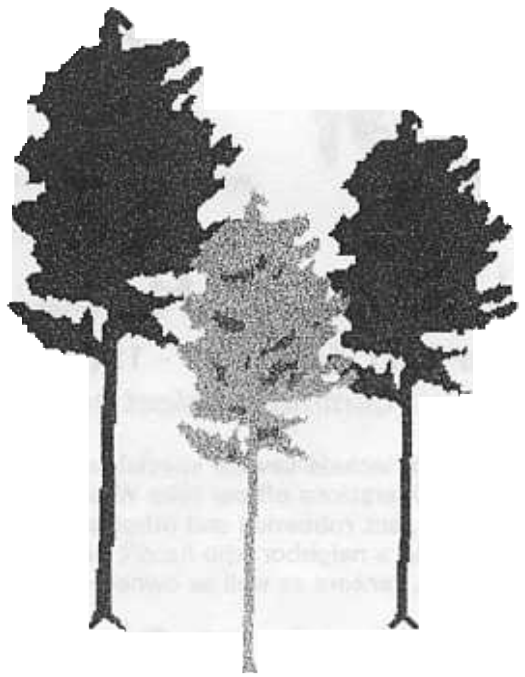


Park work Parties Scheduled

Due to a combination of deep cutbacks in Parks Department maintenance budgets as well as natural environmental processes, the parkland area behind the new Cooper School is fast becoming overrun by invasive plant species that are destroying the open meadow that has been there as long as anyone can remember. Scotch Broome, Himalayan Blackberry and English Ivy are a few of the plants that MUST be controlled if we are to be able to continue enjoying this wonderful local natural area. The second of several work parties to help get rid of some of these invaders will be on *Saturday, February 15th, from 9-11:30AM, rain or shine!* Meet in front of Cooper School main entrance, and bring work gloves (you can also bring a shovel or heavy-duty "loppers" if you want, though we will have tools available). PLEASE COME AND HELP, even for a little while and even if you don't think you can do any heavy physical work -- there's plenty for everyone to do and even just moral support is a help!



Volunteer Opportunities: Do you have three free hours a week or two hours a month and would like to help teach tutor or mentor kids, help out at our local food bank, get involved with local Parks stewardship and planning programs, help at the library or any one of a number of other great volunteer opportunities? If you do and would like to become more involved, please contact us and we can help to point you in the right direction. Volunteering is not only terrifically rewarding, but in hard economic times, more and more organizations and agencies depend on volunteer support. Call us at 206-937-9924 for more info.

Delridge District Council Comes to Pigeon Point

The March meeting of the Delridge District Council (which are rotating to different area venues each month) will be on Wednesday, March 19th at Cooper Elementary (7PM), with the focus being Education. This month's meeting will be at Holly Hall, High Point Community Center on Wednesday evening, February 19th, with the focus on local housing redevelopment. Everyone interested in local development, crime & safety, parks & open space, and any other issues of local concern should consider attending these meetings. Please give Pete Spalding a call for more information -- 933-6587.

Steel Mill Tours: If you are interested in touring the Steel Mill within the next few weeks (a group of neighbors already went this fall and said it was FANTASTIC!) please give Robert Shampain a call or an email at shampers@aol.com. It would be a late afternoon -- Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

Spring Clean: If anyone wants a "Spring Clean" this year, you must EXPRESS YOURSELF! Our "Spring Clean" project, which has been going on for the past few years, has included such things as a neighborhood dumpster, helping neighbors who need assistance in home clean-ups, parks clean-ups, several very successful swaps, and involvement in the "Rebuilding Seattle Together" project, which provides free home improvement for local homeowners. Your Neighborhood Council would like to get your input on what you would like to see happen this Spring. Do you know a neighbor who needs assistance? Would you like to help set up a Neighborhood Garage Sale to raise money for neighborhood activities? Do you have any other ideas? Let us know, and we'll try to help make it happen. call Robert at 937-9924 or Pete at 933-6587.