



# Town of Hunts Point Newsletter



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An impromptu Sledding Party on December 18th at Hunts Point Circle and Fairweather Place.



Magen Williams and Ellie McConkey, all bundled up for a great time sledding in the neighborhood.



## Local News

### Message From Your Mayor. . . . .

Dear Residents:

I am very happy with the way the Town is running these days. We have a top notch staff and a terrific team of resident volunteers.

The Town is in a sound financial position with over two years of operating reserves in the bank. We put away some hay when the economy was strong.

Our goal is to create a unique sense of community, unknown to many neighborhoods. This comradary has strengthened our social network and even our Town's security.

Hunts Point is a very special place, mainly due to the wonderful people that live here. Best Wishes for 2009.

Sincerely,

Fred McConkey  
Mayor

## TOWN SECURITY AND BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM

Our Block Watch Program helped to foil an attempted robbery on one of our residents last month. Our three year record of "no home invasion robberies" is a result of our Block Watch Program, in close coordination with the Medina Police Department. A few nights before Christmas, a landscaper was fixing outdoor Christmas lights for a resident that was out of town. The landscaper noticed a man dressed all in black, peering through windows of the unoccupied home. When the landscaper shouted at him, the man ran away. The landscaper immediately called 911. A Medina Police car, parked at the gas station, was on the scene in four minutes. Within eight minutes, back up police had blockaded Hunts Point Road. Within twelve minutes, a police dog was hot on the suspect's trail. Medina Police Chief Jeff Chen called me via cell phone to alert me to the situation. In five more minutes, I called all residents in the area to notify them a burglar was on the run near their homes. Those residents called other neighbors. The neighbors closed their gates, locked their doors, turned on flood lights, set their alarms, and all homes were immediately secure.

The Police dogs tracked the scent into the lake where the burglar had run to avoid being tracked. This burglar was a professional. The police and police dogs searched the area for two hours. The dogs finally picked up the scent about 15 houses to the south where the burglar cut up from the lake, and ran through several yards to avoid the road blockade.

After reviewing the surveillance cameras at the traffic circle, we determined the burglar came in by foot. The burglar was never caught, but we sure gave him a run for his money. We are a tough neighborhood to rob, and therefore we don't get much business.

For 2009, our primary objective is to roll out the Block Watch Program to everyone, so all residents will know their neighbors, their cell phone numbers, and when they are out of town. By keeping a watchful eye on each other, we have pretty much managed to shut down crime on Hunts Point.

Please plan to attend the Block Watch meetings that will be scheduled in your neighborhood during February. If you want to be included in the Block Watch Program, please submit your detailed contact information to the Town, including email addresses and cell phone numbers to [suei@huntspoint-wa.gov](mailto:suei@huntspoint-wa.gov) or by calling Town Hall at 425-455-1834. We are building a data base and will be distributing the newsletter next quarter via email to those that send or phone in email addresses.

### **Block Watch Meetings in February Watch for Announcements**





## **2009 TOWN OBJECTIVES**

The Town Council and Planning Commission meets every October for a Retreat to plan the new year. These are the top five priorities for 2009.

1. To fully implement the Block Watch Program to all Hunts Point residents.
2. To maximize sales tax revenue by having all residents adopt the four digit zip code extension.
3. To plan a new Town Hall with a Medina Police Sub-Station for construction in 2012.
4. To improve the Town's milfoil treatment program by adding additional private pay options.
5. To add more street lights and security cameras per the three year plan.

## **SR520 UPDATE**

The Community Design Committee has completed the detailed design work for the 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue lid. This new park lid will join the tennis courts to provide 5 acres of contiguous park land at our entrance. We are designing a new town hall complete with a Medina Police Sub-Station, to integrate with the lid construction in 2012. Although the new town hall will be great for social events and Town business, the primary reason for a new town hall is to function as an emergency management command center and as a stronger security presence at the entrance.

The entire SR520 design for the Eastside is completed and funded. It will be interesting to see if the Governor and the Legislature will force a design option through for the Seattle side during this next legislative session. They are still debating over two options, one of which is \$2 Billion over budget.

## **BASEMENT ORDINANCE**

On February 2, 2009, at 6:00 PM, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to discuss the issue of basements. Currently, 50% of the underground portion of a basement is excluded from the gross floor area (GFA) calculation. The new proposal is to exclude 100% of the underground portion of a basement from GFA. This will make homes larger without adding bulk. Please plan to attend if you wish to voice your opinion on this issue.

## **HUNTS POINT HISTORY BOOK**

The Town is working to complete the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hunts Point History Book by Christmas 2009. To underwrite the project, we raised \$10,000 in donations from several neighbors. A special thanks to those that contributed to the book. Many of you were interviewed and submitted pictures a couple of years ago, but if you have more stories or information for the book, please contact the writer, Kristina Surface at 206-853-4912, or by email at [rykri@comcast.net](mailto:rykri@comcast.net).

## **TRAFFIC CIRCLE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

We wish to sincerely thank the Finnellys, the Williams, and the Powells for decorating the traffic circle with beautiful Christmas lights. This is a volunteer effort that brings the spirit of Christmas to Hunts Point.

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*Junior residents inner tubing at the Park.*

