

THE YORKER



**GET READY TO
DUMP YOUR JUNK**

IT'S
DUMPSTER DAY!

<p>Dumpster 1: Sat., June 9: 8:30am, at Nelson's Market</p>	<p>Dumpster 2: Mon. June 4, through Fri., June 8, at Franklin Park</p>
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Junk to Dump? York Dumpsters to the Rescue!

By Carolyn Mulder

Spring time often brings renewed energy for beautifying our homes, yards and neighborhood; and there's no better time than now, in preparation for our annual Dumpster Day event. On Sat., June 9, neighborhood volunteers will host an annual clean-up organized and facilitated by and for residents of the York neighborhood.

Residents are invited to bring their unwanted items to the dumpster at Nelson's Market, 514 Potter St., beginning at **8:30 a.m. (please do not expect to dump**

earlier), until the dumpster is full, which usually happens by 10 a.m. Volunteers will be present to sort recyclables, pick up loads for residents unable to transport their waste, and drive the streets and alleys looking for the year's unwanted collectables hidden in the weeds.

This effort is supported annually by Sanitary Service Company, Inc., who provides us with a 30-yard dumpster, Allied Waste/RDC who allows disposal of its contents, and Jon Ostby of Nelson's Market and Marlins' Café, who donates his parking lot

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York Neighborhood General Meeting

Wed., June 13

At Garden St. United Methodist Church
1326 N. Garden St.

Taco Feed: 6:30pm

Meeting: 7pm

Bringing Butterflies To Your Garden

Join us for an exciting presentation about "Butterfly Gardening" led by **David Droppers**, WWU/Huxley graduate student and lepidopterist. David's passion for butterflies started as a young kid who convinced his parents to let him dig up part of their backyard and install a butterfly garden. Now he's sharing that passion with others and teaching us how to create habitats that provide nectar for flying adult butterflies and host plants for their young. Special emphasis is on common butterflies of the Puget Sound region and their native foods.

David's presentation is for the whole family, and we'll have some butterfly "treats" for the kids. David has promised a future field trip in York's own Rock Hill Park butterfly garden and to Connelly Creek Trail in the Happy Valley Neighborhood, one of Bellingham's best locations for butterfly watching.

Taco Feed details: YNA board members will provide the tacos and fixin's. Others are asked to bring their own beverage, a dessert, and plate.

**York Neighborhood
Association**

c/o 1410 Grant St., Bellingham, WA 98225
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call or text: **393-7187**
or email: president@yorkneighborhood.org

Dumpster Day

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– all free of charge to the neighborhood!

If you have a pile for the dumpster but are unable to transport it the day of the clean-up, please call Carolyn Mulder, 647-1642, by June 8th to arrange pick-up.

What you cannot dump:

No Yard Waste. Take it to the city's Clean and Green Yard Waste Site at the corner of Woburn and Lakeway Dr., \$4 cash/load Saturday and Sunday 8:30am - 4pm.

No Chemical waste, hazardous substances, paint cans, fluorescent light tubes, or whole tires. Take chemicals to Disposal of Toxins, 3505 Airport Dr., free of charge; open 9am-4pm M-F, and first Saturday of every month, 9am-4pm.

No Large Appliances. Take them to Appliance Depot, 802 Marine Dr., open M-Sat 10am-6pm.

No Computers and Televisions. Visit the E-Cycle Washington website at 1800recycle.wa.gov or call 1-800-RECYCLE.

Calling all trucks: Each year we organize a fleet of trucks to aid in this event. To volunteer a truck, or to ride and help, please call Carolyn Mulder at 647-1642; or show up at 8:30 with work gloves and ready to bust a move. Volunteers are greatly appreciated!

Attention Western Students:

Good news! The WWU Office of Sustainability will be providing a dumpster for student residents of the York Neighborhood again this year. The dumpster will be located on the **1200 block of Grant St.**, at the corner of Grant and Whatcom streets by Franklin Park, Monday, June 4, through Friday, June 8. What can/can't you dump? The same rules apply as for the other York dumpster. Questions can be directed to the Office of Sustainability 650-2491.

From York's History Pages...

