

Everson Community Newsletter Spring 2009

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Everson Public Hearing Regarding County UGA Review

Whatcom County is in the process of reviewing all of the urban growth areas (UGAs) in the county, including the UGA designated adjacent to the City of Everson. Based on this review, the County Council may decide to add to or remove areas from the UGA. At this point it seems unlikely that the County will add area to the UGA, but there is a real possibility that some areas may be removed.

The City of Everson Planning Agency and City Council will hold a joint public hearing on March 24, 2009 at Everson City Hall beginning at 7:00 P.M. to receive public testimony regarding the Everson UGA and the area that the City believes will be needed to accommodate anticipated growth through the year 2031. All interested parties are encouraged to attend the public hearing and provide testimony on this subject. Issues that will be considered as part of this process include population and employment projections, density assumptions, and priorities for retention within the current UGA.

Please contact City Hall at 966-3411 to be kept informed about the UGA review process. Also, please pass the word to your friends and neighbors who own property just outside the City to let them know about this process.

Everson and Nooksack - One City! What Do You Think?

A study group consisting of citizens from Everson and Nooksack are exploring the possibilities of merging the two cities.

Everson resident Andy Rowison has taken the lead in organizing the ad hoc group for the purpose of discussing the pros and cons of the merger. It is not a new idea...the

topic has been talked about for several years.

Your thoughts and input are needed and welcomed. If you have any comments, or would be interested in being a part of the study group, we want to hear from you. Please email Mr. Rowison at rowison@verizon.net or leave your written comments at the Everson City Hall at 111 W. Main Street, Everson WA 98247.

Disaster Assistance

FEMA is slowly closing out their disaster reporting stations around Whatcom County. If you sustained any damage from the last flooding event, it is imperative you contact FEMA by end of March. You may not even realize that your home was damaged for several months after a flood event. Often, mold and rot damage is not detected immediately after a flood. In order to determine if you qualify for assistance, you must have a 9 digit claim code which will be assigned to you when you register with FEMA. Once you register, an 18 month window opens for any possible claim. It is ok to register even if you are not sure if you will have a claim. For more information or to open a claim please call FEMA at 1-800-621-3362- TTY 1-800-462-7585 or you can register at www.disasterassistance.gov

Welcome New Council Member

The vacant Everson City Council seat has been filled. Bill Brouwer, a sixteen year Everson resident and retired teacher of forty-four years, addressed the Council at the January 27, 2009 Council Meeting. After discussion among Council members, he was appointed to the position. He then took the Oath of Office and was seated with the other council members. He fills the position vacated by Rusty Laird last December, 2008.

Pergola Project

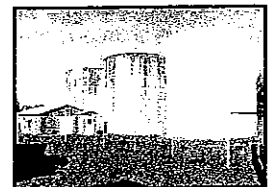
This newest addition to Riverside Park has slowed down because of winter weather, but there is still landscaping and shaping of the parking lot to be done. The Everson Garden Club is looking for volunteers and donations, and thank those who have worked on the project so far.

Welcome to Downtown Everson

Have you seen our new sign? It is located on Everson Road by the Nylatech parking lot. Thanks to Peoples Bank for funding the project, and Grand View Sign & Awning Company for designing and installing the sign. Lauren Ramstead will provide the landscaping around the sign as part of her eighth grade Breakout Project.

Water Facility Improvements

Manganese Treatment



This project is nearing completion by the end of March, 2009. This project is located in the Strandell area by our water storage tanks. It includes a 21' x 28' building housing the manganese treatment unit. This treatment facility will make full use of our deep ground water well and remove the manganese from our water as well as reduce nitrates. Larry Brown Construction, Inc. is the contractor for the project.

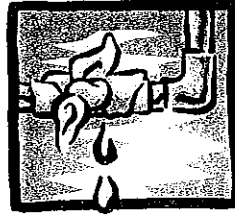
Congratulations to Tristan and Dashell Goree on the birth of their daughter, Allison Valerie Mae. Tristan is a public works employee with the City of Everson.

WOOD CHIPPER

Do you have tree limbs and trimmings that need to be disposed of? **Every fourth Saturday of the month**, we are providing a wood chipper at the Riverside Park to take care of your tree limbs and trimmings. City staff will be available from 10 AM to 12 PM to unload and chip your debris. This is a free service provided to our citizens within the city limits and urban growth areas. Please bring identification as proof of your address. If you are unsure as to your location, please visit the City Hall or check our website for a map showing the City Limits and Urban Growth Areas. **The next chipping day is March 28, 2009.**

ARE YOU PREPARED?

We have survived winter's doses of weather these past four months with below freezing temperatures, wind, snow and flood. Your public work's crew spent several hours making sure motorists and pedestrians were able to navigate through town. Take time now to prepare for the next round of winter weather associated with the Great Northwest. There are FEMA documents available at the Everson City Hall and McBeath Library for your reading and information. Also, check our City website, www.ci.everson.wa.us for links to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).



Water Conservation Tips & Facts:

- * At your residence, repair leaking faucets and fixtures immediately.
- * Turn water off while brushing your teeth; Install water efficient showerheads; Take shorter showers; Install low-flow toilets.
- * Store drinking water in a container in the refrigerator.
- * Report water leaks immediately to the Everson Public Works Department. Contact numbers are listed on page two.
- * A dripping faucet can waste 3 gallons of water a day...a total of 1095 gallons a year.
- * A continuous leak (at 60 psi of water pressure) from a 1/8 inch hole in a pipe will, over a three month period, waste 296,000 gallons of water (1,184,000 gallons a year)!
- * For more information and facts, contact the Washington State Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water at 1-800-521-0323, or the internet:
<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/>.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

In case of an after hour's public works emergency, call 360-410-9396, and an on-call maintenance worker will respond. Call the Everson City Hall at 360-966-3411 between 9 AM and 5 PM, Monday through Friday to report emergencies. For Police Emergencies, **Dial 911.**

Please check our City website www.ci.everson.wa.us for information regarding current events.

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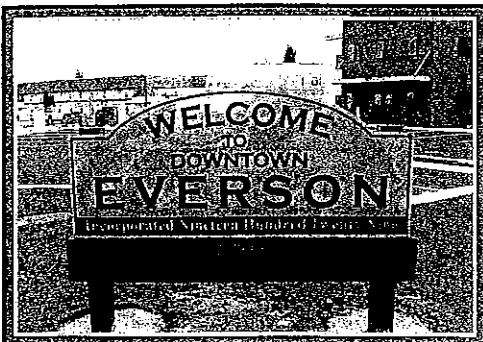
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