

May 2013

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### Community Council Meetings

- January 16, 2013
- February 20, 2013
- March 20, 2013
- April 17, 2013
- May 15, 2013
- June 19, 2013
- July 17, 2013
- August – No Meeting
- September 18, 2013
- October 16, 2013
- November 20, 2013
- December- No Meeting

Facebook: Licton Springs Neighborhood  
[www.lictonsprings.org](http://www.lictonsprings.org)

**Community Council Meetings are open to the public.**



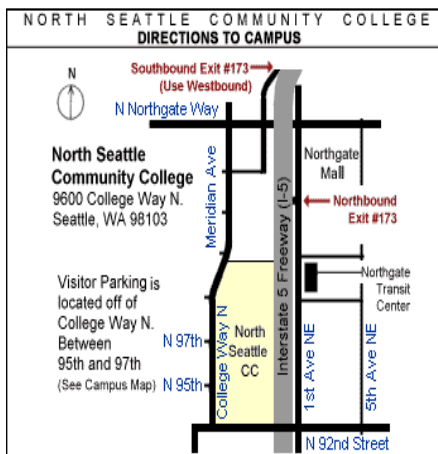
# Licton Springs CURRENTS

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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

**Next Meeting is on Wed. May 15<sup>th</sup>** Licton Springs Community Council Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month except for August and December at 7PM at **North Seattle Community College OCE&E Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room.**

### Directions to Campus



### LSCC meeting NEW location Directions are as follows:

The Opportunity Center for Employment and Education building, The OCE&E building, new blue building, is located on the south end of the NSCC campus. Please enter at the lower eastside doors, take the elevator to the **2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room** at the top of the stairs.

Please park on the East side of the OCE&E and enter the building from the lower East doors. There is an elevator inside the lobby.



### Hello Neighbors!

Hope everyone is enjoying the warm spring we've been having. A nice change from our usual raining springs. There's lots of things happening in and around our neighborhood this month.

Our monthly community meeting is on Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and would love to see neighbors attend. There are board positions open and we need to fill them. If you have any interest we would like to talk with you.

Hope to see you at the meeting on Wednesday.

~Licton Springs Board members



## 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 2013

January 12  
February 09  
March 09  
April 13  
May 11  
June 8  
July 13  
September 14  
October 12  
November 9  
December 14

Meet at the "comfort station" in  
the park, 97<sup>th</sup> 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)

## P-Patch Corner

### PLANTING SEEDS



Licton Springs P-Patch Project  
(206) 934- 6127

Laura Sweany, Project Manager,  
Licton Springs P-Patch

Please contact Laura, if you're  
interested in joining the Licton  
Springs P-Patch Steering  
committee.

[lictonspringsppatch@gmail.com](mailto:lictonspringsppatch@gmail.com)

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We need your assistance and  
supplies for our P-Patch shed. We  
are hoping neighbors have scrap  
wood and tools lying around and  
later this year will want to come  
out and help us build a shed.

Please contact the p-patch office if  
you would like to donate items.  
[lictonspringsppatch@gmail.com](mailto:lictonspringsppatch@gmail.com)  
(206) 934- 6127

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<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/ppatch/>

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Check out the City Fruit website  
for all kinds of wonderful  
information including classes like  
Cider tasting and canning.

<http://www.CITYFRUIT.org>

<http://cityfruit.org/classes/>

More info here:  
<http://cityfruit.org/classes/>

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### Tell Your Urban Food Story

This invitation is open to anyone  
who has a story to tell about a  
community food project.

Selected videos will be screened at  
the **ACGA 2013 Conference** in  
Seattle, WA.

Entry deadline: **July 8, 2013.**  
<http://www.communitygarden.org/conference/film-festival/film-festival.html>

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[www.kingcounty.gov/weeds/](http://www.kingcounty.gov/weeds/)



## Community News

From Seattle PUD

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

### Register Now! May 18 West Seattle Auto Leaks Class

Register now while spaces are still available for the May 18 Auto Leaks Class at West Seattle High School's Automotive Center. The class is from 9 am to 1 pm. The class – valued at \$125 – is FREE! At the class you will:

Learn more about your car, including if it has any oil or other fluid leaks. Get the confidence to talk to your mechanic about any repairs and their cost. Receive an auto maintenance kit.

