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August 8, 6:30pm
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Celebrate the lovely summer
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and fun for all!

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Lettered Streets Neighborhood Association

Monthly meeting: 2nd Tuesday
(most months)

First Congregational Church
2401 Cornwall, 7 p.m.

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Elizabeth Station Fan Letter



by Chris Eltrich

If you happen by Elizabeth Station, our newest neighborhood market on 1400 West Holly, there's no telling what might grab your attention first. To some, the vast selection of craft beers from around the world might stand out. To others, perhaps accompanied by children, the cold cereal bar will catch your eye. For K-9 lovers, the dog friendly store equipped with red fire hydrant, water dish and treats will be of interest. Whoever you are, one thing you are bound to notice is people stopping to talk.

How does one describe Elizabeth Station? One patron commented, "If the Shire [referring to Tolkien's, *The Lord of the Rings*] had a 7-11, it would be like Elizabeth Station."



I asked the storeowner, Patrick McEvoy, why he wanted to open a neighborhood store? He replied, "Honestly, it all started back in high school when I came to the conclusion that someday I wanted to have a store with a cereal bar." Plus, his wife, Adalid, gave him permission.

Besides cereal, Patrick wants Elizabeth Station to live the values of providing quality local products and outstanding service. Peruse the merchandise and you're bound to find fresh baked goods from Avenue Bread, dairy products from Lynden, fresh deli sandwiches made to order, and always a local brew on tap.

Ah yes, that brings us to the beer. There are five rotating taps and myriad choices of bottled beers. It is a beer exploratorium. Don't see something you like on tap? Each Wednesday at 7pm, Elizabeth Station hosts a different brewer to come present their products and answer questions.

As central as the beer may seem to Elizabeth Station, Patrick is clear in his stance that it is not a bar. Draft beer is a flat rate of \$3.00 a pint but there is a three-pint maximum.



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The idea is to create a space where community can gather and relationships can grow. That's what I've noticed each time I visit Elizabeth Station whether for lunch or after dinner for a pint. I see tables full of people talking. There are tables of fishermen, and people with loosened neckties. I also see people with grey hair and people with purple hair. There are both men and women. And, on the first Saturday of each month, there is a keg of root beer on tap for making root beer floats in an effort to draw families into building community.

As a resident of the Lettered Streets, I am excited for what's happening at Elizabeth Station. I've met new neighbors, and caught up with old ones. I see relationships being built and ideas being shared. And the \$3 pints aren't bad either.

Photos by Chris Eltrich

Lettered Street News

Encouraging women to seek office was the goal of the "Represent!" team who brought Bellingham a special film and a panel discussion of female politicians. Several Lettered Streets neighbors helped organize this well attended event. They were Vanessa Blackburn, Executive Assistant to Mayor Linville, Arlené Mantha, chef and PTSA volunteer, and Cathy Lehman, City Council Representative for Ward 4. The rest of the team are Caroline Kinsman, Lisa McShane, Jason Heck, Christina Maginnis, Elizabeth Jennings and Jackie Sentenne-Pettit.

The search for women candidates goes back to (at least) 2007 when Vanessa, Judy Kleinberg, and Arlene Feld began seeking someone to run for City Council. Progressive, activist women jumped in to help...Barbara Ryan, Diane Norman, Lisa McShane, Vince Bicunas, Pam Went, Cheryl Crooks, Dee Simons, Frances Badgett, Gae Mackenzie, Mo West and many others. Months of meetings were held. Offers were made to several highly qualified women. At that time, no one ran.

A big thank you to the "Represent!" team who plan to make sure our fair city never again lacks women representatives.

We are proud to say that the Lettered Streets is the long time home of Natalie McClendon, currently running for State Representative of the 42nd District. Public service is nothing new to Natalie, who has labored on our behalf for years and years. Not long ago she set up this neighborhood association's Ebulletin system. To find out more, you can go to: www.peoplefornatalie.com.

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Enjoying the March Meeting and the Winter Potluck



Mayor Linville talks with the Lettered Streets neighbors at the March meeting.



Vanessa Blackburn and her sons



Rae Edwards & Kate Ramsden washing dishes



Natalie McClendon & Mark Turner

Northwest Recycling's current leaders, Carol Parberry and Marty Kuljis, are proud of winning the "Green Business of the Year" award for 2011. On their way to reducing waste, Northwest Recycling, Inc. has been generous to this city, including supporting the printing of "The Letterhead."

Gardener's Corner

Food Gardens sparkle all over the Lettered Streets, in parking strips, raised gardens, and in amongst the backyard roses. Beth Chisholm, who spoke at our last meeting, praised the beauty of our gardens. The Master Gardener's events are open to the public and free. The following events are all at 2:00pm at Hovander Homestead Park.

June 17: Real Dirt on Composting

July 15: Ornamental Grasses

July 1: Perennial Gardening Made Easy

July 29: Critters in Your Garden

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