

THE YORKER



Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Join us on May 13th for the next general neighborhood association meeting at the Garden St. United Methodist Church at 1326 N. Garden St. An educational program about important environmental issues in York includes:

Topic #1: "**Stormwater Pollution and Prevention**," with Caanan Cowles, Local Source Control Specialist, Storm and Surface Water Utility, City of Bellingham.

Topic #2: "**Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design: An Analysis of York's Franklin and Rock Hill Parks**," presented by Officer Eric Osterkamp, Bellingham Police Dept. and Leslie Bryson, Design and Development Manager, Bellingham Parks and Recreation.

The program begins at 7 pm, preceded by a pasta dinner with international pasta dishes at 6:30 pm. Please bring your favorite salad or bread to share and your own beverage and table service.

A brief business meeting will follow the educational program. If you will need child care for the meeting, please notify vicepresident@yorkneighborhood.org for arrangements.

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Cory Anderson jumping on the trash in 2014

Dumpster Day Is Coming: June 20!

Got junk? We have the answer! Bring trash that you could not put in your regular pickup to Nelson's Market at 514 Potter St starting at 8:30 am on June 20th. The dumpster fills up quickly so come early!

Thanks to SSC for the free dumpster; Allied Waste/RDS for the free dumpage; Nelson's Market for the location; and to our coordinators Kirsti Charlton, Carolyn Mulder, and Cory Anderson.

The following items cannot be accepted:

- ◆ Yard waste;
- ◆ Chemical waste-paint, fluorescent light tubes, hazardous materials;
- ◆ large appliances; computers or TVs;
- ◆ Tires;
- ◆ Large construction materials.

York Neighborhood Association President's Message



Lisa Anderson,
York Neighborhood
President

Greetings, Neighbors! Here's an update on Samish Way and what it has been like since stepping in as President in February -- two vastly different topics at first thought, but similar in so many ways. It's exciting to see progress, intimidating by the scope of the work ahead, and a realization that it takes a team to succeed.

Samish Way

I often hear, "Why is the Aloha Motel still able to rent out rooms?" A judge ruled that the city's condemnation of the Aloha Motel was a necessary action for public use. The owners of the Aloha have appealed the judge's decision to close the Aloha. The closing of the Aloha can take up to another year for the appeal to play out. During this time, they are allowed to operate until either a settlement can be reached with the owners or the appeal is decided in court. There are still other issues to work on regarding Samish Way, and I will share more on this in the future. I am excited to see the progress, but realize there is still a lot of work ahead.

Positive Changes

Stepping up to be the York Neighborhood President has so far been an easy transition. This is my sixth year on the board, and those years nurtured my knowledge about our city and our neigh-

borhood. This knowledge will be very useful as we address the City's Comprehensive Plan Update, implementation of the Rental Registration and Inspection Program, and an update of our codes for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). It will be a busy year, and the scope of work could be intimidating if it weren't for working with such a great team of board members who have walked this path of city planning updates before. I will be leaning on them as we go forward reviewing how these updates impact the character of our neighborhood. Changes are bound to happen, yet we will work hard to encourage the positive changes and limit negative changes that impact our city and York.

Upcoming Events

We plan to continue program events that enrich our neighborhood: Dumpster Day, park work parties, annual picnic, holiday caroling wagon ride, and quarterly education meetings and suppers. We may even fit in a couple of new or returning events this year.

Being the York President really is no different than being on the board with a new title. We all work as a team. We all step up and help. We all carry the load. I thought it would be intimidating and the scope of my responsibilities becoming burdensome. Nothing really has changed. I get to volunteer with some amazing neighbors. Whether you help deliver the newsletter, pick up neighborhood trash, volunteer in our parks, attend our events, or serve on the board, we all do our part to help keep York one of the best neighborhoods in Bellingham. Thank you.

"Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community."
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New Rental Inspection Program in Bellingham

The City Council passed the Rental Inspection program March 6th. This program will require all landlords to register their rental properties and to have an inspection of their property. This ordinance is seen as important since over 50% of Bellingham's housing is rental. This ordinance has taken over 10 years to come to fruition and is a victory for those who



have been fighting to ensure all of Bellingham's housing is safe and livable. For more information about how this will impact you if you are an owner of a rental property or a renter, see the infor-

mation below or visit the city's webpage at <http://www.cob.org/services/housing/rentals/index.aspx>.

Another important resource for owners of rental properties and renters is the City of Bellingham Landlord/Tenant Information and Resources webpage at <http://www.cob.org/services/housing/landlord-tenant.aspx>.

