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Next Meeting: Monday, 4/14, 7 p.m. @ Cooper Elementary

April 14 Agenda Items:

- Spring Clean
- Earth Day
- Garage Sale
- New Neighbor Event



SPRING CLEAN

Seattle's premier clean up event, now in its 22nd year, provides opportunities for citizens to clean up Seattle's public open spaces with city support. The annual Pigeon Point neighborhood Spring Clean will happen Saturday, April 26, starting with a dumpster, and ending with a clean-up project. Beginning at 8 A.M., neighbors can put their trash in the City of Seattle-provided dumpster, which will be parked on the corner of Andover and 20th Ave SW. Fair warning: it fills quickly and hazardous waste, yard waste, and large amounts of construction debris will not be accepted. If you're not sure what can go in the dumpster, call (206) 684-3000 for a list of unacceptable items. Once the dumpster is full, neighbors will move on to this year's chosen clean-up project: trimming back overgrown vegetation that forces pedestrians off sidewalks. **We're asking for your help here:** please email moswenson@gmail.com or call (206) 853-1585 by April 14 with suggestions of sites that need trimming. Property owners will be contacted by April 26 to gain their permission. To help, meet at the dumpster at 9 A.M. with a pair of garden gloves and pruning shears. Thanks for making Pigeon Point a beautiful place.

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West Seattle Community Garage Sale

Last year, Pigeon Point and Cooper Elementary School joined forces to hold a neighborhood garage sale as part of the West Seattle Community Garage Sale. Neighbors did their spring cleaning and raised over \$1,000 to benefit Cooper Elementary! On Saturday, May 10, the garage sale returns. Watch your mailbox, visit www.pigeonpoint.org or call (206) 853-1585 for details on dropping off items or volunteering at the sale. It's a lot of fun! There's plenty of time right now to sort and set aside items to donate.



Celebrate Earth Day

The Nature Consortium (www.naturec.org) and Cooper Elementary School are teaming up on Saturday, April 19, from 10 am - 2 pm, for a day of live entertainment, outdoor recreation and habitat restoration - right here on Pigeon Point! Cooper Elementary's cafeteria will be the center of the action, but you can also pitch in to help clean up Pigeon Point Park as well. Call (206) 923-0853 or email buphalo@naturec.org to sign up and provide your name, address, phone number, email address and age. Or simply drop by to check out the entertainment and say "thanks" to the many volunteers who are cleaning up Pigeon Point Park.

Taking Emergencies Seriously



Let's play a game. There's been an earthquake. You fell down and your ankle hurts badly. You smell gas leaking from somewhere in your house. Your elderly neighbor's house is ruined and she may be inside. A power line has fallen across the street into a pile of yard trimmings, now smoldering.

What do you do? Right away, without consulting the Internet (no power), checking a book (under the fallen bookcase) or making a call (phones don't work)? If you don't know the answers, you won't know in a real emergency. Find the answers by attending City of Seattle Office of Emergency Management classes offered this

spring on first aid, fire extinguisher and utility control, and light search and rescue. Call 206.733.7123 for a class schedule. Classes cost between \$10-35 and are taught by veteran firefighters and emergency professionals.

Meanwhile, here's a simple first step. Keep the sign that accompanied this newsletter next to your front door or living room window. In a natural disaster, hang it on your front door or in a window so it's readily visible. This will help rescuers to quickly discover who needs help and who is okay. If you want to be in the latter group, take a class! You won't regret it.

West Seattle Blog

Most Pigeon Pointers know of the West Seattle Herald, but there's another resource that offers all West Seattle information in a real-time format. You'll find current news, event details, restaurant reviews and more, with information updated several times daily. Visit westseattleblog.com to get your local fix of West Seattle information. If you feel you've stumbled on cutting edge information, you can email them at westseattleblog@yahoo.com or send a text message to 2062936302@vtext.com.

Neighbor Gathering Event Committee

At our last Pigeon Point Neighborhood Council meeting we received a great suggestion to get more neighbors involved in our activities. We would like to hold a neighborhood event that would specifically welcome new neighbors to the neighborhood. We are looking for neighbors to volunteer to form a steering committee to organize this activity, which will receive some city funds to underwrite the cost of the event. If you are interested, please email pigeonpointcouncil@comcast.net as soon as possible.

Recycling Pilot Program

On April 1, Seattle Parks and Recreation begin an exciting recycling pilot program in our southeast Seattle and West Seattle parks. You'll use the clearly marked glass/plastic bottle and aluminum can bins as you use other bins in our community and buildings. The Parks department will report back on the success of the program next year. Thanks for helping keep our parks green. Look for the bins at Alki, Lincoln Park, and numerous ball fields in the area, including Delridge.

Going Green Tips

In honor of Earth Day, here are some easy tips for you to follow to become more eco-conscious.

- Change out all light bulbs with Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFLs)
- Take the bus, walk, carpool or ride your bike to get to your destination instead of driving alone every day.
- Shop locally (West Seattle has a great Sunday Farmers Market).
- Install a programmable heater, and set the heat two degrees cooler in the winter.
- Turn off the tap while your shaving or brushing your teeth. This can save up to eight gallons of water a day!
- Plant your own garden in your backyard.
- Stop idling. You'll stop wasting gas, and reduce the wear on your car.
- Stop unwanted junk mail and save over one million trees.
- Bring your own bag with you wherever you shop to avoid receiving plastic bags.
- Banish plastic water bottles, and use what comes out of your tap.