



Eastside Neighborhood Association

Newsletter
Fall 2009

Fall General Meeting

Thursday, October 15

Chapel of Grace, Legion & Central

- Volunteering
- Treasurer's Report
- Open Mic
- Candidates' Forum

The quaint and old fashioned Chapel of Grace is one of the many charming historic buildings in our neighborhood. The First Free Methodist Congregation originated in Olympia in 1912 and built the small church. It was remodeled to its present appearance in 1933. An unusual example of the Craftsman / bungalow style used as a church, it is on the Olympia Historical Register as one of the few wood frame churches remaining in Olympia. The chapel is presently owned and operated by Bill and Carol Keeton, offering non-denomination full service weddings and receptions. We are fortunate that the Keetons are willing to share their unique setting for our meeting.

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Volunteering Opportunities in Our Neighborhood

All of these opportunities are looking for the right person! Email president@eastside-olympia.org or secretary@eastside-olympia.org to volunteer or for more information.

Newsletter Distribution Alternates: Seeking 2-5 people to deliver newsletters at various routes in the neighborhood when the regular delivery folks are unable to do a route.

Garden Walk organizer: Seeking someone to plan upcoming Garden Walk events. Includes recruiting gardeners, planning route, getting snacks, and leading the group on the day of, plus any additional publicity outside of newsletter/website. No gardening expertise needed!

Picnic organizer: Help plan next year's picnic! Get together food list, recruit community groups and volunteers, coordinate with Olympia Parks, publicize the event, and organize setup/cleanup.

President: The ENA needs someone at the helm for the interim from now through February. The President is the main point of contact with the City for Association and neighborhood concerns; answers mail, email, and phone calls; runs board and general meetings, and provides leadership for the Eastside Neighborhood Association board.

We have one volunteer who is interested in organizing Garden Walks. She's looking for two or three additional volunteers to assist. Contact us to get in touch and help!

Stay up to date with neighborhood news, updates and opportunities.

Visit www.eastside-olympia.org and subscribe to our news or sign up for our email list.

Great Summer Picnic

The annual Eastside Picnic was held on August 22. Approximately 75 people attended, and despite the early morning rain, got some pretty nice weather.

We served up burgers from Stewarts Meats, along with Gardenburgers and hot dogs. There were plenty of good sides with something for everyone, from salads made with garden kale to homemade Rice Krispie treats.

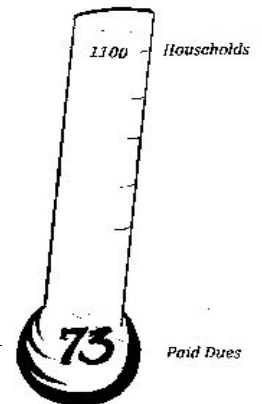
Special thanks to H2Olympia for providing artesian well water; City of Olympia Urban Forestry and Parks, Arts & Recreation for sharing information and activities; Public Works for providing recycling & compost facilities; Party Outfitters for providing the BBQ smoker grill; impromptu volunteer Alan Mountjoy-Venning for pitching in on the grilling; impromptu volunteer Larissa for helping with cleanup, and all the dues-paying members for providing funding for food and paper goods.



Treasurer's Report, Jenni Fleming

As of September 24, the ENA Checking Account had \$818.24 due to recent advertising and membership support and our Regular Savings had \$1553.78. The Neighborhood Signs fund, which is set aside for maintenance or replacement of the metal entrance signs, had \$1286.44.

Out of 1100 households, 75 are currently paid members. We want to get to 110 paid households (10% of the neighborhood!) by the end of 2009. Send in your dues form today!



Loan a tool, borrow a tool: coming soon

A small group of interested neighbors got together recently and talked how people in this neighborhood can support each other, and lend a hand or a tool, if needed or asked for. Our task and ongoing goal is to create an arena wherein people who may not otherwise know each other will feel comfortable with the prospect of sharing their belongings and engage confidently in doing so.

Access to the Tool Share database and a contact Liaison will be available soon to dues-paying members of the ENA. (Only \$10.00 Annually!) Our website will contain regularly updated lists of items available for lending as well as items wanted.

