



Dear NENA members and other interested folks,

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Tara Diana Cushing (known here as Diana), newly appointed Coordinator of NENA's Graffiti Busters program. Graffiti Busters is a program NENA developed in partnership with the City of Olympia, local utilities, and a group of dedicated volunteers to report, clean up and prevent graffiti in our neighborhood. I know all of you are interested in eliminating graffiti from our neighborhood. Here are some ways you can help:

1) *Observe and Document:*

- Keep an eye out for any tags you see in our neighborhood. A neighborhood map can be found on NENA's website at www.neighborhood.org. Just click on Members and Maps.
- Make a note of the specific property that's been tagged, its location, and the "content" of the tag, along with any other details that will help us locate and identify the tag. For example:
 - Back of Stop sign, NE corner - Puget and Lybarger – *PBR*
 - Fence – South side of 26th Ave just west of Bethel – *Antox*
 - Front of Stop sign – NE corner – Puget and Oak – *Sticker on sign*
 - Power pole – near 2119 Bethel – south side of street – *CONTI*
 - Light green Qwest box – near 1927 Miller – north side of street – *Large dark tag*
- We've had a number of **garbage, recycling and yard waste carts** tagged in our neighborhood. To help us address this problem:
 - Bring your carts off of the curb after collection day. Carts are more likely to be tagged if left out.
 - If your cart is tagged, try to clean it up yourself or report the tagging to me and I'll arrange to have it cleaned up
 - Call the City of Olympia at 753-7368 and request a replacement cart
 - When you report carts that have been tagged, please include the color of the cart and the address

2) *Report:*

- E-mail me with graffiti tag information at tdcc868-nena@yahoo.com
- Call me at **786-5009** (between 8 am and 10 pm any day)

3) *Volunteer:*

If you have time, we need volunteers to help clean up tags or to become a regular graffiti monitor. Graffiti monitors take responsibility for reporting tags in specific parts of our neighborhood. If you're interested in volunteering, send me an e-mail or call me with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

Thanks for reading all this, and for any help you can offer. If you have any questions, please send me an email or give me a call.

Sincerely,

Diana Cushing, Graffiti Busters Coordinator

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