



# Eastside Neighborhood Association

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## General Meeting

Thursday February 18

Light & Life Church (7th & Fairview)

Potluck & Community Cafe at 5:30 pm

Meeting at 7:00 pm

Open mic, Bylaws proposal, Board elections, Tool sharing

## Presidents Report

By Nathan Allan

I really hope everyone had a great holiday season! This is a great neighborhood to celebrate in.

Our last Board Meeting before the holidays was great! So many people have come forward to volunteer. Whether it be a pet project or board position you are all needed and appreciated. It can be as simple as delivering this newsletter four times a year, to helping out at the Annual Neighborhood Picnic. You could even be President! For I am standing down to focus on my family, business and other volunteering I do. I will stay on the board but may not be a regular any more.

Make sure you read this whole newsletter! There are so many new things happening with the ENA and neighborhood. Also come along to the General Meeting. We will vote in the new president, new board members may volunteer, and we will have an open mic.

## ENA Ping Pong Tournament

It's time for all of you closet ping pong fanatics to come out of the woodwork and show us your stuff. Paddles & balls provided, or bring your own.

Saturday, February 20

Light & Life Church, 1901 7th Ave SE

Doors open at 5:30 pm, tournament starts at 6:00 pm

All ENA residents, and friends of ENA residents, age 13 and older, all abilities welcome. Activities for younger children provided.

Cost is \$5 per individual/couple or \$10 per family - money to be spent on pizza and drinks for all attendees.

Pre-registration REQUIRED, with registration closed at noon on Feb 20. To register, call Ruth at 956-0350 or email [gingersnapsmom@msn.com](mailto:gingersnapsmom@msn.com). When you register the following information is needed: Name, age, and approximate ability level. Also indicate whether additional family members are coming to cheer you on!

Note: Seeking any and all ping pong tables to borrow for event - use same contact information.

## Community Cafe

By Ruth Middlebrook

The ENA is hosting a Community Cafe-style discussion group to explore ways to strengthen and enhance community within our neighborhood. All ENA neighbors interested in further strengthening neighborhood relationships and connections come early to our next general meeting on February 18th to participate in this thought-provoking process.

As a conversational process, a Community Cafe is a simple methodology for hosting conversations about questions that matter. These conversations link and build on each other as people move between groups, cross-pollinate ideas, and discover new insights in the issues that are important to our neighborhood. Bring a salad or main dish; we'll provide water, rolls, and cake!

# Meet Your Neighbor – Chad Brown

Interviewed by Jessie Archer

I met with Chad Brown, a new arrival in the Eastside neighborhood. Chad just bought a 1938 craftsman style house on Legion Street back in August. The house needs a lot of work and Chad has been busy fixing it up. I tried to stop by his house a few times for the interview, but there was always a tile saw or some other power tool running! I eventually tracked him down.



## What do you like about living in the Eastside Neighborhood?

The people are friendly – I like all the foot traffic and chatting with people. It's great to be close to everything. I used to live out of town and now instead of driving to the grocery, I drive home, park, and walk to the grocery. I have lots of friends living in this neighborhood and in the northeast neighborhood. I also had a childhood friend that I would visit in this neighborhood so I have good memories of spending time here.

## What would you like to see change about the neighborhood?

I haven't really been here long enough to have issues.

## What do you think the Eastside Neighborhood Association should prioritize?

The community parties are great, but I missed the last one. More activities and opportunities to meet people face-to-face would be great.

## What do you like to do for fun?

When I'm not working on my house, I like kayaking and taking advantage of walking downtown.

## Do you have any pets?

I have a cross-eyed cat named Ralphie who likes to sit in the front window and look at people.

## Where do you work?

The Department of Ecology

## Anything else you'd like people to know about you?

I will only run the table saw during reasonable hours (lol!). Seriously, I'm excited to be in the neighborhood.

## Proposed ENA Bylaw Changes

The Eastside Neighborhood Association bylaws currently require that the ENA board consist of no less than 10 members. The current board recognizes, however, that a great deal of useful and important activities can be conducted by volunteers who do not have time for or interest in the monthly board meetings. We want to focus our volunteering efforts on getting people involved in those activities: the newsletter, the picnic, gardening activities, membership expansion, and more.

To that end, the board is proposing an amendment to the bylaws to require that the ENA board consist of 5 to 15 members. Because this is a change to the bylaws, it will require a formal vote at the annual general meeting in February. At least 25 ENA members, paid or not, need to attend for this vote. Please join us at the General Meeting on February 18 to discuss and vote on this proposal.

## Upcoming Events

### Free H1N1 Flu Shots

Sunday February 28 - 8:30am to 1:30pm

Saint Michael Church  
1055 Boundary St SE (Gathering Space)

Please wear short sleeve clothing

Sponsored by: Thurston County Health Department, Saint Michael Parish School, Saint Michael Parish Nurse Ministries, Saint Michael Safety Committee

### Community Rummage Sale

Saturday, March 6, 9 am to 3 pm

Light & Life Church - 1901 7th Ave SE

Drop off donated items: Friday, March 5th, between 7 & 9 pm

100% proceeds to be sent to Haiti

### Imagine Olympia

The city is holding a series of meetings to get public input for the upcoming Comprehensive Plan.

