



Pigeon Point Neighborhood News

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Next Meeting: Monday, 2/11, 7 p.m. @ Cooper Elementary

February 11 Agenda Items:

- Guest Speakers
- Pigeon Point Park Cleanup
- 22nd Ave Update
- Spring Event Planning
- 2008 Priorities

Volunteer Work Parties



The Nature Consortium hosts volunteer work parties year-round on almost every Saturday from 10 am - 2 pm. Every Saturday through 2/23, volunteers will be working at Pigeon Point Park & Cooper School to plant native plants and trees throughout the site. Each work party begins with a Forest Ecology Workshop and performing artists play in the woods during many of the parties.

Please RSVP to Mark Tomkiewicz by email, buphalo@naturec.org, or phone, 206.923.0853, if you will be attending a work party. Please provide your Name, Address, Phone number, Email, Age and work party of interest. Tools, gloves, refreshments, and water refills will be provided; please bring a full water bottle. We encourage waterproof footwear and weather-appropriate clothing.

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Update - 22nd Ave Development

The meeting on 12/6 went well, and was attended by about 15-20 neighbors, as well as the Wingate Homes CEO and our designated Wingate representative. Many opinions were shared, but once everyone realized the development is inevitable, several opportunities were identified for Wingate to make changes and address neighbor's major concern issues (stormwater runoff, etc.) More information and a summary report will be provided at the 2/11 neighborhood council meeting, however if you have more specific questions, please give Matt a call at 206.853.1585.

Duwamish Visioning Project

You are invited to participate in a 'future visioning' of the Duwamish Valley. Gather with your neighbors and friends and imagine the future communities, businesses, and natural areas surrounding the river. Make your voice heard about the future Superfund cleanup and restoration of the lower Duwamish River. For more information, please call 206.954.0218 or email info@duwamishcleanup.org.

Upcoming Workshops:

February 7, 2008, 6 - 8:30 pm
Youngstown Cultural Arts Center
4408 Delridge Way SW

March 18, 2008, 6 - 8:30 pm
South Park Community Center
8319 8th Ave S

June 4, 2008, 6 - 8:30 pm
Downtown Seattle REI
222 Yale Avenue North

Cooper School Fence & Gates

As some of you may have noticed, fence is going up at Cooper for the safety of the students. The gates will be kept shut, but not locked. The fence is not to deny access to our neighbors, and please feel free to continue using that pathway to the greenbelt. We would just ask that you close the gates behind you. Thank you for your understanding and support.

~Cathy Rutherford, Cooper Principal

Join Youngstown's Programming Committee

Currently comprised of 11 intergenerational volunteer members that live or work in Delridge and Southwest Seattle, the Youngstown Cultural Arts Center Programming Committee creates meaningful programs to serve the surrounding community. Mentors and youth work side-by-side to develop their skills in event planning, marketing and promotions, administration, fund development, and leadership. Young members also receive service learning hours for their participation.

Anyone is welcome to join the committee by attending weekly meetings held Fridays at 3:30 pm in the Youngstown conference room. Stop in and share your ideas for events and programs!

Red Velvet Cupcakes



3 eggs
3/4 cup butter
3 cups flour
2 tsp unsweetened cocoa powder
2 1/4 cups sugar
1 1/2 tsp vanilla
2 Tbsp red food coloring

1 1/2 cups buttermilk
1 1/2 tsp baking soda
1 1/2 tsp vinegar
Powdered Sugar

Let eggs and butter stand 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line cupcake pans with paper liners. In medium bowl combine flour, cocoa powder, and 3/4 tsp. salt; set aside. In large mixing bowl beat butter on medium-high 30 seconds. Add sugar and vanilla; beat until combined. Add eggs one at a time beating on medium. Beat in food coloring on low. Alternately add flour mixture and buttermilk beating on low to medium speed after until combined. Stir together baking soda and vinegar and beat in to batter until just combined. Fill cupcake tins to about two-thirds full. Bake 15 - 17 minutes. Cool on wire rack for 5 minutes, then remove cupcakes from pans and cool completely. Dust with powdered sugar. Makes 28 servings.

Creating a Safe Neighborhood



As a neighborhood, if we feel we are dealing with nuisance problems such as noise and speeding, or even drug or gang activities, we are not powerless to change the situation. Active neighborhoods help make a difference.

WHAT WE CAN DO:

Use Home Security Methods - keep your house from becoming an easy target for burglars.

Report Crime - Don't assume someone else has already reported a potential problem. To report non-emergencies, call 206.625.5011. Report dangerous situations to 911.

Be a Good Neighbor - Set a standard of behavior for others in your neighborhood to follow; drive the speed limit; watch noise levels; meet your neighbors, keep a watchful eye on surroundings.

Join or Start a Block Watch - Many streets in our neighborhood already have one in place. If your street would like to start one, please contact Benjamin Kinlow at the Southwest Precinct, 206.684.7724.

Keep a Record - If you feel you're witnessing chronic problems, keep a record of where, when, and what the activity is to establish a pattern. The more information we can provide in these situations, the better.