

THE YORKER



York Neighborhood Dessert Social

Wed., Nov 13 at 6:30 pm, followed by
General Meeting - 7 pm

Garden St United Methodist Church, 1326 N. Garden St.



Program:



"Wild (animal) life in the York."

Rae Edwards, North Cascades Audubon Society education chair, will present an interactive program on wildlife in and around the York Neighborhood. Learn how to attract winter birds to your yard and how to create nesting areas for cavity nesting birds.



Wildlife posters and 6 nesting boxes will be given away as part of this presentation. Great for the whole family! Children can move to the playroom after the presentation. Childcare will be provided.

"October Riot" and Community Spirit

Hear what really happened at the "October Riot" **and** hear some of the great things WWU students and neighbors are doing to make our community a great place to live. Speakers will include a member of the Bellingham Police Dept., WWU Student leaders, and YOU!

Business & Announcements

Board Report - "My Downtown" project plans for the Triangle area, YNA Financial report, fundraising drive, Jan 8 board meeting, and Holiday Happenings in the York

York's 10th Anniversary Holiday Progressive Dinner

The 10th Anniversary York Progressive Dinner and White Elephant Gift Exchange will be held on Sat. Dec. 7, beginning at 6:30pm. The York Wine & Roses Garden Club began this tradition in 2003, and it has become one of York's most anticipated annual events. Each

year the party begins at House #1 with appetizers; moves to House #2 for soup, salad, and bread; and finally on to House #3 for delectable desserts and the Grand Finale - the White Elephant Gift Exchange. (Beverages, of course, are plentiful at each stop.) Some gifts (and some beloved former Yorkers) have been reappearing year after year. We hope you'll join in the fun, too, this year.

A special event at the party is the presentation of the coveted "Golden Trowel Award" passed on to someone who has worked tirelessly for beautifying our neighborhood. Do you have someone to nominate? Would you like to host one of the courses? Would you like to know the locations and volunteer to bring a dish? Call Judy for more information at 920-1728.

Annual Holiday Horse Wagon Rides & Caroling Party – December 14 at 5:30 pm



Bring the youngsters early! The party kicks off in front of Nelson's Market as usual, but a little earlier this year. The first ride will begin at 5:30, and is reserved for families with children under 7. A shelter and outdoor heater will keep us warm as we wait, with tickets in hand, for the wagon to return for the next ride. **Please bring a non-perishable food item for the food bank and a plate of cookies to share!** Did I say free tickets? Yes, this is a free YNA event. Of course, donations are very much appreciated so that we can pay

for the wagon and horses and do it all again next year! There will be cookies, hot cocoa, and cider for everyone. So bring your joyful voices and holiday spirit to Nelson's Market, 514 Potter St. on Sat, Dec. 14. Songbooks are provided. The wagon circulates throughout the neighborhood visiting Shukshan Healthcare Center, Lincoln Square and Grocery Outlet and back to Nelson's where the next batch of carolers climb on board. The wagon will return and load new passengers several times between 5:30 and 8:30 pm so that everyone should have a chance to climb on board. Tickets will be handed out upon your arrival and numbers will be called in order so the evening progresses smoothly.

The annual wagon ride is cosponsored by On- Site Computer Services, Nelson's Market / Marlins' Café, and the York Neighborhood Association. The horse wagon is provided by Rainbow Ranch in Ferndale. If the roads are too icy, we'll let the horses have the night off, but we're expecting good weather, and we hope you'll hop on board for a great fun ride!

York Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Join in for a York community Thanksgiving Dinner, 5:30pm on Tues. Nov. 26, hosted by Garden Street United Methodist Church, 1326 N. Garden. York neighbors are asked to call the church at 733-7440 to sign up to help with set-up, serving, or clean-up. People are asked to bring a dish that serves 8+. Turkey will be provided.

Donors Help Get It Done!

Financial contributions make so many great activities possible: York's annual picnic, the holiday horse wagon ride, this newsletter, and many other activities in the York Neighborhood. Thanks folks for your recent donations to the York Neighborhood Assoc.: Dixie Cheek and Matthew Gibbons, Richard Smith, Noah Nelson, Kim Hankinson, Chris Robinson and Amy Carder, Gail Rasmussen, Doug White, and John Sielhl.

And a BIG "Thank-You" to these businesses for their donations this past year: AA Anderson, Bellingham Art, Binyon Vision, Cam's Home & Office Repair, Garden St. United Methodist Church (meeting space), Mod Socks, Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood, Nelson's Market/ Marlins' Cafe, NorthSound Energy & Remodel, On-Site Computer Services, Mariah Ross (for Osprey Hill Farm), The Market (store receipts), and York Massage & Wellness, and Micah Bobbink - Applied Digital Imaging (printing).