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EASTLAKE NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Thursday after 6:30 Open House Projects Night at the Huber residence, 2300 Yale Avenue East (NE corner of Lynn street; phone 322-2499).
October 12, 7 pm at Joy Dear's home. Eastlake Diversity Programs meeting. See page 4.
October 18, 5:30 pm at the Municipal Bldg, 11th Floor, 600 4th Avenue. Last hearing on Eastlake's proposed RPZ. See page 2.
November 9, Tuesday at 7 pm at the Police Officers' Guild, 2517 Eastlake. ECC annual meeting with elections. See page 1.

ECC ELECTIONS COMING UP

The ECC annual meeting with elections for board members and officers has been scheduled for November 9, 7 pm at the Police Officers' Guild, 2517 Eastlake Ave. E.

An ECC nominating committee consisting of Joy Huber, Chris Leman, Lynn Poser, and Michael Sullivan has been appointed to submit officer and board nominations, which the board will mail out at least ten days before our November 9 election. If you would like to serve as a board member or office or know someone else who would, please contact one of those listed, or send your written recommendations to: ECC Nominating Committee, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102.

ECC NAMED COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE DECADE

For more information on this exciting award, see President's Column on page 4.
THE MAYOR’S VISIT TO EASTLAKE

As Eastlake News goes to press, Mayor Norm Rice is scheduled to visit Eastlake on September 23, hopefully on a beautiful fall day. Readers probably know more about what actually happened!

Eastlake is planning a grand show for the mayor during his walking tour of Eastlake. Boats from the Wooden Boat Center will pick up the mayor and his group at Chandler’s Cove and sail past NOAA and the colorful houseboats to Ross Laboratories. From there the group will be joined by Eastlake neighborhood and business leaders. They will walk along Fairview, stop at the recently acquired Hamlin Street-End park and follow parts of the walking fish trail. From Fairview they will continue on Boston and then up along Eastlake back to Roanoke. The mayor will stop at a number of businesses along the route. The route has been carefully chosen to show him the diverse mix of maritime, retail and office businesses as well as varied residences and lifestyles in our neighborhood.

The walk will wind up with refreshments at Tio’s, where neighborhood people will get a chance to meet the mayor and ask questions about everything from the future of rapid transit to filling potholes on Fairview.

NEWS FROM ECC

CITY COUNCIL RPZ HEARING

The last hearing on Eastlake’s proposed Residential Parking Zone (RPZ) will be held on Monday, October 18 at 5:30 to 7:30 pm before the City Council Transportation Committee in the City Council Chambers on the 11th Floor of the Municipal Building, 600 Fourth Avenue. Councilmember Martha Choe, chair of the Transportation Committee, will be at the hearing and may be joined by other committee members Sherry Harris and George Benson. The council members want to hear what you think about the RPZ and the restrictions that were recommended by the Engineering Department and Street Use Appeals Board.

This City Council hearing is the culmination of the long RPZ process that has been sponsored by the Eastlake Community Council and supported by more than a thousand Eastlake households. It follows the August hearing before the Street Use Appeals Board, which was well attended by residents, business representatives and Eastlake employees and resulted in a unanimous 5-0 Street Use Appeals Board recommendation to adopt the RPZ proposed by the Seattle Engineering Department (SED).

The recommended RPZ includes a combination of 2-hour and 4-hour restrictions on most of Eastlake’s residential streets while some sides of the neighborhood’s east/west streets would be unrestricted. Another important component of the RPZ is that it will be revisited (by the neighborhood and the Engineering Department) 6 months after implementation to determine its effectiveness and make any necessary adjustments to the restrictions. The six-month community/SED assessment is required by ordinance.

At the Street Use Appeals Board hearing, the Eastlake Residents’ RPZ Committee requested changes to the restrictions proposed for Franklin north of Roanoke and the east side of Fairview--these changes were requested based on numerous comments from residents living on these streets. Although the requested changes were not part of the Street Use Appeals Board recommendation, they will be reviewed again with the Engineering Department prior to the City Council hearing.

As expected, many of the business representatives and employees that attended the Street Use Appeals Board hearing argued against any RPZ restrictions. This position was consistent with the several opposition flyers that were produced and distributed during the weeks prior to the hearing. However, a spokesperson for the Eastlake Business Association appeared to acknowledge the need for an RPZ and requested restriction changes that would have opened up more streets to unlimited parking. Like the Residents’ Committee requests, these revisions to the proposed restrictions were not included in the Street Use Appeals Board recommendation.

