

## **UPTOWN ALLIANCE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - for September 2010**

This Thursday at 7 pm until 9 pm.

The meeting agenda:

- Bill Block, Ch. King County Committee to end homelessness - on progress to date, impacts on urban centers.
- Seattle's proposed Night Life Ordinance(s).
- Report on Uptown Waterfront Access Bridge funding.
- Policing our parks (John Gessner).
- Uptown Stroll: a big success this year.
- Report on 100 Republican redevelopment project. UA Planning & Transportation Committee has supported the alley re-orientation and submits a letter in support of 'Streets for All Seattle' goals.

- New Business: bring your own topics and comments.  
For further details contact:

Rick Hooper at [Nsilberg@silberg.net](mailto:Nsilberg@silberg.net), or

John Coney (283-2049) at [djohnconey@aol.com](mailto:djohnconey@aol.com)

Or leave a message at 733-9435.

The Uptown Neighborhood Center (UNC) is located at 160 Roy Street: Look for the large grey metal 'X's - support structures - on the front of the building.

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### **Neighborhood News:**

#### **Uptown Stroll:**

Saturday, August 28th, was an outstanding success.

A big thanks to Kathy and Keith Biever who do an outstanding job of coordination.

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#### **Thomas Street overpass:**

The Fly-over to Myrtle Edwards Park has (FINALLY) received its full due funding and should be moving ahead soon. Council-member Sally Bagshaw sent the Alliance the formal announcement. Three cheers for another Uptown Alliance victory.

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### **SOLUTION(s) OF THE MONTH:**

## **Queen Anne / Uptown CleanUp Day**

**Saturday, September 18th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Meet at the Queen Anne Neighborhood Center ,  
160 Roy Street, Suite 100**

Join in the area's annual Queen Anne Clean-Up Day where neighbors pick up garbage and clean up the business district at the top and bottom of the hill.

Meet at the Neighborhood Center at 9 am. Grab a light snack, get an assignment and tools, and help clean up the neighborhood!

For more information contact Ann Pearce at 206-284-0604.

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## **Clothing Exchange in Counterbalance Park**

**Saturday, September 11th, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM**

**Counterbalance Park , 2 Roy St**

**(Corner of Queen Anne Ave and Roy Street)**

A FREE CLOTHING EXCHANGE is sponsored by the Uptown Alliance. Bring your clean, lightly used clothes and accessories to swap/trade. Bring contributions at a time of your convenience and see what your neighbors have brought.

There is no limit to the amount you bring, or the amount you take home with you. Please bring a bag to take home your treasures. No one is required to bring something, nor to take something. No money will be used; no dealers; no resales; no charities; no other organizations during the exchange hours. Leftovers will be donated to local thrift stores. REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE in Uptown.

For more info call 206-733-9435 and leave a message.

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## **Free Emergency Preparedness Training**

**Warren G Magnuson Park, 7400 Sand Point Way NE (Building 406, the Brig)**

Seattle Office of Emergency Management is offering classes to enhance your ability to personally respond during disasters. The classes are excellent training for organized community groups, neighbors, friends, co-workers, where they can learn essential life-saving skills.

Classes include:

**Saturday, September 25th, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Search & Rescue for Community Members**

Learn basic rescuer safety, search methods and markings, basic construction practices, utility control and safe lifting of heavy objects.

**Saturday, October 16th or December 11th, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Disaster First Aid**

Dual course teaches basic first aid and CPR as well as caring for multiple injuries after a major disaster when 9-1-1 is overwhelmed or unavailable.

**Saturday, November 20th, 9:00 - 11:00 AM or Noon - 2:00 PM**

**Fire Extinguisher & Utility Control**

Learn dangers of fire and how to use small, portable fire extinguishers.

Classes are free, but space is limited. Registration is required.

To register, e-mail: [snap@seattle.gov](mailto:snap@seattle.gov).

Call 206-233-5076 or visit <http://www.seattle.gov/emergency/events/default.htm> with any further questions.