The closest to the neighborhood will be at the Knox Building on Thursday, February 11 at 6:30pm. Other meetings will be held through March 11.

Get more details at  
<http://www.ci.olympia.wa.us/imagine-olympia.aspx>

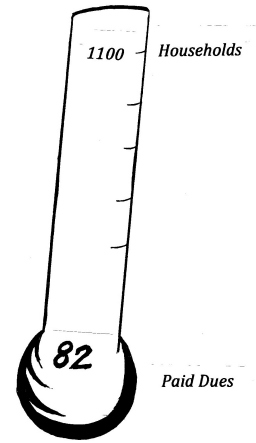
# Treasurer's Report

By Jenni Fleming

By the end of 2009 we had a total of 82 households as paid members of the Eastside Neighborhood Association. Thus far everything that the ENA provides the neighborhood has been available to people living and working within the neighborhood. Things such as our annual picnic, held every August in Lions' Park, this newsletter produced four times a year, and numerous pieces of local news, information, and announcements are available on our website without a paid membership, though it is the memberships that allow us to be able to provide these things.

It has become a goal of the board to increase paid memberships in the ENA. Our focus has been to broaden what services can be available to our community from within our community and thereby encourage paid membership. In 2010 we will institute programs and community services, such as the Tool Sharing program that will require a paid membership in the ENA. Other programs and services are always being discussed and require interested and motivated folks to get or keep the ball rolling. Please join us at the General Meeting on February 18th to have your interests heard, or try to get your needs met!

The ENA's checking account is currently \$885.95. In December of 2009, the board elected to invest \$1000.00 from the regular savings account, in a 13 month CD with our local banking institution. The regular savings account balance is now at \$525.28.



## Madison-Avanti Community Garden

By Katie Stoll

With many enthusiastic participants, including members of the ENA, plans for the Madison-Avanti community garden are progressing beautifully. We have been fortunate to receive the support of many giving and talented neighbors, including grant writers, construction professionals and experienced gardeners. Our neighbors at the First United Methodist Church of Olympia have been very generous by providing funding to help us get started. Eastside neighborhood resident and landscape architect, Kurtis Roberts has shared his talent to design an amazing garden which will essentially be an outdoor classroom. The design includes raised garden beds, ecological education beds (including native woodland and wetland plantings), and an amphitheatre seating area for presentations. Birdhouses, bird baths, garden sculptures, and magical arbors will welcome people into the learning space!

Visit the garden website at <http://groups.google.com/group/madison-avanti> to see the design and keep up with our progress. You can also contribute your ideas about the project here. Community involvement is going to be key to the sustainability of this garden and we would love to hear your ideas about how you envision the Eastside neighborhood residents getting involved in this important project. Contact Katie Stoll at 464-4507 or [kate\\_stoll@yahoo.com](mailto:kate_stoll@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or comments to share.

## Time Banking turns neighbors into friends

By Tim McLeod

Have you ever wished you had someone around to give you a ride somewhere, help with a house project, provide legal advice, help prune your trees, or just give you a hand when you need it? A time banking community is like an extended family that recognizes the different skills and assets people have within a neighborhood.

Here's how it works; at its most basic level, Time banking is simply about spending an hour doing something for someone else. That hour goes into the Time Bank as a Time Dollar. Then you have a Time dollar to spend on having someone doing something for you. It's a simple idea, but it has powerful ripple effects in building community connections. Time Banking honors the unique gifts, talents and resources that each of us has to share, regardless of age, employment or ethnic background - such as tutoring, yard work, simple repairs, running errands, and storytelling. It's labor with love.

The question: "How can I help you?" might instead be "How can we help each other build the world (or neighborhood) we both will live in?" For more info on Time Banks visit: <http://www.timebanks.org>

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# Lions Park Changes

By Elaine Nelson

We got a tip from a neighbor about playground equipment being removed from Lions Park and called Olympia Parks to find out more. The playground at Lions Park is at the end of its usable life and the Parks Department is currently working on a replacement plan. Before the plan could be completed, maintenance staff found that some of the equipment was no longer safe and had to be removed for public safety.

A initial plan should be complete in early February. After that, the department will be involving the neighborhood in setting improvement priorities, design ideas and implementation.

## Contact Us

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Questions? Want to get involved?  
Contact (360) 339-4855 or  
president@eastside-olympia.org

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## 2009 Board of Directors

Nathan Allan, President  
Elaine Nelson, Secretary  
Jenni Fleming, Treasurer  
Chad Akins, Jessie Archer, Bev Kooi, Ann Mataczynsky  
Tim McLeod, Sam Schroeder

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

But we do live, work, play (and wait for Spring!) in the Eastside.

So swing into our beautiful store on 416 Capitol Way.

And say, "Howdy neighbor."

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360.753.9123

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ENA Members get 20% off stays of 5 nights or more for family visits

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## Ads, events, and articles for the May 2010 Newsletter are due April 23.

See [eastside-olympia.org/newsletter/](http://eastside-olympia.org/newsletter/) for rates and more or email [secretary@eastside-olympia.org](mailto:secretary@eastside-olympia.org).

## 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.