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Community Council Meetings

January 18, 2012
February 15, 2012
March 21, 2012
April 18, 2012
May 16, 2012
June 20, 2012
July 18, 2012
August – No Meeting
September 19, 2012
October 17, 2012
November No Meeting
December- No Meeting

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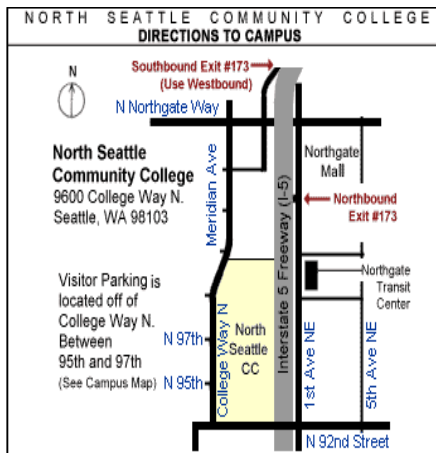
"NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED CITIZENS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.
INDEED, IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS." —Margaret Mead

Community Council Meetings are open to the public.

Next Meeting is on Wed.

January 18th. Licton Springs
Community Council Meetings are
held the 3rd Wednesday of each
month except for August and
November and December at 7
PM at North Seattle Community
College conference room IB2311

Directions to Campus



LSCC meeting location Directions are as follows:

Before entering the building to the Espresso area, take the elevator or stairs to the 2nd floor. Walk north and to the left (past the Library) to the "avenue" for Division Offices. Turn right. Walk down the avenue and enter building at the 2nd set of double doors, Lobby #2311, then walk to the last entrance on left, marked "Arts

Humanities, Basic Adult Education". Conference room 2311 is a short distance down the hall on the left.

Hello Neighbors!

Please join us for our January Meeting this Wednesday Night the 18th @ 7pm.

2012 is going to bring some changes to our nation as well as our neighborhood.

Please provide your voice and let us know your needs and wants for our community. Please join us monthly or email us @ Lictionsprings@hotmail.com

We hope everyone has had a safe and Happy New Year! It appears winter has finally arrived with the snow this weekend.



Credit: Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images

Please consider a membership donation for 2012.

We are looking forward to meeting new members in 2012.

~LSCC Board.

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 2012

February 11
March 10
April 15
May 12
June 9
July 14
August 11
September 8
October 13
November 10
December 8

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)

Community and Home Preparedness

Are YOU Ready for Winter Weather?

Take Winter By Storm by getting
ready before winter storms strike!

Take these three steps to get
ready:

1. Create an emergency preparedness kit with at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food and water for your home and office. Kits prepared for vehicle road travel and winter weather evacuation go-kits are also advised.
2. Make a plan and practice the plan with your family and those who depend on you.
3. Stay informed and know the weather approaching so you are prepared for whatever Mother Nature throws our way.

Use the tools on the pages here to help you get prepared. Share them with those you love (family, friends, neighbors, and community members) to help them get prepared, too.

Get prepared now so you can
Take Winter By Storm!

Important links to websites:
(Place cursor over letters and
select CTRL+Click to follow link)

- [Take Winter By Storm](#)
- [School Closures](#)
- [Metro Rider Info](#)

Cold Weather Burst Your Pipes?

Below-freezing temperatures can burst water pipes around your home, potentially causing serious property damage and wasting large amounts of water.

While burst pipes are usually easy to spot, smaller breaks often go unnoticed, so regularly check these areas for leaks:

- Make sure outdoor faucets aren't dripping and if you can access the pipe that feeds the faucet, inspect it for any leaks.
- Check sprinkler heads for leaks, and look for unusually damp sections in your garden, which may point to an underground leak.
- Pipes in your basement, crawl space or garage are often subjected to freezing temperatures so look for wet spots or puddles on the ground.
- Inspect the pipes for tankless water heaters that run along the exterior of your house for leaks.
- Check any indoor sink pipes that are against exterior walls.

For more information on preparing water pipes for winter weather, visit
www.takewinterbystorm.org.

Community News

From Seattle PUD

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

Normal Collections for MLK Holiday

Seattle food and yard waste, garbage and recycling collections will be on normal schedule for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 16. Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) customers should place their containers out for collection by 7 a.m. to ensure collection.

The City of Seattle's North Recycling and Disposal Station in the Fremont/Wallingford area and the South Recycling and Disposal Station in the South Park area will be open on Monday, Jan. 16, during their regular business hours: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Customers can report a missed garbage, recycling or food and yard waste collection by calling **(206) 684-3000** during regular business hours on Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by completing the [online missed collection form](#).

