June 1, 2019

Kendall Safety Committee Attn: Ivy Little 8357 Holly Lane Maple Falls, WA 98266

To: Barbara Brenner Whatcom County Council 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105 Bellingham, WA 98225

To: Tyler Byrd Whatcom County Council 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105 Bellingham, WA 98225

To: Jon Hutchins Public Works Director 322 N Commercial Street, Ste 210 Bellingham, WA 98225

RE: Kendall Street Lights

The Kendall Safety Committee has been working to get more street lights installed in our neighborhood for the last several months. We also need the current lights replaced with LED lights and maintenance of burned out and defective lights by the Columbia Valley Lighting District.

As you may be aware the Kendall community has had an increasing amount of drug activity, theft, car accidents and violent crimes. Many of these incidents would be curtailed with better lighting in the community. It is a known fact that better lighting decreases crime.

A group of residents drove around the community and noted where there was a lack of adequate lighting in many cul de sacs and streets. In some instances it was so dark they were unable to read the street signs.

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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL Given to Barbara d'Tyler Brought to the office in penson In January 2019, we attended a Columbia Valley Water/Lighting District monthly meeting and submitted a detailed list of all the street lighting poles that needed to be replaced, fixed or added new.

The Lighting Commissioners responded by conducting a lighting district survey to determine if the residents wanted to pay for additional lighting in the community. A survey was included in the April 2019 Water/Lighting bill. The survey was mailed out to 1248 households. The survey results were tallied in May 2019, with only 106 total customers responding to the survey. We feel this was not an adequate number of responses to the survey. Please see the attached results for more information.

In addition, we have tried for several months to get information from Puget Sound Power on the cost of installing new lights in our community. We have sent them numerous emails with no response.

We are asking the Whatcom County Commission and the Department of Public works to help with the following;

- Getting prices from Puget Sound Energy for the cost of installing new street lights and repairing existing lights.
- Assistance with conducting a professional survey of the Columbia Valley Lighting district residents on if they want more street lights and if they are willing to pay installation costs.

For more information; Call me at 360 526 2912

Cordially Yours;

Ivy Little



Columbia Valley Water District

HISTORY OF THE STREET LIGHTS

In 2008, the Columbia Valley Water District adopted a Resolution to create a Street Light District. The goal was to provide lighting levels that ensured public road safety without creating undo glare or light spillage into neighboring properties, while endeavoring to maintain the overall character and quality of the area. The goal also was to keep the billing costs to the customers at \$2.00 per month.

PSE's monthly fees per light were between \$10.71 and \$12.78, and the focus was lighting primary streets and intersections that already had transformers, thus eliminating installation costs of up to \$1,500 per light. The initial phase of the plan comprised a total of 141 lights to be installed, with an anticipated monthly cost of \$1,688.16.

Once the initial lights were installed, the District accepted street light requests from residents in areas where light was believed to be needed, and which fit the criteria set forth in the Street Light Comprehensive Plan. During the past 11 years, the District has installed an additional 47 lights of those requested, resulting in the total count of <u>188 street lights</u>.

STREET LIGHT FACTS

Monthly Fund Deficit	-	< <u>\$ 130.83</u> >
CVWD Monthly Billing	-	\$2,496.00
Current Number of CVWD Cust	tome	ers - 1248
PSE Monthly Fees	-	\$2,626.83
Current Number of Lights	-	188

WHY THE DEFICIT?

Like almost everything, the monthly costs have gone up in the past 11 years.

PSE's monthly fee per light currently ranges from \$13.20 to \$15.11, an increase of \$2.33 - \$2.49 per light.

CVWD's monthly charge per customer: It is still <u>\$2.00. No increase in 11 years</u>

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

As you can see from the above facts, the District will need to make a change. The Board of Commissioners care about the overall viewpoint of the community regarding the street lights and would like to hear your feedback. On the back of this newsletter you will find a Street Light Survey that we encourage everyone to fill out and return with their payment. The board will review the surveys collected and will take into account the overall opinions of the community when looking into future street lighting options. Please note: Only one survey per account will be considered.

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 - Street Light Facts
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Light Out?
Report it to PSE at 1-888-225-5773
OR

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Go to <u>www.cvwd.com</u> Then tabs Street Lights/ Report an outage.





2019 STREET LIGHT SURVEY

The board is researching various options to address the funding needs of the street lights. Your answers to the questions below will provide community input that will be considered when deciding the options that will work for the overall neighborhood.

The goal in 2008 was to address the need for lighting along pitch black roadways, providing public safety while driving and walking in the neighborhood.

Do you feel the number of street lights that have been installed to date is adequate?

