



THE YORKER



FALL PICNIC

Sunday, Sept 22

3 pm

Franklin Park

Pie Raffle
Children's Activities
Chair Massages

Back Yard Gardeners' - Show and Swap!



Free Grilled Hot Dogs and Lemonade

You can bring

last name A -H = side dish

last name I-M = dessert

last name N-Z = salad

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FALL PICNIC

By Judy Hopkinson



Fall is a wonderful time to celebrate community in the York Neighborhood. The first big event of the season is the Fall Picnic on September 22. Lisa Anderson is handling details, and this year is looking

better than ever! If you are lucky, you could win one of the amazing pies, or home-made jams, or other goodies grown in the hood and/or made by fabulous York cooks. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. All money goes to the York Neighborhood Association. So bring your best pies and treats for the raffle and test your luck in the drawing.

Food at the Picnic: Nelson's Market is donating Hempler's hot dogs, and the Neighborhood Association is bringing hotdog buns, condiments, and lemonade. **Potluck items come from you and your neighbors.** Check the box at the left to see what you can bring to share at the picnic table.

Neighborhood Children's Photo: Parents- If you would like to participate, a photographer will take a group photo of York Neighborhood children and babies at 3:30. This will be a wonderful keepsake to remember your children and their playmates in 2013.

Chair Massages: Amy Brock has opened a massage business in the York (see page 4) and will be offering free chair massages this year.

Show and Swap: Back yard gardeners are invited to display their produce on the Harvest Table where it can be appreciated, swapped with neighbors, or given away. Fabulous prizes are rumored!

Contact: Lisa at Treasurer@YorkNeighborhood.org for more information



YORK JOINS SEHOME FOR NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME *By Jean Hamilton*



at Diego's Grill. Then about 20 neighbors visited motels, businesses and people walking along

Sehome and York neighbors took to the streets on August 6 to confront local crime at its source on Samish Way. Organizer Kay Reddell had printed up stickers to hand out to everyone saying "Sehome Neighbors and Friends Night Out." Several people gathered early for dinner

the street, to hand out stickers and York peppermint patties (donated by Nelson's Market) and just to let the community know that neighbors care about their safety. After an hour walkers met back at Diego's for refreshment and a visit from Officer Courtney of the

Bellingham Police Department (his fourth event of the night). Officer Courtney gave a run-down on the local situation and fielded questions.

Many of the folks approached during the walk, including those who live in the motels where criminal activity is observed, said that they were happy to see the neighborhood addressing the problem.

Special thanks are due to Jozef Bosman of Diego's Grill for support of this event.

CITY SPRAYS ROUNDUP WEED KILLER IN YORK

By Evan Jones

When I returned to my house at the corner of Franklin and Potter at 7:30 a.m. on July 22, a man wearing a bright orange shirt with a spray applicator strapped to his back was squirting the herbicide Roundup along my sidewalk, about 10 feet from my garden bed. He had no protective clothing, not even a face mask. "Not to worry," he told me from within the fumes surrounding him, "**it's only salt.**"

I asked him to stop spraying and he did. I called the city to see what was going on and was told by a supervisor in Public Works that Roundup was "**only salt.**" It's applied to minor arterials, like Potter Street, twice a year.

Fortunately, residents can opt out by putting up a sign stating: "**No spray. Owner will maintain.**"

What is the rationale for spraying and why are some sidewalks treated but not others? What is the exact schedule for spraying? Which sidewalks get dowsed with the salty Roundup?

Is Roundup really no more dangerous than table salt? Is it, as some reports suggest, linked to Parkinson's disease, cancer, or other human illnesses?

For answers to the easier questions, and perhaps quotes from city employees, read part two of this article in the next newsletter.

LOUD PARTY? CARS ON LAWNS OR BLOCKING DRIVE? CALL 911!! *By Kirsti Charlton*

York neighbors are encouraged to call 911 when there are concerns relating to health and safety and general neighborhood "peace of mind."

Concerns can include loud parties, loud music, cars parking on lawns or sidewalks, and other inappropriate behaviors that disrupt our evenings and nights. These "disruptions" are not only non-neighborly and unfriendly, but they are also BMC (Bellingham Municipal Code) violations and violators can be ticketed and/or fined.

When you call 911 for a loud party, for example, state, "This is NOT an emergency." (If it is an emergency, by all means say so!)



