The weather must have approved of the *Eastlake Tomorrow* project. More than fifty people met on Saturday, January 16, at South Passage Park to enjoy the sunshine and the spirit of companionship that comes from working toward a common goal. Attending city officials must have been duly impressed.

ECC president David Huber gave background and promises for the future in his inaugural speech. People then selected a project to join, and the six different walks started. For project reports, refer to page 5.
**EASTLAKE AUCTION**

The ECC Annual Auction will be held Saturday, February 27, 6:00 - 9:00 pm at Pazzo's, 2307 Eastlake Ave. E. The auction is held to support the Community Council Operations and the Community School.

- Enjoy complimentary Hors d’Oeuvres at 6:00 while reviewing auction items
- Silent auction starts at 6:30
- Live auction starts at 7:00

Great items include:
- Local business services
- Dining experiences
- Arts and crafts
- Get away adventures

Please consider donating personal auction items!

Kay Jones, 329-2885

**COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

The Eastlake Community School at Seward School is gearing up for its spring session. Classes begin March 29; registration deadline is March 19.

The Community School is a project of the Eastlake Community Council and is dedicated to providing low-cost community education in the neighborhood.

Classes are open to children and adults. Please check out the attached class schedule. For more information, call the school at 860-7185.

**GRAFFITI PAINT-OVER**

Are you also getting tired of seeing all the graffiti spreading around Eastlake? Come to Tios, Saturday March 6 at 9:30 am to help clean up the neighborhood! We will attempt to paint over all the unsightly graffiti and work until 11:30 am. Come dressed in old clothes. Paint and brushes will be supplied.

**CRIME WARNING**

There has been a series of professional burglaries in the Eastlake area since January 13. They have taken place between 9 and 12 am and have targeted mostly women, all living on the second or third story in apartments along Yale Avenue. All buildings have had security doors which were lubricated and picked, and at least one safe lock was picked. The burglars are stealing everything including telephones, jewelry, tools, and clothing. Extensive review of patterns and careful neighborly observation have yielded the following two suspects:

**White Male**
- 6' 175 lbs.
- Sparse Beard
- White Baseball Cap
- Jeans & Dark Jacket

**Black Male**
- 6'2"
- 220 lbs.
- Mustache
- Black Baseball Cap
- Black pants
- Black Leather Jacket

These two men were pacing from front to rear of the 2356 Yale address during the robbery on 1/2/1993. In addition, there was a male/female couple late 20's to early 30's that were seen breaking into a building on the 2200 block of Yale. We as a community and as concerned neighbors need to STOP! these criminals.

If you see anything suspicious or out of the ordinary:
- Make notes of all you notice (license #, description).
- Get involved! Ask or confront strangers that might be lurking or standing for long periods of time in one place.
- Contact the police - a report to 911 with any descriptive information could lead to the thieves.
- Call your neighbor just to confirm that everything is o.k.

With a 1 to 3 hour response time from the police department for a non-priority call, we have to help ourselves and our neighbors.

If nothing changes -- Nothing changes!
Council Board Retreat

Following a fabulously successful Eastlake Tomorrow (ET) Project Kick-off -- more about that below -- the Board of the Eastlake Community Council spent the weekend together at our annual retreat. Our commitment is to keep pace with groundswell of energetic participation in the ET Projects. This year promises to be lots of fun as we continue to astound the government and sister communities with Eastlake’s bold plans and creativity.

More visits with City Council

I've completed my first round of visits with City councilmembers and many City Department heads. Martha Choe said she is committed to finalizing the RPZ project this year. I spoke with Cheryl Chow about Seward School, Margaret Pageler about the urban village concept, Sherry Harris about the Comprehensive Plan and the Commons project, and Sue Donaldson about design review and affordable housing. The City has taken note of Eastlake Tomorrow, and I’m ready for round two.

Start-up of six Eastlake Tomorrow Projects

Over 50 Eastlakers showed up under the din of the I-5 Bridge at Eastlake’s north gateway on a brisk sunny Saturday, January 16th, to launch the six Priority Projects of Eastlake Tomorrow. Joining us were City Councilmember Jane Noland, City Planning Department Director Gary Lawrence, Department of Neighborhoods Director Jim Diers, and Neighborhood Service Center Coordinator Roger Fernandes.

We all chose our projects and started off on a walking tour of our "turf" to check out the real challenges and opportunities before us:

The I-5 Solution Team walked beside and under the entire length of the freeway, to look over the many opportunities for sound baffling and artistic and recreational transformation of Eastlake’s eastern boundary.

