



To The Point Newsletter

Summer 2009

June 25, 2009

Upcoming Summer Events

Fourth of July Activities

Kick-off party Wednesday night, July 1st. Ticket sales at the party or Thursday, July 2nd at Town entrance.

Fishing Derby, Pet Parade, Yarrow Point Bingo and Street Dance Friday, July 3rd.

Parade, Street Celebration and Fireworks Saturday, July 4th.

Fun Run, Hunts Point Bingo and Deanno the Clown Sunday, July 5th.

See accompanying story for more details.

Town Council Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. July 14, August 11, September 8 and October 8 at Town Hall.

Planning Commission Meetings

Held the Monday after the Council meetings at 7 p.m. July 20, September 14 and October 12 at Town Hall.

Town Park Board Meetings

Held Tuesday after planning commission meetings at 7 p.m. July 28, August 25 and September 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

Town Looks Forward to Upcoming Fourth of July Festivities and Anniversary Celebration

Volunteer forms and donations have been pouring in as excitement builds for the upcoming Fourth of July Celebration.

Key to Yarrow Point's unique sense of community, the event brings together friends and neighbors. Yarrow Point also shakes hands with its neighboring community of Hunts Point.

The schedule of events is as follows:

Wednesday, July 1st

Kick-Off Party, 6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m. at Layne and Cari Sapp's House located at 4242 Hunts Point Rd. This event is for adults only. Bring a large hors d'oeuvre platter, enjoy a no host bar, and purchase advance tickets.

Thursday, July 2nd

Ticket Sales begin at 3 p.m. at a booth at the Yarrow Point entrance. Tickets may also be purchased at the kickoff party. Advance tickets are 12 for

\$10. Tickets will be \$1 each the day of the event.

Friday, July 3rd

Fishing Derby, 7 a.m.—10 a.m. at Yarrow Point Dock. Win prizes, ride in the fishing float for the parade. Bring your fishing gear. Adult supervision required. Official rules posted at the dock. Please call 206-849-8799 with any questions.

Pet Parade, 11 a.m.—12:30 p.m. at Mary Elmore's house located at 4467 94th Ave. NE.

Yarrow Point Bingo, 1 p.m.—2:30 p.m. at Yarrow Point Town Hall.

Street Dance, 5 p.m.—10 p.m. at the Town Fountain. Western Line and Square Dancing from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Street Dance with live band from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Pizza, beer and pop will be available.

Saturday, July 4th

Parade, 11 a.m. on 92nd

Avenue in Yarrow Point. The street will be closed at 10:45 a.m., so guests should arrive at 10:30 a.m. Kids decorating bikes can meet at the top of the point. No inline skates or skateboards.

Street Celebration, 11:30 a.m. at the Town Fountain. Hot dogs, strawberry shortcakes, sno-cones and beverages.

Fireworks, 10:15 p.m. at Cozy Cove. Yarrow Point's public beach and the road end at 42nd will be viewing points.

Sunday, July 5th

Fun Run, 10 a.m.—11 a.m. beginning at head of Points Loop Trail and ending at Hunts Point Park.

Hunts Point Bingo, noon—1 p.m. at Hunts Point Town Hall.

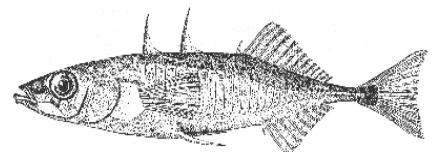
Deanno the Clown, 1 p.m.—2 p.m. at Hunts Point Park.

Join in the Fourth fun!

Dying Stickleback Fish at Road End Natural Occurrence

Dying Stickleback have prompted concerns, but after performing a local inspection, the State Department of Ecology has deter-

mined this is a natural event. These adult fish die after spawning and become food for other wildlife.



Storm Water System Work Set to Begin

A major storm water system improvement project along NE 47th Street is scheduled to begin September 14. Work will take approximately two months to complete.

The project, along with several other private development projects at NE 47th and 91st Avenue, may cause some traffic disruption. The Town will work to minimize impact.

Tiger Construction was awarded the contract to replace 550 linear feet of existing storm water transmission pipe with larger diameter piping. Currently the pipe does not effectively contain storm water.

Known as Capital Improvement Project No. 3, this is one of four pro-

jects proposed in the Town's Comprehensive Storm Water Management Plan completed by ESM Consulting Engineers in January 2008.