	Yes	No	Don't Know

If no, where is a street light needed? Please be specific of the location:

No

If no, how much more are you willing to pay per month to have additional lighting? \$_____

The goal in 2008 was also to provide road lighting that would not create undo glare or light spillage onto private properties.

Do you feel the number of street lights installed to date has accomplished that, or are there too many lights ?

Yes

Don't Know

If you feel there are too many lights, what is the location of a light that could be removed?:

To keep the charges at \$2.00 per month, would you consider reducing the number of lights installed?

	Yes	No	Don't Know

Account #_____

Address:_____

Please return the survey with your payment. **Only one survey per account will be considered**. The results of the survey will be announced at a later future date.



6229 AZURE WAY MAPLE FALLS, WA 98266 PHONE: (360) 599-1699 FAX: (360) 599-1854

May 23, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda Item

ITEM #9 - Street Light Survey Results

For Information purposes and discussion-

There have been 106 street light surveys returned since they were mailed out. Below is a summary of the results:

<u>Results</u> Forms received:		106				
Question #1:	Do you feel the # of street lights installed is adequate?					
	Yes	79	75%			
	No	16	15%			
	Don't Know	12	11%			
Question #2:	Do you feel there is too much lighting?					
	Yes	79	75%			
	No	14	13%			
	Don't Know	13	12%			
Question #3:	To keep cost at \$2.00 /month consider reducing # of lights					
	Yes	26	25%			
	No	40	38%			
	Don't Know	40	38%			

Presented - Regular Board Meeting May 23, 2019

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Hello Neighbor Spring/Summer 2019

Brought to you by partners of Mt. Baker Community Coalition

Hello Neighbors,

The countdown has begun!!! We are just three nonths away from our big neighborhood party of 2019, the 2nd Annual Kendall Summerfest. There will be free food, activities for the whole amily, local vendors, and other community reources. The event is on Tuesday August 6th rom 4-8 pm at the East Whatcom Regional Reource Center (EWRRC).

2018 Event Details: The First Kendall Summer est/National Night Out was held on August 7, 018. This was initiated by Deputy Loreen as art of the National Night Out program which is losted by Sheriffs across the country. Cohosted y many community partners; four months of ard work and effort on the part of the Kendall



esidents brought an astounding crowd, and many realized their dream of community coming together for an evening f fun. The event was a true "family fun day" for all, including many kid friendly activities such as a bouncy house, lip n' slide, face painting and bubble machine. The adults enjoyed talking with their neighbors, being served burgers y the Deputy, and listening to music. An estimated 228 residents attended the event. The vendors fees were donated o the Wild Byrd Charity, a non-profit serving local Kendall children.

he 2019 Summerfest planning committee has already started working on this years event, which promises to be ven better than last year. Whatcom Community Foundation has awarded the planning team funds for an unforgettale evening. The theme this year is "Hello Neighbor" and we encourage everyone to come out and have some fun.

ochelle Hollowell, AmeriCorps VISTA /hatcom Family & Community Network

n our Foothills Region, while we struggle with nany challenges, I have learned over and over we re also very lucky. Our backyards are mountains

We've Got Talent!

nd forest, we have beautiful libraries, a dedicated school district, a resource center with onsite Head Start Preschool for 3 & 4 ear olds, and more important, a community that comes together. All of the programs and opportunities happen because of peole like vou.

verything from Kids Days during school breaks to East Whatcom Community Council exist only when parents, individuals, youth, nd elders show up. The EWRRC Wednesday Community Coffee and Tea has flourished over the last five years to include new ommunity members, families with young children and those who have been our neighbors for a good while. Other long standing rograms such as the Mobile Food Pantry and Community Meals continue to highlight resources accessed and friendships grown. ut events like these are only strengthened with more voices, hands, and hearts. So if you haven't joined us yet please consider his your invitation!

ruthfully, these activities come about from many decisions made over time by people just like you, who chose to place their and on the wheel of community effort to share skills, tools, ideas, and help in times of need alongside their neighbors. What a ich harvest we reap from community in action.

