



Spring 2004

# Northwest Neighborhood



## Next Meeting

**April 15**  
**7:00 pm**

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## April Meeting

Our spring meeting is set for **Thursday, April 15, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** at Ben Franklin Elementary School, 53rd and Franklin streets.

We will be celebrating the Association's 20th anniversary, and the City's Office of Neighborhoods will be supplying birthday cake, so save room for dessert!

Allen Wilson, a neighbor and Master, master gardener (he teaches the master gardeners!) will demonstrate pruning and share other springtime gardening tips. Bring all your gardening questions!

A representative from the city fire department will talk with us about summertime safety, including reducing the risks from wildfire and preventing summertime accidents.

See you all **April 15** -- you can address and stamp your tax returns while eating birthday cake!



## Happy Birthday to Us!

It's our birthday! The Northwest Neighborhood Association has been alive and strong for 20 years, as of this spring. The City Council officially recognized the NWNA, the City's 11<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Association, on May 7, 1984.

This, of course, was the culmination of lots of work on the part of some neighborhood residents, notably Bill Cone. Bill was our first President, and Marilyn Koenninger our first (and still!) Vice-President. Harry Anderson was the first Secretary-Treasurer.

The 1984 organizers included Tom Koenninger, Judy & Chris Bice, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Rigney, Phyllis Trimble, Mrs. Herb Ehle and Ginny Quimby.

The topic that galvanized the group was a proposed change in the city's comprehensive plan to allow the 8.7 acres west of the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks to be used for light industrial purposes (more tracks!) instead of residences. The noise for NWN neighbors on the bluff was the main concern of the group.