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Dear Neighbor,

The Northeast Neighborhood Association's (NENA) Annual Potluck and Neighborhood Celebration is slated for **Wednesday, September 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Friendly Grove Park**. This is the event not-to-be-missed; chock full of local fun and entertainment and good food and great people. So come on down and chow down on some awesome grub and celebrate our extraordinary neighborhood with your neighbors. Event details are on the back of this letter.

There is a lot to celebrate this year...

Together with your help and the help of our community partners, we've made great progress toward transforming our neighborhood into a safe and beautiful place for people to get active and get connected during the last year. Highlights include:

- Our "Graffiti Busters" program – more than 200 taggings in our neighborhood have been "busted" since we started this program late last year
- The creation of a "walkaround guide" featuring key destinations and fun and beautiful walking routes in our neighborhood
- The planting of hundreds of trees in our neck of the woods as part of the City's "1000 Trees in 1 Day" event
- The second phase of the SF street sidewalk from Quince St. to East Bay Drive, connecting our neighborhood with downtown and Priest Point Park
- Securing formal support from the Olympia School District for our plans to make traffic safety improvements at Roosevelt School. We are now actively searching for funding for this important project

Recognize your neighbors – nominate them for a Good Neighbor Award

Do you have a neighbor who is especially helpful? Someone who takes in the mail and feeds your pets when you're away? Someone who has made the neighborhood more beautiful with attractive landscaping and colorful flower beds? Neighbors who have volunteered their time on projects to improve the neighborhood like building trails or volunteering in the schools? Sing their praises and tell them how much you appreciate them by nominating them for our Good Neighbor Awards. A nomination form is in the enclosed brochure, or you can visit our website at www.neneighborhood.org and click on **Good Neighbor Award**. **Nominations are due by September 3rd**.

Join hands with your neighbors – become a NENA member

Please consider becoming a NENA member or renewing your membership. Our membership dues were set at \$10 a year back in 1988 to make it easy for folks to join without it being a financial hardship, and we haven't raised them since. If it's possible this year, please **consider contributing \$25.00 or more**. If you're unsure about whether or not your dues are up-to-date, check the label on the envelope we used for this mailing. If there is a '08/09 after your name, then your dues are up-to-date. If not, then your dues are due. A sign up form is in the enclosed brochure along with a self-addressed envelope to send back to us. You can also pay your dues at the celebration on the 10th or sign-up on-line. Just visit www.neneighborhood.org and click on **NENA Membership**.

We need your help!

Please consider getting more involved in *your* neighborhood association. Volunteering with NENA is an opportunity to help build your community into a stronger, more beautiful, resilient and vibrant place to live. It's also an opportunity to get to know your neighbors and get connected with them in a meaningful and positive way. This fall we'll be recruiting volunteers to serve on our Board and to work on some of our exciting projects. If you're interested in getting more involved, visit the membership page on our website at www.neneighborhood.org/board_members.htm and send us note.

I continue to be amazed by the abundance of visionary, energetic, creative and generous people who live in our neck of the woods. Thank you for making our neighborhood such an awesome place to live!

I look forward to seeing you at the potluck.

Your neighbor,

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