

THE YORKER



YORK NEIGHBORHOOD

Dumpster Day!

Saturday, June 8

Nelson's Market

8:30-10:30 AM

Dumpster Not Open Before 8:30

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS Mattresses,
Plant Pots, Windows, Rugs, Curtains,
Clothes, Rags, Sofas,
Chairs, Tables,
bar-b-que grills

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS
Tires, Paint or Varnish, Yard waste,
Chemical or Hazardous waste,
Computers, TV sets, Appliances,
Construction debris
Anything that can be recycled

(note: Western Students can bring
recyclable items to Move-out
Madness)

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Truck haul of large items, arrange previous day:
360.647.1642

COME EARLY AS DUMPSTER GETS
FILLED QUICKLY!

SOLSTICE CELEBRATION JUNE 22!

By Mary Loquvam

On Saturday, June 22nd, York Farm will be sponsoring a Solstice Celebration and Fundraiser -- please save the date and come on down! At 3 pm, we will have a graduation ceremony for our two farm interns. They have done yeoman's work getting the farm up and running. Indeed without their



enthusiasm, creativity, dedication, and hard work the farm would not be where it is today! Come and celebrate the successful completion of their internship.

Tours and other activities begin at 3:20. By 4 pm, the grills get started with Hempler's hot dogs and our world famous "carrot dogs" for the vegans in the crowd -- every diet accommodated! Grab a dog for \$3 (includes a delicious, local green salad) and a soda for \$1. Proceeds go to your York Farm!

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MOVE-OUT MADNESS

For Western Students only Donate
useable household items Recycle
cans, glass, paper, cardboard

Throw away landfill material

June 10-14, 9am-5pm

Station located at Franklin Park, near
intersection of
Whatcom and Grant streets

TAKING TEDDY TO TEA
in the York National Historic District

Thank You
Sheryl Hershey
for the
Tea Party Fun



York's Annual Historic Neighborhood Party was held April 14 at Nelson's Market with the theme "Take Teddy to Tea." Kids of all ages and their teddy bears sat down to an old-fashioned tea party hosted by Sheryl Hershey with her Alice's Tea Party gear: antique teapots full of pink lemonade, teddy bear-shaped PB&J sandwiches, finger foods, cupcakes and dress-up clothes and hats to try on. It was so much fun for 35 partiers that we think we'll do it again next year!

York's National Historic District encompasses the section of the neighborhood north of Lakeway Dr. and east of Ellis St. Work continues towards gaining historic district recognition for the other two sections of York: the Franklin Park area and the Magnolia area west of Ellis St.

-- Article and photos by Anne Mackie

Solstice Celebration - (continued from page 1)

While you eat, enjoy live acoustic bluegrass and folk music provided by *The Catkins* and *Lindsey Street*. Local singer/songwriter *Judy Wagner* will be present as will local great *Steve Ray Lesley* -not to be missed!

Tours of the farm will take you through the various beds, the orchard and the pumpkin patch, the winter storage crops and our new composting system.

You can also catch a demo of the rainwater harvesting system. And - Transition Whatcom will be on hand building a cob bench for us. If you want to pitch in, you can help make mud pies and learn a bit about cob construction!

If the kids aren't entertained enough with running around and munching on hotdogs, we'll have a sidewalk chalk drawing contest.

Come on down with the family, tell your friends, and bring the relatives! *Your* participation supports *your* farm! See you there!

WHAT: Solstice Celebration Farm

Interns Graduation

**Bar-b-que,
Live Music,
Beverages,**

Tours, and more!

WHEN:

Saturday, June 22nd 3pm

Bar-b-que starts at 4 pm

WHERE:

YORK FARM

**1400 block of James Street in
the glorious**

YORK Neighborhood



Sally Higgins,
of York's US
tal Carriers, was
nored at a party
y 21 at Nelson's
rket, celebrating
return to work
r nine months.
ly has recuperated
m an accident in
ch she was hit by a
car while crossing the

Cook Rd. in Skagit County. Her injuries were severe, but she made an amazing recovery. We are so happy to have her back on the route, and in great York-style we honored her health by consuming 80 hot dogs, strawberry shortcake and a gallon of whipping cream.

Hoorah for Sa"y!



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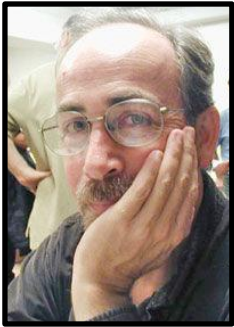
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Remembering Paul deArmond

By Anne Mackie



York neighbor and friend, Paul deArmond, died April 20th at the age of 60 after battling lung cancer for the

past few years. Paul's life was celebrated in the garden behind Nelson's Market a few weeks ago, where a cross-section of Bellingham's political spectrum, friends, family, and York neighbors gathered to remember a man who passionately fought for human rights.

Eloquent tributes to Paul are posted online: see Tim Johnson's "Gristle" column in the *Cascadia*

Weekly, 4-24-13 ; and Paul's sister Claire's posting on www.nwcitizen.com, May 6.

I first met Paul in the mid-1990s when we were both swept into a fight against racist organizers in the York Neighborhood. A group of neo-Nazi, skin head men and women had rented a house across from mine on Grant St. Swastika flags, intimidating behavior, loud drunken parties and hate literature invaded our neighborhood. Paul courageously began the counter-offensive against these thugs both in the neighborhood and the larger community.

