



Pigeon Point News

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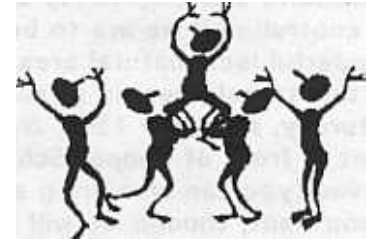
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Next Meeting : Monday, February 10, 2003 6:30 - 9PM

COOPER ELEMENTARY - 19th & Genesee, SW - 7:00-8:30PM
(Committee Meetings to follow - 8:30-9:00)



Agenda will include several special presentations, including one by new SW Police Precinct Operations officer Mike Washburn and a Crime Prevention Officer to discuss recent robberies and other safety issues -- see below. Please come and try to bring a neighbor who hasn't been before (especially any new neighbors!) As always, renters as well as owners are encouraged to come.

Neighborhood Crime Increases

The past few months have seen a sharp increase in crime in our area, including burglaries, car thefts, car prowls and graffiti. Police reports have been filed in most cases (it is ALWAYS important to do this, if for no other reason than to help the police determine patterns and, we hope, to catch the perpetrators). Neighbors should be very careful not to leave valuable items in cars, make sure doors and window are adequately secured, and perhaps most importantly, to form BlockWatch groups. BlockWatches help ensure that you know who your neighbors are and can, together, help identify likely problems, keep a lookout for each other when people are away from home, etc. The Police Department has good, free help on home safety issues, for owners and renters alike.

Neighborhood Helps send Cooper Kids to School in the Woods --



Pigeon Point neighbors helped Cooper Elementary School meet the goal of almost \$7000 to send all the 4th and 5th graders (100 of them!) to IslandWood environmental learning center on Bainbridge Island for four days. The time was filled with classes, workshops, hikes, and art projects -- all designed to teach the kids about the environment, responsible stewardship, the importance of recycling, and the social and cultural history of our area. From days spent in classes (some held on the "floating classroom" at the pond!), to meals all together in the elegant timber dining hall, to songs, stories and skits on the final evening around a roaring bonfire, to just the new experience for many of them of being away from home for the first time -- it was a fantastic and memory-producing few days. Cooper is very much hoping to make this an

annual event, and will follow up on all of the environmental learning by getting students to participate this winter and spring in a number of park restoration, and local ecosystem projects (see article about 'Park Work Parties'.) A very big THANK YOU to all who helped from all the kids and teachers at Cooper!