Eastlake News

Eastlake News is distributed free to residents of the Eastlake community and members of the Community Council.

Earth Day
The Eastlake community is invited to celebrate Earth Day '96 on Saturday, April 20, by helping with the maintenance of our neighborhood's trees.

Needed tools include shovels, weeding implements, hand pruners, large brooms, and a pitchfork. All volunteers should wear gloves and work shoes.

Weeds pulled from the tree pits will need a new home—composters with extra space are encouraged to call.

For more information about volunteering, call Kathy Tucker at 860-5934.

Other Earth Day projects include a work party at 10 a.m. at the Fairview-Olsmstead park site. If you're interested in participating, call David Moore at 325-5463.

Dreamboats
We are happy to announce that the Beaumont Team—Linda Beaumont, R. Stuart Keeler, and Michael Machnic—was awarded the 1% for the Arts money that was allocated to Eastlake for the Sewer Project now underway. It will consist of three installations along Eastlake Avenue, which will not only add to the aesthetics of our main thoroughfare, but will also serve to identify and unify the Eastlake neighborhood.

The Seattle Arts Commission also approved the phase-two project: a series of quarry stone etched with street names and trimmed with recycled glass. These stones will be placed along Eastlake Ave. E. from the bridge to the Steam Plant. Stacy Levy is the artist for this project.

We are very excited about both projects being approved because these winning artists met the needs for art in our neighborhood. An exhibition of the proposals will be on display from April 8th through April 12th in the lobby of the 2324 Bldg. at 2324 Eastlake Ave. E. For more information, please call Susan Kaufman at 328-3560 or Ruri Yampolsky, Seattle Arts Commission Project Manager, at 684-7309.

- Susan Kaufman, ECC Arts Commission

Important Dates

Art Exhibition
Proposals for Eastlake's 1% for the Arts Project will be on display at the 2324 Bldg., Eastlake Ave. E. Monday, April 8 - Friday, April 12

Neighborhood Center and Fairview Avenue E. Calming
A neighborhood meeting co-sponsored by the Floating Home Assn., at the Seattle Police Officers' Guild, 2517 Eastlake Ave. E. Tuesday, April 9, 6:30-9 p.m.

Strengthening Eastlake's Town Center
A public meeting/workshop sponsored by ECC and Eastlake Business Assn., at the Seattle Police Officers' Guild, 2517 Eastlake Ave. E. Monday, April 15, 4:30-7 p.m.

Earth Day '96
Earthwork on Eastlake.
Saturday, April 20

Cedar River Watershed
A neighborhood meeting sponsored by the Rivers Council of Washington, Friends of Lake Union, and Seattle Water, at the Seattle Police Officers' Guild, 2517 Eastlake Ave. E.
Thursday, April 25, 7-9:30 p.m.
Homeless Martins Seek Shoreline Real Estate

The Seattle Audubon Society seeks lakeside residents and businesses—houseboats and boat moorages especially—to install birdhouses for the purple martin. The purple martin is a beautiful swallow whose numbers have been driven dangerously low by those pushy Europeans, the starlings. Worse, the martin’s clueless California cousins are being devastated by their choice of highway overpasses for nesting; the young fall to their deaths or are squished under the wheels. And unlike purple martins from the teeming East coast, ours don’t like multifamily living, preferring a single-family bird house.

But beware—unless the birdhouse is painted inside with light paint, the starlings will take it over and the martins will still need a home. And like any house, it should be cleaned—yearly.

For instructions on how to build the right birdhouse, call 322-5463. Wanted especially is someone to build some houses for those birds who are all thumbs.

Help the Virginia V

The Virginia V, a historic passenger steamer built 1922, has lost its Coast Guard approval for carrying passengers. The problem is caused not by neglect or mismanagement, but by years of intense public use of a wooden steamship older than all but a few of us. Repairs will probably exceed $2,000,000—more than we as Lake Union neighbors can afford. Statewide help is coming.

