



## To The Point Newsletter

Fall 2009

October 5, 2009

### Upcoming Fall Events

*Overlake Service League  
Annual Oldtimers-Newcomers Party*  
Sunday, November 8  
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
9035 NE 41st St.

*Argosy Christmas Ship Festival*  
Saturday, December 5  
5 p.m. at Road End Beach  
Seattle Girls Choir

*Town Hall Closures*  
Veterans Day Nov. 11  
Thanksgiving Nov. 26-27

*Town Council Meetings*  
Second Tuesday of the month at 7  
p.m. Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8  
at Town Hall.

*Planning Commission Meetings*  
Held the Monday after the Council  
meetings at 7 p.m. Oct. 19, Nov. 16  
and Dec. 14 at Town Hall.

*Town Park Board Meetings*  
Held Tuesday after Planning Com-  
mission meetings at 7 p.m. Oct. 27,  
Nov. 24 and Dec. 22 at Town Hall.

### Your Elected Officials, Board Members and Staff

*Town Councilmembers*  
Lisa Mushel, Andy Valaas, John  
DesCamp, Carl Scandella and  
Steven Rutledge

*Town Planning Commission*  
Roger Myklebust, David Feller,  
Dan Williams, Peter Braman and  
Richard Cahill

*Town Park Board*  
John McGlenn, Kelly Almeleh,  
Carolyn Whittlesey, Doug  
Waddell and Mary Elmore

David Cooper, Mayor  
Sara McMillon, Clerk-Treasurer  
John Joplin, Fiscal Coordinator  
Istvan Lovas, Public Works  
Steven Wilcox, Building Official  
Stacia Schroeder, Engineer  
Mona Green, Planner  
Wayne Stewart, Attorney

## Special Committee to Assist Town in Effort to Achieve "Tree City USA" Designation

A special committee is forming to assist in taking the steps required for Yarrow Point to become an official "Tree City". Members of the committee will represent a variety of viewpoints on tree care and preservation.

"We want the group to be representative of the community," Mayor David Cooper said. "We hope this will result in a tree ordinance that everyone can be proud of."

One important step in becoming a Tree City is to adopt a tree care ordinance. This ordinance can be crafted in any way that fits community values.

Town officials have determined that this first ordinance will regulate trees located on public property only. Yarrow Point currently has no regulation regarding trees, and is one of few municipalities in the area lacking this type of regulation.

Other requirements the Arbor Day Foundation has established for becoming a Tree City include the creation of a Tree Board, a budget for a tree program and an annual Arbor Day observance.

The Tree Board will be responsible for the care

and management of the Town's trees. The board may be a staff person, arborist or a volunteer group.

The Foundation requires that the Town budget \$2



per capita for tree maintenance or plantings, meaning Yarrow Point needs approximately \$2,000 per yearly budget.

The Town Park Board discussed Tree City plans at the September meeting. The new Arbor Day Celebration could be held in conjunction with the Park Board's annual Clean Up Day.

Park Board members Carolyn Whittlesey and John McGlenn have volunteered to serve on the special committee. The Town also will ask for volunteers from its Planning Commission. Two members of the public are invited to participate. Resident Ray Jensen has enthusiastically volun-

teered to participate in the effort.

Mr. Jensen thinks that becoming a Tree City will remind residents of the importance of trees. Mrs. Whittlesey agrees that the Town should become a Tree City, but would like to ensure that regulations do not become too restrictive.

"This is the type of dialogue we need to ensure the ordinance reflects community values," Mayor Cooper said.

The Town Council has given its approval to the Mayor and staff for pursuing Tree City status and developing a tree ordinance regulating trees on public land. Any ordinance must be approved by the Council during a public meeting.

The public will have a chance to comment on the ordinance throughout the process. Like all town meetings, the meetings of the special committee are open to the public. Agendas will be posted on pagodas before meetings.

Town Planner Mona Green is heading up the Tree City effort. For more information or to volunteer for the committee, please contact Town Hall.

## Town Shoreline Master Program to Be Updated

By Town Planner Mona Green

As required by the State of Washington Shoreline Management Act, the Town of Yarrow Point will soon begin to update its Shoreline Master Program. The Town received a \$50,000 grant from the Department of Ecology to complete the project during the next three years.

Components of the project include a complete inventory of the Town's shoreline resources, including the actual shoreline and all lands 200 feet landward of the ordinary high water mark, along with any associ-

ated wetlands. The Town hired the Watershed Company's team of environmental scientists to assist with the biological aspects of the project.



Once the shoreline inventory is complete, a characterization report will be prepared for the Town's use in developing goals, policies and

regulations for the shoreline area that reflect the values of the Town of Yarrow Point.

