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Next Meeting: Monday, April 14, 2004 7:00 to 8:30 PM @ Cooper Elementary School 19th & Genesee

Agenda items for the next council meeting will include:

- *City Night Out: Tuesday, August 3rd*
- *Substation-to-Park Proposal*
- *Radio Tower Complaints*

Crime Watch Clings by *Kerry L. Hughes, Council Treasurer*

“Pigeon Point” Crime Watch clings and stickers are now available! All we ask is a modest payment for the ink and print stock. Prices are:

- 2”x3” \$.50 Cling, sticker or magnet
- 3”x4” \$.50 Cling, sticker or magnet
- 4”x6” \$1.00 Cling, sticker or magnet

By prominently displaying these clings or stickers, we can send the message that we are an organized neighborhood—so criminals will know to stay away!

April orders will be delivered at the June council meeting. More clings will also be available for sale at the meeting.

All sales are being transacted via the Pigeon Point checking account. Any profits will remain Pigeon Point funds.

Buy a cling or sticker, contribute to our neighborhood and showcase your commitment to safety!



Fossil in Your Yard? by *Matthew Swenson*

At our last council meeting, several residents asked for tips on managing active or decommissioned heating oil tanks on their property. Here are two samples: a more detailed list is available on the council website.

- If you use oil heating, consider insurance from the state Pollution Liability Insurance Agency (PLIA) to cover cleanup of accidental contamination. Call 1-800-922-3905 for a registration brochure.
- When removing a decommissioned underground heating oil tank, check first with the “Call Before You Dig” line at 1-800-424-5555 to prevent possible damage to buried utilities (natural gas, water, etc.).

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Garden Tour Report by *Jane D. Lanning*

Our 1st Annual Garden Tour on May 8th was a great success! 14+ neighbors began the tour at Vivian MacLean’s garden and ended three hours later at Jerry Stiers’ garden (with a potluck at my house).

The tour featured solar-powered ponds, a container garden, delightful patios, heritage trees, lots of perennials and even a small winery! Special thanks to Kerry for documenting the event. Everyone had such a delightful time that rumors of a fall tour are already in the wind!

Morgan/Shampain Reception by *Jim & Sharon Price*

Come celebrate the good news!

Wedding bells will be ringing later this month for our former Neighborhood Council President, Robert Shampain, and Cooper School teacher Wendy Morgan. They have contributed a great deal to our community and we are very happy for them.

Please plan to attend a wedding shower for Wendy and Robert hosted by Vivian MacLean at 3814 20th Ave. S. on Friday, June 18th at 7 P.M.

"Neighborhood" Gardening *by Helen Shampain*

Gardening is a wonderful hobby for many reasons; exercise, being outdoors...but most of all, the opportunity to meet and befriend neighbors who share a common interest. Pigeon Point is blessed with several talented gardeners, who are great resources for the novice or even for the experienced gardener seeking to broaden his or her repertoire.

Here are a few ideas for those curious about becoming more of a "neighborhood" gardener:

- Trade seeds, plants, books or tools with your neighbors! Favors given and reciprocated often end in friendship.
- Share your surplus harvest with others! Sharing food is also a way to pique others' interest in gardening, after they taste your delicious produce.



- If you're an avid compost maker, ask your neighbors for leftover grass clippings or leaves. They will love your tidying up their lawn for free, and your compost bin will thank you for it!
- ...and most of all, be outside, get exercise, and enjoy the good weather.

Summer is the season when everyone steps outdoors for a stroll, and a lovely garden will naturally beautify the neighborhood and draw people's interest.

Got Ideas or Features You Would Like to See in an Upcoming Newsletter Issue? Please Email Suggestions to matts323@comcast.net!

Cooper School Report *by Sharon & Jim Price*

The photo to the right is of the volunteer work party held on April 17th at Cooper Elementary School. Plexiglas protective panels were installed over several oil paintings, created for the school by a professional artist, Mr. Cisneros.

The paintings skillfully reflect the cultural diversity of Cooper School's student body. Home Depot contributed toward purchase of the protective panels.

A Sunny Disposition

by Stephanie Brown, Rich Welliver & Matthew Swenson

Ever watched an electric meter spin backwards?

Steph Brown and Rich Welliver see it happen almost every day! They have combined their love of the environment and zeal for technology, by using sunlight to power their home.

Steph has been interested in solar power since watching a demonstration in 1980. Early this year, she and Rich were hooked by a pamphlet at the Environmental Home Center on 4th Ave, and chose Jeremy Smithson of Puget Sound Solar (pugetsoundsolar.com) to convert their house to solar power.

Over 3-4 weeks (including some optional remodeling) Jeremy and two assistants installed a 900-pound bank of photovoltaic cells (\$12-13,000) on Rich and Steph's roof and a solar-powered water heater (\$6,000-6,400) in their

basement.

Now, the photovoltaic cells—connected to their power meter—generate enough electricity (14-15 kilowatts per day) to not only meet the house's energy needs, but to earn "credits" with Seattle City Light! This means on short, cloudy winter days when the sun is hidden, Steph and Rich can use stored credits to pay for their electricity use.

Their solar water heater is a different system, but has also proven highly effective and will pay for itself within 4-5 years. Some people even use solar power to heat their swimming pools!

Steph and Rich recommend that anyone interested in solar power consider limited systems like a solar water heater, before a major purchase such as a bank of photovoltaic cells. If you are interested in seeing their system firsthand, call (206) 935-5165 to schedule a tour!



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Pigeon Point Neighborhood Interest Survey

www.pigeonpoint.org

Email: pigeonpointcouncil@comcast.net

WE RELY ON YOUR FEEDBACK! Please answer the below questions in as much detail as possible and return the completed survey by (1) bringing it to the June 14th council meeting, or (2) pushing it through the mail slot at 4156 20th

1. How long have you lived in the neighborhood?

Under 1 year 2– 5 years 6–10 years 11– 20 years 21+ years

2. Do you own your home or are you renting it? Own Rent

3. Have you participated in any neighborhood activities in the past year? Yes No

If so, which activities? _____

If not, why did you decide not to participate? _____

4. Are you part of a Block Watch? Yes No

5. If not, why not (no Block Watch on your block, lack of interest, etc.)? _____

6. What do you like best about living in Pigeon Point? _____

7. What do you like least about living in Pigeon Point? _____

8. What specific areas of concern should Pigeon Point Neighborhood Council address?

#1: _____ #2: _____

#3: _____ #4: _____

9. Do you read the Pigeon Point Neighborhood Council newsletter? Yes No

10. What do you like about it? _____

11. What can we do to improve it? _____

12. Optional Information:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

13. Would you like to be added to the neighborhood email list so that you can be notified of current

happenings and upcoming events? Yes No

Thanks for your feedback

Submit to:

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