Otterly wonderful Duwamish video

SEATTLE — Even before the heavy equipment has cleared out, a North American river otter (*Lutra canadensis*) has moved into the new habitat being created along the shores of the Duwamish River, at Slip 4, as part of the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund cleanup.

A [video](#) shared by Seattle Public Utilities today shows the little

otter feels right at home on the newly restored section of the Lower Duwamish.

"The Lower Duwamish Waterway is a living room for a variety of animals living in and near the water. We're making progress toward restoring our city's only river," said Karen Keeley, project manager for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The City of Seattle started cleaning up Slip 4 last October with funding from the City, The Boeing Company and matching grants from the Washington Department of Ecology. The \$8 million cleanup, regulated by the EPA, began last October in the 6.4-acre navigational slip historically contaminated with PCBs.

The cleanup includes removing contaminated river mud and soils from the bottom and banks of the slip and covering remaining sediments and soils with a combination of clean sand, gravel, and rock to create an engineered cap over any remaining contamination. The project aims to improve, expand, and restore 3.5 acres of vital habitat for fish and wildlife. It adds habitat along the bank, in shallow water, and in the intertidal area, resulting in a net gain of more than an acre of shallow and riparian habitat for threatened Puget Sound Chinook and Coastal/Puget Sound bull trout.

The site, three miles upstream from Harbor Island, near the Georgetown community, is one of five major lower Duwamish hotspots. These five areas collectively account for about half the chemical contamination in the river. The project, comes as the EPA considers how to clean up

the rest of the five-mile portion of the river. EPA's cleanup plan is expected to be issued this year.

The cleanup includes controlling ongoing pollution sources to Slip 4. Source control actions led by Ecology and EPA have been completed at a number of properties and other efforts will continue to ensure that the cleanup of Slip 4 is not re-contaminated in the future.

Slip 4 construction is expected to wrap up in February.

Learn more about Seattle Public Utilities, at:
<http://www.seattle.gov/util>.

Follow SPU on Twitter:
www.twitter.com/SeattleSPU.

In addition to providing a reliable water supply to more than 1.3 million customers in the Seattle metropolitan area, SPU provides essential sewer, drainage, solid waste and engineering services that safeguard public health, maintain the City's infrastructure and protect, conserve and enhance the region's environmental resources.



Extra! Extra!

What to do when you have too much stuff?

Seattle residents can always [recycle](#) as much as they want at no extra charge. Simply put additional recyclables in sturdy

bins or boxes next to your recycling cart on your regular collection day. Remember to flatten empty cardboard boxes and do not put recyclables inside of bags. Carts need to be put out by 7 am on collection day.

Extra [yard waste](#) is charged \$4.45 for each additional 32-gallon container or 4 feet by 2 feet bundle set out beside your city-provided cart. See suggestions for containers for extra yard waste. Bundles must be tied with natural fiber twine. No food waste is allowed in these extra units.

Before you throw it out, consider [reusing, selling or donating](#) the item if it's in good condition.

Put extra [garbage](#) in a plastic bag or your own garbage can (up to 32 gallons), and put it next to your regular garbage. Customers are charged \$8.60 for each extra bag, bundle or can. Recycling or food and yard waste containers containing garbage will not be collected.

Bulky items, such as a couch, dishwasher or mattress, can be collected for \$30, or \$38 per item for items containing CFCs (such as refrigerators). These are the same rates for sedans, station wagons, and sport utility vehicles at the transfer stations, so save yourself the trip and call (206) 684-3000 or go online at www.seattle.gov/util to schedule a bulky item collection.

Place your [bulky items](#) out for collection by 7 AM, Monday through Friday of the scheduled week of collection. Make sure the items are on private property (not curb strips) and are easily accessible.



Sign up for [CurbWaste & Conserve E-News](#) and get the latest information about Seattle's recycling, water, drainage and sewer services that impact you. Be the first to receive promotions, discounts and other offers to help you reduce, reuse and recycle.



StartZone is offering FREE tax assistance

It's not too early to start thinking about taxes, and **StartZone's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Center** is here to help you – **FREE OF CHARGE.**

This year, the Center is available to anyone whose household earnings in 2011 were less than \$50,000, including anyone who has business income to report on a Schedule C. Eligible individuals will receive assistance from a trained and professionally supervised volunteer who will help complete and file 1040, Schedule C, applications for the Making Work Pay and Earned Income tax credits, and other forms.

Check the the [StartZone Tax Flyer 2012](#).