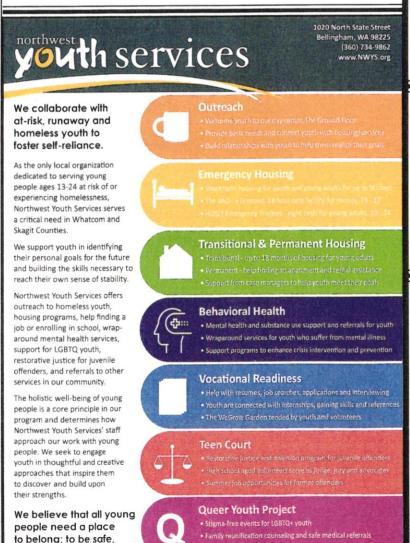
very day, over the last five years at the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center, I've been privileged to see neighbors reach out o take a turn at the wheel. And there is always room for more voices at the table. One new program coming to fruit this season is ne East Whatcom Open Mic which will happen twice a month. This has happened because our local teens are taking a turn to suport community by speaking up and showing up. Now every month on 1st Saturdays the open mic will be for youth 6th through 2th grade and on 3rd Saturdays all ages will be welcomed thanks to the Project Neighborly Grant from Whatcom Community oundation the youth helped write. What an accomplishment! We can't wait to see local artists share music, poetry, paintings, spoen word, skits and more! Call 360-599-3944 if you'd like to get involved.

/hile it is true there is still more work ahead, it is also true we are in many ways privileged. Not every place has so many neighors come together to support one another and lift up the truth, that here in the Foothills we show up for ourselves and Ilso for each other. Thank you. I am so grateful to be able to walk alongside these community efforts. —Jessica Bee EWRRC

2nd Annual 2019 Kendall Summerfest

Hello neighbor, have we seen you at the library lately? In pondering the meaning of community, I couldn't help but think about "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. Whether you read the book or watch the movie, you might be swept up as I was in this heartwarming, yet darkly comic tale. An elderly, Swedish curmudgeon sours on the world following the death of his beloved wife and bullies his neighbors (plus one cat) over minor perceived infractions while plotting his exit to join her. But when a lively young family moves in next door, Ove is drawn into their chaotic orbit, quite against his wishes, ultimately finding warmth, friendship, and renewed purpose. Sometimes, all you need is a new place to belong.

In the story of the North Fork Community Library, we are fortunate to feel a profound belonging to this community, where every day we see people who had a hand in dreaming, building, furnishing, or funding our place here. As that momentous work becomes part of our cherished history, we are looking for new neighbors who will lend themselves in new ways, keeping the community deeply embedded in the work we do and fundraising to provide for new opportunities and resources for our patrons. Our library would not have been built without the Friends of the North Fork Community Library's tireless work and as our community marches forward, we need new neighbors to carry the torch. Are you looking for your next place to belong? I'd love to talk to you. Come see me at the library.—*Alexa Andrews*, N. Fork Library Mgr.



heard, and valued.

Lifeline Connections has been committed to providing care for people with substance use and mental health disorders since 1962. We serve more than 4,000 low- and verylow income people each year at multiple locations. Lifeline Connections offers a full complement of inpatient, outpatient and aftercare treatment, including a Medication-Assisted Recovery program for people with opioid use disorders. Our commitment is to serve the whole person, and to meet them where they are on their journeys of recovery. Our programs are designed with the needs of the individual in mind, and treatment is built on evidencebased, best-practice standards and protocols. Our Bellingham and Maple Falls locations accept walk in appointments because we understand this is a life altering decision, and wish to be available when the patient is ready. Please visit our website at www.lifelineconnections.org or reach out either our Bellingham or Maple Falls locations.

<u>Maple Falls:</u> EWRRC See "Rapid Response Treatment" in calendar on back page. Bellingham Office: 4120 Meridian Street Bellingham, WA 98226 (360) 922-3030



It begins with...One Step. One Act of Courage. One Honest Conversation. Opioids are now one of the leading causes of injury-related deaths in Washington State. More people die from overdose than from car crashes. One honest conversation can help make

a difference. You can be the one to help keep your family safe. Talk with your loved ones and share the facts. Visit www.GetTheFactsRx.com



Your community newsletter is a collaboration of:

Mt. Baker Community Coalition's mission is to strategically build a strong community that offers well-being to all by focusing on youth and families through substance misuse/ abuse prevention strategies and mental health promotion. We work together to provide education, resources, eliminate risks, increase protective factors, and leverage community strengths and assets.

Wa'Lynn Sheridan, CPP Coalition Coordinator (360) 255-7489

mbcoalition@wfcn.org

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Living in a healthy community includes positive human connections, a sense of **Community is Powerful** safety, compassion, and strength that helps navigate challenges, conflict, tragedy, and uncertainty. No matter how you define a community—one is always

stronger when trust exists. Steven Covey once wrote "change moves at the speed of trust." Positive community change happens when we risk to connect and build trust. Trust grows when we share our stories, lead with curiosity rather than criticism, honor contributions, acknowledge one another's talents, gifts, and strengths, show up to listen, learn, help, enjoy, and seek solutions together rather than grumble about concerns. Connecting can mean being a little awkward, maybe even vulnerable from time to time.

