



Town of Hunts Point Newsletter

Hunts Point Town Meeting

**All Residents are Invited to the
Town Meeting at Tully's
Wednesday, April 4, 2007
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM**

The Town Meeting at Tully's is an annual event where residents can voice their opinions to the Town Staff, Mayor, Council, and Planning Commission.

From these meetings, we prioritize issues, and make new plans. This is also a great time to meet your neighbors. This year's topics include:

1. SR520 Design, Mitigation, Timing and Funding
2. Town Security Update
3. Block Watch Program
4. Emergency Plan
5. Street Lighting and Speed Signs
6. Open Discussion



Schedule

6:30 pm to 6:45 pm	Free Coffee, Pastries, Socializing
6:45 pm to 7:00 pm	Introductions, Mayor's Comments
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Town Meeting Topics
8:00 pm to 8:30 pm	Questions, Break out Groups

~Free Tully's Pastries and Coffee for All Residents~

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Town of Hunts Point

Mayor

Fred McConkey

Council

- Jeri Boettcher
- Ted Frantz
- Kevin Hughes
- Jim Nordstrom
- Larry Williams

Planning Commission

- John Torode, Chair
- Henrik Nielsen
- Arnold Blinn
- Ron Gershwind
- Jill Davis
- Mark Bloom
- Rob Trickett
- Bruce Swenson

Town Staff

- Jack McKenzie
- Sue Israel
- Linda Longmire
- Sue Ann Spens

Town Attorney

Mike Kenyon





TOWN MEETING AT TULLY'S

Local News

Message From Your Mayor...

Dear Residents,

We have scheduled the Tully's Town Meeting earlier this year to avoid Spring Break, and improve our attendance. We hope you can attend, and voice your opinions. We do listen to our residents.

Everything is running pretty smooth on Hunts Point, and we are currently fresh out of problems.

We hope you join us for the Spring activities listed in this letter, to meet your neighbors and to experience the magic of Hunts Point.

Sincerely,

Fred McConkey
Mayor



For those that are new, or haven't attended this annual meeting, we invite you to join us this year.

This is an open forum "Town Meeting" to learn more about the current objectives of The Town, to voice your opinions, to bring up new issues, and socialize with your neighbors. We hope you can make it, Wednesday, April 4, 2007, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, Tully's Coffee Shop on Points Drive. Save the Date!

EMERGENCY PLAN

Our Emergency Plan has been completed, and much of the new equipment has arrived. On Saturday, May 19th, we will schedule a "Mock-Emergency" to plan procedures in the event of an earthquake. All residents are encouraged to come and learn what to do. We especially need the emergency team volunteers to show up. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th, 10 AM to Noon at Town Hall, (the day before Clean Up Day).

The objectives for the day are to:

1. Build Teams
2. Simulate an Emergency
3. Learn how to use hand held radios with Medina Police
4. Learn how to safely operate chain saws.

SECURITY UPDATE

The town has hired a security camera consultant to take our security systems to the next level. We are beginning a pilot project where our cameras will be linked to a Police data base. Every license plate will be read and automatically run against a data base of stolen vehicles. We are installing ten more remote cameras all around Hunts Point. These cameras will communicate with the Medina Police via the new Clearwire service. The Medina Police will have monitors in their Police cars to view the camera images in real time. They will be alerted to any stolen cars entering Hunts Point. In a few months, we will have one of the most advanced systems in the state to protect our citizens from home invasion crimes. We are happy to report no burglaries for 2006 or 2007, our best record ever.

STREET LIGHTS

We have budgeted \$70,000 for new street lights this year. The Hunts Point Lane neighborhood presented a proposal for new street lights and for two new speed bumps. Since 80% of those residents signed and presented a petition to the Council, it was approved in one evening. Thanks to Heather Smith, Kimberly Hett and Donna Shannon for organizing the effort.

We hope to work with other Hunts Point streets to deliver what you want. This will be discussed further at the Tully's Meeting.

SR520 UPDATE

With the Double “No” vote on the Viaduct, Seattle does not have a defined project for the fall 2007 Transportation Package vote, so SR520 picked up another \$300M of the viaduct’s money. The funding sources for SR520 are as follows:

State funds and Gas Tax	\$.6
RTID Vote Fall 2007	\$1.1
Tolls	<u>\$.7</u>
Total	\$2.4 Billion

The total project cost is now \$4.38 BN. If the RTID vote passes, the project will be underway, and the balance of the funding will be identified over the next ten years as construction is underway.

The West side of the lake is still deliberating over various interchange options at Montlake; as a result, their design planning has stopped.

The Eastside has a common vision and has adopted the six lane preferred alternative. As a result, the Points Communities Mayors will begin a series of Design Workshops to plan our portion of the project, with the architects and engineers.

We are planning the intricate details of the Transit Stops, the LID’s, Sound Walls, Bike Path, and Loop Walking Trail. This design process begins in April and will conclude in August. After that, our side of the project will go forward into working drawings and engineering.

The Viaduct project is planning improvements for the north and south ends. The middle portion remains in controversy. In my opinion, the most likely option is a more beautiful and elevated structure. The surface option would be eight lanes wide, and would not provide enough capacity. The tunnel option is too expensive, has many cost risks, and would make it very difficult for waterfront businesses to survive. We are most fortunate that the Eastside Mayors have a common vision, and our side of the SR520 project is progressing on schedule.



MILFOIL

We are trying a new program and a new Milfoil contractor this year. We have hired Aquatec for the 2007 milfoil service. They do not use a spray, but rather cut the milfoil, and haul it away, four times per season between May to August. This will help the milfoil from growing to the surface, and should help to remove the floating weeds and debris that collects in the bays and canals. We will test the cut and haul away method this year to see if we get better results. The Town will bill waterfront residents \$200 per house for this service.

CLEAN UP DAY

Clean Up Day is Sunday, May 20th, save the date on your calendars (more information on back panel).





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**87th Annual
Clean Up Day
Sunday, May 20, 2007**

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| 9:00 am | Continental Breakfast - Town Hall |
| 9:30 am | - Update From the Mayor
- Citizen of the Year Award
- Tree City USA Award |
| 10:00 am | Work Parties Begin |
| 12:00-2:00 pm | Picnic Lunch at Town Hall, Hot Dogs, Pop and Chips
- Live Music |
| 1:00-4:00 pm | Kids Games at Town Hall Lawn
- Blow Up Bouncy Toys, Slide, Kids Games |
| 2:00-4:00 pm | Softball Game at the Park |
| 6:00-9:00 pm | Cocktail Party (location to be announced)
\$20 per couple at the door |



High School workers that participate on the clean up projects get a letter from the Mayor for 8 hours of Community Service (now required to graduate).