Information for Rental Owners About the Ordinance

Registration for this program will start July 1, 2015, and end August 1, 2015. The cost for registration will be \$10 for every unit from 1 to 20, and \$8 for every unit over 21. There are penalties for properties that are not regis-

tered, and registration fees are due annually. Inspections will start in early 2016 and take place every three years, and tenants must be informed that an inspection will be taking place.

Health and safety specific issues will be inspected. For more information, you can visit the city's Rental Registration page for rental property owners at <http://www.cob.org/services/housing/rentals/owners.aspx>.

Information for Renters About the Ordinance

This programs helps to ensure that any home you rent meets basic safety standards and is habitable. Once registration is complete this August, you will be able to go online to see if your home is registered. Check with your landlord to make sure they are registering the property, and

rent from those who are complying with this ordinance. Once an inspection is scheduled, your landlord will notify you. For more information, visit the city's rental inspection page program at Rental Registration page for tenants at <http://www.cob.org/services/housing/rentals/tenants.aspx>.

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Franklin Park Spruced Up for Earth Day

On April 18th, a motivated group of volunteers gathered at Franklin Park for an Earth Day work party. Many thanks to the students, neighbors and Bellingham Parks staff who helped the native vegetation on the Franklin Street island by pulling weeds and spreading mulch. Thanks also to Woods Coffee, Lisa Anderson and Kirsti Charlton for supplying refreshments.

The next Franklin Park work party will be on Saturday, May 16th from 10:00am-12:00pm. For more info, contact Mark at FranklinParkSteward@yorkneighborhood.org.

"You know, there's endorphins in laughter, as there are endorphins in running in the park." Marlo Thomas

Rock Hill Park Update

By Paige Anderson, Rock Hill Park Steward

Hi Yorkers! My last work party as a park steward is coming up on Saturday, May 9th, from 10 am to 12 pm.

Join us for Part 3 of the intensive invasive removal and ecological aspect of CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design). We will be removing weeds; installing cribbing to stabilize the hillside; and spreading mulch to facilitate water conservation, to cycle nutrients, and to suppress the regrowth of noxious weeds in this fragile area. All tools, gloves, and instructions will be provided by the lovely staff and interns of Bellingham Parks & Recreation's Volunteer Program.

The volunteer position of Park Steward will be open for a new person in June, when I move to Olympia to pursue graduate study at The Evergreen State College. Please contact me (Rockhillparksteward@yorkneighborhood.org) or Rae Edwards, Park Volunteer Coordinator, at (redwards@cob.org) for more information.



Volunteers pulling weeds at Franklin Park



Building the Rock Hill Park basketball court circa 1990



Paige Anderson, Rock Hill Park Steward



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Spring Gardening Tips

We had a very mild winter which is letting everyone get out into their yards early and start planting for the season. Composting is one great way to not only reduce the amount of trash you produce but also help create healthy soil in which to grow your plants.

If you don't already compost, now is a great time to start. You can either make your own compost bin or purchase one. In order to prevent unwanted visitors, such as raccoons, from coming it is important that it be covered. When starting your compost, either

add a little compost starter which is available at gardening stores or use some dirt from your garden. It just needs microbes to be introduced to get it going. You, also, can add worms.

Start with a good bit of brown material (newspaper, coffee grounds), and just a little green material to get it going. Once it is going, keep adding a mixture of brown and green materials. You will need to turn it often to make sure there is enough oxygen. That is all there is to having a free supply of organic compost.

York's Wine and Roses Garden Club

The Wine and Roses Garden Club is gearing up for a great spring of activities with a kick-off in May in the garden of Anne Mackie and Jon Ostby, behind Nelson's Market. We'll enjoy a potluck of appetizers, your own beverage, a plant exchange from your garden, and a discussion of ideas for upcoming projects at Rock Hill Park's Butterfly Garden.

Later in June we'll meet in the garden of Dondena and Tom Scott. If you have a garden spot you'd like to share and want to host one of the parties in July, August, September, or October, please let us know. And, to get the dates, times and addresses of upcoming meetings, please contact Anne Mackie at secretary@yorkneighborhood.org.

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Kids' Corner- Butterfly Gardens and Trees



Trees in the York Neighborhood

When Rock Hill Park was first being turned into a park, several volunteers got together and planted a butterfly garden there. You can see it around the playground equipment when you visit the park. Some of the plants there include yarrow, lilac, day lilies, sage, and beauty berry. These



plants' flowers have nectar that butterflies and their caterpillars

need and love! You can plant some butterfly friendly plants in your garden. Here are some ideas:

- ◆ Snapdragons
- ◆ Mallow
- ◆ Oregano
- ◆ Rosemary
- ◆ Columbine.

For more ideas visit the Grow Northwest website at grownorthwest.com.

