

Pigeon Point Neighborhood News

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Next Meeting: Monday, 2/12, 7 PM @ Cooper Elementary

February 12 Agenda Items:

- Wild Weather - how did we do?
- 2007 Spring Clean/Garden Tour
- Street Parking
- Neighborhood Green Space

Emergency Preparedness

We hope we've seen the end of our wet and windy winter, but know it never hurts to mention how to keep yourself safe in case of emergency. With some trees weakened from prior storms, even a mild storm could cause more damage and outages. Here's a list of tips you may find helpful if you find yourself without power.

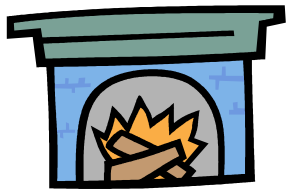
1. Have an emergency kit, including flashlights, fresh batteries, wind-up clock, portable radio, mylar blankets, a manual can-opener, canned and dry food, and surge protectors, ready. It's simple to put together and can cost less than \$25.
2. DO NOT cook food indoors on a barbecue (propane, charcoal, etc.) grill.
3. DO NOT heat your home with carbon-monoxide emitting fuels.
4. DO NOT operate a generator inside your home or garage; it must be well ventilated.
5. Have out of town contact sources to provide you current information from local websites.
6. Tune in to KOMO 1000 and KIRO 710 for the most current outage updates.
7. Have the phone number and address of close community centers for temporary shelter.
8. Have the phone number and address of nearby grocery stores.
9. Cell phones are useful during an outage, and can be re-charged with a battery powered recharger. A telephone that operates on a land line can be useful too. Cordless phones don't work during outages.
10. Stay away from downed power lines & report them to (206) 684-3000.

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When the Lights Go Out



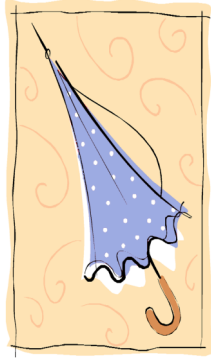
- Check circuit breaker or fuse box first. Learn to reset the circuit breaker or safely change a fuse, and keep proper spares.
- Check neighborhood for other outages.
- Call (206) 684-3000 to report the outage or call the Power Outage Hotline at (206) 684-7400 for current outages and power restoration updates.
- Avoid candles, oil lamps or anything with an open flame for illumination.
- Dress in layers to conserve body heat.
- Close doors, windows, curtains and unused fireplace dampers to keep heat from escaping.
- Keep fridge and freezer closed to keep food fresh. A full fridge will maintain safe temperatures for up to six hours; a full freezer for up to two days. Discard foods that are warmer than 45 degrees.
- Use hot water sparingly. Most hot water tanks will retain heat for up to 24 hours.
- Unplug or turn off sensitive electronic equipment to protect it from power surges.
- Leave one or two lights on to alert you that service is restored, and when it is, turn on appliances gradually. Sudden heavy consumption can drain the electrical system and extend the outage.

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Flood Damage Reporting

Follow up to November storm damage communication:

Citizens who have suffered damage to your home or businesses as a result of the December Wind Storm, please make a report to the King County Citizen Damage Report Hotline at 1-800-523-5044. The collective damage reports received will be used in a request for federal disaster assistance. If a Presidential Disaster Declaration is made for the State and the County, private citizens may be eligible for financial help for uninsured losses in the form of small grants from Federal Emergency Management Agency and loans from the Small Business Administration.



For those who suffered damage and made a report for the November flooding event (11/2 - 11/11), a Presidential Disaster declaration HAS been made for the State, and home and business owners in King County with uninsured losses should register with FEMA to see if they qualify for assistance. To register, call FEMA at 1-800-621-3362 or on-line at www.fema.gov.

Mayor's Scholars Program



The Mayor's Scholars Awards process for the 2006-07 school year is underway! Do you know a Seattle middle school students in good standing who is an "unsung hero," whose overcome obstacles or met challenges in their lives and done well in school? Then have them apply for the Mayor's Scholars Program.

A committee of Mayor's Scholars sponsors, educators and community members will review applications and select about 20 Mayor's Scholars. Each Mayor's Scholar will receive a letterman's jacket and \$500 to donate to the charity of their choice, and all applicants will receive a certificate of recognition from the Mayor. The deadline for application submission is 4 pm on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, with winners being notified in mid-March. Applications can be downloaded at www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/education/MayorsScholars.htm or picked up at local middle schools.

Please contact the Office for Education at 206-233-5118 or by email at EducationOffice@seattle.gov with your questions about the Scholar Program.

Elementary Tutors Needed

Cooper Elementary is seeking elementary tutors for both primary age elementary students, grades K-2, and intermediate age students, grades 3-5. The tutors would support the academic progress of student in reading at the primary level and reading and math at the intermediate level. The positions are during the school day for 17 hours/week at a pay rate of \$10.78/hour plus benefits. Please contact 206-252-8170 for more information.

Adopt a Storm Drain

With all the rain and attending destruction caused by the water run-off, including much destruction to the Bike Park at the north end of 22nd Ave SW, Paula Bamburg and Jim Phillips decided it was time to step up and help make sure the storm drains are clear, and so have officially adopted the drain near their house at 21st Ave SW & Genesee. While attempting to find other neighbor's support, they found that Mark Hettrick has been clearing the drain at 21st Ave SW and Dakota for years. If we all adopt just one drain and keep it clear, many downhill water problems can be avoided. Very simple, but very important. If the water from the top of Pigeon Hill had been caught in the storm drains, rather than flowing down to our beloved 22nd Ave park, it would not have sustained such damage. This quick and easy piece of community maintenance very likely may also have prevented three feet of water from accumulating in the low spot on Delridge under the bridge overpass. Adopt a drain!

First Aid/ Search & Rescue Classes

The Seattle Office of Emergency Management has communicated the schedule for First Aid and Search & Rescue Classes, taught by veteran Seattle Firefighter, Anthony Bennett. Space is limited, so register early. All classes are taught at Warren G Magnuson Park, 7400 Sand Point Way NE. Please call (206) 233-7123 for more information.



First Aid

\$35
8:30 am - 5 pm
February 10
March 10
June 2

Search & Rescue

\$25
9 am - 3:30 pm
February 17
May 5

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