

August 2013

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Community Council Meetings

- January 16, 2013
- February 20, 2013
- March 20, 2013
- April 17, 2013
- May 15, 2013
- June 19, 2013
- July 17, 2013
- August – No Meeting
- September 18, 2013
- October 16, 2013
- November 20, 2013
- December- No Meeting

Facebook: Licton Springs Neighborhood
www.lictonsprings.org

Community Council Meetings are open to the public.



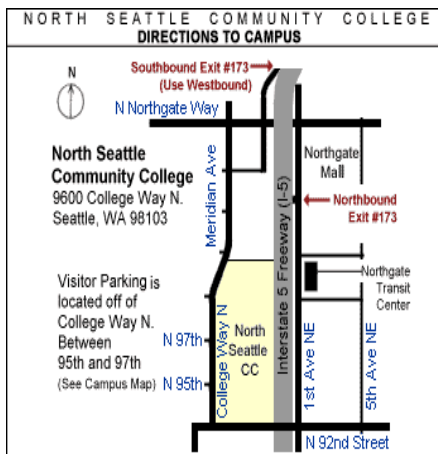
Licton Springs CURRENTS

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“NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED CITIZENS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. INDEED, IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS.” —Margaret Mead

Next Meeting is on Wed. September 18th Licton Springs Community Council Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month except for August and December at 7PM at **North Seattle Community College OCE&E Building 2nd Floor Conference Room.**

Directions to Campus



LSCC meeting NEW location
Directions are as follows:

The Opportunity Center for Employment and Education building, The OCE&E building, new blue building, is located on the south end of the NSCC campus. Please enter at the lower eastside doors, take the elevator to the **2nd floor conference room** at the top of the stairs.

Please park on the East side of the OCE&E and enter the building

from the lower East doors. There is an elevator inside the lobby.



Hello Neighbors!

Hope everyone is enjoying our Seattle Summer. We don't have a meeting in August so our next meeting is on **Wed Sept. 18th**.

There are a few things happening in August. This **Saturday, August 3rd the P-Patch** is having a Garage Sale; **Tuesday August 6th**, the City of Seattle will be celebrating the **29th Annual Night Out Against Crime**. It's opportunity to hang out with your neighbors and get to know what happening.

Also we are really hoping you will come and check out the council meeting one Wednesday night.

Hope to see you in September.

~ Licton Springs Board members

Licton Springs Park



**HAVE FUN, GET FIT and
Contribute to your
Neighborhood.**

Join FRIENDS OF LICTON SPRINGS for our monthly work parties. Get yourself and Licton Springs Park in shape!

Liven up your fitness plan with:

- Canary Reed pulls!
- Mulch barrow jogs!
- Wood chip bends!
- Planters' squats!
- Bramble root digs!

Work Party Dates 2013

- January 12
- February 09
- March 09
- April 13
- May 11
- June 8
- July 13
- September 14
- October 12
- November 9
- December 14

Meet at the "comfort station" in the park, 97th and Ashworth:

- 2nd Saturday of each month
- 10 am to 2 pm – rain or shine

For more information call:
Liz Kearns (206) 525-5243
Want to contribute but can't
make the work parties?
Ask about needed donations!

Tools and gloves provided. Wear appropriate clothing.
(Muck boots recommended)

P-Patch Corner

PLANTING SEEDS



Licton Springs P-Patch Project
(206) 934- 6127

Laura Sweany, Project Manager,
Licton Springs P-Patch

Please contact Laura, if you're interested in joining the Licton Springs P-Patch Steering committee.

lictonspringspatch@gmail.com

Visit their website:

<http://lictonspringspatch.wix.com/seattle>

Garage Sale August 3rd from 9 to 4pm across the street from the P-Patch at 2115 N 92nd. Benefiting Licton Springs P-Patch.

Brick Tile Donation Information

As part of our fundraising efforts, we are offering brick tiles to individuals, families, or businesses who wish to donate, and have a visible, lasting impact on this P-Patch.