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## Give your opinion on Seattle Nightlife Initiative

The Seattle Nightlife Initiative is a proposal with eight components for creating a safe and vibrant nighttime economy.

The goals of the initiative are increasing public safety, growing the local economy and improving urban vibrancy.

1. Code compliance enforcement
2. Flexible liquor service hours
3. Noise ordinance enforcement
4. Security training requirements
5. Precinct community outreach
6. Professional development
7. Late-night transportation alternatives
8. Targeting public nuisances

Please provide input and feedback at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/seattlenightlifeinitiative> by **September 15th**.

For more information visit <http://mayormcginn.seattle.gov/nightlife/>.

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## Reduce, Reuse what you can, and then Recycle.

Do you have a question about recycling, composting or reducing waste? [Ask Charlie!](#)

The recycling stations are open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. seven days a week except major holidays.

North Station: 1350 North 34th Street (located in the Fremont/Wallingford area at North 34th Street, near Carr Place North)

South Station: 8105 5th Avenue South (located south of the First Avenue South Bridge)

You can even see the waiting lines on-line at:

[http://www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Garbage/Recycling\\_&\\_Disposal\\_Stations/index.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Garbage/Recycling_&_Disposal_Stations/index.asp)

For other recycling options in the Puget Sound area, visit the Take It Back Network at

<http://www.takeitbacknetwork.org/>

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## Urban Forestry Open House

Tuesday, September 21st, 5:30 PM -7:30 PM open house,

6:00 PM presentations

City Hall, Bertha Knight Landes Room, 600 4th Avenue

Hosted by the City of Seattle the open house is an opportunity to hear about all of the City's efforts to expand and enhance Seattle's urban forest, including proposals to revise existing regulations for private property and street trees. City staff will provide an overview of the City's existing policy, programs, and resources as well as the specific regulatory proposals being considered. Staff will be available to answer questions, connect citizens with programs, and take comments on the proposals.

Also, to solicit feedback on its proposal to revise existing private property tree regulations, DPD is offering stakeholder and community groups the opportunity to host presentations and discussions on the proposal.

Groups interested in hosting presentations and discussions are encouraged to contact Brennon Staley at [brennon.staley@seattle.gov](mailto:brennon.staley@seattle.gov) <<mailto:brennon.staley@seattle.gov>> or (206) 684-4625.

More information on the proposal is available at [www.seattle.gov/dpd/planning/trees](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/planning/trees) <<http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/planning/trees>> .

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## **Do You Bike to Work or for Fun?**

FOLKpark wants to talk to bicyclists-both commuters and recreational-about the North Trail link to the waterfront that would run through the park parallel to W. Mercer Pl. and down to the Amgen/Helix Bridge.

Please contact Fred Nollan at [fnollan@hotmail.com](mailto:fnollan@hotmail.com) or Debi Frausto at [debi4kinnear@comcast.net](mailto:debi4kinnear@comcast.net).

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## **Local Farmer's Markets**

Queen Anne

Thursdays, 3-7 pm, May 20 - October 7. Located at W. Crockett St. at Queen Anne Ave. N

For more information visit: <http://qafma.org/>

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## **Department of Neighborhoods Closures in 2010**

Due to citywide budget cuts, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods and its Neighborhood Service Centers are required to close offices for 10 furlough days in 2010.

