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# Pigeon Point Neighborhood News

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Next Meeting: Monday, April 12, 2004 7:00 to 8:30 PM @ Cooper Elementary School 19th & Genesee

## Agenda items for the next council meeting will include:

- Spring Clean
- Blockwatch Programs
- Neighborhood Improvements
- Newsletter Feedback

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## Coping with Disaster *by Jane Lanning*

### What will you do in the event of a natural disaster?

Do you know how to turn off the main gas valve at your house? Or what items should be collected under your bed in the event of a major earthquake? Thanks to a Block Watch meeting on March 29, my neighbors and I know the answers to these and many other questions specific to emergency responses.

By the end of the evening, each of us had volunteered to take on a role in the event of a natural disaster. The only requirement to volunteer was a willingness to help.

There is a lot more to think about than I ever realized, but I now know that if a disaster takes place, I won't be alone.

More importantly, there will be a plan to ensure that those who need First Aid or personal assistance will be taken care of and that significantly damaged areas will be identified. "Safety in numbers" has taken on a whole new meaning since our Block Watch meeting!

If you are interested in learning more and forming a natural disaster neighborhood plan, please contact LuAnn Johnson, at SDART, (206) 233-5076.



## A Helping Hand *by John "Mac" McElroy*

Do you know where your major utility services enter your home, and how to shut them off in an emergency? Have you ever practiced doing so?

Most houses have three major services: water, electricity, and for many people, natural gas. Your water meter is located on the grassy strip outside between your house and the street.

Your electricity is controlled by a breaker panel, usually in your garage or basement. Your gas meter (if you have one) is outside near or attached to your house.

I am willing to help you locate these services in your home and learn how to quickly, safely shut them off. If you are interested, please call me at (206) 938-4960.

## Pigeon Point Council Update *by Matt Swenson*

After doing a fantastic (and exhausting!) job as sole Chair over the last few months, Pete Spalding proposed that our neighborhood create three new vice-Chair positions to help share the load. The following new vice-Chair positions were approved and vice-Chairs elected at our last Council meeting. All appointments are for a term of one year.

- **Activities:** Plan, communicate & guide activities
- **Communications:** Newsletter content, layout and distribution
- **Meetings & Memberships:** Notify, meet & greet neighbors

## Cooper School Art Project *by Jim Price*

Cooper Elementary School is fortunate to have a collection of great oil paintings in the halls. We received a grant to pay for the materials needed to protect them. The materials are here and we are ready to roll with a work party of neighborhood volunteers to mount the plexiglass.

A few of you have signed up already. We could use a few more on Saturday, April 17, 10am-1pm at Cooper School. If you have clean gloves and a medium sized Philips

screwdriver bring them along.

Between the time the grant was written and the delivery of the plexiglass, its cost increased 50%. Home Depot has covered the difference (about \$250) as part of their neighborhood outreach. They said it wasn't necessary for us to thank them publicly, which is all the more reason I felt I needed to do just that.

Please call me at 935-1532 if you can help.

## Fun with Fuchsias *by Tance Davison & Joni Swenson*

At age 97, Tance Davison is still an avid gardener. When she was 88, she attended a meeting of the Puget Sound Fuchsia Society, knowing absolutely nothing about fuchsias. Tance says about the Society, "They don't treat you like an idiot if you don't know anything about fuchsias, and they love to have guests!" She has been a member ever since.

Tance has about 30 fuchsias in her garden and about 50 more that have wintered in her basement and will be coming outside very soon. Fuchsias are beautiful flowers, and continue to be crossbred to in exotic, new varieties.

There are 7 fuchsia clubs in Seattle. Some places to buy fuchsias are Earthworks, Flower World, and the Puget

## Nucor Steel Tour

*by Pete Spalding*

Last year we organized a tour of the steel mill for some Pigeon Point residents. It was quite interesting and very informative. We are going to arrange another tour with Nucor Steel. If you would be interested in participating in this fascinating tour please send an email to [PigeonPointCouncil@comcast.net](mailto:PigeonPointCouncil@comcast.net) or call Pete at 933-6587.

## Spring Cleaning *by Pete Spalding*

This year's Spring Clean will be held on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

We will have a dumpster available that morning for all of our Pigeon Point neighbors to use. The dumpster will open at 8:00 a.m. and will close when it is full.

## Monorail Matters *by Josh Stepherson,*

*Seattle Monorail Project representative - West Seattle*

The Monorail is coming to Delridge! After three successful city-wide votes, an extensive public involvement process and thorough technical analysis the Seattle Monorail Project (SMP) Board selected the route and station locations for the Monorail's Green Line. The SMP Board vote capped off more than a year of extensive public dialogue about the Project and review of Monorail route and station alternatives.

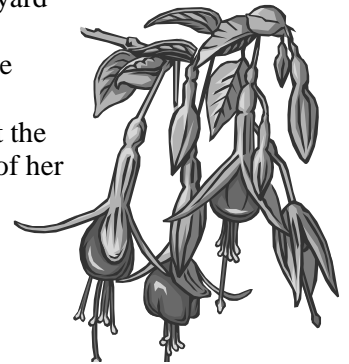
For the Delridge station and route that specifically means a station on the

northeast corner of the steel plant with a guideway located north of the steel plant, over the eastbound lanes of SW Spokane and turning onto Avalon Way. To learn more about the route and the Project please visit us at [www.elevated.org](http://www.elevated.org).

We're truly embarking on an innovative and exciting project that will change the way people get around town. Thanks for your input and involvement. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.elevated.org](http://www.elevated.org).

Sound Fuchsia Society's yard sale in June. If you are interested in learning more about fuchsias, Tance encourages you to contact the membership chairperson of her club, Barbara Kaiser, at (206) 935-3663.



Point Council meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have any suggestions, please bring them to the meeting or email [PigeonPointCouncil@comcast.net](mailto:PigeonPointCouncil@comcast.net).

Come early—the dumpster often fills up by noon! Please remember that the city will not allow us to accept yard waste.

Please also consider volunteering a few hours on the 24<sup>th</sup> to help us on our projects. Projects will be discussed at the Pigeon