

Rainier Beach Community Club: Membership Meeting 5/13/2015 @ 7 pm.

Detective Cookie's Chess Club

Detective talked about her efforts to start a chess club in our neighborhood. They meet Saturday at the Rainier Beach Community Center from noon-2pm and Tuesday at the Rainier Beach Library 3pm – 5pm.

Clean-up Committee

After the wonderful turn out for the Bridge to Beach cleanup, volunteers were solicited to possibly take part in a neighborhood cleaning every other month.

Taylor Creek Update

An open house was had at the Club where representatives came from the city to talk about the three different options for renovating Taylor Creek. All three had public access. One would require retrofitting the existing line, which the representatives stated would be difficult since the lines are old. Option 2 would be running the line across Rainier Avenue, this was seemingly the most minimally invasive option. Option 3 would be running the line across the park. This required that they move the little league field.

RBMA membership

It was announced that the Rainier Beach Community Club would become a member of the Rainier Beach Merchant's Association.

Plant Swap

The Plant Swap was on May 9th and had a great turnout with over 40+ people in attendance.

First Aid Grant

We have been given the first aid grant and it is coming. We will be getting a defibrillator and other first aid supplies.

Tagline

The board announced the tag line for the website, picked from amongst the wonderful suggestions given at the last meeting. The tagline is: Growing Community Together.

IB Program.

There is a town hall meeting at the Ethiopian Center on May 30th, 2015. The PTA is looking for support in order to help continue this wonderful program. IB students receive college credit and an IB diploma after taking rigorous advanced testing.

There will also be a party for the IB students who just finished these tests. It takes place on May 22nd from 2pm – 2:30 pm in Room 143 at Rainier Beach High.

Sculpture

Peter Reiquam returned with Ashley from SDOT to discuss the sculpture he is designing / building for our neighborhood. After talking to many different neighborhood groups, his preliminary idea is that of a chess King and Queen to celebrate the wonderful work that Detective Cookie is doing. This will also celebrate the community's embrace of chess, including the Detective's classes but also the Safeway's new giant chess set. The sculpture will be made out of illuminated rods and glow in the night sky. A sample mock-up was shown.

Seattle Police Department

Officer Chris Tomen came to introduce himself and talk about the SPD's micro policing plan. They stated that in our neighborhood there had been a 45% drop in crime and 61% drop in robberies. They urged us to call 911 if there are any emergencies, unreported crime only hurts the neighborhood because coverage is determined by amount of reports made.

They have grants through December to keep the officers at Safeway.

VFW

Richard and Barbara Moore from the VFW came to speak to use. They expressed that they were happy to see so much support but hoped that we would note that it is VFW's building if asked. They also brought to our attention that we should monitor the fixtures. Last month there was a running toilet that cost the building some money.

They will be retiring old flags on June 14th @ 4pm. They will be retiring them with honor by burning them.

They were happy to hear about the Garden Walk and wanted to note that they will be going to be repainting the flagpole.

Seattle Park Co-Op

Opens this month. They will be having a tool library open house next Saturday.