code also prohibits junk motor vehicles from being left on City streets and vehicles over 80 inches (such as RVs and larger trucks) from parking on most city streets between 12 and 6 a.m. Seattle Police routinely enforce these ordinances and also respond to specific cases when alerted by complaints from the public - please call (206-625-5011) to report violations.

Although some people may not use their vehicles on a regular basis (and therefore park them on the street), the vehicles must still be moved every 72 hours and comply with all posted signs. Keep in mind however, that some cars may seem like they have not been moved, but in fact have. When a car is parked on a public street, drivers are encouraged to check their car at least once a day, even if it's on a street where they are allowed to park up to the citywide 72-hour maximum.

If you believe your vehicle has been towed, please call Seattle Police at (206) 684-5444. To report an abandoned vehicle, call the Hotline at (206) 684-8763. For more information on the 72-hour On-Street Parking Ordinance, call (206) 684-7623.

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Staircase Project Update



After a brief summer hiatus, work is resuming on a proposal to apply for funding from the City of Seattle's Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) to renovate and beautify the staircase leading west from 21st and Genesee to Delridge Way. Several neighbors have volunteered to help with this project. NMF funding requires

that all City money contributed to the project be equally matched by donations of money, supplies or time (volunteer time is usually calculated as \$15/hour).

Please contact Matt at 938-0161 or Pete at 933-6587 to offer ideas or assistance!

House Decorating Contest

This year, the Pigeon Point Neighborhood Council is hosting a House Decorating Contest. Decorate your house for Halloween or with an Autumn theme, and your neighbors will submit their picks on the Pigeon Point website (www.pigeonpoint.org).

If your house is the winner, you'll receive a festive autumn wreath to add to your décor.

Happy Haunting!



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Winter Home Weatherizing

As the leaves start to change, and the temperature starts to drop, it becomes apparent that autumn and winter are on their way. Use these tips to make your house winter-ready before you have to turn on the heat.

Adapted from *Homemade Money* *by Richard Heede*

ATTIC

- Weather-strip and insulate attic access door
- Seal outside of chimneys with metal flashing and flue caulk
- Seal around plumbing vents, both in floor, and roof
- Check roof flashings for signs of water leakage
- Seal all holes between the heated space and attic

BASEMENT OR CRAWLSPACE

- Seal and insulate around accessible heating or A/C ducts
- Seal any holes allowing air to rise directly into the living space
- Check around plumbing, chimney, and electrical penetrations
- Caulk around basement window frames
- Seal holes in the foundation wall with caulk or foam sealant

LIVING AREAS

- Caulk cracks where floors meet exterior walls
- Make sure fireplace damper is closed tightly when not in use



AROUND WINDOWS & DOORS

- Replace broken glass and reputty loose panes
- Install new sash locks, or adjust existing ones
- Caulk on inside around window and door trim
- Weatherstrip exterior doors

EXTERIOR

- Caulk around window and door frames to keep out rain and air
- Check dryer exhaust vent hood and flapper
- Remove window A/Cs
- Caulk cracks in overhangs and chimney chases

Offered Services

Offer a service you want other neighbors to know about? Maybe massage or freelance design, interior design or therapy?

Email us and we'll add your service to the next newsletter and permanently to the Pigeon Point website.

Youngstown Cultural Arts Center Event

Beginning Thurs., 10/5, visit www.seattleperforms.com to sign up for a free night of theatre! Then on Thurs., 10/19, attend a performance at any participating local theatre for FREE!

See behind the scenes at a rehearsal, rub shoulders with local celebrities, meet new people, and strengthen your community.

Free Night of Theatre is a national campaign aimed at attracting new audiences to live theatre. Visit www.seattleperforms.com for up-to-date information.

Halloween Safety Tips



The Seattle Police Department encourages safety and supervision while Trick-or-Treating. Ensure your children are safe by using these quick tips.

- § Know your route and take a flashlight
- § Be sure costumes, shoes, and treat bags are safe
- § Remind kids not to enter strangers' homes or cars
- § Set rules about saving treats until you're home
- § Inspect all treats before eating them
- § Throw away any opened candy
- § Inspect homemade treats or fruit closely
- § Never cross the street from between parked cars.

It is also important to ensure your home is safe and accessible to trick-or-treaters. Try these simple things to make the evening safe for everyone.

- § Turn on your porch light.
- § Move lit jack-o-lanterns off porches where kids in groups might get bunched up
- § Remove hazardous objects from your yard
- § Drive slowly all evening — you never know what might suddenly cross your path
- § Report any suspicious or criminal activity to the police

Adults might keep these tips in mind when creating that "perfect" Halloween Costume.

- § Make sure accessories, such as fake guns, are not mistaken for the real thing
- § Fire safety and visibility are also important in adult & children costumes
- § Remember dressed-up adults can be pretty scary to young children

Have a safe and fun Halloween!