



# Town of Hunts Point Newsletter

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All Residents are invited to the

## Hunts Point Halloween Party At Town Hall

Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 5 :00 PM to 6:00 PM

There will be a pre Trick-or-Treating Pizza Party and Costume Parade at Hunts Point Town Hall from 5PM to 6PM on Halloween night. All residents, and all ages are invited to attend. Bring your kids, or just stop by to see how cute the kids are in their costumes. After the Pizza Party, the kids can trick or treat with their parents. Everyone is invited to the Schweickert's Haunted Property at 3638 Hunts Point Road, for tricks, treats, cookies, and cider. Thank you Mrs. Schweickert, for all of your amazing Halloween decorations. Check your mailbox pagodas for more information as Halloween gets closer.





## Local News

### Message From Your Mayor...

People often ask me what it is that makes Hunts Point such a special place. In my opinion, it is the people, the zoning code, and the strong sense of community. In 1955 Hunts Point incorporated to prevent a high density sub-division from being built near the current gas station site. When the Town was organized, the zoning code was brilliantly drafted by John Erlichman, an attorney and Hunts Point resident at the time. Building lots cannot be sub-divided, views are protected by the string-line, and trees are protected by ordinance. Hunts Point has remained natural and largely unchanged for the past 50 years. Past Councils, acting through the "Board of Adjustments", did not grant many variances. As a result, they protected Hunts Point from all the new residents coming in with a better idea.

In 1998, we updated the code ever so slightly, and began a Hearing Examiner System to hear all the variances. With the Hearing Examiner System in place, the Council no longer hears variances, and does not have to judge their neighbors' land use requests. With this system firmly in place, Hunts Point will continue to remain the same. The current threats to Hunts Point are more external than internal; the expansion of SR520, burglaries, crime, identity theft, natural disasters, shoreline regulations, and even the battle against milfoil.

The current Council and Planning Commission is an "All-Star" group, and we are making significant progress to protect Hunts Point from these new challenges. Thanks again to all of you that volunteer to make Hunts Point such a special community.

*Fred McConkey*

Fred McConkey  
Mayor

## STREET LIGHTS AND SPEED BUMPS

Last summer, the residents of Hunts Point Lane came to the Council with a petition requesting more street lights and new speed bumps, which are being installed. The new street lights are very attractive and emit a "mellow" illumination that are neighborhood friendly. This is the style of light standards we will install in other parts of Hunts Point during 2008. Drive down Hunts Point Lane at night and take a look at these street lights. The Planning Commission is working with neighborhoods by section to install new street lights where they are wanted; 80<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Hunts Point Circle, Hunts Point Place and Fairweather Place. Based on resident responses, Hunts Point Road residents only want 3 or 4 new street lights for all of Hunts Point Road.

## QUIET PAVEMENT

Quiet Pavement is great! I have never heard so many positive comments; "it's like driving on carpet", or "I never knew my neighbor's dog was such a yapper". The data shows we have reduced road noise by 50%, or 10 decibels.

About 10 years ago, The Points Communities Mayors began researching Quiet Pavement, as it was being used in other parts of the country. Quiet Pavement is an asphalt product that is mixed with rubber from ground up tires. Because it is a softer and more porous material, it does not last as long. It has not been widely used because the Fed's won't fund it due to its higher life cycle cost.

We are fortunate to be chosen as a test area. Four rubberized asphalt compounds are being tested for sound quality and durability. We hope Quiet Pavement will be used for the new 520 bridge and for the entire 520 corridor when construction begins in 2013.



## TOWN SECURITY MEASURES

Over the past two years, we have increased Town security and have better educated our residents on how to protect themselves from crime and home burglaries. I am proud to announce that we are beginning our third year with “NO” home burglaries on Hunts Point. In the prior 5 to 10 years, we averaged 3 to 9 home burglaries every year. The actions we have taken to increase security are:

- Installed Surveillance Cameras at the traffic circle
- Upgraded Security Cameras to read license plate numbers at night
- Increased Medina Police patrols
- Parked a Police car near the traffic circle and all around Hunts Point
- Educated residents on how to protect themselves.

Some of the ways you can protect yourself are: Use and arm home security systems 24/7 (this action alone lowers the chances of a home burglary by 80%); use locking mailboxes (order from Town Hall for \$188); lock doors and windows 24/7; park cars in garage at all times; never leave cars unlocked or keys in the ignition, even if car is in the garage; and participate in Block Watch Programs sponsored by the Medina Police.

In 2008, the Town will add more security cameras, street lights, and police patrols. Crime is all around us, and we cannot present “opportunities” to burglars. This past July, a Bellevue High School student parked his car at 3300 Hunts Point Road to wash windows for a resident. He left his keys in his jacket near the car. He went down the driveway to the house, and his car was stolen within 20 minutes, in the middle of Hunts Point Road, in the middle of the day. Our security cameras recorded the stolen car and the chase car exiting Hunts Point. The Federal Way Police arrested three men with three stolen cars; one of them had the student’s wallet in his pocket. These individuals were members of a large car theft and chop shop ring. Burglars are in our neighborhoods, watching us, and when an opportunity arises, they steal our cars, our mail, and break into our homes. We have lowered our “hit ratio” because we are no longer an easy target. Take a look at the “Crime Prevention Information” on the Medina Police website; [www.medina-wa.gov](http://www.medina-wa.gov), then click police department; crime prevention. These simple tips can lower our chances of home burglaries. Let’s see how long we can keep our “no hitter” streak going.

## SR520

The future of SR520 hinges on the “Roads and Transit” vote on November 6, 2007. If this vote passes, the new 520 bridge project will be fully under way. If the vote does not pass, the project will be short \$1.1 Billion, and will once again be deferred. For factual information to decide your vote, go to [www.roadsandtransit.org](http://www.roadsandtransit.org).

The Design and Mitigation package for the Eastside is largely complete. The Points Communities Mayors are on an Arbitration Panel to help Seattle agree on a single design solution for the Montlake area. This decision is due back to the Governor in December 2008, and then the Westside design can be completed.

If the “Roads and Transit” vote passes in November, we will immediately move into final working drawings, permits and building of the pontoons, which are 385 feet long each. Construction will begin in about 5 years and the entire corridor will be completed by 2020.



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**All Residents are invited to attend**

**The Annual  
Overlake Service League  
Fall Feast and Cocktail Party  
Fundraiser**

**Sunday, November 4, 2007  
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
At the Home of Kevin and Shelly Turner  
3432 Hunts Point Road  
Please bring an hors d'oeuvre**

