

# Edgewood City Picnic Recap

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Thanks to everyone who came out on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and made the Picnic a success!! It was a **VERY HOT** afternoon at Edgemont Park, but it seemed like all had a great time! The following is a brief recap of what took place!



The VFW set up their booth (left) and readied themselves for the Flag Ceremony (right), which they perform every year.



The Boy Scouts receive instruction from Scout Master John Decker. The Scouts provided the ever-popular Rock Climbing Wall at this year's event. They also brought a Rope Bridge for the first time. Both were very well-used all day. Thanks to those who were able to provide contributions to the Scouts that day.

Colleen Bassham sang a lovely a cappella rendition of the National Anthem. Event MC Craig Grip stands respectfully by as she sings.



Mayor Jeff Hogan welcomed attendees to the Edgewood City Picnic.





The outfield was host to the Rock Climbing Wall, 18-foot Giant Slide, Obstacle Course, Bounce House (provided by Jovita Baptist Church), Rock Climbing Wall and Rope Bridge (provided by the Boy Scouts), Police, Fire and the ***BBQ to the Rescue*** competition – the proceeds of which were donated to the Northwest Burn Center.

The event had 35 booths comprised of these local merchants and non-profit organizations: Charming Priuts Ice Cream, Clippers Grooming, the VFW, Friends of the Lower White River, Friends of the Parks, Mt. View Church & Community Center, Scentsy, Jovita

Baptist Church, Dragonfly Massage Therapy, Zumba, Silpada Designs, Paradise Giveaways, Powers Funeral Home, Mary Kay Cosmetics, YWCA of Pierce County, Boy Scout Troop 525, Wildtree, Avon, Curious Paws Photography, Edgewood Police and Pierce County Alert, Metro Animal Services, Union Bank, Citizens for Matt Richardson, Harmony Health, 31<sup>st</sup> District Democrats, Heidi Danielson's Hand Crafted Jewelry, Curves, Tastefully Simple, Sylvia Johnson's Handbags and Accessories, Sara Jane Design, Coldwell Banker Bain, Juice Plus, and Korum YMCA.



## Our performers wowed the audience with a variety of acts.



*Giraffe & Staff Puppeteers*



*The Zumba Dolls*



*The Entertain Men*



*Rane Stone*



*Tatoosh*

Giggles the Clown & Family were back again this year twisting balloons and painting faces for the young and young at heart.





The younger crowd diligently searched for coins during the “Pennies in the Hay” game (right). From pennies to one dollar coins children loaded



their pockets with all they could find. The Water Balloon Toss was a splash hit – those not receiving 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes were rewarded with a refreshing blast of water from their bursting balloons in the scorching hot weather.



The “*World Famous Cow Chip Toss*” has a 12 and under category and a 12 and up category; the winners of which are awarded 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies each for their abilities. Competitors choose their own “*chip*,” selecting what they hope will bring home a trophy. Techniques vary from competitor to competitor.

Thanks go out to all our generous sponsors who made this event possible. The Edgewood City Picnic is funded solely by contributions from local businesses and organizations. Please stop by to thank them for their support of your community event.

**Cash Contributors: Bartelson Transport, Slavic Church of Salvation, Korum Automotive Group, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Timberland Bank, Sterling Automotive and Gardening for Life.**

**Gift Certificates, Passes & Prizes: Fife Flowers, Tacoma Children's Museum, Pt. Defiance Zoo and Aquarium, Emerald Downs, Clippers Grooming, Vonda's Nails, Jiffy Lube, Edgewood Flower Farm, Bennest Karate Schools, Dragonfly Massage Therapy, Scentsy and Giggles the Clown.**

This event takes a considerable amount of time and energy to put together. Planning for next year's event starts in about 5 months. If you are interested in joining the Steering Committee or know of someone who might be interested, please contact City Hall for more information by phone (253.952.3299) or via email ([cityhall@cityofedgewood.org](mailto:cityhall@cityofedgewood.org) ).

Meetings will take place approximately once every 4-6 weeks until July and then will likely occur more frequently starting in July. The event takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in August each year. Here are some of the tasks at hand:

- Seeking out new potential sponsors
- Providing entertainment ideas
- Making contact with organizations and businesses in the community to raise awareness about the event and to encourage participation such as having a booth, joining the committee or volunteering the day of the event
- Distributing flyers
- Organizing volunteers

***Thanks again to everyone -  
we hope to see you in 2011!!***