But for those of us around the lake, what value can be affixed to the sound of her steam whistle or the sight of her prow?

Please write a check today for $25 to The Virginia V Foundation Repair Budget. You can drop donations off at Lake Union Mail.

For more information, call 624-9119.

ECC Membership Application

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Eastlake Community Council—117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle 98102

Park Bench for Rogers Playfield

The Options Program at Seward (TOPS) Site Council has received a Department of Neighborhoods grant for $1000 to create a tile-covered park bench for Rogers Playfield.

All Eastlake residents are invited to get involved by creating bench tiles and/or purchasing personalized tiles ($20 each).

Artist Steve Roache, who created B.F. Day's tile wall on Fremont St., will hold a tile workshop on Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the main TOPS building.

Send tile requests with a $20 check (made out to TOPS) to: Joan Demorest, 4272 Whitman Ave. N., Seattle 98103. Proceeds benefit the TOPS site.

For information, call Joan at 632-4821.

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Free Garage parking after 6 p.m.
Eastlake's Residential Parking Zone

The Eastlake RPZ was implemented two years ago this summer. Initially, about 1,200 Eastlake residents took the opportunity to purchase parking permits for their vehicles. Informal discussion in the neighborhood seems to indicate that there is satisfaction with the daytime parking restrictions of two and four hours.

However, some blocks might wish to re-evaluate the nighttime restrictions. Those interested in a re-evaluation may circulate a petition on a block-by-block basis. Signatures from 60% of the residents would enable the restrictions to be removed or modified. If you wish to circulate a petition in your block, or have any questions about other RPZ-related issues, call Shauna Walgren with the Seattle Engineering Department at 684-8681.

Some residents are still concerned about the level of parking enforcement. People are encouraged to report violations to the Seattle Police Department Parking Enforcement by calling 386-9012 during the day, or 911 in the evenings.

Another reminder—continual use of guest permits by residents is not allowed. If you are aware of possible misuses of guest permits and want to report them, call the City Residential Parking Zone Permit Office at 684-5086.

We realize that the neighborhood survey to determine the effectiveness of Eastlake's Residential Parking Zone was never completed. If there is sufficient interest in conducting a written survey, it can still be done. Volunteers will be needed to compile the survey findings and report them back to the city and the neighborhood. If you feel that a survey would be useful and would like to participate in conducting it, write the ECC/RPZ at: 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle 98102.

- Lynn Poser
Eastlake Tomorrow Planning Phase Underway

Building upon and revising the 1991 Eastlake Tomorrow process, the first planning phase of the 1996 Eastlake Tomorrow focuses on six priority projects:

- **Community Design**
  An inventory of natural environmental and urban design features, land use, zoning, neighborhood history, and demographic trends will be conducted, concentrating on buildings along Eastlake Avenue E. and multifamily housing designs in the central Eastlake core. Contact: Dave Dykstra (325-9101).

- **Diversity, Community, and Schools**
  This public design process will explore site and design possibilities for a community center, with early examination of the Seward School rehabilitation as a potential site option. Contacts: Joy Dear (328-0317) and Marjorie Nelson (329-3097).

- **Open Space**
  An inventory of neighborhood open spaces will be conducted, concentrating on public land not currently in parks, and parks that need additional maintenance or protection. Contact: Dave Moore (325-5463).

- **North Gateway**
  This is a preparation for a collaborative process with the Seattle Engineering Department, which has agreed to conduct design improvements for the land triangle between Eastlake and Harvard Avenues and E. Allison Street. Contact: Jill Wiedenhoft (328-8588).

- **Town Center Improvement**
  This project will develop a plan for revitalization of the business district along Eastlake Avenue. Contact: Susan Kaufman (328-3560).

- **Transportation**
  This project will update proposals developed in the 1994 Eastlake Transportation Plan, focusing on traffic calming along Fairview Avenue E. and improvements along Eastlake Avenue to be made in conjunction with street restoration after the upcoming sewer project. Contact: David Young (325-6835).