Councilmember Choe has done Eastlake a favor by scheduling the final RPZ hearing for the evening, which is hopefully more convenient than daytime hearings, and for October, when most non-budget issues are usually put on the City Council’s back burner. Please try to attend this important meeting!

If you cannot attend, PLEASE write a letter to Councilmember Martha Choe and send copies to Councilmembers George Benson and Sherry Harris, all at the following address:

Seattle City Council
11th Floor Municipal Building
600 Fourth Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104

Thanks to those of you who attended the Street Use Appeals Board hearing and wrote letters. Please call Lynn Poser (323-9257) or Carol Eychaner (324-1716) if you have any questions about the RPZ or the upcoming City Council hearing.

HAMLIN STREET PARK COMMITTEE

This month the Hamlin Street Park celebrates its first birthday. The occasion was marked by the installation of a summer-flowering perennial border garden by Buddy Fraser, Mike Sullivan, Carl Elliot, and Ellen Chevalier. The plants for this border garden
were donated by Carl Elliot, L’Elephant Espresso, and Remlinger Farms. Designed to provide color from May to September this garden will give residents years of enjoyment.

On Thursday, September 23, at about 3:00 p.m., Mayor Norm Rice will visit the park as part of his walking tour of the Eastlake neighborhood. Stop by to say Hi, and express your support for more parks in the Eastlake Neighborhood.

Over the next few weeks watch for announcements of the dates of our fall work parties. The Hamlin Shores Homeowner’s Assn., long patrons of the park, have graciously donated 10 yards of mulch and soaker hoses to more efficiently water the park. Ellen Chevalier of L’Elephant Espresso and Andrew Mathisen have donated funds for the purchase of spring flowering bulbs, which will be sold to us at cost by Remlinger Farms of Carnation. The mulch, hoses, and bulbs will be installed in a series of work parties scheduled on Saturdays at the end of this month. Your help is needed to get the park in shape for winter.

In closing I would like to thank Carl Elliot for his donation of time, planting expertise and plants; Remlinger Farms for their donation of plants; and Ellen Chevalier of L’Elephant Espresso for her gracious donations of time, plants, and money. Companies that support our community, deserve our support and patronage. Stop by L’Elephant Espresso at 2946 Eastlake Ave E., and Remlinger Farms at 32610 NE 32nd St., Carnation and let these people know how much you appreciate their support.

The Hamlin Street Park is a community built, community maintained park. We receive no city funds and all donations go to maintaining and improving the park. If you would like to donate your time or money please write to Hamlin Street Park c/o Mike Sullivan, 2728 Fairview Ave E #104, Seattle, WA, 98102 or call Mike at 329-4371.

Mike Sullivan

HELP SHARE THE RIDE

The Eastlake Rideshare Exchange invites you to help out a neighbor. Commuters willing to share the ride can post their offers on the bulletin board at Lake Union Mail (117 E. Louisa). And in your spare time, please consider driving an elderly or disabled Eastlaker to the doctor, shopping, or maybe just for some sightseeing. If you would like to help, post a notice on the bulletin board, or call 322-5463.

EASTLAKE PEDESTRIAN WATCH

ECC is receiving a growing number of letters identifying places where it is not safe to walk, and suggesting improvements. These letters are proving very useful as we begin to prepare for next year’s transportation planning effort that, we hope, will help make our neighborhood a safer place to walk. We are happy to announce that the Harborview Injury Prevention Unit has agreed to do some studies of pedestrian safety in Eastlake, and that a University of Washington studio class on street design led by Professor Richard Untermann will be focusing on our neighborhood in January.

The Seattle Engineering Department welcomes the desire of neighborhood residents and businesses for improved pedestrian conditions, as several pedestrians in recent years have nearly been killed crossing Eastlake--and they were legally crossing and even had the "walk" signal. One senior citizen wrote us this week that sometimes he takes the bus all the way into the University District and back out to our neighborhood, just to cross the street more safely. Please write down your experiences or take photos and send them to: Eastlake Pedestrian Watch, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102; or call 322-5463.

LETTER TO THE EASTLAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

In a letter of appreciation addressed to the Eastlake Community School, ECC President David Huber writes "... Thank you for producing a truly remarkable result in the face of impossible circumstances. Thank you for your professionalism and your honesty in dealing with difficult situations and for your willingness to work through the tough details. ... It has been a privilege to be on the same team with you. I trust we will be team mates again."