The String-of-Pearls project team walked along Fairview and was greeted at many points by residents and business owners who came out to share specific ideas about the walking path.

The Town Center Committee walked the whole length of Eastlake Avenue, then backtracked to Tio’s to sort out the many great ideas that had bubbled up.

The Gateways Project checked out the north and south gateway areas, talked of icons, art installations, landscaping and street design.

The two remaining groups -- Diversity Programs and Traffic Plan & Building Design Guidelines -- stopped at various sites around Eastlake and took another deeper cut at addressing the social issues and physical settings in Eastlake.

If you want to join in the fun, call me or any project coordinator. Better yet, show up for "Thursday Projects Night" -- open house and potluck every Thursday night 6:30 to 10:00 at 2300 Yale Avenue East,

David Huber, 322-2499

NEW SEWER LINES

At the ECC general meeting on January 26, five representatives from the Seattle Engineering Department and Metro outlined plans for upgrading the sewer system in Eastlake. They brought many charts and gave a detailed and much appreciated discussion of the current situation and plans for the future.
Most of Eastlake is serviced by combined sewer and stormwater pipes. These pipes are gravity fed and lead into main sewer lines leading to the sewer treatment plant at Westpoint. There are currently 10 CSO’s (combined sewer outfalls) in Lake Union and one in Portage Bay. During heavy rainstorms, the pipes cannot handle all the runoff and are allowed to discharge into the lake at the CSOs. Annually nearly 100 million gallons of overflow is discharged. Of the three CSOs near the center of Eastlake, the one at Lynn street has about 115 overflows per year, the one at Roanoke about 110, and the one at Hamlin about 10. Stormwater by itself has many additional discharge points.

To follow current regulations to minimize the number of combined overflows to no more than one per year, the city is planning to increase the pipe capacity (another plan, currently not favored, would be to separate the sewer from the stormwater). When construction starts, streets will be dug up along the following sewer route: Fuhrman → Eastlake → Edgar → Yale Terrace → Roanoke → Minor → Newton → Yale → Eastlake. This will be tied into planned expansion of Metro’s main sewer lines and treatment facilities. Expect to hear more about this in the future.

**SEWARD SCHOOL 100 YEARS**

The Denny-Fuhrman School building, now the Seward School lunchroom and gymnasium, turns 100 years old this year. Built in 1893, the one story frame structure originally housed all eight grades in one room. It is the oldest frame school building in a generally unaltered state in the city of Seattle.

In celebration of its centennial, the TOPS program at Seward and Eastlake Community Council are planning a celebration *May 1*. The celebration will be in conjunction with the TOPS “Spring Fling” event.

We are looking for *former students, parents, or teachers* of Seward School who would like to share their anecdotes and/or memorabilia of the Denny-Fuhrman building for the centennial celebration. Please call Carolyn at 720-4792.

**BICYCLE SHOPS COME TO EASTLAKE**

A growing number of bicyclists can be seen on the streets of Eastlake. And after years without one, Eastlake suddenly has not one, but two new bicycle shops:

- **The Bike Stop**, 900 Fairview Ave. N. (622-4060). Skip Bash offers an impressive range of mountain bikes and accessories at this shop adjoining his People’s Car Repair.

Eastlake bicyclists should drop by and learn about what these welcome new businesses have to offer.

**CAR POOL WITH A NEIGHBOR**

Eastlake residents regularly commute to destinations all over the region, yet there has been no mechanism for neighbors to know of mutual interest in a car pool or van pool. Ridesharing reduces traffic, pollution, and energy waste, and can save everyone money by splitting the costs.

Two Eastlake-based organizations are helping establish a unique neighborhood rideshare exchange. Carpools seeking riders, and riders seeking car pools are listed on a bulletin board at Lake Union Mail (117 E. Louisa). In addition, a *phone ridematching service at 322-5463* is being provided by the Institute for Transportation and the Environment.

This March will be the third year of the Bullitt Foundation’s *Oil Smart program*, conceived and headed up by Eastlake’s own Harriet Bullitt. Government agencies, businesses, and neighborhood associations all over the region will be working to reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips. The rideshare exchange will be Eastlake’s contribution to this effort. Please use the bulletin board at Lake Union Mail or call 322-5463 if you would like to share a ride, or have suggestions on how we can promote more neighborhood ridesharing.
Eastlake Tomorrow Project Reports

Eastlake Gateways Project

So many ideas came pouring forth as we walked around the North Gateway (University bridge to Allison) and the South Gateway (the steamplant and Credit Union construction sites) that we ran out of time and did not get to the East Gateway by the school.