“Eat a live frog first thing in the morning and nothing worse will happen to you the rest of the day.” – Mark Twain



Eating cooked bull frogs was a favorite past time in the York Neighborhood back in the 1950s, as shown in this 1954 Bellingham Herald photo shared with The Yorker by neighbor Darol Streib. The news caption reads: “Frogs Make a Meal: Lloyd E. Burse and son Richard, of 1244 Grant St., hungrily await supper when they can eat these soon-to-be fried-in-butter bull frogs. Each caught his limit last weekend at Lake Whatcom using pole and line with triple hook and red yarn attached. A limit is 10 frogs. The pair also caught limits several weeks ago. The frogs, said to taste like young chicken, weigh between one-half and one pound and measure between 14 and 18 inches in length.”

York Neighborhood Association Donation Form

MEMBERSHIP Donation to York Neighborhood Association:

Money is used for newsletter printing, annual picnic, annual holiday party/horse wagon ride, supplies and mailings.

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Busy bees making honey and pollinating our gardens in York.

Photo by Carrie Schwarz

Whatcom Creek teems with winged wonders

By Christian and Carrie Schwarz

Tucked away at the Northeast corner of the York Neighborhood is a stretch of Whatcom Creek that is currently teeming with winged wonders. You can find the entrance to this stretch of Whatcom Creek Trail on Meador St. next to the I-5 overpass. Along this trail in the calmer portions of the creek you may be treated to the sight of a pair of hooded mergansers. The male hooded merganser has a very distinctive hood with black border and white insides. The female hooded merganser is light brown like many other ducks.

Throughout long stretches of the day, the violet green swallows who have returned from overwintering in Central and South America, perform incredible aerial acrobatics as they gather mayflies and caddisflies on the wing. Both Rufous and Anna's hummingbirds are putting on quite a show, perching on the tops of trees, marking and defending territories, and actively feeding among the red flowering currant.

Earlier this spring while exploring the creek with my son, Christian, we heard the distinctive calls of the caspian terns overhead. As my son describes it, the call is like that of a crow's mixed with a shriek.

We were also treated this past weekend to the sight of yellow rumped warblers, flying in and out of the small willows along the banks of Whatcom Creek. These warblers have a beautiful yellow cap and yellow on their chest and wings.

There are so many wonders to discover along this stretch of Whatcom Creek throughout the year, but you should do your best to visit it soon and also experience the biological richness of spring along the creek. If you are interested in learning more about the birds along Whatcom Creek, the North Cascades Audubon Society conducts monthly walks along Whatcom Creek. Their website is www.northcascadesaudubon.org

Kid's Corner:

Keeping Bees: It's exciting and fun

By Klara Schwarz



Now that Spring has sprung, have you noticed busy, buzzing bumble bees or honey bees zooming around in your yard? Well, they're out and about! This year my family is raising

honey bees in our yard.

Honey bees begin their lifecycle as eggs. Then they hatch into larva. Worker bees feed the larvae until they grow into adult bees. There is one queen bee who produces all of the bees. Honey bees collect pollen from plants, as well as nectar. The nectar will be made into honey.

Populations of honey bees are declining. This could be a bad thing because bees keep our plants pollinated and healthy. While bees are collecting pollen from the flowers of plants, they are moving it around to the flowers of other plants. If there weren't bees, there would not be as many beautiful flowers, and Bellingham would feel dull and gray.

Did you ever think you would be able to help the Earth by keeping LOTS of pets? When we first received our pack of bees, there were around 5,000 individuals, including the queen. By the end of the summer the hive could have as many as 40,000. The bees largely take care of themselves. We do have to make sure that they have a not too crowded hive that is well ventilated. We also have to check that they are not producing new queens, which might mean a swarm, and the queen is doing a good job laying eggs. Also we need to make sure they are not doing things like building their comb on the lid of the hive, rather than on the frames, because that can get pretty sticky! This happened with our bees and we cut that extra comb, called "burr comb," off.

Honey bees are not very scary. They usually do not sting, because if they do, they die. This is very different from a yellow jacket and other wasps, which can sting over and over again. Honey bees will sting when frightened, though, so it is best just to leave them alone and not bother them. All in all, bees are very exciting to keep, and if you don't hurt them, they won't hurt you!

York Neighborhood launches orchard and garden project

By Mary Loquvam

York's Orchard and Garden Committee is focused on local food security: growing fruits and vegetables right in our neighborhood for the benefit of every household in the community. The committee's long term vision is to build a community garden and to plant fruit trees throughout our neighborhood in each of the three sections of the York neighborhood – north and south of Lakeway Dr. and in the area west of Ellis St.