CENTENNIAL

Everything that Marjorie Nelson-Steinbrueck envisioned for the Eastlake Centenary Celebration came true on Sunday, August 15, when over four hundred people gathered in front of the bright yellow Nelson-Steinbrueck house on Franklin Avenue East for an old-fashioned block party.

It was a time for music, dancing, eating and learning about Eastlake’s historic past and diverse present. Visitors took tours of the Victorian home where they saw the beauty of the old structure and viewed photographs of the community in the early years. Eastlake Community Council working groups and other community organizations staffed informational booths and encouraged involvement in neighborhood activities. Neighborhood pets -- including dogs, cats,
birds, pigs (or was that a person with a pig nose?) and their extraordinary out-of-town sheep visitors — strutted their stuff in the spectacular pet parade. Bargain hunters found juicy deals at the rummage sale. Children ate old-fashioned ice cream and took horse-and-buggy rides! To culminate the one hundred years of the Nelson-Steinbrueck house and nearby Seward School, participants blew out one hundred candles on a birthday cake that colorfully (and tastefully) replicated the Victorian home.

In keeping with Marjorie’s plan, the more than $1300.00 in proceeds went to the Eastlake Community Land Trust which is working with the diversity program of the Eastlake Community Council. The Land Trust is promoting strategies to maintain and increase the diversity of Eastlake through affordable housing with a sensitivity to historic preservation. The money will be used to invigorate the grass-roots efforts of the Land Trust. With the energy expressed by the community during the centennial celebration, we look forward to a neighborhood and community we can proudly belong to for the next one hundred years!

If you want to get involved with the Community Land Trust or Diversity Program, please contact Andrea Brenneke at 720-0300. We welcome you!

THANK YOU!!—The Land Trust extends gratitude and congratulations to the Centenary Committee for their hard work and the smashing birthday party — Marjorie Nelson-Steinbrueck, Dick Carlton, Joy Dear, Mary McAweeney, Jeanne Marie, Laurie Stusser and Lonnie Talbot. The Centenary Committee and Land Trust also thank the Eastlake businesses, Community Council, neighbors and friends who helped make this event a success. Thanks to the business sponsors of the event -- Eastlake Business Association, Washington Employers, Inc., Dick Stern and Elmec Partnership, Lake Union Drydock Co., Bar Mart, Lease & Industrial Collectors Inc., Pacific Ground Water Group, Scott Sherman’s Excellent Auto Garage, Brost Data Input Inc., Hart Crowser, ZygoGenetics, Lake Union Mail, Wards Cove Packing, Chatham Marine Services and Jack McKeogh. And thanks to the other organizations and businesses that participated in the event -- Childhaven, United Indians of All Tribes, Washington Literacy, The Flower Lady, 14 Carrot Cafe, G.H. Printing, One Reel, Tio’s Bakery, The Commons, and Windows Inc. Finally, thanks to Albert Alter, Nikki Appino, Dick Asia, Andrea Brenneke, Aliza Carrado, The Cricket Kickers, Judith & Rachel da Silva, Heidi Ehle, Joy & David Huber, Ki Gottberg, Becky & Bob Jones, Karen Kent, Chris Leman, Bill McAweeney, Johanna Malamud, Sue McBurry, Cynthia Moffet, Terry Moore, Margarette Morgason, Linda Nelson, Kevin Sable, Joe Sandson, Scott Sexton, Peter Steinbrueck, Peggy Stockley, Susan Schneider, Emily, Janie and Katie Talbot, Grant Taylor, D.D. Van Zyl & Chris, and many others!

Peggy Stockley & Andrea Brenneke

We WON!! EASTLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NAMED "COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE DECADE"

On the occasion of the tenth Anniversary of the Seattle Neighborhood Coalition, the Eastlake Community Council was named the one and only “Community Council of the Decade”! Our certificate reads:

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN
Awarded to a community council which consistently through the years has demonstrated an outstanding ability to reach into its own community and beyond for ideas, people, and solutions. They have set a standard for developing partnerships with government and the diverse interests that exist within their jurisdiction. They have been pro-active and inclusive of all people and needs in their area. They have demonstrated an outstanding ability to nurture and develop leaders and a process to allow the organization to perpetuate itself.

(Recent ECC presidents were listed on the certificate: Chris Leman, Carol Eychaner, Jules James, Bill Keasler, Beth Means, and myself.)