There will be ample opportunity for residents to become involved in the formulation of these new policies. The Town anticipates hosting public meetings to share all collected data, preparing additional newsletter articles to keep all residents informed, and conducting public hearings as the plan elements evolve.

If you have any questions contact Town Planner Mona Green at: [mhgreen@ci.yarrow-point.wa.us](mailto:mhgreen@ci.yarrow-point.wa.us).

## Winterize Your Home: Building Official Steve Wilcox



Protect yourself and your property, as well as save money this winter.

### Have Your Furnace Serviced

Efficiency is a key to proper furnace operation and safety. Basic flue and chimney cleaning, filter change, repairs and maintenance adjustments are important. The same idea applies to other gas heating appliances, pellet stoves, woodstoves and even wood burning fireplaces.

### Windows and Leaks

If you have window or door screens take them down and install storm windows. If you have older leaking windows, you may want to add plastic sheeting to the interior for a reduction in heat loss and cold air infiltration. Weather-strip, caulk

and plug leaks between your heated living space and the outdoors and interior unheated spaces.

### Insulation

Add insulation to areas that are under insulated. Check insulation in crawl space areas frequently.

### Wrap Water Pipes and Heat Ducts

Wrap your water pipes and heat ducts in unheated spaces such as your garage or crawl space. As it gets colder outside remember to shut off outside faucets and cover them. Most furnace heat loss is through leaky and/or uninsulated ducts. Having your heat ducts in unheated spaces properly sealed and insulated may make a noticeable difference.

### Clean Your Gutters

Wet crawl spaces, insects and rotting wood can be the result of a clogged drainage system. If your downspouts are not connected to anything rain water may be running back into your home.

### Check Your Smoke Detectors

Test and replace batteries regularly. "Smoke alarms" should be replaced every 10 years. Fire extinguishers are essential, and installing a carbon monoxide detector is a very good idea too.

For additional tips on winterizing you may contact the Town Building Official, Steve Wilcox at [swilcox@ci.yarrow-point.wa.us](mailto:swilcox@ci.yarrow-point.wa.us).

## Work on NE 47th Street Project Finishing on Schedule

By Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder

Thanks to the work of Tiger Construction & Excavation, Inc., great weather and your patience we have completed the 24" diameter storm drainage upgrade along NE 47th Street from 92nd Avenue to the Lake Washington waterfront.

Our focus now has shifted to the un-

derground conversion of the overhead power, phone and cable lines in this area. PSE, Qwest and Comcast are continuing to work with Tiger Excavation to make this transition as smooth as possible. We anticipate completion of the underground conversion by mid-October. Road End Beach is scheduled to safely reopen by November 1st.

Project elements that remain include installation of the irrigation system in the Road End Beach and complete site restoration including roadways, driveways, sidewalks, handrails, plantings and other elements.

The Town is on schedule for full project completion by mid-November of this year.

## Four Council Seats, Mayor To Be On November Ballot

This year during the November General Election, Yarrow Point residents will decide who will serve in the Mayor's position for the next four years. The Town's current Mayor, David Cooper, is running for re-election. Councilmember Lisa Mushel also is seeking election to the Mayor's position.

Three new Councilmembers will take seats in 2010. If Lisa Mushel is elected, her current seat on the Council would become vacant and an appointment would be needed to fill that position.

Current Councilmember Carl Scandella is on the ballot, because as a

person who was appointed to fill a vacancy, he is required to run in the next available election. No one is running against Mr. Scandella.

Bruce Jones, Tim Dillon and Roger Myklebust are running for Council seats that are uncontested. Mr. Myklebust currently is the chairperson of the Town's Planning Commission.

Andy Valaas is stepping down from his position at the end of 2009 after 16 years on the Council. Steve Rutledge did not officially file for re-election and will have served 12 years. After one four-year term, John DesCamp has decided not to

seek re-election.

The November 3, 2009 election will be held entirely by mail. According to King County Elections, the agency administering the local election, ballots will be mailed out October 14. The ballots can either be mailed in or can be placed in a ballot drop box.

The nearest drop box will be located at the Bellevue Library Connection located at 15600 NE 8th St. These boxes will open Friday, October 16, and will close at 8 p.m. on election day November 3. For more information you can go to this Web page: [www.kingcounty.gov/elections/asp](http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections/asp).

## Recap of Your Town Council Meetings

### June 2009

Lt. Kyle Kolling of the Clyde Hill Police reported that a document shredding event recently held at the Kiss and Ride was a success. He also said due to complaints the Town Hall alarm will now be silent.

Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder said the 92nd Ave. pathway damaged during private excavation was repaired by the offending party using original materials.