The Cedar River Watershed

The Seattle Water Department is giving the Eastlake community an opportunity to participate in the development of a Habitat Conservation Plan for the Cedar River watershed. The community is invited to attend a general meeting regarding this issue on Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. The meeting, sponsored by the Rivers Council of Washington, Friends of Lake Union, and Seattle Water, is one you won’t want to miss.

I recall hearing that all the cells in our bodies—except brain cells—are replaced every few years. I also recall hearing that our bodies are something like 70% water. If this is so, then those of us who have lived in Seattle for more than a few years are comprised of up to 70% Cedar River water. Perhaps this is a rather fanciful way of looking at the importance of the Cedar River ecosystem or watershed, but hey, it works for me.

A healthy water supply depends on a healthy watershed. As urban users of this water, it is important that we use any opportunities to positively influence the health of a vital resource.

A slide presentation will accompany the discussion of planning, land management, Endangered Species Act issues, and the importance of watersheds. Joy Huber of the Rivers Council of Washington and Professor David McCloskey of the Cascadia Institute and Friends of Lake Union will lead the discussion.

- David Huber, ECC Vice President

Neighborhood Center and Fairview Avenue E. Calming

On Tuesday, April 9, from 6:30-9 p.m., a neighborhood meeting will be held to discuss two important issues: the proposed Neighborhood Center and the Fairview Avenue E. calming. Site selection, needs assessment, funding sources, and management of the Center will be discussed, as well as proposed designs increasing pedestrian safety along Fairview Ave. E. Please join us at the Seattle Police Officers’ Guild, 2517 Eastlake Ave. E., and voice your comments.

About the Eastlake News

The Eastlake News will be published bimonthly beginning in May. Contributions to the Eastlake News are welcomed and appreciated.

Articles for the next issue must be delivered by April 15, 1996. Articles may be sent to 117 E. Louisa St., Box 1, Seattle 98102, or dropped off at Lake Union Mail. If you have any questions, call Karen Ziegler at 325-9866.

Contributors to this issue included Joan Demorest, Chris Leman, Deverick Martin, Marjorie Nelson, Jane Stephan, and Kathy Tucker.

Positions Available

Two Eastlake Tomorrow positions are available beginning in mid-April. For information on the Community Design Committee Assistant position, call Dave Dykstra at 325-9101. For the Open Space Committee Assistant position, call Dave Moore at 325-5463.
Mayor Rice Comes Through on Louisa

Eastlake residents and businesses alike have long resented the prohibition on walking across Eastlake Avenue along the south side of Louisa Street. The city has finally taken down that infernal sign, and—for the first time in years—we can cross there legally.

In addition, the Engineering Department has promised to shorten the wait for the signal to turn to “walk,” install curb ramps, and look into putting in a “walk” signal on that south side as well as a tactile indicator for those who are deaf and blind.

Locals who made it happen include Mark Landreneau of the Deaf-Blind Service Center, Marilyn Smith of Abused Deaf Women’s Advocacy Services, Tom Rowe’s TOPS fifth grade class, Jules James of Lake Union Mail, and all of you who registered your silent protest by crossing anyway.

Mayor Norm Rice and Engineering Director John Okamoto also deserve a lot of credit. If you write to thank them, don’t forget to urge them to install a real walk/tactile signal on the south Louisa crossing of Eastlake Avenue. You can write to Mayor Rice and Mr. Okamoto at: 600 Fourth Ave., Seattle 98104.

Spotlight on Labor

Eastlake’s labor tradition goes back at least to the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), and some of Eastlake’s largest businesses are union shops. The Seattle Police Officers’ Guild hosts most of the area’s public meetings in their building at 2517 Eastlake.

Now, a veritable Eastlake Labor Temple has formed at 2900 Eastlake Avenue, a building owned by Local 17 of the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers. Local 17 represents many of the municipal and state engineers we deal with daily on road and park issues.