Carol and Bill received two of six "Citizens of the Decade" and Beth received one of two "Best Mentors of the Decade" awards! James Bush received an "Outstanding Journalist" award, while my wife Joy received a "Partner Award", and I was very deeply honored to receive an "All Star Award" and a star lapel pin. Chris was one of six to receive a "Fly in the Bureaucratic Ointment" award. They must know some of us pretty well. But there are many, many Eastlake residents who deserve awards, too. Congratulations to everybody in Eastlake!! And thank you for the things you have done to make Eastlake a wonderful place to call "home".


"SUSTAINABLE EASTLAKE"
-- is this an idea whose time has come?

What do you think? Is Eastlake a good "laboratory" for taking an urban neighborhood of the twentieth century and retooling it as a sustainable (still urban) community of the twenty-first century? Can we set up an Eastlake trading fair, farmers market, seed exchange? Can we all link up to an Eastlake electronic bulletin board for carpools, babysitting, home services? Can we help each other build rooftop gardens, solar collectors, rain barrels, gray water systems, compost bins, dry toilets? Can we eliminate every inch of "wasted space" -- those paved-over parking strips, those random patches of blacktop with dandelions poking through, or those under-the-freeway deserts -- and turn them into recreational facilities or flowerbeds of native species?

Maybe we can bring back the songbirds and the salmon? It might be fun -- give us something to do over the next ten years, and help the planet, too. If you're interested or have some expertise, drop by 2300 Yale (corner Lynn) on any Thursday night or call Joy at 322-2499.

David Huber, 322-2499

AROUND EASTLAKE

GOODBYE, GANEITH

Ganeith Albriktson, a resident of the Eastlake neighborhood for over 20 years, passed away on July 5, 1993. She lived on Minor Avenue E., first at 2305 and later at 2345. Her friends and neighbors will remember her as a quiet, friendly, cheerful person and remember seeing her on her daily walks through the neighborhood.

Ed. note: This article was written by Merle Woodhouse, who often accompanied Ms. Albriktson on walks. Readers are always welcome to submit obituaries, marriage and birth announcements, and other news to: ECC News, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102.

BIBELOTS & BOOKS REMODELED

Bibelots & Books, specializing in fine quality children’s books, illustrated and classics, closed in February for remodeling. When owner Shirley Schneider opened again in March, she was joined by Wessel & Lieberman, booksellers, who sell fine books of general interest.

Reba’s Classic Ceramics, who previously shared the shop, is now open at a new location at 8412 5th Avenue NE in Seattle. Owners Reba Schneider and James Elliot-Bishop will continue to sell fine quality American pottery and vintage pottery.

REVITALIZED EASTLAKE INN

The Eastlake Inn, formerly known as Eastlake Motel, changed ownership on June 1, 1993. The new owners felt there was a need for a new true "neighborhood" inn. First, the building was shut down three weeks for complete renovation. When it reopened, it was transformed having a new name, new expectations for service, and a new manager.

Marvin O’Neal, the new manager, says that there will be no more riff raft clientele, and he means it. The Eastlake Inn has quickly become a safe place where guest can relax in clean affordable rooms with views towards the Space Needle in one of Seattle’s most special neighborhoods.
A WHALE OF A SHELTER

For some time now Eastlake bus riders have been delighted by a bus shelter with Native American design on Eastlake Avenue, painted and designed by Native American students from the United Indians of All Tribes Foundation's Education Clinic. Metro's Bus Shelter Mural Program encourages community members to work together to revitalize neighborhood bus shelters and reduce shelter vandalism.

Eastlake Tomorrow Project Reports

Eastlake Diversity Program

The Eastlake Diversity Program meets every month on the second Tuesday. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 12 at 7 p.m. at Joy Dear's home.

Andrea Brenneke 720-0300

Eastlake Towncenter Project

SEEN THE FLOWERS AND BANNERS ON EASTLAKE?

The Town Center Committee has been busy. If you saw our pictures at the Centennial party you know what we mean. In June a dedicated team of neophyte gardeners under the direction of Sheryl Sherotnik planted flowers at the corner with money donated by the Eastlake Community Council and the Eastlake Business Association. Employees at 14 Carrot Cafe, Rory's, Circle K and Northwest Administrators are keeping them watered. Thanks go to Laura Stusser, David, Joy and Diana Huber, Libbie Smith, Bob McIntyre, Ray Jackson, Paul Richter, Michael Morrison, Judy Rhodes and Tina Herriott for planting. It was so much fun, we'll do it again. If you have a business and want flower tubs or want to donate $20 to have flowers planted under a tree on Eastlake, call 325-9564.

