

Boston Harbor Neighborhood Newsletter

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Boston Harbor, ca. 1940, provided by Jerry Hall

Greetings,

I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful summer. Some of us have been working hard to keep their yards looking good while the Darwinian gardeners wait for the lawns to turn golden and then enjoy the 6 weeks when they don't have to mow. It also makes the dandelions stand out if you are inclined to try to reduce their abundance.

July 3 Fireworks

In addition to spectacular weather, by all accounts the fireworks display was one of the best. Thanks to everyone who made it happen Chris Hamilton who worked with Orion Pyrotechnics to organize the show; Glen Hunter who came out of retirement to 'encourage' donations at the Marina; and the Sheriff and Fire Department who helped keep the roads open and assure that everyone was safe. We also need to thank our returning DJ, Richard De Sam Lazaro, for keeping the tunes coming and Mark Osborne for providing the barge.

If you haven't made a donation to the display, you can still make donations at the Marina or mail them to 442 73rd Ave NE, Olympia, WA 98506.

Sep. 20 Potluck:

Our next event is the annual potluck at the Marina.

Activities will begin at 3:00. Not everyone is receiving this newsletter, so please encourage your neighbors to join the party. We will send out additional information prior to the potluck, but put this on your calendar.

Puget Sound

This is a unique body of water that contains a fascinating variety of plants and animals. Over the next couple of months there will be two opportunities so see and learn about the creatures that live right out in front of us. At the same time, you can learn about the importance and urgency of protecting the water and habitats where these critters live.

Pier Peer South Sound Night Adventures

If you have ever wondered about what lives in the water around South Sound docks at night, now is your chance. The People for Puget Sound are organizing tours of the Boston Harbor Marina docks to see jellyfish, sea slugs, skeleton shrimp and even occasional harbor seals. Kids love prowling around in the dark with their flashlights, looking for critters and learning about the health of Puget Sound.

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These night adventures will be held on Jul 25, Aug 8 and 29, and Sep 12 and 26 from 9:00 to 10:30pm. Reservations are required, so contact Gabrielle Byrne at gbyrne@pugetsound.org or (360) 754-9177. Space is limited and every kid will need an accompanying adult.

Monday Marine Creatures at Boston Harbor Marina

If that isn't enough fun, our own Dave Jamison, retired marine biologist, and diver Phil Sconce will be collecting a variety of marine creatures from the depths of Boston Harbor and letting you get up close to learn about what they are, where they live and what they do in the cold waters of Puget Sound.

The first session was on Monday, July 20, but additional sessions are scheduled for August 3 and 17 at the Marina. These sessions start at 11:00am and last about 45 minutes. Space is limited to 25 people so call Patricia Pyle at (360) 570-5841 to make a reservation.

As you prepare for a potentially record warm weekend, remember that everything is very dry. We were lucky to get through the July 4 weekend without any fires, but the risk is still high. Be careful.

Enjoy the weather,

Eric Hurlburt, President

