



# Town of Hunts Point Newsletter

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*All Residents are Cordially Invited to our  
12th Annual*

***Town Meeting  
At Tully's  
(on Points Drive)***

***Wednesday, April 21, 2010***

***6:30 PM to 8:30 PM***

***Free coffee drinks served from  
6:30 PM to 6:45 PM***

***Come hear what's happening in The Town.  
Voice your opinion on:***

- 1. Topics from the Audience***
- 2. Proposed Tree Code***
- 3. SR520 Construction***
- 4. Shorelines Mgmt Act***
- 5. Emergency Practice Day and Clean Up Day***

## PROPOSED TREE CODE CHANGES

The Town has been working on revisions to the Tree Code for over two years and will present its recommendations at the Tully's Meeting. Over the past five years, we have lost 3% percent of our tree canopy coverage, falling to 57%. Based on aerial photography, we had maintained a 60% canopy coverage for 50 years prior to 2005.

The primary problem is the definition of the construction area. The construction area includes worker parking, staging areas, and truck turnaround. Much larger homes are replacing small homes and cottages on Hunts Point Road. As a result, we have lost an alarming number of significant trees in the last five years. The major changes recommended are:

1. To tighten up the construction area where trees can only be removed from the exact building envelop, including pools, tennis courts and accessory structures.
2. To require replacement of two new trees for every one taken.
3. To add selected deciduous trees to the significant tree list, including large Oaks, Maples, Madronas and Birch trees in excess of 10 inches in diameter, at 4 feet up the trunk.

A detailed presentation of the proposed Tree Code will be presented at the Tully's Meeting, and The Council will hear your public comment.



## Local News

Message From Your Mayor. . . . .

Dear Residents:

Spring has come to Hunts Point, and the cherry trees are in bloom. We live in a beautiful community. Spring is also time for our annual neighborhood events, including the Tully's Town Meeting on April 21st, and Clean Up Day on May 16th. Attend these events and get involved with your Town. You will discover the most valuable resource that Hunts Point has to offer; lasting friendships and great times with your neighbors. Hunts Point is a place like no other, for truly enjoying your neighbors.

We hope to see you at Tully's, Emergency Day, and Clean Up Day.

Sincerely,

Fred McConkey  
Mayor



## SR520 UPDATE—IT'S A GO!

This time, it really is a go. Before, only the floating bride portion was funded. The State Legislature finally passed legislation to release funding for all of SR520. We'd like to thank Representatives Judy Clibborn (Transportation Chair), Debra Eddy, Ross Hunter, and Senator Rodney Tom for helping to pass this significant legislation. WSDOT will award a Design Built Contract at the end of this year. Construction begins in 2011 and finishes in 2014. The west side has until this October to make their final revisions. The Seattle Mayor has commissioned another study for Light Rail on SR520. Regardless of deliberations in Seattle, the construction process now begins on the east side and on the floating bridge. The improvements to Hunts Point are significant. See the 84<sup>th</sup> Ave Park LID rendering on the back cover.

## MILFOIL PROGRAM

Our new Milfoil Program worked very well last year. We will treat for milfoil in early June, and again in late July. Yarrow Point is also treating for milfoil, which will greatly improve the water quality in Cozy Cove. Thanks to Town Administrator, Jack McKenzie, for researching, testing, and finding the right treatment combination to solve our milfoil issues.

## BUILDING ACTIVITY

In the past couple of months, we have seen a couple of home sales and a few new building permits. We had no sales activity for the two years prior. By cutting costs, the town managed to break even last year. We expect activity to build again, yet at a slower pace than 2005 – 2008.

## 2010 CENSUS

As you know, the 2010 Census forms have been mailed to you. Please complete and return these forms. It is ten questions in ten minutes, and determines the amount of federal funding our little Town receives. For questions on these forms, see [www.2010census.gov](http://www.2010census.gov).

## CLEAN UP DAY

Our 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Clean Up Day celebration is Sunday May 16, 2010. The Chair Persons are Annie Otteson and Juliet Vong. They have prepared a list of landscape and maintenance projects around the Town for Sunday morning. Please call Town Hall to volunteer as a landscape worker, cook, hostess, shopper, clean-up person, cashier, truck driver, or to help with kids games. We need more volunteers! Call 425-455-1834; Town Hall.

The Sunday evening "cocktail" party will be at Elaine Cole's beautiful new home at 4019 Hunts Point Road.





## BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM

We now have over four years without a single home invasion burglary. We used to average five per year. We accredit this amazing record to the Traffic Circle Security Cameras, the Medina Police, and our neighborhood Block Watch Program, all working together.

Our Block Watch System has foiled four attempted robberies in the past four years. It is not a coincidence that we have a perfect record. Our residents are alert and in tune with the fantastic officers at Medina Police Department.

## EMERGENCY PLAN

The Town's Emergency Plan is closely linked to Block Watch. Our goal is to relay communication to every resident within ten minutes of a declared emergency. The system uses flags, walkie-talkie's, cell phones, emergency cards, and an Emergency Reconnaissance Team . Under some of the mailbox pagodas, you will find a white box containing emergency cards. In the event of an emergency (earthquake or severe storm), you are asked to walk to the pagoda, grab a card, and place it at the top of your driveway under a rock. This will let the emergency teams know where there are problems when they begin their searches. The color codes are:

- 1. Red Card – Extreme Emergency
- 2. Yellow Card – Emergency that can wait
- 3. Green Card – All is well

The emergency team will prioritize homes with "Red" cards, or "No" cards, for residents that may be injured and unable to post a card.

Emergency Practice Day is Saturday May 15, 2010, 9 AM to noon, at Town Hall. That morning, The Block Watch Captains will call everyone in Town on home or cell phones to test the Emergency System Phone Tree. We will also practice the phone tree on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8 pm - so expect a call. We will then know how well our communication system is working.

I'd like to thank the Block Watch Captains for all of their work in organizing the resident information lists. The Block Watch Maps are being distributed to all residents with this newsletter. Our Block Watch Captains are:

Address	Captain	Address	Captain
4204 – 4450 H.P. Road	Kevin Hughes	2840 – 3220 80 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Jill Davis
3804 – 4064 H.P. Road	Elaine Coles	2831 – 3135 H.P. Circle	Annie Ottesen
3432 – 3661 H.P. Road	Kellie Schneider	3001 – 3200 H.P. Road	Ted Franz
3201 – 3423 H.P. Road	Jeri Boettcher	8412 – 8592 H.P. Lane	Heather Smith
3003—3115 Fairweather Pl.	Jill Davis		

The Block Watch Captains will call you to test our emergency communication system and to check the accuracy of our information. After you receive your Block Watch Maps, feel free to contact your Block Watch Captain with any changes or corrections, especially if you are new to the neighborhood, including renters.

## PASSINGS

Last year, we lost our remaining World War II veterans, Dale Madden, Dr. Wally Coburn, and Don McAusland. They will be missed and remembered. I also lost both of my parents last year. We are all getting to the age where these things happen, as many of you know. Gradually with time, we learn to reflect back with gratitude.