In August our Small and Simple grant was awarded, and, along with financial help from businesses and residents it provided the money for the six banners celebrating our Centennial. An intrepid crew of eight volunteers climbed poles and hung the banners on one of our few hot summer afternoons. The beer Pazzo's provided afterward certainly tasted good! Tom Cross and Dick Lankford were our climbers. Tina Herriott, Judy Rhodes, Dan Jilka, Dick Carlton, Vicki Andrews and Dave Wesley held the ladders and handed up the tools. Vicki and Dave don't even live here. They just thought it sounded like fun.

Next up is the fall bulb planting. If you have bulbs to offer, or want to plant a spot that could use some spring beauty, call 325-9564.

Eastlake Gateways Project

(Background: In 1994 the new owners of the Steam Plant, ZymoGenetics, will build the Eastlake Gateway Park at our community's northern entrance. The park will consist of three pieces of land and a pedestrian dock, at water level, stretching the full length of the dock, plus the triangular piece with trees and flowers at the junction of Fairview and Eastlake Avenues. The sculpture -- depending on the winning artist's design -- will go on the triangular piece. But it may also involve other aspects of the whole site, such as the bus stop and electric lines that will be going up across the street by the new Credit Union Building.)

Well, we're waiting ...! We've submitted a grant request for almost $90,000 to the Department of Neighborhoods -- just to fabricate and install the sculpture -- and we're waiting to hear the result. If we don't get the grant, the committee will look elsewhere; but if we do, the project will start in January with a town meeting to set general guidelines for the sculpture. We'll publish an 'open call' to artists and hope to receive at least 50 proposals by the end of March. Another town meeting will follow to let everyone see and comment on all the proposals. Then a professional jury will look at the proposals along with everybody's comments and select the finalists. After the finalists have time to work up more detailed proposals, we'll have another town meeting to discuss each idea with the jurors and help make the selection. The winning artist (or artist team) will be able to start working on the installation in July, and, hopefully, the whole Gateway Park will be finished by the end of the year.

The purpose of this project is for the community to set its visual theme and mark its boundaries. At the
same time that we create a beautiful place for the whole City, we want to strengthen Eastlake's identity and preserve it as a unique neighborhood.

Joe Rodgers 328-6115

Eastlake Parks and Trails

WALKING FISH

Festively decorated fish have been seen strolling the Eastlake neighborhood along the waterfront. The fish are walking along proposed routes for a walking/biking trail and (in addition to providing a whimsical and pleasant temporary art installation) are intended to elicit community comment regarding the trail. A waterfront trail in Eastlake is part of a larger vision to complete a more safe and user-friendly route around Lake Union. The Eastlake portion of the trail would connect to the Burke-Gilman Trail on the north via the University Bridge and extend to Eastlake's southern "gateway" near the ZymoGenetic Steamplant (and connect with any waterfront trails being proposed by the Commons project). Comments are needed by the end of September and can be placed in the Walking Fish suggestion box at Pete's Super above the charcoal, next to the espresso machine.

While the concept probably sounds wonderful to most all Eastlakers, the devil is always in the details. The intent is to have no net loss of parking spaces in any area. In many sections of the proposed trail, for example along Fairview from the Steamplant to Pete's, there are three to four feet of room between the ends of parked cars and the street. A log divider can be placed in front of the parked cars, using up these few feet and leaving a trail between the log and the bank along the lake. A perfect example of this concept exists at the Jeffery Floating Home Moorage and is marked by a pink walking fish (in your comments you can call this the "Pink Fish option"). The good folks at NOAA have already agreed to a variant of this concept in their parking lot.

Another option for which comment is being sought would affect that same stretch of Fairview (and is one that has been discussed for many years). The City will consider proposals to barricade Fairview at Garfield or Blaine Street, north of the business strip by Rally Round and Lake Union Dry Dock, stopping the dangerous blitz of traffic along this strip. Access through the barrier would be available for yacht deliveries to Marine Service Center (and truck deliveries to Pete's?). Local access to floating home residences and others on Fairview would be via the east-west streets. For purposes of comments in the suggestion box, you might call this the "Shut down Fairview option." A variation of this is the "One-way Fairview Option." Turn Fairview into a one-way road along this stretch and use part of the road for a trail. How about the "North Fairview one-way option"?--closing Fairview southbound between Roanoke and Lynn.

