

Dear Members and friends of NWONA, Northwest Olympia Neighborhood Association,

We have had a busy year as volunteers on the board. I am sorry we have not sent out more newsletters. It seemed that the city was always sending information to me and I passed them on to you, rather than keeping you more informed of actual association business. You can read about some of our accomplishments by going to www.nwona.org.

This year we focused on safety in the neighborhood, protection of a heron rookery, and developing a plan for the pocket park on the corner of Thomas and Madison streets. The city owns the parcel and has given our association permission and seed money to develop it. From input we have received, we plan to create a group seating area, smaller sitting/picnicking areas, plant edible and water-wise plants, and create some beds for neighborhood gardening.

There are two work parties planned so far. The first is Saturday, September 11th from 9-12. The Church of Latter Day Saints (LDS) wants to do their Day of Sharing by helping **our** neighborhood with the first phase of our pocket park, as well as, doing clean-up in the neighborhood. Please make sure to thank them for their efforts if you see them. They are also looking to help those who are disabled or elderly with any small project. If you know someone, or need help yourself, please e-mail me your address. You will need to have necessary tools.

Please also –email me if you have sidewalks that are over-grown. They can easily take care of that. Our neighborhood loves walking and that is one concern we hear often from children and adults: that sidewalks with stuff growing over them is an impediment.

We are not inviting neighborhood volunteers to help with the first work party because we already will have so many LDS volunteers. But definitely, stop by the pocket park and learn more about it.

The second work party is on **Saturday, October 2nd** and there is a twist. From **10-11:30am** we will meet at **Mariah Collaborative Arts Center, 1403 Garfield Ave.** for coffee, tea, and scones and have the **Annual General Membership Meeting. After that we will have a work party at the pocket park until 1:30pm.** Please come. Our association is only as good as the involvement of its volunteers. Please come and share your needs. Together we can create a safe, healthy, and beautiful neighborhood.

We will send more information as we get closer to the association meeting and work party.

Thank-you,

Robin Ivey-Black, president of NWONA