Watch our video and hear what past participants have to say: [www.youtube.com/FixOilLeaks](http://www.youtube.com/FixOilLeaks).

A leaky car isn't a reliable car. Do yourself a favor and **register today!**

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### Watch Your Watering: Peak Water Rates in Effect May 16



Peak residential water rates are in effect from May 16 through September 15 each year. Peak rates incorporate a three-tiered

rate structure with progressively higher rates as water consumption increases. During warmer months, we depend on water stored in our mountain reservoirs to meet customer demand while leaving enough water in the rivers for fish. Peak water rates encourage customers to use water wisely.

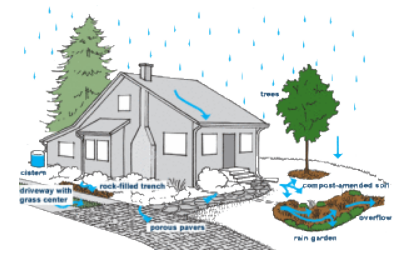
### 2013 Residential Water Rates

Water Usage	Inside Seattle	Outside Seattle	Shoreline and Lake Forest Park
Off-Peak Usage (Sept. 16 – May 15)	\$4.50	\$5.13	\$5.46
Peak Usage (May 16 – Sept. 15)			
First-Tier: Up to 10 CCF in 60 days	\$4.73	\$5.39	\$5.74
Second-Tier: Next 26 CCF in 60 days	\$5.72	\$6.52	\$6.94
Third-Tier: Over 36 CCF in 60 days	\$11.80	\$13.45	\$14.31

Note: One ccf equals 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons of water.

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### May 13: Why Build a Rain Garden?



Seattle residents interested in building rain gardens in their yards can find out more at the next RainWise open house, on May 13 at 6:15 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Living, 5801 Sand Point Way NE.

Co-sponsored by Sustainable Seattle and Seattle Public Utilities, the open house will include information about why hundreds of homeowners in Seattle have already decided to go RainWise. Residents will have the chance to talk to homeowners who have already built rain gardens in their yards and contractors that install rain gardens. Cistern installations are also part of RainWise.

The typical single-family home sheds about 50,000 gallons of storm water runoff each year. Channeling that runoff to a rain garden or cistern can help to prevent sewage overflows and protect local waterways from polluted runoff.

RainWise provides rebates to customers based on how much of that runoff is diverted to a rain garden or cistern. The typical rebate covers most of the installation cost.

For more information about the open house, send an e-mail to [greenblocks@sustainableseattle.org](mailto:greenblocks@sustainableseattle.org) or call 206-622-3522.



More information about RainWise is available at [www.rainwise.seattle.gov](http://www.rainwise.seattle.gov).

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**Time to Give Your Neighborhood a Spring Clean!**

It's time for Spring Clean — Seattle's premier community cleanup event. Seattle Public Utilities invites you and your neighbors to participate April 1—May 31.

Help pick up litter, stencil storm drains, paint out graffiti, remove invasive plants, or join an event in your community. All Spring Clean projects are on public property. Volunteers receive free litter cleanup bags, gloves, safety vests, and waste disposal permits.

Get started today! Call **206-233-7187**, or register online at [www.seattle.gov/util/SpringClean](http://www.seattle.gov/util/SpringClean).

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<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/>

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**North Seattle Community College (9600 College Way N)**

<https://northseattle.edu/>

<https://northseattle.edu/office-veterans-affairs>

Office of Veterans Affairs

Educational Benefits  
Other Assistance  
Military Friendly  
**Get Help with VA Benefits & Other Needs**

The Office of Veterans Affairs at North Seattle Community College offers a range of assistance to veterans, reservists, active duty personnel and eligible family members who receive Veteran's Administration education benefits.

We provide help with any issues having to do with veteran status and serve as a resource for military personnel transitioning into civilian life.

We also offer certification services for anyone eligible for: Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill; Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill; Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation; Chapter 35/ Aid for Eligible Family Members and Chapter 1606/1607 Selective Reservists.