Town Clerk Sara McMillon announced that the Town hired two summer interns, Emily Hudson and Tyler Stanaway.

The Council approved a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit for 4615 92nd Ave. NE following a public hearing.

The deadline for submitting bids for proposed sport court construction was extended due to a lack of response, Mrs. Schroeder reported.

Councilmembers authorized a contract with Tiger Excavation to per-

form work related to Capital Improvement Project No. 3. A contract was awarded to Econovac for catch basin cleaning. Both projects were formally bid as required.

The Council postponed a decision on a proposal from Town staff for the purchase of new accounting and building permitting software.

Councilmembers approved the Transportation Improvement Program for 2010-2015 as presented.

### July 2009

Lt. Kolling reported that the police department has moved to a new dispatch center technology called Norcom. No problems that affected citizens were experienced.

Mrs. Schroeder reported on the status of the development of a proposed site development code. Fiscal Coordinator John Joplin reported on the progress of a cost-benefit analysis for the proposed purchase of new integrated accounting and development permitting software requested last month.

The Council authorized an agreement with the State Department of Ecology for the mandatory update of the Town Shoreline Master Program. Town Planner Mona Green reported that the Town has received a \$50,000 grant for the work.

Councilmembers rejected the one bid submitted for the proposed sport court project. They did not recommend re-bidding the project.

The Council authorized staff to proceed with undergrounding utility lines along NE 47th Street as an addition to the current storm water system improvement on this street.

### August 2009

Lt. Kolling reported that fireworks caught a hedge on fire on the Fourth of July on 92nd. Mayor Cooper stated that next year the Town will work to remind residents that they are not allowed to set off fireworks.

Mr. Joplin provided the Council with a mid-year Town Budget report. Next month the Town will officially begin the budgeting process for 2010.

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## Wetherill Nature Preserve Happenings

The Commissioners of the Wetherill Nature Preserve appreciate and recognize Hal Wright, a resident of Hunts Point, for his ambitious Eagle Scout project completed this summer. Hal coordinated and participated in the construction and installation of 21 new birdhouses and 14 bat houses. These new houses will provide sanctuary and will invite wildlife that will help control mosquitoes in the wetlands. With this phase complete, Hal turned his attention to a swath in the preserve that was once the driveway to the Wetherill home. Hal organized and managed a team of scouts, family and friends in the removal and disposal of trash from this abandoned and no longer derelict drive. He was exceedingly successful with his fundraising to finance his project. Hal has pledged the surplus funds to the Preserve. Thanks Hal and all who participated in this significant project benefiting the Preserve.

## Annual Oldtimers-Newcomers Party is Coming Up!

Sunday, Nov. 8, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the home of Jay and Teri Harmeyer, at 9035 41st St. Join the Yarrow Point Circle of the Overlake Service League in this tradition of meeting new neighbors and seeing old friends. If you wish you can also help families in need by making a donation of any amount.

## Town Council Recap (continued from page three)

Members of the Council discussed a proposed list of action items generated at the staff-council retreat held in May.

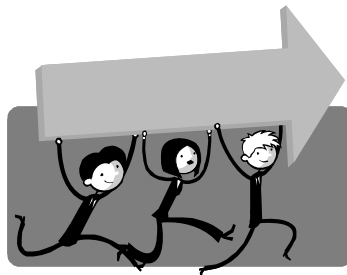
Mayor Cooper reported that the Town has applied for a federal grant for a proposed joint solar energy project with the Town of Hunts Point. The grant program supports climate showcase communities.

### September 2009

Mrs. Schroeder presented a draft of a proposed site development code. Councilmembers provided feedback, and a final version should be ready for next month's meeting.

The Town Council voted to allow staff to proceed with preparing a contract for clearing a site and putting in a pad near Town Hall for construction of a new sport court.

Mr. Joplin presented a preliminary Town Budget for 2010. Using input from the Council, Mr. Joplin will prepare a revised preliminary budget for presentation at the November Council meeting.



The Council discussed the prioritization of a proposed list of goals generated at the staff-council retreat this year. Ms. McMillon proposed that the list be included in the introduction to the Town Budget. The discussion of the

proper final form for these action items continues.

### This Month's Meeting

The agenda for the October meeting is not yet final. A Regional Coalition for Housing is scheduled to make a presentation. Plans for a new sport court will be discussed.

Town Attorney Wayne Stewart plans to present a revision to Title 3 of Town Code entitled Revenue and Finance. The changes are not expected to be substantive. The final version of a proposed site development code will be presented.

Town staff will present a proposal to purchase new integrated accounting and development services permitting software. The Council will discuss the final version of a list of Town action items.