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the lettered streets
neighborhood

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Upcoming Events

General Meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 7 PM

Meet the Candidates

Tuesday, July 12, 7 PM

2nd Annual Garden Tour

Sunday, July 24, 1 – 4 PM

*Tour those gardens you've
wanted to see... Oh, the
creativity.*

Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, August 9, 7 PM

*Bring the kids, the families
and friends. Free cones for
everyone.*

General Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 7 PM

Let Us Know

Do you want YOUR garden featured in the July 24th Garden Tour?

Contact:
arlenefeld1@gmail.com

Do you qualify for a Street Tree to be planted in the strip of land next to parking? Contact:
jim.straatman@gmail.com

If you want to support your newsletter and your association please send in the membership form on page 4.

NORTHWEST RECYCLING, INC.



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Carol Parberry Kuljis and map of Bellingham.

In nature, all that dies comes back again as seed or fertilizer for the next generation. In modern civilization, much of what dies is dumped onto a garbage heap. Slowly, our society has been learning to model after nature. The Parberry family has been repurposing castoffs since the 1920's. In 1923 Louis H. Parberry Sr. opened Parberry Iron and Metal, which eventually became Northwest Recycling. He also sold used furniture and other household items.

In the 80's the scrap business landed in Old Town, a part of the Lettered Streets neighborhood. Louis H. Parberry Jr. took over in the 50's and added various retail businesses. He was known as "Mayor Lou" to the locals who admired his generosity,

hard work and community support. Lou started the Boys and Girls Club of Whatcom County. With a friend, Lou also established a baseball team, the Bellingham Bells and a softball team, the Parberry Stealers.

These days five of Lou's six children run a large, useful recycling business, baling cardboard, sending glass to a reuse factory and purchasing scrap metal. The Parberry properties cover four Old Town blocks. The cardboard warehouse is at 1515 Kentucky.

Carol Parberry Kuljis was kind enough to take me around and recount the family history back to the early 1900's. Now thirty-five extremely hardworking employees process your trash. No longer, does it all end up on an endless heap.

—Arlene Feld



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Poor Siamese Cafe

Happily for us, the entrepreneurial mother/daughter team, Sue and Evelyn Intaniwabe have returned to Dupont Street. Many Lettered Street neighbors wondered who would replace Soupon. Before Sue and Evelyn came back to this first location, they ran several restaurants to the south of Bellingham. Sue says she uses fresh seasonal vegetables and fish, the best she can find. She is willing to adapt to individual dietary restrictions. Her soups are based on vegetable stocks. Sue uses no frozen foods and her dishes are pretty spicy, in the northern Thailand style.

Your reviewer ordered the eggplant entree with chicken as well as Kee Mao, wide rice noodles with prawns. I could taste each flavor separately and melded together, making a lovely sauce to pour over my brown rice. Each vegetable was done to a perfect point. Sue is known for a special dish, Halibut Cheeks (in season). Prices are low to moderate. You won't be sorry to eat at the Poor Siamese Cafe.

213 Dupont St. • 360-733-0999 • 11am to 9 pm, daily

Lettered Streets Tree Project

Storm water runoff, improved air quality, reduced heat during summer months, and shelter for birds and other wildlife. Street trees also help in ways you wouldn't expect, such as reduced traffic and a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists.

For all these reasons, the Lettered Streets Neighborhood Association has set a goal to plant 100 street trees throughout our neighborhood over the next 5 years and we're starting with 20 trees this fall!

Many considerations go in to identifying the ideal spot for street trees, including underground utilities, overhead power lines, soil conditions, and parking strip widths. Each year we plan to have a couple different varieties available for planting. The Lettered Streets Neighborhood Association is actively looking for locations and willing neighbors to plant trees. If you would like to nominate your street for a tree, please visit... <http://LetteredStreets.com>

The Lettered Streets Covenant Church, Shannon Neufeld of TheBestofBellingham.com, and the Lettered Streets Neighborhood Association have already sponsored the project and we're looking for more individuals or businesses that can help. If you or your business would like to make a donation, please email Jim Straatman at LetteredStreets@Gmail.com.

Stay tuned to LetteredStreets.org and Facebook ([Facebook.com/LetteredStreets](https://www.facebook.com/LetteredStreets)) for more updates regarding this exciting project!

—Jim Straatman



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You Might Qualify for a Home Rehabilitation Loan

Lisa Manos and Matt Bautista, Housing Program Specialists in the city's Planning Department surprised the neighbors at the March meeting, when they described the wide range of people who can qualify for a Home Rehabilitation Loan.

The aim of this federal program is to maintain older homes, save historic housing stock and restore pride in the neighborhood. It also supports the ability of older residents to stay in their homes. The loans began in 1977 in the Lettered Streets. The improvements seem to be contagious. Once one project is done, the other homes on the block begin to brighten up.

Loans are for general improvement like roofs, windows, floors or painting. Lisa shepherds people through the applicant process. Matt sees to it that hazardous heating, electrical, or plumbing systems are fixed. Lead based paint, rotting wood or asbestos would qualify the house for rehabilitation. After that, comes long-term maintenance such as, roofing, insulation and painting.

After the scope of work is defined:

1. Competitive bidding.
2. Matt oversees the contracting.
3. Contractors employ workers.
4. Six to eight weeks, start to finish.

Two kinds of loans:

1. Loans with payments.
2. Loans with payments deferred.
3. Up to \$24,000 available.

Loan terms depend on assets and gross income:

1. Low income. 1 person, up to \$22,550.
Moderate income. 1 person, \$22,550 to 36,050.
Low Income. 2 persons, up to \$25,800.
Moderate income. 2 persons, \$25,800 to 41,200.
2. Net worth is exclusive of retirement accounts.

Homes built from 1910 to 1950 need restoration. This loan can help you do it. For more detailed information call Lisa Manos at City Hall, 360-778-8391 or lmanos@cob.org. You can also pick up an information packet at our monthly meeting.

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On a cold, snow stormy night, the Lettered Street neighbors gathered at the First Congregational Church. An excited hum of conversations circled around the dining room. The harmonizing Honeybees entertained a full room. Buffet tables held dozens of delectable dishes. Church board members and a Pastor joined in on the fun.



Winter Potluck Fun!

Top: Kjirstin and Jeremy Glessner, Lora McMurry and Arlene Feld, Julie Olsen and Wes Ferguson; Bottom: Natalie McClendon in buffet line, Chris Eltrich and daughters, special guests from 1st Congregational Church. PHOTO OF LORA & ARLENE: CHRIS ELTRICH; REMAINING PHOTOS: ARLENE FELD

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June 3-19

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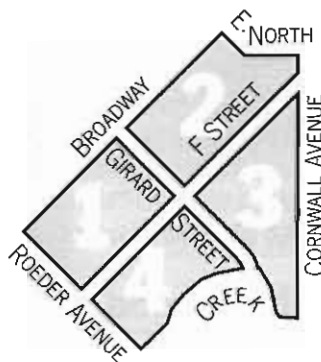
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Lettered Streets Neighborhood Association

Monthly meeting: 2nd Tuesday (most months) at Washington Square, 2501 E Street, 7 p.m.

Next meeting: June 14, 7:00 p.m.

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Lettered Streets Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____

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Recommended annual contribution:

- Single - \$5
 Household - \$10
 Business - \$25
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