News From the York Farm

By Mary Loquvam

The York Farm will begin construction of a rain water harvesting system this Fall. Currently, the farm relies on two generous neighbors for irrigation water. But we will need an independent and sustainable source of water before 2015 when the city puts all of the York on a water metering program. At that point, homeowners will pay for water by the gallon.



public/private partnership with ReSources to develop a rain water harvesting demonstration. Together they have installed two systems to collect rain water off the two roofs of the ReStore on Meridian.

When Anitra learned of the York Farm, she saw another great demonstration opportunity. She approached Byron Bagwell and Mary Loquvam, and a perfect partnership was

formed! Together, they are designing a system to capture and store about 3,000 gallons of rain water on site. That is the estimated amount of water needed to irrigate crops during the dry Bellingham growing season. Byron has erected a storage shed with about 120 sq. ft. of roof area. Rain water will be captured from the roof of the shed after installation of two 275-gallon tanks this Fall.

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Anitra hopes that irrigation of our our 3/4 acre farm with rain water will inspire other Bellinghampsters to irrigate home gardens the same way!

Down on the Farm Second Annual Harvest Fest and Apple Pressing Sat., Oct. 5, 2013

11 am until all the apples are pressed!

Live music and refreshments including fresh apple cider! So come on down to 1400 James Street for family fall fun!

Saturday, Sept. 21st, 9 am - 1 pm
York Farm will have a work party with 17 Vista

Volunteers from WWU to lay the groundwork for the new rain water harvesting system. Come learn about and help with installation of the farm's sustainable water system!

June 21st, 2013 (*it was awesome!*):
York Farm had its first **Solstice Celebration** and Fundraiser. About 500 people visited the farm that day and enjoyed hotdogs, carrot dogs, salad, music, dancing, and glorious sunshine.

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RELAXING IN THE YORK JUST GOT EASIER

By Anne Mackie



big red barn. Amy Brock, Licensed Massage Practitioner, provides Swedish, deep tissue and medical massage in her home-based business.

“I like to incorporate passive limb stretching and movement into my work. Often people say they feel taller after we have worked together,” Amy said. Her approach incorporates Western and Eastern philosophies to gain maximum benefit for the client. In preparation for opening her own business, Amy has been working at Advanced Medical Massage in Fairhaven. She hopes to soon begin providing chair massage at the Leopold Retirement Center in the downtown area.

“I think people don't get touched enough in our society, but I think that is particularly true for the elderly. Healthy touch is so important to emotional and neurological health and quality of life in general,” she said.

Yorkers can sample one of Amy's free chair massages at the upcoming Annual Picnic, Sept. 22. But be forewarned: The line might be long.

For appointments at York Massage and Wellness, contact Amy at 360-303-8457; or via email, abrock71@gmail.com. Visit her website at www.yorkmassagewellness.com.

A new business, York Massage and Wellness, is open for clients in the 1300 block of Iron St., next to Rock Hill Park. You can't miss it! Just look for the

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

MORE THAN A REMODEL, IT'S A NEW BUSINESS MODEL By Anne Mackie



We've all been curious about “what” is happening with the remodeling project at the corner of Ellis and Potter streets in the former hearing center. It's an exciting new business concept called “The Workspace,” from owners John Eggers and Mimi Osterdahl.

The newly designed office spaces will provide home-based businesses a professional

setting to meet with clients. The Workspace can be used for a full-time or part-time professional address. It's a concept that has taken off around the country and is beginning to pop up locally.

“Showcasing your ideas and skills in a convenient and flexible setting will help you nurture your business relationships,” John said. “You can be more productive (continued on page 7)



DUMPSTER DAY: NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS BUST'M UP!

By Kirsti Charlton



At the York Neighborhood annual Dumpster Day event, held last June 8, 2013, York kids got a lot of bang for their buck. As their parents and other volunteers collected trash and other disposables from the alleys and crooks and crannies of the 'hood, the kids took hammers and sledges to old chairs, sofas, and tables, all items way past their usability.

If items were usable or recyclable, they were salvaged. Cory and Lisa Anderson recycled metal. Mary Loquovam found a solid oak rocking chair, now lovingly restored by her husband Bob.

As in the past, dumpster lid was closed at 10:30, the moral being that if you want to participate in Dumpster Day, you have to start

moving when the dumpster lid is opened at 8:30 am!