A Liaison will put the Lender and Borrower in contact with each other, facilitating their meeting. This way no personal information will be available online. After the initial contact with the Liaison, the exchange will be between the individuals. Borrower and/or Lender will download and print out the appropriate 'cards' containing the agreement between the individuals concerning return timeframes and contact methods, as well as a statement of personal liability and waiver for the ENA.

The ENA Liaison will be available should any issues arise, to provide assistance and guidance. It is our intent to expand and broaden this program as involvement grows, to fit our group's needs. We may eventually branch out to include items that aren't tools in the common sense, such as a sewing machine or large coffee pot set. Many of us have items like this, which we use rarely and that others can't justify purchasing, but could be quite useful. And why purchase more items if your neighbor would happily lend you theirs?

Once the program is off the ground, and there is more input to respond to, concerns will be addressed as they arise. Our current intent is to increase the ability for people to accomplish tasks around their homes by combining our resources. To get involved please check the box about Tool Sharing when you send in your dues. Watch eastside-olympia.org for information about how to sign up, coming soon.

Get your carts cleaned up

Recently, WasteResources committed to help locate and submit work orders for damaged carts they see on their routes. Those will be collected and replaced. The damaged carts are cleaned at the Maintenance Center by the Probation Work Crew and reused.

We're asking for your help to:

- Encourage everyone to bring carts back off of the curb after collection day. Carts are more likely to be tagged if left out.
- Spread the word that customers can ask for a replacement cart by calling 753-7368 or emailing Gateway Services (pwwgateway@ci.olympia.wa.us).
- Report graffiti on other carts in the neighborhood in the same manner. You will need to provide the address and cart color. It would also be helpful if the neighbor is informed of the request so they can leave the cart out for pick up.

Thanks to all of you who continue to help bust graffiti out of our neighborhoods!

(See <http://eastside-olympia.org/vandalism/> for info about graffiti cleanup!)

Meet Your Neighbor: Jessica Combe, interviewed by Jessica Archer

I met with Jennifer Combe, an artist in the neighborhood, at her house on Central Street. Her house is brightly colored and full of light, beautifully decorated with a sunny porch outback and plum trees in the yard. She has an amazing art studio with skylights that filter sunshine onto her paintings. Jennifer invited me in despite having a big work deadline and gave me a big bag of plums and a tour of her art studio. She has lived in the neighborhood for 4 years and currently lives with an Evergreen student who is about to graduate.

Why did you move to the Eastside Neighborhood?

I wanted to buy a house before Bush was reelected for a second term – before interest rates went up. I bought the house from Sequoia Miller and Ariel Goldmeyer (sp?) – they had this art studio, but moved to another house where the art studio is twice the size of the house.

Wow you're an artist! What type of art do you do?

I paint in oil. I just finished a low-residency Masters in Fine Arts from the Vermont College of Fine Arts. I also teach art at Tumwater High School.

What do you like about the neighborhood?

I like that it's socioeconomically diverse and close to downtown.

What would you like to see change – what should the ENA work on?

I really dislike the noise from I-5. It seems like when they cut down some of the buffer trees, it got a lot louder.

What are your hobbies? What do you like to do for fun?

I like hiking, skiing, and cooking (this one was obvious from her beautiful kitchen).

Anything else about yourself that you'd like people to know?

I don't like to talk when I get home from work (those of you who work in a school setting will understand this one!).

Where can folks see your art work?

View the art at jennifercombe.com You can also check it out now at the Waterstreet Cafe now (by the lake) and at Batdorf and Bronson in December. She's doing a show at the Portilis Winebar in Ballard in August 2010.




No, we don't put our name on tall towers. This is Olympia, not Texas after all.

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And say, "Howdy neighbor."



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Join our email list!
 Visit eastside-olympia.org to sign up.

Membership in the Eastside Neighborhood Association

Membership is open to all households and businesses between 4th Avenue and I-5 and between Eastside Street and the cemetery. Dues are \$10 per year per household. Most funds are used for printing newsletters and the annual Picnic.

Mail your dues form to **Eastside Neighborhood Association, PO Box 7666, Olympia WA 98506**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email address _____

Volunteer opportunities

- Deliver newsletters
- Write for the newsletter or website
- Help with the annual picnic
- Participate in garden walks
- Other _____

- I'm interested in tool sharing
- Add me to the ENA email list
- Send me a Thriftway donation card
- I'd like to advertise in the newsletter.