

THE YORKER



York Neighborhood General Meeting

Save the Date!
Wed., Jan. 9, 2013
at Garden Street United
Methodist Church
1326 N. Garden St.
6:30 Social & Snacks

7pm Guest Speaker:
**City Councilman
Jack Weiss**, on
Rental Registration, Safety
and Health

Annual Holiday Horse Wagon Rides & Caroling Party – December 8



6pm – Gather & Sing at Nelson's Market; 6:30pm Rides Begin
Bring a plate of cookies to share!

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The party kicks off at 6pm with cookies, hot cocoa and cider at Nelson's Market, 514 Potter St. Bring your joyful voices; songbooks are provided. Everyone sings!

The wagon circulates throughout the neighborhood visiting Shukshan Healthcare Center, Lincoln Square, Grocery Outlet, and Franklin Park. The wagon runs for approximately two hours, or as long as people want to ride. The rides are free, but tickets will be handed out upon your arrival so that

everyone has a chance to ride.

The annual wagon ride, in its eighth anniversary year, is cosponsored by On-Site-Computer Services, Nelson's Market / Marlins' Café, and the York Neighborhood Association.

The horse wagon is provided by Rainbow Ranch in Ferndale. If the roads are too icy, we'll let the horses have the night off, but we're expecting rain...more rain. We hope you'll hop on board for a great fun ride!

Mission Statement of the York Neighborhood Association:

To reduce isolation among residents, enhance the quality of life in a low and moderate income urban neighborhood, create a sense of community, reduce or prevent crime, and preserve the historic character of the neighborhood.

**YORK NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

c/o 1410 Grant St., Bellingham, WA 98225
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or email: president@yorkneighborhood.org



**Thank-you
Kirsti Charlton,
York Neighborhood
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ASSOCIATION NEWS

Is it your turn to serve?

You can run, but you can't hide, so we're looking for you to serve on the neighborhood association Board.

Student Board Rep Needed

Are you a college student living in York? We're looking for a new student Board member for 2013. For more information, contact current YNA President, Kirsti Charlton, at: president@yorkneighborhood.org.

Officer Elections will be held in February 2013, after new Board members are elected at the Annual General Meeting, January 9th, 6:30pm, Garden St. Methodist Church, 1326 N. Garden. At this meeting we'll select YNA goals for the new year. Please join us to cast your vote!

A Special Thank-you, Helen Jackson, for your dedication to Franklin Park and Island.



Helen is "retiring" from her role as long-time Franklin Park Steward. Without Helen's leadership, grant writing and organizational skills we wouldn't have this great "prize" that honors plants, people, and kids' places to play.

Your donations at work!

Your financial donations sustain our active Association and events -- annual picnics, horse wagon and holiday carol sings, park and garden projects, club activities; and newsletters, event flyers, and street signs to publicize our many events.

Thanks to these donors, since publication of our September newsletter: Robert and Denise Boise, Sarah Campbell, Dixie Cheek, Sarah Covert-Bowlds, Barbara Davenport, Michelle Burkhart and Mark Schofield, Carolyne Milling and John Wiley, Greg Peterson, Gail Rasmussen, and Ian Thompson.

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As we go to press, the checks keep coming in. Thank you all!

**Thanks for the
MADD
Volunteers**

Make A Difference Day, Oct. 27, was a huge success thanks to the many volunteers who worked on York's Franklin Island, weeding and mulching.

WWU students, kids from the Silverwing Bats Wild Whatcom Explorers' Club, and many neighbors came out in the rain to help. Michelle from Parks brought the tools, cardboard, mulch, and gloves! Thanks also to Helen Jackson and Mark Schofield, for organizing; Carolyne Milling for getting coffee from Sehome Starbucks - thank you Starbucks, too; and Meredith Charlton, Don Hilty-Jones, and Carolyne Milling for bringing treats.

**Suggested
Donations**

- Student \$5
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Neighborhood Faces

Ethel Nelson celebrates 100 birthdays



On September 20th, Ethel Nelson celebrated her 100th birthday with a reception at Orchard Park senior residences. Ethel and her late husband, Lawrence, owned Nelson's Market in York beginning in the mid-1960s. Mr. Nelson died in 1967, and Ethel continued to operate the market and live upstairs until she sold it to the current owner, Jon Ostby, in 1984.

Thank-you, Ethel, for the memories and a Happy Belated Birthday!

York kids wiggle, squirm, smile and say, "Cheeeese" at the Annual Picnic held September 23rd, where fun was had by all!



Photo by Carolyn Mulder

Well wishes for two of our injured friends

Sally Higgins, York postal carrier...

is on the mend after an Aug. 28 accident in which she was hit by a car while crossing Cook Rd. in Skagit County. She suffered pelvic fractures, three broken ribs, lung bruising, a broken toe, broken clavicle and many other cuts and bruises. Home now and recuperating, Sally would love to hear from York neighbors at the online site: www.caringbridge.org.