The 2010 Closure Dates for Furlough:

Tuesday, September 7

Monday, October 11

Monday, December 27

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## **RESOURCES:**

### **Useful City Contacts**

Report Graffiti - 684.7587

Abandoned Vehicles - 684.8763

Potholes - 684.7508

Streetlight Trouble - 684.7056

### **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:**

Community members can help with the City combat urban decay issues by reporting:

Graffiti to <http://www2.seattle.gov/util/forms/graffiti/graffitiForm.asp>

Illegal Dumping to <http://www2.seattle.gov/util/forms/illegalDumping/illegalDumpForm.asp>

Vacant Buildings Open to Entry at <http://web1.seattle.gov/dpd/complaintform/>

Car camping: Although sleeping in one's vehicle is not prohibited by city code, everyone is required to move their vehicle to another block every 72-hours, and Seattle's Parking Enforcement Officers do enforce this rule. Community members will need an address and the license plate number to report violations. 72-hour violations and abandoned vehicles may be reported to Parking Enforcement using this link:

[https://www.seattle.gov/police/forms/Abandoned\\_Vehicles.htm](https://www.seattle.gov/police/forms/Abandoned_Vehicles.htm)

Please forward this to anyone that might be interested in these topics. (Thank you for sharing this information.)

Darby N. DuComb, City of Seattle

Director Customer Service Bureau (206) 684-8814

Request City Services On-Line at <http://www.seattle.gov/customerservice/request.htm>

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## **Arson Alert System:**

The Seattle Fire Department Fire Prevention Division has an Arson Alarm Hotline to report any information related to arsons around your neighborhood or business.

The Seattle Fire Department and Seattle Police Department actively investigate the crime. Please report any information you believe may be related to arson on the ARSON ALARM HOTLINE at 1-800-55-ARSON.

A reward may be provided for information resulting in an arson conviction. Persons providing information may remain anonymous. If you see any suspicious activity taking place, please call 911.

For more information and tips to protect your home and business , please visit [www.seattle.gov/fire](http://www.seattle.gov/fire).

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## **City Data Open to the Public**

Sixty city of Seattle datasets are now accessible online at <http://data.seattle.gov>, which is part of Seattle's municipal web site. The new site holds significant amounts of information about operations and infrastructure, such as locations of city facilities, schools, and food banks.

[Data.seattle.gov](http://data.seattle.gov) is a first step in making data publicly available to meet the city of Seattle's goals for an open, transparent and accountable government. The site initially posts datasets from [My Neighborhood Map](#), which is a feature on the city's website, [www.seattle.gov](http://www.seattle.gov). It will add data managed by city departments, beginning with data which is commonly requested through the public disclosure process. Some of this data is already available on department websites, but [data.seattle.gov](http://data.seattle.gov) will centralize the information on a single site.

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The **REGIONAL PUBLIC INFORMATION NETWORK** (RPIN) is your one-stop resource for news alerts from more than 75 government, transportation, utility, health and emergency response agencies serving citizens in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties.

RPIN keeps the public informed about street and highway closures, weather, major transit disruptions, and provides updates on what agencies are doing to respond to emergencies and incidents.

The public also can sign up to receive e-mail alerts and pager headlines from RPIN partners and get helpful tips to prepare for emergencies.

To find out more information or subscribe to this service go to:  
<http://www.rpin.org/rpinweb/>

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### **Seattle's Emergency Management monthly newsletter.**

Tell Your Friends and Neighbors about the Monthly Connection!  
Stay connected to the people around you. Feel free to forward this to your friends and neighbors and help them get prepared!  
send email [to:subscribe-request@talk2.seattle.gov](mailto:to:subscribe-request@talk2.seattle.gov)  
[Click to sign up today!](#)

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### **Police CRIME DATA:**

Sorted by neighborhood, this data is now available on the City's web site at:  
[www.seattle.gov/MyNeighborhood](http://www.seattle.gov/MyNeighborhood).

You can find statistics on vehicle thefts, property crime, residential burglaries, violent crimes, plus an overview of major crimes citywide. This information is mapped on "My Neighborhood" by census tract.

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### **Crime Prevention Coordinators**

TERRIE JOHNSTON, FRANCISCO TELLO: Seattle Police Department Crime Prevention Coordinators are available for commercial and residential public safety needs.

To schedule a new Block Watch meeting or a maintenance meeting for your block, or Free residential home security assessments and personal safety talks contact Terrie Johnston at 684-4741.

For your business public safety needs, contact Francisco Tello at 684-4730.

