

Pigeon Point Neighborhood News

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Next Meeting: Monday, 4/9, from 7 - 8:30 PM

April 9 Agenda Items:

- Spring Clean
- Garden Tour
- Garage Sale
- Other/Miscellaneous (as time permits)



Spring Clean is Seattle's premier clean up event, and part of the Mayor's Clean & Green Initiative. Going strong for 21 years, Spring Clean brings neighbors together to tackle

beautification projects.

This year, Pigeon Point's Spring Clean is on Sat., 4/28, and will begin at 8 am with a City of Seattle dumpster stationed at the corner of 20th and Dakota for neighbors to drop off inorganic trash (no yard waste, hazardous materials (chemicals, paint) or paper products that can be recycled curbside). The dumpster fills fast, so arrive early!

This year, neighbors can pick from THREE neighborhood cleanup projects:

- Clearing our sidewalks of overhanging weeds and shrubs that trip up strollers and pedestrians. Please bring garden gloves and shears or pruners.
- Stenciling neighborhood storm drains so they can be quickly cleaned out during or after rainstorms.
- The week of 4/23, neighbors can help Cooper Elementary students repair flood damage to the park at the north end of 22nd Ave SW. Call Sharon at 932-1532 for times and help needs.

We hope everyone can join us at the dumpster to take on these small projects. After all, many hands make light work. Spring Clean isn't just a Pigeon Point tradition - it's a way to keep our neighborhood beautiful.

West Seattle Community Garage Sale



Megawatt will hold the 3rd Annual West Seattle Community Garage Sale Day on Sat., 5/12, from 9 am - 3 pm. For \$15 (or \$38 — 3 or more households listing one address), your garage sale will be promoted in papers and on the radio and will be featured in the Garage Sale Guide. Registration deadline is Weds., 4/25, so call Megawatt, 938-4120, or register at www.megawattjunction.org today.

Pigeon Point will participate with a neighborhood garage sale from 9 am - 2 pm at the Cooper Elementary School covered outdoor basketball court. Neighbors wishing to donate items (no trash or broken items) can bring them to the school on Thurs., 5/10, from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. Email pigeonpointcouncil@comcast.net if you need help with your items. All proceeds will equally benefit Cooper Elementary and the Pigeon Point Neighborhood Council.

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Improper Tree Cutting

It's been recently discovered that a number of neighbors have had trees cut on public property next to their homes. This is not only illegal but poses a very serious threat to the nearby neighbors. The debris from the trees can fall on houses, clog natural drainage ways or work its way towards a storm drain and pose serious flooding threats to our neighborhood. Reports have been filed with the appropriate authorities. A guest speaker will attend our April

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SNAP Program Classes



Seattle Neighborhoods Actively Prepare is the newest preparedness program being offered by the city to help you, your family and your neighborhoods become better prepared for the next disaster. Come and learn how to put together a disaster supplies kit, create a family disaster plan and organize with your neighbors to take care of each when disaster strikes. The next class will be held Thurs., 4/19, from 7 - 8:30 pm, at High Point Community Center at 6920 34th Ave SW. For more information, go to www.seattle.gov/emergency.

Delridge Stewardship Forum

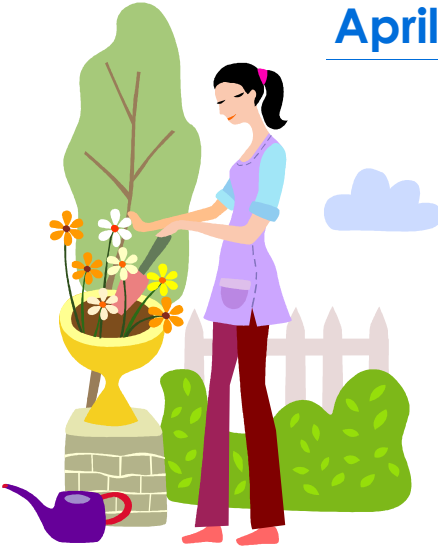
Looking to improve the quality of life in our Delridge neighborhoods? Then join us for a neighborhood stewardship forum.

Saturday April 14th
9 am to 12 noon
Youngstown Cultural Arts Center
Keynote Speaker:
City Councilman Richard Conlin

Hosted by a coalition of neighbors in conjunction with City of Seattle's Department of Neighborhoods.

Please call Pete Spalding, 933-6587, with questions.

April Gardening Tips



The blooming trees and shrubs, coupled with the longer days make everyone want to begin working in their gardens. As long as you're careful of any late season freezes that can occur, April is a great month to enjoy digging in the dirt.

- Begin planting summer blooming bulbs such as dahlias or gladiolas this month.
- Prune non-evergreen trees and shrubs that bloom on new wood. Cut Butterfly Bushes back to 12-18 inches to keep their size in check and prune the tips of Crape Myrtles for a neater appearance now and heavier bloom this summer.
- In early April, cut back ornamental grasses to within a few inches of the ground if you haven't yet done so.
- Plant and transplant trees, shrubs, grasses and ground covers.

Home Safety

It's always good to remind people about home safety. Here are a few tips to keep you and your family safe.

- Lock doors and windows at all times.
- Stop newspapers and mail when out of town.
- Put lights on automatic timers or motion sensors.
- If you arrive home and think it has been burglarized, never go inside. Leave quietly and call 911.
- Never let unknown people inside.
- Criminals may pose as delivery people.
- Pay attention to surroundings -- check outside occasionally to see what's happening in the neighborhood.
- And, if you see something suspicious, call 911. It's better to be safe than sorry!

Mosquito Repelling



The pond northwest of Genesee and 21st Ave SW is notorious for mosquitoes. This spring, several neighbors (with advice from a City of Seattle entomologist) have decided to "seed" the pond with damselflies. This is an environmentally healthy alternative to pesticides, and they are completely harmless to humans. If you have any questions, please call Matt at 853-1585.