"Trees are your best antiques"
Alexander Smith

Hey Kids...Can you find some of York's Heritage Trees?

South of Lakeway Drive

Address	Tree Name
520 Edwards	Spruce
1102 Franklin	Pine
1109 Franklin	Locust
1130 Franklin	Sawara Cypress
1138 Franklin	Western Red Cedar
1139 Franklin	Douglas Fur (2)
1141 Franklin	Western Red Cedar
1149 Franklin	Spruce
1101 Grant	Birch
1228 Grant	Lombardy Pine
1029 Humboldt	Pine
1115 Humboldt	Spruce
1137 Humboldt	Walnut
1233 Humboldt	Douglas Fur
1253 Humboldt	Western Hemlock

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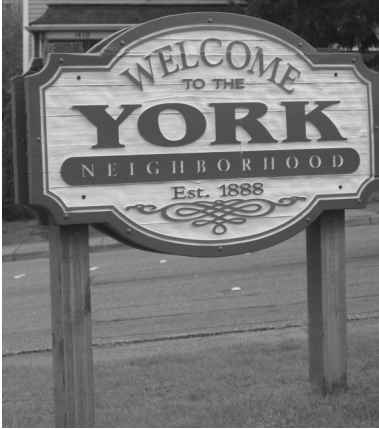
North of Lakeway Drive

Address	Tree Name
1415 Humboldt	Blue Spruce, Cedar
1711 Humboldt	Walnut
1421 Iron	Elm
1450 Iron	Catalpa
1464 Iron	Silver Maple
1600 Iron	Silver Maple
615 York	White Oak
1540 Grant	Sequoia (2)
1400 Franklin	Birch
1430 Franklin	Sawara Cypress
1348 Franklin	Bigleaf Maple
1332 Franklin	Birch
511 Gladstone	Locust
606 Gladstone	Weeping Birch
614 Gladstone	Cedar
623 Gladstone	Maple
711 Gladstone	Walnut



Comprehensive Plan Update: How Bellingham wants to grow, or NOT grow?

By Anne Mackie, YNA Secretary



Board members of the York Neighborhood Assoc. (YNA) invite York residents to join us Wed., June 10, at 7pm to talk about Bellingham’s Comprehensive Plan. The meeting is at Garden St. United Methodist Church, 1326 N. Garden.

What does the Bellingham of the future look like? We all have visions of how we’d like our city and neighborhood to change over time – or not change? Every 10 years we jump into the Comprehensive Plan discussion, which is underway from now until June 2016 when Bellingham’s updates are due to the state as required by the Growth Management Act.

How will the city manage land use, the environment, and transportation challenges for the next 20 years? How and where will the city’s boundaries expand? What are the predictable population growth numbers? How might the employment opportunities

change? These are just a few of the important questions the Comp Plan raises.

Public participation in the planning discussion is very important; and toward that end, the YNA will be a regular participant. Already, we sent three of our board members to the City’s Comp Plan Open House held March 17. We are involved in the community-wide discussion and are participating in meetings held with the Planning Commission and the City Council.

At our June 10 Board meeting we will “drill down” into some key questions specific to York: What is our current density; what more should, or could, we take? What housing types do we have and do we envision for the future? What are the possible transportation, parking and mobility issues for York as the city grows? These are just a few of the subtopics. We hope you’ll join us for the discussion June 10.



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York Calendar of Events

**ROCK HILL PARK
SPRING WORK PARTY**

Sat., May 9
10 am to 12 pm



YNA GENERAL MEETING

Wed., May 13
Garden St. United Methodist,
Church, 1326 N. Garden St.
6:30 pm Pasta Supper
7 pm Speakers & Meeting



Franklin Park Work Party

May 16
10 am to 12 pm



**WINE & ROSES GARDEN
CLUB**

SPRING KICK-OFF MEETING

Date & Location TBA
Contact Anne Mackie for info
at: secretary@yorkneighborhood.org



YNA BOARD MEETING

Wed., June 10
7pm at Garden St. United
Methodist Church



DUMPSTER DAY CLEAN-UP

Sat., June 20
8:30 am to 10:00 am
at Nelson's Market parking lot



**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
FREE ICE CREAM CONES**

Tues, June 23 at Nelson's Mar-
ket



ANNUAL YORK PICNIC

Sat., Sept. 19
3 pm to 6 pm
at Franklin Park

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of the York
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Association:**

- To reduce isolation among residents;
- To enhance the quality of life in a low and moderate income urban neighborhood;
- To create a sense of community;
- To reduce or prevent crime; and
- To preserve the historic character of the neighborhood.

**2015 York Neighborhood
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