We identified these Community Treasures which we want to preserve at the North Gateway:
1. the University Bridge
2. lakeviews from Eastlake Avenue across parking lot under I-5 bridge
3. public access to water at South Passage Park
4. parks with parking under I-5 roadbed
5. antique lights and clock at lake Union Cafe

Community Treasures at the South Gateway were:
1. the steamplant
2. trees and park in triangle north of steamplant
3. lake views and public access at proposed pier by steamplant

We decided our 9-Month Miracle will consist of coordinating the landscaping at the South Gateway so that it will visually link the steamplant triangle with the Credit Union property and the narrow median strip in the middle of Fairview Avenue where it runs into Eastlake Avenue. We are confident that we can accomplish this miracle because we were fortunate to have in our group Jon Engstrom, facility manager for Zymogenetics, and John Schwartz, architect for the Credit Union.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO:
1. help plan South Gateway landscaping -- John Schwartz (w)448-1438 or (h)548-8029
2. be on the board of directors of the Eastlake Public Art commission -- Robbie Rudine 325-6645
3. be in a focus group to choose the Eastlake "icon" that gives guidance to artists competing for grants and commissions -- Joy Huber 322-2499.

Joy Huber, 322-2499

Eastlake Town Center Project

Thanks for being there Saturday. It was great meeting you all and hearing all the ideas. I've written down what I gleaned from notes and what I heard in our discussions. If I've left anything out, let me know.

First, here are the participants:
Bob McIntyre, 931-7055 (w)
Debra Chaney, 464-3793 (w)
Laurie Stusser, 622-5123 (w)
Paul Richert, 282-8111 (w)
Carol Eychaner, 464-1435 (w)
Judy Rhodes, 328-0936 (w)
Ray Jackson, 329-0799

Notes, overheard comments, etc:
The exact beginning of Eastlake north will depend on what the Gateway people want to do, but will probably really begin after the turnoff to the Freeway. We will concentrate on nodes of retail activity, the first one being from Allison to Shelby. We may need a light or crosswalk at Allison to help people cross the street. Long term we may want to ask for three lanes all along Eastlake, rather than just in the central zone. We also need to keep an eye on the sewer development and use it to landscape.

We also need to be aware that the university is going to own a lot of the land north of Allison through a bequest. We also thought of putting parking under I-5 at Allison.

The next, and major, node is from Roanoke to Boston. We want to maintain, and enhance the interactive retail businesses, add planting, improve village atmosphere.

Beyond that, we want to keep an eye on development at the south end, around Blaine. If enough housing density comes in, we could look for another retail node. Almost all the pieces of land have permits on them. Carol pointed out that it was
lots more pedestrian friendly to have buildings on one or two lots instead of stretched out. It makes for more diversity and staggered styles and heights. We all agreed that we want parking to come off the alleys and Eastlake.

Treasures:
- service station, the present Chevron or another.
- Lake Union Cafe
- The building Tio's in
- multiuse residential with interactive retail on the ground floor
- Daly's
- diversity of buildings size and shapes, no canyons
- Roger's Playfield and Seward School
- Hines Public Market
- old houses on Eastlake

Potential 9-month projects:
- individually decorated garbage cans
- (Paul, Debra) planting, or hanging baskets along the bare concrete walls
- (Ray) murals at 2900 Eastlake
- tree planting from Shelby to Allison ($500 is left in tree fund!)
- (Judy) get a business association started
- (Laurie) street banners to mark the neighborhood
- organize an Eastlake Earthday to clean up graffiti
- (Carol) develop an information kiosk out of the structure (?) at Louisa
- coat the 2323 brick building with ivy
- talk to developers regarding interactive retail lessees
- (Bob) save the gas station
- covered, decorated bus shelters
- we chose these to research how difficult and expensive these are and report at the next meeting.

Next meeting: February 17, 7:30, Judy's 2040 Franklin Ave E.

We'll each report on what we have learned about our project, choose what we want to focus on, and set up a plan to achieve our goal. If you know someone who might be interested in working with us, by all means bring them along.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Judy Rhodes, 325-9564

More service? or less?

A time of change has begun on a national, state and local level. Eastlake, too, is changing. New administrations and old businesses are sensitive to the need for increased services and to their case. You and I can help guide the direction of change by expressing our needs.

Do you know that the one gas station operating in Eastlake might cease to exist before we can fill our tanks for the summer vacation?

