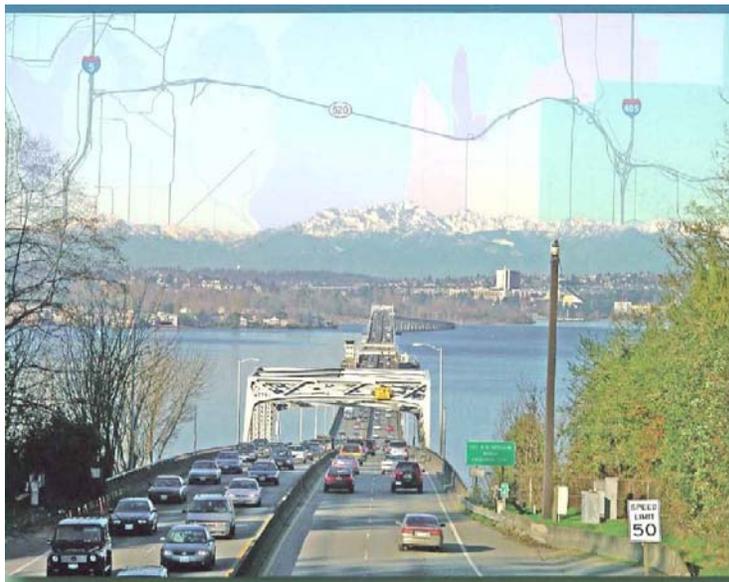




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SR520 Update

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The Governor declared the six lane option as the preferred alternative for replacing the SR520 Bridge, which was widely expected. All issues on the Eastside have been settled. On the Westside of 520, the UW and Montlake neighbors continue to negotiate for a better deal. The City of Seattle has demanded that WSDOT replace the Viaduct with a tunnel, and install a fly over ramp from 520 and over the UW Stadium parking lot to connect the new Pacific Avenue exit and new light rail transit station (lowering traffic in Montlake). With Seattle still in flux, the design efforts have been moved to the Eastside, so our side will be completed first, on the early rounds of funding. The Bridge will be replaced first. The pontoons are 185’ X 346’ each, enough for light rail capacity. The SR520 project recently received another \$200 million from the Viaduct 6 Lane Tunnel Plan, which was scrapped last week. We are using the \$500 million in 2005 gas tax funds for the EIS and Bridge Engineering. The bridge is about 30% designed on the Eastside.

The Governor is playing hard ball with The City of Seattle. If they continue to stone-wall and negotiate, Seattle’s money will go to other “ready to go” projects. In November 2007, there will be a public vote to fund the RTID, a \$14 Billion Road and Phase II Light Rail Transit Package. It seems that the vote will pass. It will cost the average driver about \$230 per year in additional taxes.

The Town of Hunts Point continues to cooperate with WSDOT to improve the on-ramp, lid, traffic circle and entrance to Hunts Point. Once again, our focus is to improve the appearance and increase security at the entrance to Hunts Point.

The eventual goals are:

1. Continuous sound walls to reduce noise 50%, and to restrict pedestrian access to Hunts Point.
2. A low profile security building near the Traffic Circle, manned by Medina Police to observe incoming traffic and to monitor 16 security cameras. This will not be a gated community, as that is a complex undertaking.
3. A 500 foot landscaped freeway lid with trees and foliage; to beautify the entrance and to serve as another buffer to Hunts Point.
4. To implement an alternative ramp design so the carpool lane, and carpool cheaters do not come into Hunts Point.



Local News

Message From Your Mayor...

Dear Residents,

During 2006, we set three priorities for the Town:

1. Improve Security
2. Implement Emergency Procedures.
3. Plan and Prepare for a New 520 Bridge.

We made tremendous headway in planning these objectives. During 2007 – 2010, we will continue to fund and implement these plans and improvements.

We enjoy outstanding participation from highly talented residents, planning commissioners, and council members. Thanks to all of you that have made these things happen.

Hunts Point has always been a great community. Our goal is to make it as safe and secure as possible. Many people have commented "Thank God the Mayor got robbed".

Sincerely,

Fred McConkey
Mayor

Security

We are proud to report that there were no home burglaries in Hunts Point during 2006. The other Points Communities did not experience the same drop in crime. Improving Town Security was our top priority in 2006. The following items helped to lower the probability of burglaries in Hunts Point.

1. Communication to residents to lock doors and windows and set security alarms.
2. Surveillance cameras at the traffic circle to deter burglars.

3. An outstanding and very visible job by the Medina Police force.

For 2007, we will increase security systems even more by:

1. Installing 10 more surveillance cameras all around Hunts Point.
2. Increasing police patrols with the Medina Police.
3. Implementing a "Block Watch" program in every area of Hunts Point.