How healthy of a community do you want to live in? When communities build resilience, it happens through relationships where people experience belonging and acceptance, opportunities to contribute, and friends and neighbors provide support when needed. The Columbia Valley is growing in wellbeing. Neighbors commit to connect. There are "movers and shakers"-the seeming endlessly energized neighbor who helps often. They are valuable treasures in community-no doubt. The thing is, YOU are a treasure, too. Each person has skills, talents, resources, connections, and knowledge that grows community capacity. Each person is a local neighborhood leader each time they show up and do what they can.

Join us in writing the positive future of East Whatcom County communities! The Columbia Valley Community Connections (CVCC)* meeting, is a "showing up" of locals—like YOU—at a monthly gathering to share what is going on in community. It is a place to connect with neighbors and those providing service in the area. Together we notice what is growing strong and hope for a better future—it is a place to see where your treasures fit. The next Columbia Valley Connection Group meetings at the EWRRC are scheduled for: May 8 (2 to 3:30 pm), June 12 (2 to 3:30 pm) and July 10 (6 to 7:30 pm).

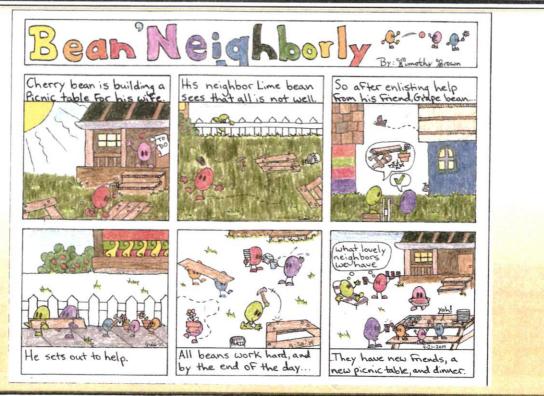
Kristi Slette

Executive Director, Whatcom Family and Community Network

*Columbia Valley is the name of Whatcom County's declared urban growth area . It extends beyond Paradise and Peaceful Valley.

The South Fork Valley Community Association (SFVCA) is a non-profit community organization promoting community outreach in eastern Whatcom County's South Fork Valley and Foothills region, and also operates KAVZ-LP FM 102.5 in Deming. To learn more, tune in to KAVZ at http:// kavz.org, email southforkvalley@aol.com, or visit us online at www.facebook.com/southforkvalley. Or join us at our monthly meeting; 1st Wednesday @ 12pm 4106 Valley Hwy. in Deming.

Columbia Valley Parks District (CVPRD) is committed to working with the interests of the community we serve to improve access to recreational spaces within the district boundaries. Please contact us through email at <u>cvparksandrec@gmail.com</u>. Even better, if your time allows, attend one of our regular meetings on the 2nd Thursday at 5pm at 8225 Kendall Rd and/or 1st Fridays for work on the Comprehensive Plan at 9AM. The volunteer commissioners need your input and thoughts on this important community work. Come to one meeting or many. All are welcome!



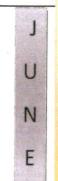
Mark Your Calendars



East Whatcom Reg. Res. Center Community Coffee & Tea Wednesdays @ 9-10:30am DSHS Services Wednesdays @ 9-3:30pm English as a Second Language Tues. & Thurs. @ 12:30-2:30pm Mobile Food Pantry 4th @ 11-12:30pm 17th @ 10-11:30am Open Mic 4th & 18th @ 6-7:30pm Spring Fair

5th @ 1-4pm

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Rapid Response Treatment10th & 28th @ 11:30am-3:30pmAAMondays @ 7-8pmEast Whatcom Community Council6th @ 6:30-8pmColumbia Valley Comm. Connect12th @ 2-3:30pmMaster Gardeners Food Preserv.20th @ 6pmMt. Baker Community Coalition17th @ 1:45-3:45pm - MB SchoolDistrict Office

Rapid Response Treatment TBD - Contact Lifeline AA Mondays @ 7-8pm Columbia Valley Comm. Connect 10th @ 6-7:30pm Mt. Baker Community Coalition 15th @ 1:45-3:45pm MB School District Office

EWRRC Kendall Summer Fest & National Night Out August 6th @ 4-8 pm

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Mt. Baker Community Coalition 20th @ 1:45-3:45pm - MB School District Office

North Fork Library Teen Club (6-12th grade) Thursdays @ 6:30-7:30pm NASA: Colonizing Space (K-5th) 2nd @ 3:45-4:45pm Friends' Spring Book Sale 18th & 19th @ 10am-4pm South Fork Events SFVCA Meeting 1st Wednesdays - 7:30pm southforkvalley@aol.com