Dumpster Day is a volunteer event, and York is the only neighborhood in the City which sponsors an annual trash pick up. The companies who participate do this "free of charge."

So once again the York Neighborhood gratefully thanks the following "good neighbors" who support the Dumpster Day event:

1. Sanitary Service Company, Inc (SSC) for the dumpster itself
2. Allied Waste/RDC for the dumping privilege
3. Jon Ostby of Nelson's Market and Marlins' Cafe for the parking lot space

Beekeeping in the Neighborhood- a hobby for our times

By Evan Jones

I have a single hive of amazingly gentle, golden-colored, Italian honey bees. If you grow herbs, vegetables, fruits, nuts, flowers or even weeds – did I miss anyone? – you probably have seen my bees. They forage up to two miles from their home in search of pollen and nectar. Their honey? As tempting as it is, I am letting the bees keep it for the winter and spring; maybe next year we will share it.

I keep bees for the pleasure of watching them, observing the take-offs and landings, the housecleaning and guard duties,



and the endless buzzing around, which often baffles me. But also, it satisfies me to play a small part in saving this insect species from the ravages wrought by pesticides, the

loss of habitat, killer mites, bacteria and fungi – none of which posed a threat until recent decades. Bees pollinate a third of all the food we eat, and in my opinion, those are the fun foods, like fruits, nuts, avocados and so on.

Being an apiculturist is fun, but it takes a bit of work. These bees are domestic creatures, originally brought here from Italy via California, so a chilly, damp climate is not native to them. Beekeepers need to feed their hives at certain times of year, monitor for pests, treat if necessary, and in little ways tend (continued on page 6)



York Youngsters Launch Business

By Judy Hopkinson



Zoey and Jack Robinson, ages 8 and 10, have just launched a business venture called "Paper Apes". They are collecting paper recycling and transforming it into hand-crafted paper cards which they sell - blank or decorated - for a small fee.

The "Paper Apes" will display their wares, sell cards, and take orders at the Fall Picnic on Sept 22 (see page 1). Not just smart business people, Jack and Zoe are also budding philanthropists, and they will be donating a portion of their proceeds from the picnic to the York Neighborhood Association. You can call **360-752-0402** to order cards.

Two young entrepreneurs in the York neighborhood,

cards which they sell - blank or decorated - for a small fee.



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their charges. Beekeeping is akin to raising chickens: you wouldn't dream of tossing a dozen chicks in your back yard in the spring and expecting to collect eggs from the survivors in the fall.

Luckily, if you want to pursue this hobby, there is help of sorts. But first, the bad news: following endless and increasingly frantic budget cuts at the federal and state levels, almost every single apiary service – inspectors, laboratories, extension services, even the regulations – has been decimated.

Luckily, for newbies like myself, the Mount Baker Beekeepers Association mentors beginners. Anyone is welcome at the monthly meetings, and the website is a good starting point for the curious: <http://www.mtbakerbeekeepers.org/>.

If beekeeping appeals to you, get involved now so you are ready for next spring.

Finally, if you work in your yard and pause at the end of a long summer day, and if you plop down on the soil with some cool refreshment to admire your labors, you can't do better than to watch your bees continue their own tasks until the sun goes down.



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New Business Model

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and inspired in a workspace like this, rather than trying to carve out a work surface with a client in a bustling cafe."



John's expertise is in technology sales and business consultation. Mimi is a local realtor and social media/marketing consultant. They are both long-time local residents, and they say, "We're proud to be a part of the York Neighborhood."

And we say, welcome to The Workspace!

Check it out at 303 Potter St. Neighbors are invited to see what's new in the old building at an upcoming Grand Opening this fall.



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York Calendar

Fall

YNA Board Meeting
Sept 11

Vista Volunteer Work Day
at the York Farm
Sept 21

Picnic in the Park
Sept 22
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**York Farm
Harvest Fest**
October 5
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Ongoing

**Franklin Park
work parties**
2nd Sat of each month
contact: VicePresident@
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STARs
1st and 3rd Saturdays at
10:30 am
contact
STARs@YorkNeighborhood.org

York Farm Work Parties
contact
Farm@YorkNeighborhood.org

Upcoming

Fall General Meeting
Nov 13th

Wine and Roses

**Holiday
Progressive Dinner**
December 7

**Horse-drawn Wagon
Rides and Caroling**
December 14



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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.

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