Barbara Davenport, former York Board member and Chair of the Historic Preservation Committee...

is convalescing at Shuksan Health Center after being hit by a car in the crosswalk at James and Ohio streets Oct. 15. A broken shoulder, pelvis, and leg cannot slow her down, though. She'll be hosting the Tree Keepers' meetings while living at Shuksan. Barbara says, "Visitors are welcome!"

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Success rains on first annual York Harvest Festival

Story and photo by Mary Loquvam



Scotty Seren and Coco Breen prep apples for cider pressing.

October 13th dawned soggy and gray, but we didn't allow weather to dampen our spirits for York's First Annual Harvest Festival. The rain forced us inside to Byron Bagwell's home, where the band played in the living room, neighbors snacked potluck in the dining room, and we swapped seeds and harvest goods. We cleaned, cored, and

pressed apples under a tent in the side yard. A little weather wasn't about to get us down. Hundreds of pounds of apples had been harvested from one venerable old tree in the neighborhood. Using a motorized apple press we made cider, non-stop, from 11am to 7pm. -- that's how many apples we harvested! Our efforts yielded a nectar of

the gods; the neighborhood could make a killing bottling and selling this stuff!

Our goals for the **York Neighborhood Community Orchard and Garden** include producing food for our neighbors, generating pride of place, building our community, and celebrating our local harvest.

We are still in a conversation with the WA Dept. of Transportation to convert its property along the I-5 sound wall along James St. into our next York Community Garden – stay tuned! To get involved, contact me, maryloq@q.com. Everyone is welcome!

Workshop teaches public input process

Thank-you to YNA board member Dave Hopkinson for leading the workshop about how to write "scoping letters" at York's Nov. 14 general meeting. Using the issue of the proposed coal terminal at Cherry Point, the process and format for how to provide public input for a governmental EIS (Environmental Impact Study) was reviewed. Public comments about the coal terminal are due to the co-lead agencies by January 21, 2013. A good starting point for "how to's" on participating in the public process can be found at: www.ecy.wa.gov/geographic/gatewayapacific/

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York Neighborhood Business Profile

Face It Salon – Skin Care with a passion

By Anne Mackie

The golden hue of the turn-of-the-century Victorian house at 1410 Ellis St. adds a special “glow” to the neighborhood during our dark, wintry days and nights. And behind its walls another glow emerges as clients enjoy the skin-care treatments Mary Ann Newman provides at her home-based salon.

“I love inviting clients into my home to experience a relaxing, revitalizing treatment,” says Mary Ann. In her cozy top-floor salon she provides a variety of customized, solution-based treatments for women and men.

Mary Ann uses all natural and organic mineral make-up. Services include peels, dermabrasion, facial waxing, brow design, and tinting.

You didn’t know you needed it? Well, give it a try and see how good it feels, says Mary Ann.

She’s offering holiday-season, half-price specials, too. Call to schedule your complimentary skin consultation at 738-8368.

More information at:
<http://faceit-skincare.com>

Historic Character Preserved

Face It Salon is a great example of York’s in-home businesses helping to preserve the historic character of the neighborhood, while at the same time providing a home-sweet-home for its owner.

The Business Profile is a regular column in The Yorker. If you’d like your York Neighborhood business featured, let us know!



1410 Ellis St., home to Face It Skin Care Salon.

Amateur history detectives lurk in York

By Don Hilty-Jones

Who used to live in my house? Why are the streets of Bellingham so crazily laid out and named? Did my neighborhood have more churches or more brothels? Who the heck *was* Mr. Cornwall, anyway?

Answers are available for these obscure and nagging questions when you visit the Washington State Archives located right here in Bellingham on 25th St., adjacent to the WWU campus. I recently attended a workshop there on how to research houses and make use of the Archives’ collections, and how to search for material available within the state and across the nation. The workshop was a great introduction; and now I am looking towards developing a small workshop for York, perhaps next

year. I gathered many handouts and am happy to share. Just ask!

Words of advice: walk-in’s are welcome, but Archive staff prefer appointments so they can pull together materials for your project. Call ahead: 650-3125; or make an appointment online at: nwbrancharchives@sos.wa.gov.

Remember, Archives don't loan their materials; you will need to use them in-house.

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**Neighborhood
Calendar of Events**

**Wine & Roses Garden Club
Holiday Progressive Dinner**

Sat., Dec. 1, starts 6:30pm
Call Anne for location & details
933-4369

**Holiday Caroling & Horse
Wagon Rides**

Sat. Dec. 8,
6pm – Gather & Sing
6:30pm – Rides begin
Nelson's Market,
514 Potter St.

STARS

*Saturday Trash and
Recyclers* - Every first and third
Saturday of the month.
8:45 a.m.; locations vary so watch
for email announcements

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Happy Hour, 4 to 6 pm – micro brews on tap

Wine by the glass or bottle

Live Music, Friday, Nov. 30th with “Hoss”

We will be closed, briefly, during Christmas week.

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