For individuals and families, the donation amount is \$50, and for businesses, the donation amount is \$200.

The brick tiles will be engraved with the donor name, and used during construction and throughout the pathways in the garden, so your support will literally be built into the foundation of the P-Patch, and put on permanent display for years to come.

Payment is accepted via cash, check, or PayPal following the [links](#) to the webpage. If you would prefer to pay with cash or check, please call the North Seattle Community College Sustainability Office at 206-934-6127 to arrange payment, or email Project Manager Laura Sweany at lictonspringspatch@gmail.com.

Checks can be made out to P-Patch Trust, with Licton Springs P-Patch written in the memo line.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Please contact the p-patch office if you would like to donate items.
lictonspringspatch@gmail.com
(206) 934- 6127

<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/ppatch/>

Check out the City Fruit website for all kinds of wonderful information including classes like Cider tasting and canning.

<http://www.CITYFRUIT.org>

<http://cityfruit.org/classes/>

More info here:

<http://cityfruit.org/classes/>

www.kingcounty.gov/weeds/



Community News

From Seattle PUD

<http://atyoursevice.seattle.gov/>

Online Game Tests Your Water-Saving Skills



Seattleites of all ages have a fun way to learn how to save water around their homes.

Play the **Water Busters** game and put your knowledge to the test. Don't let high water bills soak you. When you play Water Busters, you find areas around the

house where you can save water, money, and the environment.

The game is on the Saving Water Partnership [website](#). The partnership, which includes Seattle Public Utilities, is a collaboration of local water utilities who provide water conservation programs in Seattle and King County.

Low-Interest Loans for Sewer and Water Lines



Do you need to replace your side sewer or water line? The **Seattle Office of Housing's Home Repair Loan Program** provides low- or no-interest loans to qualified low- and moderate-income homeowners in the City of Seattle. The income limit is about \$51,550 for a two-person household and \$64,400 for a four-person household.

Eligible home repairs and improvements include: electrical upgrades; plumbing and/or sewer repair; structural repair; brick or masonry repair; repair or replacement of the foundation, furnace/boiler, water lines, hot water heater, roof or gutters; insulation/weatherization; and appliances, if existing ones are nonfunctional, inefficient or in very poor condition (no washers or dryers). Other repairs may qualify as well.

For information about program guidelines or to request an application, email HomeRepairLoan@seattle.gov or call 206-684-0244.

Keep Fats, Oils and Grease Out of Your Drain



Fats, oils, and grease (F.O.G.) resulting from food preparation can build up in sewer pipes and cause costly blockages and backups and sewage overflows to private and public property.

You can help fight F.O.G.

Sources of F.O.G. include:

- Gravy, sauces and soups
- Cooking oil, butter, shortening, lard and margarine
- Milk, cream, sour cream and mayonnaise
- Food scraps
- Oil from cooked meats

Tips to keep your drains fat-free:

- Pour fats, oils and grease into a container and store in the freezer, then put in the trash after it has hardened
- Use paper towels to wipe greasy dishes before washing
- Use sink strainers to catch food waste when washing
- Put food scraps in compost bin or in the trash

Learn more:

Explore an easy guide for proper disposal of F.O.G. and food scraps.

Read our Frequently Asked Questions.

<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/>

North Seattle Community College
(9600 College Way N)
<https://northseattle.edu/>

From:
Mark.Mitsui@seattlecolleges.edu
To: Friends and neighbors
Subject: Thanks!



June 25th, 2013

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the incredible send off yesterday! My family and I were very moved by:

The awesome flash mob! Thank you Arlette and Company! It was a complete surprise! I marveled at the choreography and impressive coordination, particularly our Sasquatch J

Your touching statements and testimonies.

The incredible food – thank you for the cake and Quynh, thank you for sending me home with a box of your fabulous rolls!

The gifts – the gift cards, the books, the flowers, the food, the photos, cards, and letters are all greatly appreciated and will be forever valued.

Car decorations – wow Quynh, you were not kidding when you said you “decorated my car”. It was great and I had a wonderful time reading all of the Post It notes!