Storm water management helps protect Lake Washington.

This project was given priority due to the washing out of Road End Beach that currently occurs during heavy rain. Washing out has in the

past resulted in costly repair.

The work is a long term solution to the problem, and \$17,403 from the King County Flood Control District has been secured. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$296,000.

An irrigation intake line will be constructed at Road End Beach to follow the path of the upgraded storm water system.

At the Town Council Meeting Tuesday, July 14, the Council will consider a proposal to underground utility lines along NE 47th as part of the project.

You may contact Town Hall for more information.

A Message from Building Official Steve Wilcox



The Town of Yarrow Point issues permits for building construction. We provide permit services (plan review and inspections) for building permits, demolition permits and mechanical permits among others.

Building permits are required for everything from rockeries, decks and some arbors to new home construction. Mechanical permits are needed for such items as new furnaces, hot water tanks, air conditioning units and etc. Yarrow Point also issues its own gas piping permits.

Within our Town the State Department of Labor and Industries per-

mits all electrical work. The Seattle-King County Health Department issues plumbing permits. The Bellevue Fire Department reviews permits for fire sprinklers, but the Town issues the permit.

Bellevue Utilities is involved with backflow prevention devices, side-sewer connections and potable water connections. Essentially, anything that affects the sewer system or fresh water (drinking) system must be approved by Bellevue utilities and the Town of Yarrow Point.

Any connections to the storm water system are through the Town of Yarrow Point.

Any work proposed within the Yarrow Point right-of-way (outside of your property) will require prior permission through a Town issued Right of Way Use permit. Permanent construction and landscaping within the Town right-of-way is not allowed without an encroachment agreement being previously created and formally approved. This includes construction or landscaping immediately in front of your own property.

Confused yet? If you have any questions please contact the Town Building Official, Steve Wilcox, directly at 206-235-9137.

Summer Pagoda Program and Catch Basin Cleaning

The Town plans to replace ten aging pagodas this summer on a priority basis. Town pagodas have been inspected, photographed and evaluated based on appearance and structural integrity, location and visibility. Pa-

godas that are in good condition will be repainted and re-roofed. The new pagodas will accommodate larger locking mailboxes. If you are notified of the work and have purchased a locking mailbox, you may drop it off

at Town Hall to be installed.

Econovac is finishing up on cleaning all storm water catch basins in Town. This work is important for proper drainage and water quality.

Council Focused on the Next 50 Years at Retreat

Elected officials, Town staff and volunteer board members looked to the future of Yarrow Point at a staff-council retreat Friday, May 1, at the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center.

Town retreats are held every other year, and are used to set goals for the Town and its committees.

Mayor's Address

The retreat began with an address from Mayor David Cooper. One of the most important issues facing the Town in the next 10 years is the new SR520 bridge and the new lid and transit station at Yarrow Point.

In the near future, the Town plans to make needed improvements to infrastructure such as the storm water system and roads. Parks continue to be a priority. Extending walking paths and undergrounding utilities also will continue to be important projects.

Looking far ahead in the future, the Town may pursue alternative energy sources and may work to encourage sustainable building practices. Smaller residences with acces-

sory dwelling units may be the future trend.

Staff Reports

Town Clerk Sara McMillon said a long term goal is an official records management plan and the digitizing of all records. Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder spoke concerning storm water and transportation improvements.

Town Planner Mona Green discussed Comprehensive Plan updates that she will assist with. She also reported on efforts to improve livability. Building Official Steve Wilcox said he will lead an effort to improve the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the building department. In the future, he would like to encourage cooperation among the Points communities.

Fiscal Coordinator John Joplin said he is working to facilitate integration of financial and building department operations.

Tree City Discussion

State forestry personnel provided a presentation on how to become a

Tree City. A tree ordinance is a part of this process.

After the presentation, people in attendance expressed a desire to move forward with adopting regulations for trees on public land.

Capital Improvement Plan

Staff reported on the capital improvement and transportation improvement plans, and the need for a funding strategy. Money from real estate excise tax is currently used, but the outlook is not positive for this revenue source.

SR520 Design Presentation

WSDOT representatives provided an overview of how the SR520 project will affect Yarrow Point. A structure called a lid that resembles a park and a transit station are planned for the top of the Point.

