

September 2016 BNA Newsletter



Bigelow Neighborhood Association

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Summer is over and winter is coming, which means it's time for the September Newsletter



1. We have a new BNA board! (pictures on the website soon)

President: Jay Elder
Secretary: Laurie Dills

Vice President: Steve Mazepa
Treasurer: Barb LaForge

Deb Walters
Bethy Milton

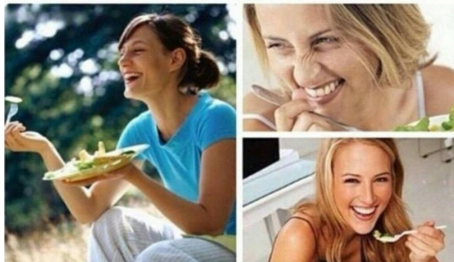
Patti Sievert
Elaine Harmon

Terry Vanderpham
Jon Gilstrom



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Novemberfest: On Sunday night, November 6th, from 6 - 8 PM, we'll have our annual Novemberfest potluck at 1018 Olympia Avenue. Soup, bread and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. Meet and enjoy your neighbors. **RSVP on the website home page, where it says "9/23/16 BNA MEMBERS!! Take This Survey"**

3. Work Parties: Women, men and kids welcome

- On Saturday October 1, from 10AM - 1 PM, we'll finally get the Bigelow Orchard covered with mulch, after removing the last few blackberry roots. Bring a tool, like a rake, wheelbarrow, Pulaski or shovel. Snacks provided
- On Saturday October 15, from 10AM - 1 PM, we'll work on Bigelow Springs Park, to trim brush, pick up litter, and spread dirt. Tools and snacks provided.





- **TBA: The BNA was awarded 2 more grants to improve our neighborhood: a new sign and a level concrete picnic table platform. Seth and I (Jay) will be building the forms and pouring the concrete, but we need help. If you want to learn how to do concrete, or just want to help do it, please Email me (jayelder@comcast.net)**

4. Crime and Maintenance:

- To protect yourself from occasional car prowls, remember to do the obvious: lock your car, don't leave valuables in it, and leave your front porch light on at night.
- Barb LaForge and Patti Sievert are organizing a BNA Blockwatch. If you're interested in being a part, Email Barb (blaforge5@gmail.com). Also, the Olympia police will make a presentation on BlockWatch at **our next BNA meeting (Tuesday Oct 18 at 7 PM)** All are welcome.
- Sometimes, people neglect their properties to the point where it's not only impacting their neighbors, its actually illegal. To view types of common code violations, see (<http://olympiawa.gov/city-services/code-enforcement.aspx>)
The first step is to talk to the neighbor directly about it. If no action is taken, or you're uncomfortable with this, contact Code Enforcement. More people making the same complaint means better CE response. Also, let the BNA know about the problem. We'll help you, but only after you have done what you can.
- With the leaves falling and rain coming, its important to keep street gutters and grates clear of leaves and debris. If you have the energy, grub the curbs (remove grass and weeds growing between the street and curb, and curb and sidewalk). Keep your sidewalk walkable
- Its frustrating when people drop litter on your property or street. However, the only way it will go away is if you pick it up.



5. Caroling Party

How many people are interested in a caroling party this year, (Wednesday December 15 from 6 - 8 PM)? [Vote on the website.](#)