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**SAVE THE DATE:**

Plan on joining **Seattle City Council President Sally J. Clark** and **Council member Sally Bagshaw** on Saturday, June 1, 2013 for **"Coffee with the Sallys."**

This is a great opportunity to talk with City Council members about

what's happening in your community!

Date: **Saturday, June 1st 2013**

Time: **9am-10:30am**

Location: **Café Racer** (5828 Roosevelt Way NE)

For more information, please contact Jesse Gilliam at [jesse.gilliam@seattle.gov](mailto:jesse.gilliam@seattle.gov)

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**Blanchet Stadium**

Eric Johnston attended the LSCC meeting in April and reported that he had formed a new online group called *BlanchetNeighbors.com*.

They now have block captains for the neighborhoods around the Blanchet School. They paid for a sound study with donations they received.

Lee Bruch said that the volunteers had 60 years of experience between them, including backgrounds of zoning and codes, environmental and SEPA, architect and urban planning expertise.

They have been waiting a month and a half for the staff level decision of the City. They have argued that SEPA is required.

Blanchet, a private school, has had six separate projects (all linked) since 2000. They have turned two houses into offices. Blanchet is located in a residential community and are trying to claim precedents that the City has given to public schools in the Seattle School District.

The Blanchet Neighbors are prepared to defend Blanchet's

appeal if the decision is in their favor or appeal the decision if they lose.

They are an ad hoc group, so a trust account has been set up by their lawyer, David Mann of the Gendler & Mann, LLP firm. At present they have sufficient funds.

*Donations should be made by check, made out to Gendler & Mann, LLP with "Concerned Blanchet Neighbors" on the memo line and mailed to the group's treasurer, Dean Enell, 4755 Lakeside Drive, Langley, WA 98260.*

Blanchet made their application in November 2011, with the intent to complete construction last fall. They will probably try to get construction finished this year.

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**RICHARD CONLIN'S SEATTLE NEWS MAY 2 2013**

**GENETICALLY ENGINEERED SALMON OPPOSED BY CITY, MURRAY, CANTWELL, AND SWINOMISH INDIAN TRIBAL COMMUNITY**

Earth Day, April 22, was a good day for a unanimous Mayor and Council to join Senators Cantwell and Murray and the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community in opposing a proposal before the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that would approve the commercial production of genetically engineered salmon that have had genes from other species inserted into their DNA to make them grow faster.

Senators Murray and Cantwell, the two Alaska Senators and Alaska's Representative are part of a bipartisan coalition that

supports legislation that would ban the genetically modified fish or require it to be labeled as transgenic if the FDA approves it. Washington and Alaska lawmakers are reacting to the possible threat to the livelihood of Northwest and Alaska fishermen. They are also concerned about the potential health concerns relating to the consumption of genetically engineered salmon and the threat to wild salmon if these fish get loose and become established in the wild.

The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community is also alarmed about this proposal. Brian Cladoosby, Chairman of the Swinomish Tribal Community, in a comment letter opposing the proposed FDA action, stated: "The Tribe is also concerned that genetically engineered salmon pose a grave threat to the environment and to the health of the general population. We strongly believe that it would be an error for the FDA to accept the unsupported "guarantee" that all genetically engineered fish can be contained and not adversely impact people and the environment. History has shown that fish raised in aquaculture facilities can and will escape. It is also likely that genetically engineered fish would eventually be raised in open ocean net pens because nearly all commercial salmon production occurs in such pens. Farmed salmon routinely escape."

The proposal, by AquaBounty Technologies Inc., is to alter Atlantic salmon with genes taken from the Pacific Chinook salmon and the eel-like Ocean Pout. Adding these growth genes from other species would cause the fish to produce growth hormones continuously, allowing it to grow bigger and faster than natural salmon.

Seattle, as the home of much of the Alaska fishing fleet, has a direct economic stake in the continued health of the fishing industry, which this proposal threatens in several ways. We also, of course, share the concerns about human health and the potential degradation of the environment and threat to the survival of endangered wild salmon.