Your presence – thank you for being there. Your presence meant a lot to me and created a memory that will help sustain me during this next phase of my life.

As I have said before, North is a caring and competent community of people dedicated to the mission of changing lives. Whose lives we change and how we change them, are constantly evolving but the mission itself remains our guiding star. Thank you for all that you do. No matter where I go, my inner compass will always point to “true North”. Take care.

Mark Mitsui

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[Cascade Bicycle club](#)

Grandma’s on bicycles

I dream of a Seattle where bicycling across the city is easy, safe and comfortable for everyone, whether you’re an eight-year-old kid or an 80-year-old grandmother.

And while the well-heeled highway lobby has pushed a roads-only approach for decades that has made our streets dangerous for our kids, my dream is still a realistic dream. Seattle is an American leader in bicycling. A generation ago, we had America’s second-highest percentage of bicycle commuters (among large cities).

But our bicycle master plan hasn't kept pace with the national best practices for bike infrastructure, and so **Seattle is quickly losing ground to many other American cities** like Portland, San Francisco, Chicago and even Indianapolis.

Those cities are building protected, separated bike lanes and neighborhood greenways that provide direct, cross-city connections. As a result, they're

seeing many more people bicycling. We need to follow suit.

Fortunately, Seattle is now updating the bicycle master plan. This is our chance to regain America's lead and make our city safe for everyone. Public comments to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) are due this Friday, so send in yours now.

The Bicycle Master Plan should be America's best. Ask SDOT to improve the draft Plan >>

Imagine a seamless, protected bike lane -- where the lane is separated from traffic by a raised buffer with bushes and vegetation -- connecting Rainier Beach to the University of Washington and the Burke-Gilman Trail that goes along Rainier Avenue, 23rd/24th Avenues and the Montlake Bridge.

Imagine another seamless, protected bike lane connecting the Interurban Trail through Woodland Park, down Stone Way, across an improved Ballard Bridge or new Ship Canal Crossing, along Westlake, through Downtown on 2nd and 4th Avenues and into Georgetown.

And **imagine** connecting Golden Gardens to Green Lake to Magnuson Park with a neighborhood greenway on NW 83rd Street and protected bike lanes on Green Lake Drive and NE 65th Street.

Grandma and an eight-year-old kid would feel safe would feel safe riding across the city on these bikeways. And these are the types of visionary projects being built in other American cities like Portland, San Francisco, Chicago and Indianapolis.

We can catch up and make our streets safe for our grandparents and kids. **But we need a better Bicycle Master Plan to get us there.**

That's why we're calling on SDOT to set bold but achievable goals of increasing bicycle mode share to 10% by 2020 and eliminate crash-related fatalities by 2030. To reach these goals, we've identified five key improvements to the draft Bike Master Plan that need to be made:

1. Design for families, grandparents and kids
2. Connect people and places
3. Build for the complete trip, including the destination
4. Move more quickly to make Seattle accessible to all
5. Kickstart making our city safer with a clear implementation plan

Let's make Seattle America's most bikeable city. Let's make sure everyone can ride safely and comfortably.

Public comments to SDOT are due Friday.

Ask SDOT to improve the draft Bicycle Master Plan >>

Together we create a better community through bicycling,

Brock Howell
Policy & Government Affairs
Manager
Cascade Bicycle Club

P.S. The well-heeled highway lobby has pushed for a roads-only approach, creating a rigged system of roads that endanger our kids and grandparents whenever they try to walk or bike to where they want to go. But we know if caring moms, dads, and neighbors work together, we can connect our city with protected bike lanes and neighborhood greenways to make our neighborhoods better. This is our chance to make our streets safe for everyone. **Ask SDOT to improve the draft Bicycle Master Plan >>**

Parklets are coming to Seattle!

Parks in parking spaces? That's right, and they're coming to Seattle!