To launch the project the committee has developed partnerships with the Garden Street United Methodist Church, City

Gate Apts., Indian Street Pottery Studio, and Sustainable Bellingham. We applied for and received grant funds from WSU's Cooperative Extension Community First Garden Project and Transition Whatcom's Design Grant Program.

With funds from Cooperative Extension and in partnership with Eugene and Ene Lewis, owners of the Indian Street Pottery Studio, three universal vegetable beds and three raised beds were installed in the backyard of the pottery studio May 8.

Funds from Transition Whatcom will help establish our first "orchard" on the Garden Street United Methodist Church

and City Gate Apts. properties where we've planted six dwarf fruit trees and several blueberry and raspberry bushes.

And so we launch Phase I of a project that we hope will provide many benefits for our York Neighborhood including food for our community, pride of place, community team-building, and a harvest celebration.

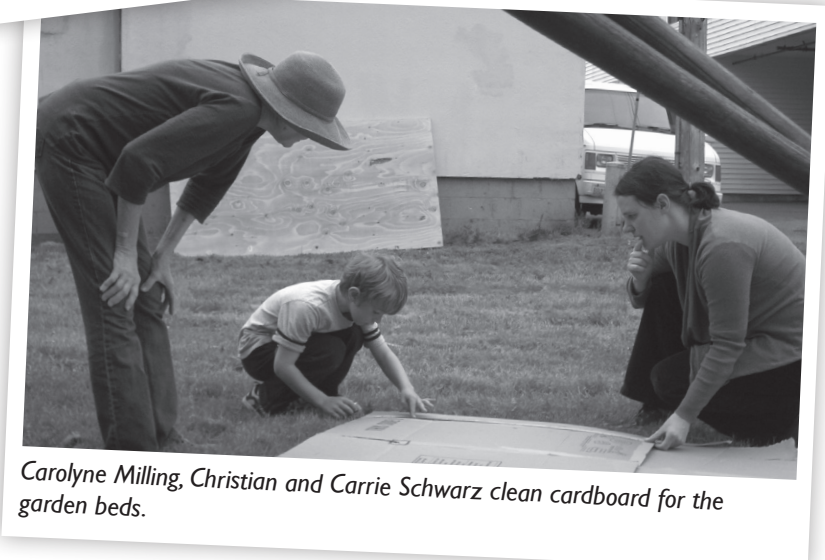
If you are interested in learning more about the orchard and garden initiative or if you would like to join the committee and become more involved, please contact Mary Loquvam at maryloq@q.com. Everyone is welcome!



York's community gardens volunteers (l to r) Barbara Davenport, Ene Lewis and Eugene Lewis (owners of the Indian Street Pottery Studio) and Carolyne Milling.



Steve Heddrick, City Gate Apartments, lays out the design of the universal bed.



Carolyne Milling, Christian and Carrie Schwarz clean cardboard for the garden beds.

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Parks Report..

Franklin Park Earth Day work party a huge success!

York's April 14 celebration of Earth Day 2012 drew 20-25 Western students and other volunteers to weed and mulch on the hillside above the park. We're thrilled that many of last year's plantings survived the winter!

The Franklin Street Island is ablaze in spring blooms, too. A work party weeded here May 12. Views from the top of the island gaze to Mount Baker on the east and Bellingham Bay to the west, where



Karen Reed helps out at Franklin Park.



Mark Schofield hauls mulch for Franklin Park Earth Day work party, April 14.

walkers can linger on the stone benches and enjoy York's little "island of tranquility" – a result of many years in the making, and many hands weeding and planting.

For more information about volunteer opportunities at Franklin Park, watch for email announcements, check the newsletter calendar, or contact park stewards Helen Jackson or Mark Schofield at FranklinParkSteward@yorkneighborhood.org.

Rock Hill Park: The Ivy Wars Continue

WWU student and YNA Board member Devin Mounts is heading up the "Battle of the Ivy" at Rock Hill Park. As park steward, Devin organized a series of work parties April 28 and May 19 to eradicate the ivy. English ivy removal is a high priority for Bellingham's parks because it is a major invasive plant that chokes out other vegetation.

