86th Annual Clean Up Day
A Hunts Point Tradition...
Sunday, May 21, 2006

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 am Continental Breakfast - Town Hall
9:30 am - Update From the Mayor
- Security Plan Update
- Citizen of the Year Award
- Tree City USA Award
- Dedication of new Hunts Point Road
10:00 am Work Parties Begin
12:00-2:00 pm Lunch at Town Hall, Hot Dogs and Burgers
- DVD Presentation - Hunts Point History
- Emergency Plan Information
1:00-4:00 pm Kids Games at Town Hall Lawn
Bouncy Toys, Face Painter, and a Clown
2:00-4:00 pm Softball Game at the Park
6:00-9:00 pm Cocktail Party at Kevin & Shelly Turner’s Home
3432 Hunts Point Road
$20 per couple at the door

Call the Town Hall to volunteer for a clean up job. High School workers get a letter from the Mayor for 8 hours of Community Service.
Dear Residents:

Clean Up Day is our largest social event of the year. This tradition started in 1920 when residents organized a day for Spring Cleaning of the Town. It has evolved into a full day of activities in the Town. We encourage everyone to attend and meet your neighbors.

One of the gifts of Hunts Point is the great sense of community. We hope you can join in, and we extend a special invitation to new residents.

This year’s top priorities are SR520, Security, and Emergency Preparedness. The Hunts Point Mitigation Plan is now locked into the Draft EIS. If the project is funded in November 2007, it will be a well thought out, sensible project.

This is my 16th year of representing The Town of Hunts Point on the SR520 Project, and I am proud to say that the mitigation is locked down, and the end result will greatly enhance our communities.

Sincerely,

Fred McConkey
Mayor

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Clean Up Day, Sunday, May 21st

The 86th Annual Clean Up Day celebration is set for Sunday May 21st, 9:00 AM. Clean Up Day is a great tradition for Hunts Point. Much more goes on than clean up – it’s a full day of family fun. We still have volunteer positions open, so be there at 9:00 am to pitch in and help out. We also need more baseball players of all ages, to meet at the Park at 2:00 pm Sunday for a softball game.

We have ordered blow up bouncy toys for the kids, as well as a clown to tie balloon toys, and a face painter for smaller kids.

This year, the Medina Police Department will bring their new Mobile Command Coach to Town Hall at 11:30 am for tours during lunch. This $100,000 Emergency Vehicle was awarded on a Homeland Security grant to the Medina Police.

Bruce Swenson, the Emergency Team Chairman will explain job duties and will hand out Hunts Point Emergency Team T-Shirts to the first 75 residents to sign up and volunteer for an emergency preparedness assignment.

During the morning session, Security Chairman, Henrik Nielsen, will summarize the Town’s Security Report. He will highlight action items under way, and will describe future plans to better secure the Town from burglaries.

The evening cocktail party is the grand event of the day. Please bring an hors d’oeuvres and enjoy meeting and visiting with your neighbors. About 250 residents or 75% of the adults in the Town usually attend this party. The charge is $20 per couple at the door.

Hunts Point Road Update

The Hunts Point Road and LID project is now complete. The job is totally wrapped up. About 75% of the residents paid off the LID, so we don’t have any municipal bonds to sell to residents. The small remaining balance will be borrowed on a line of credit, and paid off by the residents of the LID over the next few years.

We have installed landscape stakes to protect the new grass on the shoulders of the road. These grass and gravel areas are to serve as walking paths, occasionally interrupted by cars parked on the gravel.

At Clean up Day, we will have a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to dedicate the New Hunts Point Road at 10:00 am sharp at the Stop Sign. We’d like all the Hunts Point Road Committee Members to be there to dedicate the road.

Tully’s Meeting Follow-up

The Annual Town Meeting at Tully’s was a great success on April 19th. We had a record turn out of 62 residents. The Mayor and Committee Chairmen explained the Emergency Preparedness Plan and The Security Plan. The residents were very supportive and encouraged The Planning Commission, Staff and Council to implement new Security and Emergency measures. There will be no special assessment or new taxes for these expenditures, as the Town has adequate reserves to fund these important programs.

To learn more about the Security Program, please attend the Clean up Day Breakfast Presentation at 9:00 AM. The Emergency Plan will be explained during lunch at Town Hall.

U.S. Mail Box

We have installed a small, locking mailbox, for outbound mail near the Traffic Circle. The U.S. Mail Box is at the end of the pagoda, just past 8329 Hunts Point Circle.
SR520 Mitigation Package “Locked Down” with Governor Gregoire

The Mayor of the Points Communities met with Governor Gregoire and Doug MacDonald, Secretary of Transportation, and “Locked Down” a deal for Mitigation and Enhancements for The SR520 Project, as it pertains to the Points Communities.

The project is the same as I have described for the last 3 years; a 6-lane Bridge, 2 general passenger lanes, 1 carpool/Rapid Transit lane, a bike lane, a shoulder for disabled vehicles, three 500 foot landscaped LIDS, continuous sound walls, quiet pavement study, future High Capacity Transit, and a transit stop at Evergreen Point and Yarrow Point. It is an excellent deal for our communities. It will greatly improve the quality of life, especially for residents near the freeway. The noise levels will be cut in half and new landscape park lids will rejoin our communities.

Now the focus moves to Seattle for a buy off on the Westside. The 520 Draft EIS is being released in June 2006. The biggest challenge still remains the funding. The three mega projects are linked together in a single vote in November 2007, to establish funding for the Viaduct, SR520, and Sound Transit Phase II. This way, no special interest group can shoot down a project, as we are all in the same vote. I am very impressed with Governor Gregoire’s Transportation Plan. She knows how to make deals and how to get projects funded. The next step will be a media campaign to garner public support for these projects at the Polls.

Clearwire Internet Service

The Town signed a lease with Clearwire for a new flag pole to serve as an Internet Antenna. The service will be available toward the end of 2006, providing another high speed internet option in addition to Comcast and Qwest DSL. Their prices will be at market, and we expect prices to come down with more competition. The technology is wireless and uses a modem inside the home. Hunts Point is one of three initial markets served on a national rollout.
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