The newly-formed Public Space Management Program at SDOT is getting ready to kickoff the Pilot Parklet Program this summer with parklets opening in Belltown, Capitol Hill, and Chinatown/International District. The parklet program website explains what parklets could look like in Seattle and how these public spaces will serve Seattle residents and businesses.

Parklets are structures that convert a portion of the public right-of-way into small-scale public spaces. These spaces are intended to activate streets, encourage

walking and biking, and support local businesses. Parklets are just one of the many ways SDOT is rethinking the possibilities for the public right-of-way.

The first two parklets are proposed for installation in Belltown and Capitol Hill in August, with the Chinatown/International District parklet proposed to follow later in the summer. The Belltown parklet is sponsored by City Hostel Seattle and would be located at 2327 Second Avenue. Montana Bar is sponsoring the Capitol Hill parklet, located at 1506 E Olive Way. The Chinatown /International District Business Improvement Area is sponsoring the third parklet, which is planned for 421 Sixth Avenue S.

Parklet website:
http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/parklets_designs.htm

From: **Nextdoor Licton Springs**

https://lictonsprings.nextdoor.com/news_feed/

The Aurora Commons is proposing to start a needle exchange at their facility on Aurora Ave. at 90th street.

Some neighbors feel this is a major concern as our neighborhood has recently seen a significant uptick in petty crime, car prowls, break-ins, prostitutes conducting their business on the side streets near our homes (as well as Aurora) and substance abusers camping out on sidewalks.

For news stories on this issue,

please see:

KIRO video
<http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Businessman-upset-over-proposed-Aurora-Ave-needle-exchange-216527921.html>

Aurora Commons website
<http://www.auroracommons.org>

SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Car Prowls

Don't become another victim!

Car prowls are crimes of opportunity that are committed within seconds.

They are expensive, inconvenient, and aggravating for victims.

Thieves are targeting vehicles of all makes and models for valuables including:

- GPS Devices
- Cellular Phones
- Purses
- Cash
- Laptops
- Cameras
- Luggage
- Garage Remotes

Most stolen property is traded or sold on the street within minutes of the crime, lowering the chance of recovery.

Thieves commonly break windows for entry, but many are

also successful at defeating door and trunk locks.

PREVENTION

BE CONSISTENT

- Remove all valuables from your vehicle every time you park.
- If valuables must be left behind, hide them out of sight several blocks before parking.
- Disable internal trunk releases per your owner's manual instructions.
- Audible alarms or other theft deterrent devices can be effective.
- Security garages are only secure if entering and exiting drivers watch the door fully close behind them every time.
- Remote controls for security garages should never be left inside parked vehicles. They provide future access to returning thieves.

BE OBSERVANT

Report all crimes and suspicious activity to 911 immediately

Seattle Police Department
610 5th Avenue
P.O. Box 34986
Seattle, WA 98124-4986
www.seattle.gov/police

Support the Community Council by becoming a member
Make a donation to the Council and the activities it supports.

We now accept credit cards via PayPal on the website:
<http://www.lictonsprings.org/>

LSCC MEMBERSHIP, DONATION AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT THIS FORM, COMPLETE AND MAIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

\$15 Start my Tax deductible Membership for 2013 \$15 Renew my Tax deductible membership for 2013

Sign me up for the Licton Springs Community Council List serve
(Please include your email address below)

Support work in the community with a tax deductible donation at one of the following levels:

\$10 Bubble \$25 Trickle \$45 Stream \$75 Spring
Other \$ _____

Donation to be used for:

Annual Halloween Event Mineral Springs Park

Pilling's Pond Project Where Most Needed Other _____

I would like assistance with the following neighborhood improvement project:

Traffic Safety /Calming Neighborhood Block Watch

Art project Neighborhood Clean Up Other _____

Project ideas or list assistance needed above

Name(s) as you would like it to appear *Phone*

Address

Email address

**Make checks payable to and mail to: Licton Springs Community Council
c/o Debra Willendorf, 9736 Wallingford Ave N, Seattle WA 98103**

Donations and membership are tax deductible under our 501c3 status.