"After three hours of pulling by seven

volunteers, the piles of ivy grew faster... than ivy," Devin says. The ivy removal project will continue into the summer. There are now two active composts in the park and a class A location for a hammock. New plantings are scheduled for the butterfly garden on the lower portion of the park in June.

To get involved with the Rock Hill Park work parties, contact Devin at RockHillParkSteward@yorkneighborhood.org.

York's Wine & Roses Garden Club:

17 years and still growing

Another evening of wine, roses, great appetizers and fellowship was enjoyed May 17 at the garden of Lisa and Cory Anderson on Edwards St. Entering through a vine-covered arbor, you are at once overwhelmed by the free, expansive open space of the park-like setting for their Victorian home and the oasis of beauty they have created bordering the state's number one noise polluter: I-5. A waterfall drowns out the sounds from the "river" of freeway traffic. Ponds, a burn pit, vegetable gardens, flowering fragrant shrubs and a magnificent stand of Douglas Firs set this garden apart from any other in the neighborhood.

Coming up June 17 is our second garden party of the season. We'll experience a rose collector's garden with hybrid musks, Austin roses, ramblers, polyanthas, rugosas, and a large Rosa moyesii. Because it's an organic rose garden, you can see which roses thrive in our climate without chemical intervention. The party begins at 6:30pm. Bring an appetizer to share and your own beverage. We like to swap plants, so if you have a start from your garden that you'd like to share we'll find it a new home. For party location please contact Garden@yorkneighborhood.org, or call Anne at 933-4369. New comers are welcome!

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York Business Features

Johnny Mac Studios: MAKING BUSINESS THROUGH IMAGES AND WORDS

By David Hopkinson

Meet York neighborhood entrepreneur John McColloch, owner of Johnny Mac Studios. Working from his home-based studio, he's more than just the talented artist behind *The Yorker* newsletter. With a stash of creative tricks up his sleeve he might be just the guy for your event or business promotions.

John's product is "creative services" to put your business concepts in front of your customers through words and graphic design. His unique service provides everything: business cards, logos, print ads, website development and design, and video – all of it – plus original drawings, cartooning and animation. He also can broker print jobs, so talk to him first.

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As a child John began to draw as soon as he could wield a pencil. His first love was comic books, with their gaudy-colored covers that lured kids like the petals on a flower attract bees. That love remains visible in his office, today, where a vintage revolving wire rack holds a comic collector's dream come true. Some of the comics are John's originals, created years ago.

"Comics teach you how to tell a story," John said. "And I tell the stories, create the visual icons of what a business wants its customers to know they can do for them."

When he joined the Air Force as a young man John was asked: "Do you want to be a cook, a cop, or an airplane mechanic?" His only choices. So he asked them, instead, "Who does your drawings?" He pulled out a batch of drawings that he had smuggled onto the base, drawings that depicted life in the Air Force. The Master Chief Sergeant reacted: "Hey, these are good!" Thus began John's new assignment as Graphic Illustrator. The moral of the story: creativity always counts.

Check out JohnnyMacStudios here:
<http://www.johnnymacstudios.com>.

The York Neighborhood thanks John for all he does each issue to make this newsletter as good as it can be with a little comics mixed in for fun.

Summer host families needed

Looking for a new experience this summer? Is your family interested in learning more about other cultures? Here's a great opportunity for you. Families are needed to open their hearts and homes to a group of 19 young women coming from Tokyo, July 20 through August 9, as part of Compass USA's program for English language immersion. During their stay they will attend classes in the morning and excursions in the afternoon. They each need a family that will welcome them into their home and enjoy sharing life in the U.S.

If you or anyone you know would be interested please call Sarah at 360-303-5935 for more information.

Neighborhood Block Watch Info Night

York neighbors are invited to join with the Sehome Neighborhood to celebrate National Night Out Against Crime August 7. The combined neighborhood meeting will provide information from the Bellingham Police Dept. about how to start a Neighborhood Block Watch program. Officer Katherine Dearborn will be on hand to answer questions and explain the program. Social time begins at 6:30pm with the meeting at 7pm. Location is the WECU Education Center, corner of Holly and High streets.