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### **It's (Always) POTHOLE SEASON!**

Call 684-ROAD to report potholes.  
The City is committed to responding to these reports within 2 business days.

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### **Homeport Cruise Line 2010**

The 2010 cruise season gets underway A record 223 vessels are expected this season, bringing an estimated 858,000 passengers to Seattle. The Port's vibrant cruise business creates thousands of jobs and millions in revenue, boosting the economy while using new technology that protects the environment.

Read about the Ports cruise business at <http://www.portseattle.org/seaport/cruise/>.  
Contact Marie Fritz , Cruise Services Manager, (206) 787-3529 with any questions.

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## **The Alliance now has active social media pages!**

A Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/SeattleUptownAlliance>

It is set up that anyone with an account who "likes" our page (i.e. connects and is listed on the left-hand side) is allowed to write something about our neighborhood. (But No Anonymous posts).

Also a Flickr page for photos of CounterBalance Park:

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/counterbalancepark/pool/>

Anyone who uses Flickr (which is also free) can contribute their pictures of the park.

Thank you to the Uptown Alliance's Brian Kenny for setting up both of these sites for us.

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## **Kinnear Park's FOLKpark website:**

A website has been established to be a centralized online resource for all information related to the upcoming design process to enhance Lower Kinnear Park and how you can get involved at: <http://folkpark.org/>

- Information/history of the park
- Who and what FOLKpark is
- What we're doing: upcoming meetings, events, etc.
- How to support FOLKpark: volunteering, donations, etc.

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## **Tennis Anyone?**

FOLKpark wants to meet with people who are interested in improving the tennis court in lower Kinnear Park.

Please contact Phil Prahst at [philprahst@gmail.com](mailto:philprahst@gmail.com) or Debi Frausto at [debi4kinnear@comcast.net](mailto:debi4kinnear@comcast.net).

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## **Seattle Center Events**

Stay informed about the upcoming Seattle Center events like Seafair, the Bite of Seattle, and the traveling Art Exhibit.

Visit <http://www.seattlecenter.com/events/default.asp>

and <http://www.seafair.com/events/>.

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## **ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS AND SENIOR ISSUES (only): COMMUNITY MEETING SPACE AVAILABLE at Bayview Retirement Community!**

Two rooms are available when not being used by the Bayview Community:

The 10th floor Conference room has a capacity of 30.

The Albertson Center (on the first floor) has a capacity of 50-60 people and is set up for auditorium style for speakers, presentations, etc.

Please contact 206-281-5768 for further information.

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ALWAYS AVAILABLE AT THE Uptown Neighborhood Center (UNC):

GOLD CARDS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS: A directory and discount card provided by the Seattle Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens (aged 60 or older) of businesses and organizations that give discounts and special offers to seniors. Can be picked up at the QA/Magnolia Neighborhood Center inside the UNC at 160 Roy. Ask the receptionist for details.

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QUEEN ANNE and MAGNOLIA NEWS Published every Wednesday, it covers stories affecting our community. It also contains information on upcoming events in the area. For more information check out their website at <http://www.queenannenews.com/> or email the editor Myke Folger at: [gamagnews@nwlink.com](mailto:gamagnews@nwlink.com).

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**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:** All events are held at the Uptown Neighborhood Center at 160 Roy St. (unless other wise indicated).

Thurs. Sept 9, 7-9pm; Current Meeting of the Uptown Alliance

There will be no September Uptown Alliance Parks Meeting

Sat. Sept 11, 10 am to 4 pm; Clothing Exchange (Counter Balance Park- corner of QA Ave and Roy St.)

Sat. Sept 18, 9 am to Noon; UPTOWN Clean-Up

Tues. Sept 21, 5:30 to 7:30 pm; Urban Forestry Open House (City Hall, 600-4th ave; Bertha Knight Landes Rm)

Thurs. Oct 14, 7-9pm; Next Monthly Meeting of the Uptown Alliance