



Town of Hunts Point Newsletter

Overlake Service League Fall Feast

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All Hunts Point Residents are
cordially
invited to attend



The Overlake Service League
Fall Feast

Cocktail Party and Fundraiser

Sunday, October 26, 2008

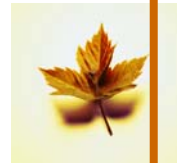
5:00 pm—8:00 pm

Hosted by

Jolene and Bruce McCaw

3858 Hunts Point Road

Please bring an appetizer.



Our annual Hunts Point Fall Feast will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2008 from 5:00 – 8:00 PM hosted by Jolene and Bruce McCaw, 3858 Hunts Point Road. All adult residents of Hunts Point are invited to this cocktail party and fundraising event for the Hunts Point Circle of Overlake Service League. This will be a festive evening of socializing with friends and neighbors. Invitations will be mailed to all residents in mid-October.





Local News

Message From Your Mayor.

Dear Residents:

With the economy slowing down, we are projecting lower revenues to the Town next year from home sales and construction projects. We hope everyone will follow directions on sales tax streaming so we can collect all the revenues we are due. We will be reducing our costs next year to meet the lower revenue projections. As a result, we will need to charge residents the true actual cost of items like milfoil treatment, Halloween parties, and clean-up day. We hope you do not find this annoying, but we don't want to reduce services or raise property taxes. The Town will slow down the roll out of capital expenditures for new street lights, more security cameras, and plans for a new Town Hall. Our priorities are the safety and security of our residents, and that is where we will focus our money. Hunts Point has been rather resistant to past recessions, but still, we will guard our surplus through this economic cycle.

Sincerely,

Fred McConkey
Mayor

OVERLAKE SERVICE LEAGUE

OSL, Hunts Point Circle

An event not to be missed, the Fall Feast is the largest fundraiser for Hunts Point Circle. Last year's Fall feast raised over \$29,000 for the many wonderful programs of the Overlake Service League. The League's mission is to assist individuals in need within the Bellevue community. Our Circle consists of over 80 past and present Hunts Point neighbors. They meet the first Wednesday morning of each month in member's homes. All Hunts Point women are invited to join the Hunts Point Circle. For more information please contact Karin Kuntz at 425-646-1370 or Marilyn Herzberg at 425-455-1245.



The Overlake Service League Thrift Shop wants your donations.

The Thrift Shop at Bellevue Square Mall is owned by the Overlake Service League. If you have gently used clothing or small household items please bring them directly to the Thrift Shop or to the drop box at Hunts Point Town Hall. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Income from the Overlake Service League Thrift Shop supports programs like the Back to School Clothes for Kids Program, the Adopt a Family Program for Thanksgiving and Christmas, Breaktime/Mealtime Program (which supplies free and reduced cost lunches to children within the Bellevue School District over their mid-winter and spring breaks), Educational Grants, and the Family Assistance Program.
(Article submitted by Marilyn Herzberg)

NEW TOWN HALL PLANS

After Hurricane Katrina, the federal government upgraded the structural standards for all public buildings. Our Town Hall is not up to the current seismic standards, and a retrofit would cost more than the building is worth. The Mayor, Council, and Planning Commission have decided that it is better to build a new Town Hall than to invest \$500,000 in the old one.

The 84th Avenue lid is about 30% designed, and the Town has hired Rich Huxley of Bassetti Architects to plan the location and a preliminary design for a new Town Hall. When the lid is built in 2010 – 2012, we will integrate the new Town Hall into the overall design. We will have new parks, playfields and paths on the lid that will tie into a new Town Hall. The primary purpose of a new Town Hall is to serve as a community center, disaster shelter, and emergency command center.

We will keep the same small staff to produce building permits and other town services. We are talking to the City of Medina about adding a Police Substation at Hunts Point, as they are short on space at their City Hall. The Town has established a sinking fund to save up money for the new Town Hall in 2011 or 2012.