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Neighborhood Faces:

Remembering York's Arne Hanna – The man who swam in a tuxedo

By Anne Mackie

Children's squeals of delight, the pop of a swim meet's starter gun, and cannonball splashes off the diving board are the sounds of Bellingham's living legacy to one man who worked tirelessly for making Bellingham a better place to live: Arne Hanna, for whom the city's Aquatic Center is named.

Arne represented Ward 3, which includes the York Neighborhood, on the City Council for 15 years from 1983 through 1998, the year he died from heart disease at the young age of 69. Arne's home is located across from Franklin Park on Grant St. where his wife Opal and son Howard still live.

"Getting the city swimming pool built was Arne's life-long dream," Opal said. "It was a dream he inherited from his father, Maurice, who started a 'pool fund' in the 1940s with a \$100 personal donation."

Arne carried his father's dream forward; and finally, after 50 years of community effort, the pool opened in 1995 as the Bellingham Aquatic Center. The name was changed in 1998 to honor Arne.

Arne owned an auto rental business at the corner of Broadway and Dupont streets on the other side of town. His office phone was usually ringing with citizens calling in to get him to take care of a problem. For those of us lucky to have known Arne we remember him as a compassionate leader. Sometimes you agreed with his passions and sometimes you disagreed, but we all agree he was a positive force who loved serving his community, especially the youngsters. He championed many causes in addition to the swimming pool: the ice skating rink, the skateboard park and other recreational facilities.

During the 1995 re-election campaign, Arne was asked by a reporter why he was running, again. His response: "Because



Photo courtesy of the Hanna Family.

Arne Hanna wore his tuxedo down the slide at Bellingham's new Aquatic Center opening day, August 12, 1995.

it's still fun." His funniest moment was when he wore a tuxedo and slid down the swimming pool water slide on opening day – staying true to his promise that he'd do that if the pool ever got built.

Arne left our community a better place, and we thank him for that. He's one of York's most memorable and notable historic figures.





Photo by Carrie Schwarz

Yorkers and friends celebrated the new York Historic District signs at York's first "Heritage Day" party at Nelson's Market March 18. Pictured here in period costumes are (L to R): Catherine Chambers; the Good Time Girls, Marissa McGrath and Sarah Holodnick; Michael Neville; Don Hilty-Jones; Richard Smith; Judy Hopkinson; Anne Mackie; Mike "The Mailman" Valenti; Colleen Milton; and Hallie Granville and daughter Violet.

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Neighborhood Calendar of Events

WWU Dumpster

Monday, June 4 – Friday, June 8
Located by Franklin Park

York's Annual Dumpster Day

Saturday, June 9
8:30am at Nelson's Market
514 Potter St.

Franklin Park Work Parties

Saturdays, June 9, July 14, August 11
9:00 – 11:00am

YNA General Meeting

Wednesday, June 13
6:30pm Taco Feed
7pm Meeting; Topic: "Butterfly Gardening"
Garden St. United Methodist Church
1326 N. Garden St.

Wine & Roses Garden Club

Thursday, June 21
6:30pm Potluck
Contact: Garden@YorkNeighborhood.org;
933-4369

Rock Hill Park Work Party

Saturday, June 30
9:00am - Noon

YNA Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 11
7pm Meeting
Garden St. United Methodist Church

STARS - Saturday Trash and Recyclers

First and third Saturdays
Meet at Nelson's Market, 8:45am

National Night Out Against Crime

York and Sehome Neighborhoods
Tuesday, August 7
6:30pm Social & Refreshments
7pm Meeting
WECU Educational Center
511 E. Holly St.

Newsletter Editor Needed

Still searching high and low for someone to take on the FUN job of Yorker editor. The next edition will be published in September, so you've got the summer off to work on your tan. Duties include organizing articles, editing, gathering or shooting photos (but not people), and becoming part of the YNA Board so you can stay on top of "what's up in the Hood." Contact YorkerEditor@yorkneighborhood.org. See – you get your own email address, too. Just another irresistible enticement.

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Save the Date!

York Annual Picnic & Harvest Festival

Sunday, Sept. 23; 3 to 5pm
Franklin Park

Events include kids' games and activities, face painting, a pie raffle, music, free hot dogs and lemonade and tons of delicious potluck dishes. Neighbors show case their garden harvests.

Contact President Kirsti Charlton if you are interested in helping out: President@yorkneighborhood.org, or call 393-7187.

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