Another area of the proposed trail that requires creative thought and considerable community input is the section of Fairview that is submerged between the Mallard Cove and Roanoke Reef houseboats, just north of Azteca's. At present, cyclists and walkers must head north up the hill along Roanoke, turn left on Yale Avenue, right up the hill on Edgar, left on Yale Terrace and left on Hamlin to circumnavigate this area. Many Eastlakers do not realize that the Fairview Street right-of-way runs between the Mallard Cove Floating Homes and the Roanoke Reef Floating Homes. One option suggested by some is to have the City install a small, Dutch-style floating bridge along this public right-of-way that could be cranked open for Mallard Cove floating home owners to access the lake with their boats. This option would allow the most direct tie between the interrupted ends of Fairview. This option can be called the "Dutch Bridge option."

There is also a proposal to leave the route going up Roanoke and north on Yale Avenue, but instead of taking a right up hill on Edgar, head west toward the lake on Edgar and connect Edgar to the Fairview street end. This could be accomplished in a number of ways. One proposal is to have the City install a sweeping ramp over the water to link the two street ends (the "Edgar Street ramp option"). Another proposal is to install or acquire stairs that connect Edgar Street to the parking lot below ("Edgar Street stairs option").

More creative thinking will be needed along the business stretch by Wards Cove cannery (on Fairview north of Hamlin Street). In some places the NOAA variation of the "Pink fish option" would work well, but in other sections the trail would have to be reduced to a painted cross-walk type strip or a different textured strip with speed bumps on either side.

The proposed trail should probably cross Fairview to the East side of the street (with a proper crosswalk) after the street end park next to Seattle Caviar Company (3147 Fairview--"East side of Fairview option"). The trail would then continue along this side of the street until crossing again to the South Passage Park (end of Fairview at Fuhrman--again with a proper crosswalk).
Please take the time to register your level of support for the trail in general, and then comment on any of the specific options that interest you. The community is counting on your input.

Special thanks are due to the Department of Neighborhoods for the Matching Grant that made the Walking Fish art installation possible. Also, special thanks to Ellen Sollod for envisioning the concept, Iris and John Sutton for organizing the effort and constructing and installing the fish, Karen Berry for the use of her studio, Joy Huber and the many others who helped site the route, paint and install the fish. It has been a great community effort!

Please call Dan Clarkson at 720-0300 if you have any questions.

**WALKING FISH DISAPPEARANCE??????**

As you have probably noticed, many of the Walking Fish have disappeared (and not by walking away). We regret these acts of vandalism and hope that folks will return the missing fish and help re-install them. If you know anything about the disappearance of the fish, please call Dan Clarkson at 720-0300.

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**Eastlake I-5 Solution Team**

It looks like Eastlake is about to win a victory. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has already approved the purchase of new gates, so that they can safely close the express lanes during night time and weekend hours, as we've requested! It is not certain exactly when this miracle will occur, but things are moving along. The big advantage to WSDOT is that they will be able to do repairs and safety checks more easily, and they will be able to clear the lanes and guarantee exact hours for opening the commuter lanes in the morning. So this is a win-win situation: They will be better able to manage the traffic, and we will be better able to sleep! (The bad news is that they will not be able to close the express lanes all day Sunday, as we had hoped.) The wonderful lady at WSDOT who is working on this is Lorena Eng. You can call to thank her at 440-4000.

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**CANOE MAIL DELIVERY**

During the winter and spring of this year Eastlakers might have seen a startling silhouette making its way across the gleam (or gloom) of Lake Union - a native canoe and its "pullers" threading a course among sailboats and floatplanes. Perhaps you even heard a "paddle song" chanted across the water and maybe, for a moment, felt yourself to be transplanted to another time. But, what you saw and heard was part of our present. You were witness to the revival of the traditional watercraft of our area's First People.

Captained by Frank Fowler of the Duwamish Tribe, the combined Duwamish Suquamish canoe was practicing on Lake Union for a journey of 600 sea miles to Bella Bella, British Columbia, at the invitation of the Heiltsuk Bella Bella Band. The canoe, formerly moored at the Center for Wooden Boats on South Lake Union, was named "Raven" and is a West Coast style family travelling canoe - a type that's been called the model-T of traditional NW canoes.

Raven departed into choppy surf from the Suquamish reservation on the morning of May 25. The canoe carried mail using the first postage stamps issued by the Suquamish and Duwamish nations. The stamps were designed and produced by Eastlaker and Houseboater Robert Rudine. Happily, the mail and the crew all arrived safely in Bella Bella on June 27.

*Robert Rudine*
Here are scenes along Eastlake Avenue in 1927 and 1933. We need your help in identifying the locations, and any memories or records of what the street was like in those days. Please write us at: Eastlake Archives, c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle 98102.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

This is a □ NEW □ RENEWAL membership.

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