



## ZONING

### REALTOR PROPOSES BULLDOZER SOLUTION TO HIS PARKING PROBLEM

by Habiba Sial,  
South of Lakeway Representative, YNA

This is a call for public response to a proposed land use action in the York Neighborhood. The owners of 1254 Grant St., Frank and Sandra Muljat, have submitted an application to the City of Bellingham to demolish the rental home located at 1254 Grant St. in order to install an additional parking lot for their business, Muljat Realty located at 510 Lakeway Drive.

Please let the Planning Department know your feelings about this project and how you believe it will impact the neighborhood. Here are some points you may wish to consider, include, expand upon, or refute in your letter to the Planning Department:

- An existing single family home, built in 1910, will be demolished to create a parking lot. *Demolitions, instead of renovations, damage the historic character of our neighborhood.*
- Any business moving across the alley that runs parallel to Lakeway Drive opens the door to our residential areas being over-run by parking lots, businesses, etc. This violates the York Neighborhood Plan, in the sense that it does not promote or enhance

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## NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

WEDNESDAY,  
JULY 21ST  
7PM

### LOCATION

**WECU Educational Center**  
**511 Holly St.**  
*(new location with more seating!)*

### AGENDA

- *The York Neighborhood Plan - Guidelines for Protecting Quality of Life* •
- *Fall Family Fun Day* •
- *Planning Historic Preservation Projects* •

## PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

THURSDAY, JULY 22ND, 7PM

**Location:** *City Council Chambers at City Hall*

**Topic:** *proposed changes to the City's procedural codes, development review processes and regulations, and the neighborhood plans. The issues under consideration at this Public Hearing are extremely important to preservation of neighborhood character as we know it. THE MORE PEOPLE WHO ATTEND, THE BETTER.*

## REALTOR PROPOSES... (CONT FROM P.1)

the existing character of the neighborhood.

- This action sets a standard for the removal of unsightly homes, rather than up-keeping or restoring them. Landlords have a responsibility to their communities and tenants to maintain their properties.
- The new parking lot is only necessary to accommodate a large volume of realtors who meet on a few specific days of the month, not every day. Alternative existing methods of transportation, i.e. the Civic Field Park and Ride, carpooling, biking, walking, etc., would also accommodate the needs of the realtors, faster, easier and cheaper than the process of demolishing an existing home and installing a parking lot.

Although the official comment period ended on July 15, the Planning Department will continue to accept comments up to the hearing date, which will happen in late August or early September.

Please send your letters to: City of Bellingham Planning Department, Attn: Darby Galligan, City Hall, 210 Lottie St., Bellingham, WA 98225. Or, email your comments with your name and street address to: [dgalligan@cob.org](mailto:dgalligan@cob.org).

## MANY THANKS

**GREG HEFFRON** for putting together this newsletter. If you need graphics, photography or website work, see his portfolio at [www.midline.net](http://www.midline.net) or call 734-1950.



*The York Neighborhood Wine & Roses Garden Club meets monthly at a different member's garden. Plants are exchanged, along with refreshments and ideas on gardening. If you are interested in participating, contact Jan Driscoll at 676-9289. The club serves as Park Steward for the perennial garden at Rock Hill Park.*

## COME IN FOR A "COLD ONE"

Remember when you hear those tinny chimes of the "Ice Cream Man" (scalleywag of the streets!) that Nelson's is fully stocked and kid-friendly all year long.



## NELSON'S MARKET

514 Potter St.

*Serving the  
York neighborhood since 1895*

## YNA BOARD MEMBERS

Members of the 2004 York Neighborhood Association Board are: Jan Driscoll, Greg Keeler, Oso Keeler, Anne Mackie (Secty/Treas and Assoc. of Bellingham Neighborhoods co-rep), Carolyn Mulder, Chris Neumann (WWU student rep), Teresa Schmidt (Newsletter editor), Tom Scott (Mayor's Advisory Council Rep and Assoc. of Bellingham Neighborhoods co-rep), Habiba Sial (south of Lakeway Dr. rep), and David Wiggs.

The YNA Board meets bi-monthly, during the months when the general YNA does not meet. Volunteers are always needed for committee work, so if you are interested in doing more for your neighborhood please contact one of these folks or sign up at the next meeting, July 21, to help out.

# THE YORK NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE



by Laura Witt



The York Neighborhood Historic Preservation Committee had its first meeting in June. Lots of ideas were introduced by the group and it was fun. We have begun to identify some of the historic buildings in the York Neighborhood such as the churches, the several stores and businesses in the area, and we took a look at the architectural features of the neighborhood with its many Victorian and Craftsman homes. On the spontaneous whim of Richard Dietz, the group took a leisurely walk through the neighborhood and Kathy Johnson, with her expertise in historic architecture, helped the group identify the different architectural styles. We had the chance to talk to some York neighbors as we walked by and generated some enthusiasm as we collected information. Anne Mackie has been working on creating an inventory of York homes and the dates they were built. We have begun to identify the older homes in the neighborhood. Barbara Davenport, who has restored more than one home on the east coast, offered to begin researching her own home and the surrounding homes where she lives in the York area. Laura Witt has begun working on a resource list to help the group as it begins its research, and Kathy and Laura have started viewing

some of the old census records and city directories which tell much about who was living in York in 1900 and before. With the help of Greg Robanser and Aaron Tobia-

up and running after publishing an article in the last newsletter on the process for neighborhoods applying for historic designation.

The York neighborhood board has applied for and been awarded a \$2500 Small and Simple grant with the Mayor's office to create and publish a brochure featuring the historic York neighborhood. The hope is that it will be completed by the end of the year and promote a "walking tour" through our historic York neighborhood.

We are working on scheduling our next meeting (anyone is welcome) which will be announced at the

neighborhood meeting on July 21st. You can also contact Laura at 738-3467 for meeting times and/or information.



*The Magnolia Court Apartments, located on Magnolia St. between Ellis and Garden streets, was built in 1908. It is a jewel in the York Neighborhood's collection of historic buildings and is a beautiful example of the late Victorian "Flat" architecture common to many apartment buildings at the turn of the century.*

son from American Northwest Vintage Homes Magazine (<http://www.americannorthwestvintagehomes.com/>), Teresa Schmidt got us



*A small number doing BIG things. The York Neighborhood thanks SSC and Recomp for making our 2004 Dumpster Day possible.*