Town Visioning Exercise

Town Planner Mona Green guided the group through a brainstorming exercise. The group discussed the areas of housing, environment, transportation and utilities, recreation and Yarrow Point tomorrow.

Recap of Your Town Council Meetings

March 2009

Lt. Kyle Kolling of the Clyde Hill Police reported that criminal activity in the town remains low. He also reported that Clyde Hill recently received a grant to purchase field sobriety testing devices.

Representatives from Puget Sound Energy discussed power outages with the Council.

The Council passed an ordinance restricting structure height to 25 feet above original grade or 31 feet above finished grade, whichever is

less. Retaining walls and rockeries were added to the list of items regulated within setback areas.

An ordinance amending the Town Code regarding cable television was discussed. The Council approved an ordinance eliminating the Town's animal control code and adopting King County's code by reference.

An ordinance was approved that amends Town Code regarding public peace, morals and welfare. These changes were made to bring the Code section into conformity with State laws. Councilmembers passed an ordinance repealing the Town

Code title regarding public utilities. The title was outdated and had no legal effect. The Council also approved an ordinance making minor wording changes to environmental policy and procedures.

Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder reported on efforts to secure grant funding. Fiscal Coordinator John Joplin provided a first quarter financial report. So far economic conditions have not greatly affected Yarrow Point.

April 2009

Residents stated that they would like the Council agenda posted on the

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Summer Internship Program Continues

Residents will see two new bright faces around town. Emily Hudson and Tyler Stanaway were hired in June as this year's summer interns. Emily is assisting with administrative work within Town Hall, and people will notice Tyler outdoors working with Istvan. Tyler also assists in the office when needed.

Emily, a Seattle resident, is a junior majoring in accounting and managerial studies at the University of Redlands in California. She has worked as an administrative assistant for the University of Redlands and for a company in Moscow, Idaho, where she grew up.

Tyler is an engineering management student at the University of Portland and will complete his degree in 2010. He previously completed an internship at Kibble & Prentice Holding Company. Tyler continues to be an assistant baseball coach. He is able to walk to work from his home in Clyde Hill.

Town Council Recap (continued from page three)

Town Web site. The agenda should be posted on pagodas more than a few days before the meeting. The Town is working to provide more notification.

Attorney Wayne Stewart reported on the status of an attractive nuisance property complaint. Engineer Schroeder said the request for bids for the proposed sport court should soon be ready for submittal.

Building Official Steve Wilcox said he is working to increase fire prevention activities in the Town. Development activity has greatly slowed.

Mr. Joplin reported that a donation for playground equipment at Clyde Hill Elementary will be disbursed after years of being in the budget.

Lt. Kolling said five arrests were made in Yarrow Point in March. Four were for criminal offenses, and one person was detained due to a warrant issued. Clyde Hill Police recently purchased software that will assist in the recovery of stolen items. He also discussed a document shredding event.

Councilmembers voted to compensate a resident for installing an up-sized storm water line on 47th Street. The Town planned to install the larger line here in the future.

The Council discussed alternatives for restoring landscaping disturbed as part of an upcoming storm water capital improvement project. Road End Beach will be restored to its current condition.

An ordinance amending Town Code regarding administration and personnel was passed. Changes were made to make the Code consistent with state law and remove provisions that are not applicable. A proposed ordinance amending Town Code as it pertains to revenue and finance was tabled. Town Code regarding cable television was repealed because this code section was obsolete.

Title 8, Health and Safety, of Town Code was officially amended. Some state codes were adopted and some revisions were borrowed from other cities. Minor wording was changed in Title 16.

Kerie Whitaker-Kremian was appointed as a Yarrow Point representative on the Wetherill Nature Preserve Board.

May 2009

Lt. Kolling reported on an unusually high number of car prowls in Yarrow Point. Two of the cars were unlocked.

Town Planner Mona Green reported that the Town has received a grant for \$50,000 to update its Shoreline Master Program. Yarrow Point also is entitled to \$7,000 from the King County Conservation District to make improvements that would increase habitat.

Charlie Howard of the Puget Sound Regional Council provided a presentation on a regional transportation plan. A shoreline substantial development permit application for Charles and Nancy Porter, 4615 92nd Ave. NE, was reviewed.

The Council discussed possible action items from the staff-council retreat and the results of an audit from the Town's insurance provider.