Gas costs a bit more at Terry Kelly's Chevron station, 2727 Eastlake Ave. E. We pay for the high value of the leased land it occupies. We pay for the services that keep our oil and other levels functioning. Some of us pay for standard maintenance there, and many have been relieved to find it open on an evening or weekend when we had a flat or other unpredictable event.

Terry Kelly has a problem renewing his lease because Chevron has a problem justifying continuation of that service station. Underground storage tanks must be replaced and each pump upgraded to meet vapor recovery standards.

Chevron doesn't anticipate enough business to finance the changes. As a result, the lease may be extended only one year. Or it may not be extended past March 31st, 1993.

I think that we need the service now. Our community is growing. We will need gas station service even more as time passes.

What do you think? Please call the Huber residence at 322-2499 or write to 2300 Yale Ave. E!

Bob McIntyre

Eastlake String-of-Pearls Project

Notes from introductory walk January 16, 1993. Our project group of 20-25 met our leaders, Robert and Surain afSandeberg, and headed south on Fairview Ave. E., staying along Fairview (except for the "gaps" between Hamlin and Edgar, and between Edgar and Roanoke) until the old Steam Plant at Fairview and Eastlake. The walk was a leisurely (and beautifully sunny and brisk) three-and-a-half-hour inventorying of past volunteer work, current conditions, and future opportunities. Notes marked with a "pointing finger" symbol (●) below represent possible projects or tasks.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 9th, 7:30pm, at the afSandeberg's, houseboat #15, Mallard Cove (2600 Fairview Ave. E).

"Good Turn" Park (Martin Street and Fairview): recently completely in 1992; funded by nearby businesses. Typical of most of the "pocket parks" along our route: built on a street end right-of-way, an early-Seattle oddity arising from platting streets all the way into Lake Union (and throughout Seattle). It was discussed the danger of current Seattle legislation which would "vacate" these rights-of-way and allow
private uses. As we saw on our tour, private uses (boat docking and repair, informal gardens, etc.) sometimes have "sprung up" in these rights-of-way, but these are usually informal and relatively mobile.

Near Fairview and Allison we discussed the small houses on the waterfront. Most of the group agreed that we want to preserve the variety of housing along our route despite development pressures. Someone mentioned that these houses, and, in fact, many of the structures along our route, are possibly within a very wide 100-foot Fairview Avenue right-of-way. One of our group is looking into this, and what the current legal status is for all of the street-ends along our route.

At the P-Patch between Allison and Hamlin we heard a variety of tales of development pressures, much of it from Eastlake Avenue above the site. Plans are to purchase this property for a park with interpretive trails. Several of the group mentioned that one of the resources to preserve here is in the water: salmon still come here to spawn.

At Hamlin Street is another newly-completed park. It was constructed by and will be maintained by volunteers.

We took a brief "dead-end" detour south from Hamlin St. to view the end of the Fairview right-of-way (currently blackberries, and a possibility for another park). Fairview plunges into the Mallard Cove houseboat community here and emerges at Roanoke. This creates the big gap in our string of pearls (some of us want to call this project "String of Jewels").

After a brief detour inland, we emerged at the end of Edgar St. The high, steep dropoff here is undeveloped. We mentioned keeping this and other street-ends as wild places (sans benches) for critters. Space is tight here, as a walkway would somehow have to fit between the Fairview right-of-way to the north and the parking lot to the south.

Along the north side of the Roanoke right-of-way is the Roanoke Reef Park, already nicely landscaped and with trees and a "neighborhood birdhouse". Someone mentioned that the city would like to plow a sidewalk through this pleasant spot.

The end of Roanoke contains two pocket parks, one facing north over the Fairview right-of-way (with views of the enormous new utility towers here) and the other next to the Azteca Restaurant; this latter was an old steamboat stop and still has an old pier; steamboats still stop here. Both have some city-maintained amenities (benches, garbage cans, a bike rack, a broken water fountain, fences to stymie gnawing beavers, etc.) (The city also maintains the parks at the end of Lynn and Newton Streets.)

Lynn St., in part due to picnics purchased at Pete's Market, has the most-used street-end park, a maintained area of terraces, benches, and overfed waterfowl. Nearby is a little-known and poorly-marked Public Access to the water, a walkway along the south side of the Union Harbor complex, as well as a very muddy glass-recycling area to the south. We wondered about the structures (garage, etc.) along the water and a possible expansion of the park.

Here we stopped our inventorying for a minute and discussed two related issues: how that our String-of-Jewels is the obvious link between the proposed Seattle Commons and the Burke-Gilman Trail, and that this needs considerable coordination and/or a presence at Seattle Commons meetings; and how the congestion has caused such conflict that a plan has been drawn up involving one-way traffic between Newton and Lynn and re-marking or repaving the vacated lane to mark it as a pedestrian/bike lane.

