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Hunts Point Town Meeting At Tully’s on Points Drive

**All Hunts Point Residents are Invited
Wednesday, April 23, 2008
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM**

All Town residents are cordially invited to attend the 10th Annual Town Meeting at Tully’s. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about your town, and to ask questions about issues of concern. This meeting provides public feedback to your elected officials and staff to guide Town policy and decisions.

This year’s topics include:

1. WSDOT Presentation on SR520 and the LID for 84th Ave NE
2. Open Q&A on topics from residents
3. Security update from Chief Jeff Chen, and Block Watch sign up

Schedule

6:30 pm to 6:45 pm	Free Coffee, Pastries, Socializing
6:45 pm to 7:45 pm	SR520 Presentation
7:45 pm to 8:00 pm	Chief Chen, Block Watch
8:00 pm to 8:30 pm	Open Topics from Residents

~Free Tully’s Pastries and Coffee for All Hunts Point Residents~





Local News

Message From Your Mayor...

Dear Residents,

At Hunts Point, we continue to make "security" our top priority. We have a three year plan to install more street lights and security cameras throughout all of Hunts Point. Police Chief Jeff Chen is committed to implement a formal "Block Watch" for all residents that want to participate. The program will be introduced at Tully's Town Meeting.

Once again, we encourage residents to improve their own security by always setting home alarms, parking all cars in the garage, and by using a locking mail box. This simple routine lessens the chances of a crime occurring by 80%.

On a lighter note, we welcome everyone to the Tully's Town Meeting and the Clean-Up Day festivities. This is a great opportunity to get involved and meet your neighbors. The true beauty of Hunts Point is its Preserved Sylvan Nature and its friendly residents.

Step outside of your home and attend these Spring events. You will soon discover why Hunts Point is such a special place. It is our unique sense of community.

Fred McConkey
Mayor

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE

On Saturday, May 17, 2008, from 10:00 AM to noon, the Town will have another Emergency Training Exercise. We did this last year, and it went well. All residents, especially those on The Emergency Team, are encouraged to attend. Bring your radios, and have them charged up.

Also, doctors and nurses that formally register on the Town's Emergency Team will be granted extra immunity under a new state statute. See you May 17th, 10:00 AM, Town Hall. Help us get prepared for the big one, and let's pray it never happens.

MEDINA POLICE

The Town has renewed its service contract with The Medina Police Department. We will pay 14% of the Medina Police Department's actual annual expenditures. In the end the Council felt that the local knowledge and high caliber of Medina's Police Officers was worth the premium over the other alternatives.

TAXES

The Town will cut back expenses to fund the Medina Police contract and not raise taxes. For example, the prices for Clean-Up Day will need to be increased over the 1950's level so the event breaks even. Additionally, if all residents use "Hunts Point, WA 98004" for their address, rather than "Bellevue", our town gets 1% of the 8.9% state sales tax. If you use a Bellevue address, Bellevue gets our sales tax. This is even more important now with sales taxes on internet purchases credited to the town of delivery. If you can register and accept delivery at your Hunts Point home address of all boats, cars, planes, and internet purchases, the Town gets 1% of the sales tax. In addition, any work done and purchases made in the Town of Hunts Point, the Town gets 1% of the sales tax. Please use our Tax Code #1713. This will make a huge difference in town revenues.

Real estate tax bills increased for everyone last year. This is due to increased assessed values and new county taxes for water and flood districts. The Town did not increase its tax rates. For all of the value on Hunts Point, the Town only receives about \$260,000 in real estate taxes, which is less than half of what it takes to run the Town. This is why sales tax is so important to us.

TOWN SECURITY

Many of you were solicited by some very aggressive magazine salesmen last month. This is a legitimate magazine sales organization that travels the state selling magazines in high end neighborhoods. If you really don't want to buy any new magazines, these salesmen become rather persistent and intimidating. Many of you called the Police or 911. In order for the police to take any action, residents need to post a "No Trespassing" sign at the end of your driveway. If solicitors come, you can ask them to leave; if they don't, you can call 911 and have them arrested for criminal trespass. More will be discussed at the Tully's Meeting by Chief Chen.

FREE SHREDDING

On May 17th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM a Shredder Truck will be at Medina Park to shred resident's records for free. Medina Police are coordinating this.

SR520 UPDATE

The SR520 Mediation Committee has forwarded three Montlake options to WSDOT for further study in the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement. These options will be evaluated for cost, environmental impact, traffic efficiency, and neighborhood impacts. The design will likely be a narrow foot print 6 lane bridge with a second draw bridge or a tunnel under the Montlake cut.

WSDOT is also studying tolls. Electronic tolls are in place on the new Tacoma Narrows Bridge. The toll is \$3.00 for cash and \$1.75 using an electronic scanner that charges the toll to your credit card. A HOT lane test will begin this fall on SR167, allowing single occupants to drive in the carpool lane by paying an electronic toll of \$.50 to \$9.00 depending on time of day and the amount of congestion.

The Federal Government is willing to contribute \$140 Million to SR520 if we begin pre-construction tolling on SR520 in fall 2009. I-90 may also get tolls to curb the diversion and to raise more money. Eventually the State plans to finance more major highway projects with variable tolls, otherwise known as congestion management. The State of Washington already has one of the highest

gas taxes in the nation at \$.55/gallon. The voters have consistently turned down tax increases, so tolls are the only way, and they do not require a public vote. These tolling measures will likely be approved in the next Legislative Session.

Construction of SR520 is to begin in 2012 with the new bridge opening in 2014. The pontoon construction will begin in fall 2009. A quick summary of the Eastside SR520 project is:

- 6 lane bridge; 4 general; 2 carpool/bus; and ability to add High Capacity Transit
- 500 ft. landscaped LID'S at Evergreen Point, 84th Ave NE, and 92nd Ave NE
- Transit Stations at Evergreen Point and 92nd
- Continuous Sound Walls averaging 12 feet high
- Bike path and separate Loop Trail on north side of bridge

WSDOT's SR520 Team will be at the Tully's Meeting to present a computer generated traffic model, and a computer tour of the proposed eastside improvements. It is a great presentation and very informative. We hope you can attend.

Proposed LID at 84th Ave.



Proposed Transit Station at Evergreen Point



STREET LIGHTS

The new street lights on Hunts Point Lane have been well received, so we are rolling out this new light standard design for the balance of Hunts Point over the next three years. 80th Ave NE will get new street lights in 2008.

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**88th Annual
Clean Up Day
Sunday, May 18, 2008**

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| 9:00 am | Continental Breakfast - Town Hall
(Free coffee, juice, fruit, quiche) |
| 9:30 am | Update from the Mayor, Announcements & Presentations |
| 10:00 am | Work Parties Begin from Town Hall |
| 12:00-2:00 pm | Picnic Lunch at Town Hall, Hot Dogs, Pop and Chips
(\$5 Adults; \$2.50 Kids) |
| 1:00-3:00 pm | Kids Games on Town Hall Lawn
- Blow Up Bouncy Toys, Slide and Games |
| 1:30-3:00 pm | Softball Game at the Park (all ages) |
| 5:00-7:00 pm | Cocktail Party—Garth MacLeod's new home at 3810 Hunts Point Rd.
(\$20 per person 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).**
- **Projects available for Scout Troops too!**