The Center is located at the Highline Community College Outreach Center, Bldg. 99 Room 251. For map and directions to the Outreach Center, please click

[here](#). The site will be open from 4pm – 8pm on Thursdays and 9am-1pm on Saturdays from January 12th through April 17th. Walk-ins are welcome. Business filers may make appointments after March 1st. For more information, call us at 206 592-3388 or email us at startzone@highline.edu

Neighborhood Projects Fund now open for applications

From [Mayor McGinn's Blog](#):

The [Neighborhood Projects Fund \(NPF\)](#) is now taking applications for neighborhood-generated projects focused on park or street improvements. Applications are **due February 1, 2012 at 5 p.m.**

The NPF is made up of two funding sources – Cumulative Reserve Funds (CRF) and Neighborhood Street Funds (NSF). The fund will accept applications for projects valued up to \$90K for park or street improvements, such as pathway upgrades, tennis court repaving, accessibility improvements, traffic calming, playground upgrades, school zone speed limit signs, etc. This funding source is not recommended for sidewalks, as sidewalks are typically more expensive than this funding allows.

You may apply to the fund by completing the application form which is available from your [Neighborhood District Coordinator](#) or online at <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/btgnscrf/>. Applications can be submitted by mail (PO Box 94649, Seattle, WA 98124-4649, Attn: Wendy Watson), by FAX at 206-233-5142, or by email to NeighborhoodProjectFund@seattle.gov.

Creating a Downtown Historic Theater District

From [Mayor Mike McGinn's blog](#): On December 6, nearly 100 arts supporters gathered at the historic 5th Avenue Theatre where Mayor Mike McGinn signed a resolution designating a Downtown Historic Theatre District to support the preservation, promotion and maintenance of Seattle's downtown historic theaters.

The 5th Avenue Theatre is one of five historic venues that will make up the initial core of the Downtown Historic Theatre District, which also includes [The Paramount and Moore Theatres](#), [Town Hall Seattle](#) and [ACT – A Contemporary Theatre](#), housed in the historic Eagles Auditorium.

We're highlighting one of the things that makes Seattle special. The creation of this district will recognize, protect and build upon the collective contribution of these theaters to our economy and our cultural identity.

In 2010, the historic venues hosted more than 1,000 performances, sustained over 2,000 local jobs, and generated more than \$15 million in labor income. The theaters are significant downtown destinations and cultural tourist attractions, with 25 percent of their audiences coming from outside King County.

The City Council on Monday unanimously approved the [resolution](#) proposed by McGinn and the group of historic theaters. To be included in the historic district, venues must have been built prior to 1930, be located downtown, produce and/or

present live performances and operate as nonprofits.

The resolution sets the stage for a partnership which will help the city support the theaters, through tools such as access to preservation funding; coordinated marketing efforts; zoning, financing and development incentives; and energy efficiency improvements. In coordination with the Mayor's Office, the Seattle Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs will lead a work plan for the Historic Theatre District.

While many historic theaters across the country have closed or are crumbling, many of these theaters have been fueling our economy and captivating audiences since before the Great Depression. These venues employ cast and crew and purchase local goods and services. And unlike most industries, the arts leverage significant spending by their audiences who pump vital revenue into local hotels, restaurants, retail stores and parking garages.

Read more coverage in the [Seattle Times](#), [Seattle Times Editorial](#), and [Puget Sound Business Journal](#).

North Seattle Community College has approved the development of P-Patch. More detailed info soon. For information on the project see the following link:

<http://nsccsustainablefood.wetpaint.com/page/NSCC+P-Patch>

The 3rd Annual Sustainability Fest this Tuesday January 17th in the Cafeteria and Baxter from 10am - 3pm! Please contact: Christian Rusby, NSCC

Sustainability Coordinator
206.529.6127

On a sad note, Licton Springs Neighborhood lost Edie Whitset in December to cancer.

She was a well known set designer in the Seattle Theatre arena. She lived on Densmore Street near the Mineral Springs Park. She contributed to the neighborhood in many ways. She was instrumental in writing the grant for Mineral Springs Park and administering the grant, holding meetings, organizing work parties and generally being the go-between for LSCC and the DiscGolf group that uses that park. She also helped to change the name to Mineral Springs Park and oversaw the art installation there.

Additionally, she used to assist with the LSCC neighborhood picnic and was a friend to many in the community, she will be missed.

Mineral Springs Park, along the southern edge of Northgate Way between N 105th and N 107th, occupies land formerly occupied by homes and small farms. Many of the remaining landscaping features suggest the park's history, such as stone walls, steps, small ponds, and exotic plants. The park includes many spectacular trees, including redwood, aspen, and dogwood. There is a birch grove and a wildflower meadow. Recent landscaping improvements emphasize low-maintenance and native plants. A new "spring" was created to honor the neighborhood's history of springs. Mineral Springs Park is home to one of Seattle's two disc golf courses. (The other is at Lakewood Park, SW 108th St. & 10th Ave. SW, in the King County Parks and Recreation system).

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 2012 ☐ \$15 Renew my Tax deductible membership for 2012

☐ **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.