More than 400,000 fishermen, environmentalists, food safety advocates and others have written to the FDA with concerns about the FDA's preliminary finding that this project should be allowed to proceed. As a fallback, many commenter's have suggested that, if the FDA allows the project to proceed, the company should be required to label the fish as genetically engineered when they are sold to consumers. In its resolution, the City also endorsed federal labeling of genetically engineered food and animals.

In the European Union, genetically modified organisms are tightly regulated, required to be labeled, and often banned from human consumption. In the United States there are fewer restrictions on genetic modifications and no labeling requirements. This fall Washington voters will have the opportunity to vote on an initiative requiring labeling of GMO food sold in the State.

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**Seattle Pool information:**

<http://www.seattle.gov/Parks/Pools.asp>

Greenlake Wading pool doesn't open until June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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## Phinney Ridge Community Center Events:

<http://www.phinneycenter.org>

### Save the Date PNA Garage Sale

**Saturday, May 18**  
**9am-3pm**  
**GARAGE SALE DAY**



Over 100 yard sales throughout the Phinney/Greenwood neighborhood.

Online and paper map available.

**FLEA MARKET** in the Phinney Center lower parking lot – 6532 Phinney Ave N.

**TOOL SALE** at the PNA Tool Library – 6615 Dayton Ave N.

**SPRING GREEN YOUR HOME** in the lower parking lot 10 am -3 pm Recycle clothing, household goods, construction materials, CFL light bulbs and electronics with SustainableWorks, Green Canopy, Cleanscapes, Goodwill and InterConnection.



## Events & Activities

- 5/18 Garage Sale Day
- 5/18 Spring Into Bed Work Party
- 5/20 The Streets Above Carkeek Park
- 5/31 Bingo/Karaoke Night
- 6/1 PNA Garden Party
- 6/1 PhinneyWood Pride Rainbow Hop

Printable list of 2013  
PNA Special Events (PDF)

## Classes / Education

- 5/15 Getting Things Done!
- 5/20-23 NEW! Video Editing Basics
- 5/20 Stress Free Living & Meditation
- 5/21 Jewelry Making Workshop
- 5/29 Job Search Workshop

[Learn more](#) about the classes above.

## Complete Class Schedule(s) Spring 2013

### Greenwood Senior Center

To register for GSC classes call 206.684.0639  
[Visit GSC website](#)

### Emerald City Contra Dances

**Fridays 7:30-10:30 pm**  
[Visit their website](#)

### Seattle Folklore Society

Folklore concerts at the PNA  
[Click here](#) for more information

### Weekly Groups

- Mondays** PNA Spanish Conversation Groups
- Thursdays** Phinney Friends Crochet Group
- Thursdays** Movie Night
- Fridays** PNA Bridge Club

### Class Information & Registration

Class fees vary and are listed in each class description. PNA-sponsored classes are identified with “PNA” at the end of the class description.

Pre-registration is required for all PNA-sponsored classes unless noted otherwise. Classes will be canceled for low enrollment, so register early to make sure the class runs. PNA Class Cancellations & Refunds: We refund tuition if we cancel a class, or if you cancel your registrations at least seven days before class.

**Greenwood Senior Center (GSC)**  
Classes are held at 525 N 85th St. Seattle, WA 98103.  
To register: 206-297-0875

**Phinney Neighborhood Center (PC)** classes are held at 6532 Phinney Ave. N. Seattle, WA 98103.

**To register:** 206.783.2244  
Classes not marked “PNA” are offered by individuals or organizations who rent space at the PC or GSC. Registration information for such classes is found in the class listing.

While we do our best to ensure the accuracy of these listings, the PNA is not responsible for errors in ads for classes that are not PNA-sponsored.

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### Seattle Parks and Recreation

You can find it all in Seattle's parks...

Don't miss the adventure that's just down the street!

We have over 400 parks and open areas, and over 6200 acres of park land. Whether your interest is aquatics, creek restoration, basketball, or gardening, we have something for you!

<http://www.seattle.gov/parks/parks/index.htm>

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**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 2013     \$15 Renew my Tax deductible membership for 2013

**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.**