

# THE YORKER



## Annual Chili DINNER

Wednesday, January 9  
**Everyone Welcome!**

Hosted by the York  
Neighborhood  
Association Board

6:00 – 7pm  
at Garden St. United  
Methodist Church  
1326 N. Garden St.  
(upstairs)

A variety of chilis – con carne,  
chicken, vegetarian -- provided by  
YNA Board members along with  
condiments.

YOU can please bring extra top-  
pings, side salads, cornbread or  
cookies.

Bring your own beverage; water and  
coffee provided by Nelson's Market.

Bring your own bowl and table  
ware.

*Come warm up with your  
neighbors and friends and a  
hot bowl of delicious chili!*

## YORK Neighborhood Annual Meeting and Chili Dinner

Wed., January 9 – Dinner 6-7pm; Meeting 7pm  
at Garden Street United Methodist Church, 1326 N. Garden St.

Guest Speaker,  
City Councilman Jack Weiss, on:

### ***“Rental Housing Registration and Inspections for Safety and Health Standards”***

- Tired of problems with your rental house?
- Problems with heating, plumbing, wiring, or structural issues?
- Sick from mold? Drafty or broken windows?
- Feel ripped off with high rents and low quality housing?
- Got rats or vermin problems?
- Not enough parking?

**Come and share your issues about York's rental housing,  
which makes up more than 50% of our neighborhood.**

A business meeting follows after the speaker and discussion;  
agenda includes: 2013 Board Election and Neighborhood Goals

***Hope to see you there!***

### **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 call or text: 393-7187  
www.yorkneighborhood.org or email: president@yorkneighborhood.org



**ASSOCIATION NEWS**

**Goals for 2013**

At the upcoming January 9 Annual Meeting, we'll review our goals for 2013. Issues proposed by the YNA Board:

- **Communication:** Continuation of *The Yorker* newsletter and online tools to inform neighbors of events, issues, and projects. Host student forums.
- **Food Security:** Provide as much food production within York as possible through York's Orchard and Community Gardens Committee projects.
- **Health & Safety:** Improve rental housing safety and health; prevent and reduce crime; work on disaster preparedness; improve pedestrian and bike safety; and freeway noise abatement.
- **Neighborhood Pride & Identity:** Continue historic preservation; increase student involvement in the neighborhood; continue to host family and social events such as holiday horse wagon/caroling party, annual picnic, harvest festival, and garden club activities.
- **Parks, Greenspace & Beautification:** Enhance existing parks through work parties; help develop new green spaces; continue litter pick-up and annual dumpster day; work on "greening" historic buildings and homes.

**YNA Board Elections to be held January 8**

Nominations are open for new association board members. Responsibilities include attendance at approximately six board meetings a year, four general membership meetings, and help with a variety of projects.

**Student Rep Sought**

Each year we try to include at least one student rep on the YNA Board. If you fit that description and are interested, please consider joining.

Contact President, Kirsti Charlton, to learn more. Call or text 360-393-7187 or email president@yorkneighborhood.org.

**Annual Fundraising Drive a BIG Success!**

Since publication of our last newsletter in December, the following people have sent in donations to the neighborhood association. Thank you for your support!

**Individual donors:**

Ken Barkley, Stoney Bird, Jeff and Laurie Brown, Kirsti and Fred Charlton, Mel Charlton, Maureen Godwin, Gladys Howard, Helen Jackson, Lesley Keenholts, Chris and Carol Kleps, Lisa and Dan McShane, Mark Nuyens, John Rietz, Hana Schultz and Gabriel Mast, Libby and Evan Stark, James Sturdevant, Darol Streib, Team McShermind – Mark Sherman and Leigh McDiarmid, Walt and Lorna Turpin, Greg Winter and Amanda White, Christine Young, and Kyle Young.

**Business donors:**

Bellingham Grocery Outlet; and for sponsorship of the Holiday Horse Wagon – OnSite Computer Services and Nelson's Market/Marlins' Café.

**Business Advertisers:** Due to the smaller issue of the newsletter this time, we are unable to print business display ads but wish to thank these businesses for their support this past year:

AA Anderson, Alice's Tea Parties, Bellingham Art, Binyon Vision, Johnny MacStudios, Mod Socks, Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood, Nelson's Market/Marlins' Café, North Sound Energy and Remodel, Stan's Auto Body, and Garden St. United Methodist Church for use of their church for York's neighborhood meetings.

**Suggested Membership Donations to York Neighborhood Association**

- Student \$5
- Singles \$10
- Household \$20
- Business \$100 (includes business card ad in newsletter).

**Mail to:**

YNA Treasurer  
Lisa Anderson,  
520 Edwards St.,  
Bellingham, WA  
98225

*Make checks payable to YNA*

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