Other unions in the building include Local 82 of the Pacific Northwest Newspaper Guild, the Washington Federation of Teachers, and the Classified Staff Association.

Does anyone have any Eastlake labor history to share? For example, where did Eastlake stand in the great General Strike of 1919? Send to Eastlake History, c/o Lake Union Mail, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102.

Eastlake on the Web

Thanks to Daniel Solomons, Eastlake’s own internet provider, for putting together a great new ECC web page. Already online is the 1994 Eastlake Transportation Plan, information about Eastlake Tomorrow, and recent issues of the Friends of Lake Union newsletter. The web page can be seen at: http://oo.net/oo/ECC, or at Dan’s office in the Areis Bldg., 2366 Eastlake Ave. #224. Disks and email are always welcome; send to daniel@oo.net.

Row Your Boat

The George Pocock Memorial Rowing Center (by the University Bridge) is offering rowing classes for both beginning and experienced rowers. Most introductory rowing classes the Center teaches are sculling—two oars per rower. Rowing exercises all the major muscle groups and builds strength, endurance, and coordination without harming joints. If you have any questions, call 328-0778.

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**You, the UW, and Eastlake’s Town Center**

Successful meetings facilitated by Seattle Solarium’s Bob Dorres and Serafina’s Susan Kaufman have brought local retailers and residents together to revitalize our business district. The Eastlake Tomorrow survey (copies still available at Lake Union Mail) has produced good ideas and great volunteers. Several restaurateurs are cooking up an Eastlake live music night better than anything in Pioneer Square. What do you think would attract more residents to our local retailers? Come to the next meeting, 4-5:30 on April 15 at the Seattle Police Officers’ Guild, 2517 Eastlake Ave. E. Special guest Michael Verchot of the UW business school will be there to hear your ideas on how the UW can best help our area. If you have any questions, call Susan Kaufman at 323-0807.

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**FYI**

Notice the construction staging at the north end of Eastlake, the South Lake Union Combined Sewer Overflow Project begins! As soon as the Seattle Engineering Department finalizes the construction schedule, we’ll put that information in the *Eastlake News*. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, contact Cheryl at 325-8410 or Pam Miller of the Engineering department at 684-5179. To the community members who spent many hours working with Seattle Engineering Department Staff to make this most important engineering project as easy on our neighborhood as possible—thank you. Also, the installation of the Route 70 Trolley expansion will begin soon.

Welcome **Karen Ziegler**, new editor of *Eastlake News*! **Deverick Martin** was unanimously voted in as a member of the ECC Board of Directors. Already active on the Eastlake Tomorrow Community project committee and Steering Committee, Deverick brings 25 years’ experience in management, planning and engineering, plus extensive involvement in community services. We are excited about having Karen and Deverick involved.

ECC was awarded a $500 grant from the Department of Neighborhoods Outreach fund! We are actively recruiting members. We need your support; please join the Eastlake Community Council! Barbara Zegar, ECC board member, is the coordinator for this project. Jane Stephan, ECC board member and *Eastlake News* advertisement coordinator, has already distributed flyers to recruit business members as well as procure advertisements. If you want more information, feel free to call Barbara at 325-2139 or Jane at 328-8534.

ECC has always been involved in land use issues. If you are interested and/or concerned about the proposed Silver Cloud Inn MUP, contact Beth Walker at 447-7040. Beth’s office is located in the Buffalo Building.

Whether an ECC member or not, please consider getting involved in one of the project focus committees. Information on these committees, and names and phone numbers of people to contact is located in this newsletter.

**If there is one word that describes the Eastlake Neighborhood, it’s “diversity.” ECC board members join me in welcoming people and businesses that cover the spectrum.**

- **Cheryl Trivison**, ECC President

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**Pollworkers Needed**

There are some openings for pollworkers. It’s a long day (fifteen hours) but you’re paid $4.90 an hour. If interested, call the King County Elections Division at 296-1606.