Town Finances

The Town is in a strong financial position with over \$1 Million in reserves. Over the next three years we estimate that our revenues will exceed expenses by about \$100,000 per year. This increased revenue is mainly fueled from excise taxes on the sales of large estates, as well as strong building permit activity.

Over the next three years, we will spend about \$300,000 on the following items:

1. 10 new security cameras
2. 15 new street lights
3. Emergency generator, equipment, and tool shed.
4. Security building and Increased lighting at the entrance to Hunts Point.
5. Electronic speed signs
6. Improvements to the Hunts Point entrance to dove tail with the new 520 lid and sound walls.

Volunteers Appreciated

I'd like to personally thank the following residents that contributed their time, talents, and brain power to make Hunts Point a better place to life. We have an All-Star line-up.

Newly Appointed

Larry Williams, Council Member
John Torode, Planning Commission (PC), Chair
Henrik Nielsen, PC, Security Systems Chair
Bruce Swenson, PC, Emergency Program Chair
Arnold Blinn, PC, Technology Chair
Jill Davis, Planning Commissioner
Mike O'Bryne, Weatherill Nature Preserve Board

Recently Retired

Jeff Wright, Council Member—10 years, HP Road Chair, Water Commissioner
Cheryl Cooney, Weatherill Nature Preserve Board, 10 years

Don't forget the Retirement Celebration for Jeff Wright and Cheryl Cooney on Tuesday, February 13th. Please R.S.V.P. with Carolyn at McConkey Development Co.—(425) 889-1180.

December Wind Storm

The December 14th wind storm roared through Hunts Point blowing over about twenty large trees and knocking out the power. Hunts Point was without power for thirty hours, while Medina, Yarrow Point, and much of Bellevue was out for close to a week. Hunts Point has all underground utilities, so when the sub-station came up, so did Hunts Point. Other neighborhoods needed to clear trees and fix downed power lines before their power was restored.

Our new Emergency Plan worked well, but this was also a big time wake up call for what still needs to be done. The following items will be completed by Clean Up Day.

1. Purchase and install a generator for Town Hall.
2. Distribute 12 walkie-talkie radios to Emergency Team.
3. Purchase chain saws for clearing trees from roads.
4. Schedule a Training Day (dry run) for the Emergency Team.

Thanks to those residents that cleared trees, checked up on elderly people, and generally pitched in to help out.



Electronic Speed Signs

Electronic speed signs will be installed in the next few months at three locations in Hunts Point. These sign boards will flash the speed drivers are traveling, compared to the posted speed limit. These signs can also be programmed to automatically issue speeding tickets if speeding problems persist. The electronic speed signs will be installed on Hunts Point Lane by the Park, outbound on Hunts Point Road near the Hunts Point Lane turn, and half way down Hunts Point Road. The speed signs were preferred over speed bumps by most residents at the public meetings.



Clearwire Service

Clearwire will be installing an 84 foot tall antenna pole behind the tennis courts to serve all of Hunts Point. This location was preferred by residents over the Town Hall flag pole location since it is more out of the way. A public hearing will be held at Town Hall on February 27, 7:00 pm, for the height variance. The pole will be near the freeway, dark colored, and among trees, to be less noticeable. Clearwire wireless internet service will begin about April 2007 in Hunts Point.



Block Watch Meetings

We had a good year with no crime, and we hope to keep it that way. The Medina Police are helping to coordinate Block Watch Training Meetings. These Training Meetings will be held in residents homes and led by a Medina Police Officer. Let us know if you would like to host a Block Watch Meeting with ten to fifteen of your close-by neighbors. Call Jack at (425) 455-1834 to schedule.

Also, remember to immediately call 911 to report any suspicious activity you may see. This is our biggest crime deterrent... watching out for each other.





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E-Mail Messages

We continue to update resident's records and addresses at Town Hall. This information is held strictly confidential and for Town use only. If you would like to receive emails from The Town, please email us or send your v-card. Later this year we plan to offer a variety of emails to those that want to receive them.

1. Monthly Newsletter
2. Block Watch Information
3. Neighborhood Safety Tips
4. Emergency Information
5. Milfoil programs available for private pay
6. Hunts Point History Book excerpts.
7. OSL Meetings, Notices
8. Parent/Children, Toddler's Night
9. Don Lewison Commentaries

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION—Tuesday February 13th from 6:30 pm—9:30 pm, there will be a Dinner with No-Host Bar for Jeff Wright and Cheryl Cooney at Bis on Main at 10213 Main Street in Bellevue. All residents, especially current and former council members and planning commissioners are invited to attend. Please R.S.V.P. with Carolyn at McConkey Development (425) 889-1180.