The SR520 Community Design Committee has recently completed landscape and sound wall choices for the 84th Ave lid. The next rendering will be out in January 2009, including the location of the new Town Hall and the lid. I'd like to thank Mark Bloom, Juliet Vong, Pat and Laurie Finnely, Jill Heijer, and several others for participating in these community design workshops over the years. It will be a beautiful new entrance to Hunts Point.



SALES TAX STREAMING LAW CHANGE

Beginning in July 2008, sales tax is now distributed to the destination of the purchase. If you buy an airplane, appliance, all internet purchases or anything else, and have it delivered to your home, the Town of Hunts Point will receive 1% of the 8.9% state sales tax. Unfortunately, the new sales tax law does not apply to cars and boats.

The impact can be huge for our Town budget if everyone cooperates.

1. Let all contractors know that the Town's sales tax code for submitting sales tax to the state is **1713**.
2. Use your four digit zip code extension on all mail and purchases; otherwise Bellevue may get our sales tax: Hunts Point, WA 98004- _ _ _ _

To get the four digit zip code extension for your individual home go online at: www.zip4.usps.com/zip4/welcome.jsp, "search by address", or call 1-800-275-8777.

It is easy. Get in the habit of using your four digit extension so the Town can provide excellent services and keep real estate taxes low!

CRIME PREVENTION

This October marks the third consecutive year of no home invasion burglaries on Hunts Point. In previous years, we averaged 3 to 9 per year, every year. We are successful because:

1. Residents call 911 on suspicious circumstances.
2. More Police patrols by the Medina Police.
3. We park police cars around the neighborhood.
4. Surveillance cameras record every license plate coming in at the traffic circle.
5. We constantly remind residents to set their home security systems 24/7.

The home security system is your most valuable crime deterrent.

Using a security system on a regular basis lowers your chances of getting robbed by 80%.

If you don't set your security system, you increase your chances of being successfully hit by 80%.

Many residents do not use their security systems. They forgot the code, don't want to accidentally set it off and have the police arrive, or are over confident they will never be robbed in such a quiet neighborhood. Well, it happened to us three years ago and it is a terrible feeling. We had just moved in, were disorganized, and hadn't set up the existing alarm system.

Molly and I were robbed for \$30,000, plus all of her heirloom

jewelry. We were out of the house for three hours having dinner on Yarrow Point. We now have a new alarm system, and set it everyday, all day and night. I have set it off many times, and so have our dogs. The false alarms are easy to resolve. If you don't re-enter the correct code within a few seconds, the alarm company calls before dispatching the police. If you give your "code word", they cancel the police. If you give them the wrong code word they send the police, as you may be under a gun threat when answering the phone. The new systems are as simple as locking and unlocking your car with a key fob. The more you use it, the easier it becomes.

Please use your alarm systems 24/7, and keep Chief Jeff Chen's "No Hitter" going a few more years.

SR520 Update

The SR520 Mediation Committee is evaluating three final options for the Mountlake area. These are basically the same options that were advanced four years ago, although much more refined. The choices are:

1. A second bridge at Mountlake over the cut.
2. A second bridge at the arboretum that crosses the cut and bridges over the UW football stadium parking lot.

3. A tunnel under the Mountlake cut.

The tunnel option will certainly drop out as it exceeds the \$3.9 billion budget cap, and the UW will demand significant mitigation to cross their parking lot. The default option is a second bridge parallel to the existing one at Mountlake Ave. The final decision has been postponed until after the election.

The eastside improvements are moving forward regardless of the west side's deliberations and delays. Construction on the west side begins in 2010 and will be completed in 2014. The plan is to have a new bridge to hook up to by then. The full project will be completed in 2016 - 2018. It will be partially funded by tolls on SR520 and perhaps I-90. The specifics on tolling is also a post election decision.



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All Kids and Parents are Invited to the Town of Hunts Point's
2nd Annual

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 31, 2008 Beginning at 5:30 pm
At Hunts Point Town Hall

Pizza, Costume Contest, Piñata Party, and Fun!

Suggested Donation for Pizza
\$20.00 per family

Also, everyone is invited to stroll through the Schweickert's yard at
3638 Hunts Point Road on Halloween night. Their Halloween
decorations and treats are Spooktacular!

