



# Pigeon Point Neighborhood News



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## Next Meeting: Monday, 12/10, 7 p.m. @ Vivian McLean's House

### December 10 Agenda Items:

- Food, Folks & Fun

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## Annual Pigeon Point Holiday Potluck



Mon., 12/10, from 6 - 9 pm  
at the home of Vivian McLean  
3814 20th Ave SW

All Pigeon Point families are invited. A brief Council meeting will be held at 7 pm. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

We will also be taking non-perishable donations, to be delivered to the West Seattle Food Bank.



by Pete Spalding & Kerry Hughes

Eight years ago when we moved into the neighborhood we had no idea there was a Pigeon Point Neighborhood Council. Shortly after moving in, we attended a meeting and discovered a group of very committed neighbors dedicated to making Pigeon Point a great place to live, and became involved in activities immediately. Since then, we've seen amazing things accomplished in Pigeon Point just because a group of your neighbors decided to do something to improve our surroundings. Instead of waiting for someone else to "take care of" each little problem, this group of people decided they wanted to fix the problems.

The Pigeon Point Neighborhood Council is still a group of committed and caring residents AND, we hope you consider joining our efforts. If you've never been involved in neighborhood activities, never been to a council meeting or visited our neighborhood website, you can still get involved. If you live in Pigeon Point today, whether as a homeowner or renter, you have a vested interest in making sure your neighborhood is a great place to call home. A number of issues still face us that we should all be concerned with and hopefully we will all commit some time and energy to helping resolve them.

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Here is a sample of outstanding issues we're working on. What issues can you add to this list, or do you feel strongly enough about to become involved with?

1. Developing a strategy to address ongoing parking issues on 22nd & 23rd.
2. Improvement of staircases throughout Pigeon Point. (Example: staircase from 21st to Delridge.)
3. Convincing the city to convert the lot on the NW corner of 21st and Andover into a park.
4. Have the Parks department do some improvements to Pigeon Point park (behind Cooper School).
5. Develop a comprehensive plan to monitor further infill housing development in Pigeon Point.

Some examples of our Pigeon Point accomplishments in eight short years:

1. After many traffic studies and fights with the city, speed bumps were installed on 21st to end vehicles traveling at speeds in excess of 60 miles/hour on their way to the bridge.
2. The Bicycle Park on 22nd was a result of neighbors receiving a Neighborhood Matching Fund grant from the Dept. of Neighborhoods and providing sweat and tears to make the park a reality.
4. Plans for a condo development in the green belt were stopped.
5. Helped in the redevelopment of the old Cooper School into the Youngstown Cultural Arts Center.

## Season of Giving

This is the season we most often think of those less fortunate. In the true spirit of the holidays, small acts of kindness can make a world of difference to anyone suffering hunger, poverty or other ills. Things you can do to help:

- Donate Food. The West Seattle Food Bank accepts donations from 9 - 3, Monday through Friday. Donations may also be delivered to Pete and Kerry at 4107 20th Ave; please call 933-6587 in advance.
- Donate Diapers: Westside Baby takes donations of diapers and gently used children's items at 3400 California Ave.
- Donate Time: The West Seattle Helpline needs volunteers to answer phones on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 AM-midnight.

## Leave No Leaf Behind



A flooded basement is a disaster for anyone - but many floods are preventable. They result from rainwater that fails to enter city sewers due to clogged storm drains, which can be kept clear just by raking up fallen leaves and debris in your yard. You can also sign up to "Adopt a Drain" at [adoptastreet@seattle.gov](mailto:adoptastreet@seattle.gov) or (206) 684-7647. In return for your commitment to keep a storm drain clear, Seattle Public Utilities will supply you with basic equipment such as gloves, bags, rakes, brooms, safety vests, and shovels. Your basement, and your neighbors, will thank you!

## Winter Playmates

When it's sunny and warm outside, finding playmates for your children is as easy as a stroll around the block.

But winter weather often keeps us bottled up in our homes.

If your child would like a playmate this winter, email [pigeonpointcouncil@comcast.net](mailto:pigeonpointcouncil@comcast.net) with "Playmate List" in the subject line. Include your name, your child's name and age, the block where you live, and when you're generally interested in playdates. A full list will be created and distributed at the end of this year to anyone who responds. Then use the list to set up playdates. It's easy - and when you're in need, might just save the day!