North Fork Library Teen Club-ends mid. June Thursdays @ 6:30-7:30pm Twin Sisters Market Saturdays @ 10am-2pm Drumming with Ray Soriano 13th @ 3:45-4:45pm (K-5th) South Fork Events Celebrate the Solstice Potluck Josh VanderYacht Park 22nd @ 6pm-dusk SFVCA Meeting 1st Wednesdays - 7:30pm southforkvalley@aol.com

North Fork Library <u>Twin Sisters Market</u> Saturdays @ 10am-2pm North Fork Stories and Play Tuesdays @ 10:30-11:30am Your Fall Gardening Starts Now 20th @ 11am-12:30pm <u>After Hours Teen Party</u> <u>27th @ 5-7pm</u>

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South Fork Events Summerfest Josh VanderYacht Park August 25th @ Noon-dusk



2019 Kendall Summerfest National Night Out

TUESDAY AUGUST 6 4 PM - 8 PM East Whatcom Regional Resource Center (EWRRC) 8251 Kendall Rd Hwy 547

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ADA Requests for accommodation are required 72 business hours prior to the event. More Info: Email Rochelle at connect@wfcn.org or call 360 671 3090

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KENDALL SUMMER FESTIVAL 2019

Business: Address:

Whatcom Family & Community Network 1231 N Garden St #210, Bellingham, WA 98225 Non-Profit Tax EIN: **91-1631944**

Dear Neighborhood Business Leader:

Whatcom County Sheriff Department, Mt. Baker Community Coalition, and the Whatcom Family & Community Network (WFCN) in partnership with local residents are organizing the 2019 Kendall Summer Festival and National Night Out Celebration on August 6, 2019 from 4 to 8 pm at the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center.

WFCN is a local 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization whose purpose is to promote the well-being of children, youth and families by convening and supporting communities to build their capacity. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places. National Night Out enhances relationships between neighbors and law enforcement while fostering a true sense of community.

The Maple Falls/Kendall communities are abundant neighborhoods with skilled and talented people. There are many strengths to build upon and a desire for neighbors to connect and celebrate. Doing so increases resilience and mitigates issues that impact our community such as limited communication, crime and substance abuse.

We seek local business sponsorships--to sustain this community event. Will you join us to make Kendall Summer Fest an ongoing celebration of community health, safety and strength?

Please see the attached sheet for specific opportunities.

Our staff will follow up with you in the next few days. If you have questions please feel free to contact me at connect@WFCN.org or 360-671-3090.

Whatcom Community Foundation (WCF) has generously funded a portion of this endeavor through Project Neighborly. Business sponsorships collected this year that are not used directly on the 2019 event will seed a fund to ensure a 2020 event.

Sincerely,

Rochelle Hollowell AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer Whatcom Family & Community Network

KENDALL SUMMER FESTIVAL 2019

OPPORTUNITIES for Local Community Businesses:

SPONSORSHIPS:

Sponsorships of \$500 or more include:

- Framed Certificate of Sponsorship
- Vendor table and public acknowledgement at the event
- · Your business name or logo on the Summerfest Banner, T-Shirts and Flyers

Sponsorships of \$100 or more include:

- Vendor table and public acknowledgement at the event
- Your business name or logo on the Summerfest Flyers.

Sponsorships between \$30 and \$100 will include:

Vendor table and public acknowledgement at the event.

IN-KIND DONATIONS:

Gift cards and merchandise donated will be used as free community raffle drawings for attendees.

- Gift Cards for \$25 or more
- Merchandise or in-store coupons.

VENDOR SALES:

If you have items you would like to sell-everything from homemade art, crafts, music, to services such as real estate, healthcare, or massage-reserve a booth space for the event.

Vendor Booth space is a suggested donation of \$20 with all proceeds going to a a local non-profit that serves East Whatcom County families or children...

Vendors will need to bring their own tables, chairs, canopies-full set up. Kendall Summer Fest will reserve a 6 foot (long) by 4 foot (wide) space for you. The space has very limited electricity or water access. If either is needed, please contact us in advance to determine what is possible.

Make Checks and submit lower portion of this form to: Whatcom Family & Community Network (WFCN) at 1231 N. Garden St. #210, Bellingham, WA 98225.

Your Business Name (as you'd like it acknowledged):

Contact Person(s): _____

Contact Phone: _____E-mail: _____E-mail: _____

Circle: Sponsorship: \$_____ In-kind Donation: Describe items: _____

Vendor Space: How many? _____

Comments? Questions? E-mail Connect@wfcn.org or call Rochelle at 360-671-3090.