To read more about this important era in our neighborhood's history, pick up a

copy of Paul's pamphlet at Nelson's Market, published in 2000, titled "1995 to Now: Bellingham's York Neighborhood Fights Back." Physical attacks fueled by racism, a notorious street battle between WWU students and the neo-Nazi skin heads, and subsequent FBI arrests are described in the pamphlet. Paul brought the neighborhood together under the banner of "no tolerance for intolerance and bigotry."

Paul received the 2001 Whatcom County Human Rights Task Force Award for his work on multiple fronts. We are proud to claim him as one of York's own. Paul's passion for activism and justice inspires us for the future.

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YORK “COMMUNITY HOUSE” TO BE CSA DROP SPOT

By Judy Hopkinson

When the days grow long, and the crops come in, there is a house that turns into a hub ... Yes, neighbors, right here in the York we have our own little hub of activity for home delivered CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) boxes. Jennifer Karnecki, Katie Dunne (719-244-4410) and all the dear folks at the “Community House” near Nelson’s Market have offered a secure, covered space for Osprey Hill Farm to deliver CSA boxes for York residents. You could be one of them! Sign up through Osprey Hill’s website (www.ospreyhillfarm.com). Just specify you would like York Neighborhood delivery. There is no extra charge for delivery, and many options are available for content, size of box, and frequency of delivery.

CSA boxes are the next best thing to growing your own. Most offer selections of in-season fruits and vegetables. Some (including Osprey Hill) also offer farm-fresh eggs and pastured poultry. A few include

grass-fed local beef, salmon, and a variety of other goodies. Acme Kitchens and Spring-Frog Farm (and possibly others) will deliver directly to your door for a small fee.

You can check out all your CSA options at <http://www.grownorthwest.com>

Of course, when you order delivery from Osprey Hill to the

York CSA hub you also get to meet some amazing Yorkers. Residents in Community House share weekly meals, holiday celebrations, parties, a little farming, chores. Working together, these folks have created an extended family. Now they are inviting neighbors to share the community spirit and have farm-fresh meals all summer. How can you resist?

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York Board Meeting
*Wed., June 12, 7pm Garden St. United Methodist Church
1326 N. Garden*

Everyone is invited to attend. Agenda includes:

- Discussion of proposed zoning and density changes in York's Subareas 2 & 4, in relation to the Downtown Plan.
- York Farm Summer Solstice Party, June 22
- Planning for York's Annual Picnic, Sept. 22
- Why the number "22" is so lucky (just sayin')



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SNOW, BAMBOO AND PAINT: A MAGIC COMBO FOR ONE ENTREPRENEUR

By Anne Mackie



He's often found down in the dirt at the York Farm on James St., where most neighbors have gotten to know him. He's been a key leader on the team installing the planting beds, trees, storage shed and water retention system. But down in the dirt isn't where Byron Bagwell spends all his time. He likes to get "air time," too.

As a professional snowboarder and a self-employed house painter, Byron spends time on the slopes and at the top of ladders. Throw in his third business as a bamboo grower, and you've got a magical combination of interests.

The adrenaline rush is part of it, he says, when he talks about his love of snowboarding, which has taken him around the globe from Bellingham to B.C., Europe, Chile and Argentina. "Just about anywhere there's snow, I've been," he says, after 10 years as a professional snowboarder for companies such as Never Summer Snowboard, Trewgear, Dragon Optics, and Spark RND.

And, yes, he admits that he's at Mount Baker just about every day that he can be during the season. In the off-season you might find Byron at the top of a ladder painting a house for his company, Summit Painting. Several of York's historic homes have gotten new paint jobs from Byron, including

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

the yellow church at 1446 Franklin St. with its high steeple.

"Using more vibrant colors to bring out historic architecture is fun," he says. "Old houses are harder to work on because of the toxic materials used in the past, but bringing a new look to an old house is worth it." His own historic home on James St. has one of those vibrant color palettes; but changing its color was the easy part.

"The turn-off for my house was the freeway wall it backs up to," Byron says. He found a quick-growing solution: bamboo. And with it, a new business called B-Squared Bamboo. He planted bamboo to cover up the ugly concrete wall, and fell in love with the plant. Now he grows seven varieties.

"It's a great plant for certain problems, and it's a lot nicer to look at than a freeway wall." Recently, Byron started making fixtures like coat racks with the bamboo stalks. Who knows, maybe there's a fourth business in the works? We'll see as the bamboo spreads.

Thanks, Byron, for all your great work on the Farm and for being one of York's home-grown businesses. To contact Summit Painting or B-Squared Bamboo, call 360-820-0867, or via email bbsportinwood@gmail.com.

Join the York email list! Send your name and email to:
Listmaster@yorkneighborhood.org



York Calendar

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YNA Board Meeting

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1326 N. Garden

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Solstice Celebration/ York Farm Fundraiser

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Ongoing

York Farm Work Parties

contact

Farm@YorkNeighborhood.org

Franklin Park

work parties

2nd Sat of each month

contact

VicePresident@

YorkNeighborhood.org

Rockhill Park Work Parties

TBA

STARs

1st and 3rd Saturdays at

8:45 am

contact

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Upcoming

Picnic in the Park

Sept 22

Fall General Meeting

TBA

Harvest Festival

October

Horse-drawn wagon rides and Caroling

December

(early!)

Wine and Roses Potlucks

and

Garden Parties

TBA

York Neighborhood Association Officers for

President: Don Hilty-Jones;

Vice President: Mark Scholfield;

Treasurer: Lisa Anderson;

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Contact:

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- 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.