The end of Boston St. currently is wild and undeveloped, with an apple tree that needs judicious pruning in part to improve the view down the Boston St. corridor. This is another high-bank street-end like Edgar St., and is another candidate to be left alone for the box turtles and the other wildlife, although some felt there would also at least be room for a bench.

Terry Pettus Park, at the end of Newton St., is similar in design to the Lynn St. Park. There was a discussion of the railroad ties and other wood construction elements, and how that they would eventually have to be replaced; we debated the issue of "ugly"-and-durable cement vs. other materials.

Propeller Park is proposed for the end of Garfield St. Currently this is an undeveloped, heavily littered area with blackberries and another steep drop-off with wildlife. A business owner came up and joined us and told us that this whole area was filled in with machine tailings from the former propeller casting foundry. Thus future plans have to take ground contamination into consideration. The centerpiece for the proposed park, a huge propeller, is currently in storage in Ballard.

Our final stop was the small, undeveloped area adjacent to the Steam Plant, where Fairview turns into a broad boulevard. Currently a pier in good condition goes unused here. For more information about String-of-Pearls, call 324-5786.

Doug Adams
Eastlake Traffic Plan & Building Guidelines

This group agreed that our first project would be to complete and submit the application for a Neighborhood Matching Fund grant to complete Phase III of the Eastlake Tomorrow Project. That will be the focus of our activities in the next few months. Being awarded a grant will be our 9-Month Miracle and it is after that when our real work will begin.

As the group walked down Eastlake Avenue from north to south, we talked about the need to address parking and access to the neighborhood, both traffic and pedestrian. We discussed the desire to maintain open space and view corridors with particular emphasis on the property at 2900 Eastlake, above the P-Patch and how we would balance increased density while maintaining open spaces. Enhancements at Roger's Playfield would be another goal.

We again identified Seward School as a community treasure and were challenged to focus on the social function of the buildings and how the school fits into life in Eastlake.

Lynn Poser, 323-9257

Eastlake Diversity Program

To kick-off the implementation phase of the Eastlake Tomorrow Diversity Programs, a group of us toured the neighborhood with an eye on the aspects of Eastlake that promote a diverse human community: affordable housing; social service agencies; a marine/urban and locally owned business environment; public transportation; and an apparent culture of tolerance for people of all age groups, economic strata, races and sexual orientations.

We noted, however, that despite efforts by the Eastlake Community Council and the Eastlake Land Trust, affordable housing has been lost and existing affordable housing is at risk of gentrification. In addition, available social services are "hidden" or in other neighborhoods, some groups in our community are not adequately represented in community leadership, and Eastlake does not have the cultural, ethnic, and economic diversity we would like.

Therefore, The Diversity Programs group decided to focus on three broad goals to increase the diversity of Eastlake:

(1) to support, promote, and increase the social services available to members of our community;
(2) to preserve and expand the affordable housing in Eastlake; and
(3) to seek other ways to achieve cultural and ethnic integration of Eastlake.

We are excited to have a nest egg of $5,000 (provided by the Eastlake Community Council) with which to pursue affordable housing development. We welcome participation in this and the two other efforts.

Our next meeting is on Sunday, February 21, 1993 at 1:00 pm at 2338 Yale Avenue E. We will be fortunate to have Chuck Weinstock, Director of the Capitol Hill Housing Improvement Authority, join us to provide information on affordable housing strategies.

If you have any questions, or if you cannot attend but want to get involved, call me!

Andrea Brenneke, 720-0300

EASTLAKE LOAFERS AWARD

Born on a tennis court in Spokane, Margaret Roberts came to live and work in Eastlake. She is a public relations consultant of extraordinary vision and vitality. Three years ago Margaret initiated the Eastlake Tomorrow planning project and, in a major leadership capacity, over the years has given countless, invaluable, volunteer hours to this community. Accordingly, Margaret will become the first recipient of the "Eastlake Loafers Award" and will be given one loaf of Robert afSandeberg’s famous home-baked Scandinavian bread.

Here's a toast to Margaret Roberts!

David Huber
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yes!!! I want to take care of Eastlake. My dues are enclosed for membership in the Eastlake Community Council (1 year membership).

This is a □ NEW □ RENEWAL Membership. VOLUNTEER INTERESTS ____________________________

NAME ____________________________ PHONE ____________________________

ADDRESS ____________________________

DUES □ Household ($25)
□ Sr. Citizen ($10)
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