



# NEWS

EASTLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
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"Towards a Sense of Community"

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

New membership \_\_\_\_\_, Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

If you live, work, or own property in the Eastlake area,  
and agree with the purposes of the council, please join us.  
\$200 individual; \$3.00 family or business.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_, I would like to work ON \_\_\_\_\_

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BI-MONTHLY MEETINGS beginning January  
Third Tuesday 7:30 p.m.  
Seward School Library  
Roanoke & Franklin Avenue East

A WORD FROM EASTLAKE PRESIDENT, TED CHOI

The Eastlake community has grown and changed dramatically over the last few years. By conventional measures, most of us have prospered and enjoyed being a part of the Eastlake community. Personal and family incomes have generally increased. Housing conditions have improved somewhat. And there are indications that our concerns are being heard.

But a lot of things have us worried and dissatisfied--and properly so. At the same time that our community growth has created a minor urban environmental crisis, the governmental processes for dealing with growth have been fragmented into bits and pieces. Our energies are dissipated in an almost infinite array of separate and conflicting decisions which have to be lobbied and negotiated in order to do the public's business.

Fortunately, Eastlake does not contain the concentration of dilapidated and dangerous residential structures and resultant urban decay of nearby communities. Yet, Eastlake, too, is growing older. Without careful attention to the problem, we can look ahead 5-10 years and see the same conditions here: a community with intolerable living conditions. With the major battles hopefully behind us, we can address ourselves during 1976 toward developing a strategy which insures that Eastlake's growth and renewal not be designed and executed as individual buildings and projects, but as a human community with a full range of physical amenities and human services that ensure an urban life of quality.

Toward this goal, the ECC Board has: (1) with the Land Use/Planning Committee drafted preliminary Eastlake Community Goals for your consideration, revision, and adoption; (2) provided you further opportunities for citizen involvement via an on-going committee network to refine and implement strategies required to achieve our Goals; and (3) resolved to prepare a comprehensive review of existing zoning and ordinances in relation to our Goals.

As your President, my energies will be directed foremost to be the catalyst to get it all together during the coming year. I look forward to your sharing of your enterprise, creativity, and sense of community. The task ahead is immense, cynicism and the status quo are the order of the day, yet I welcome the challenge.

Ted Choi  
325-4934

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Last month we suggested you think of three neighbors to ask to become members of Eastlake Community Council--not three friends, but three neighbors--friends or not--because what we are trying to do is to get to everybody in the neighborhood. (Out of 3000 in the neighborhood, 200 are paid members.)

It is certainly not expected that ECC will occupy a major part of the lives of most of the people in the neighborhood, but it is hoped that they would at least support the idea of the council by joining, and at least keep in touch through the newsletter and a general meeting or two, and in their own way, on their own street, do what they can to promote a sense of community, something a lot of people are doing anyway.

The word council makes one think of an organization of a few people geared up to review this and that, and probably for most seems quite distant. Well, while that's part of the activity of ECC, it is by no means all of it. Part of the council's work is to promote a community feeling, for which the street/dock system has been established--a member of the council on each street to pass out newsletters, act as liaison to the council from the neighborhood.

It is not just an organization for property owners, or just for tenants, or just for young people, or just for older ones, or just for "transients" (people here less than a year), or just for "old-timers," or just for a few. Consider it--as is the neighborhood--a backdrop to the life you live elsewhere, if you will. Consider it a chance to maybe get some needed neighborhood improvements (lighting, traffic revisions.) Consider it a chance to be less lonely, or in a position to make everyday living for someone else a little easier.

WE NEED YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS!

COME JOIN US AT THE EASTLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEMBERSHIP FAIR

January 20, 1976

7:30 p.m. Seward School

\*\* (If you want a ride to the meeting call Beth Means 325-5139, Dorothy Smith 329-5136)

Have you ever tried to ride your bike downtown and discovered that its hard to do without risking life and limb? Have you ever sat your apartment wondering what to do with yourself, wondering if you'll ever getto know your neighbors, of ir your neighbors even know you're there? Have you ever waited for the bus in the rain wishing there was someplace to sit down out of the weather? Ar you driving around and around the block, your roast is burning in the oven (or you're late to work), and you can't find a parking place? Have you ever walked around and taken pause to remember what a nice neighborhood this is? If so, we need you, because Eastlake Community Council is you--your membership, yes, but also your interests, talents, and opinions.

January 20, we are holding a Membership Fair. We hope you'll come and contribute your talents, or just see what Eastlake Community Council is about. At the meeting we'll have signup sheets for various working committees (listed elsewhere in the newsletter) of the Eastlake Council. The people on the committees will be there so that you can talk to them, find out what they are doing, and find an area of interest where you would like to make a contribution. For those who would like to spend an evening a week, we are looking for committee chairpersons. Those who have less time can spend less, but a couple of hours a month is a valuable contribution.

This year, the council has decided to concentrate on people needs as our major direction. For example, we have many senior citizens living in the neighborhood who have special needs. In transportation, entertainment we need senior citizens working on the council to help us discover what the problems are and to help us solve them. A survey of Queen Anne, Magnolia, and Capitol Hill residents showed that by far loneliness was the single biggest problem of the people living there. Eastlake is probably not for different, and we need to work on it. And, of course, loneliness is not the sole captive of the elderly. (Incidentally, working on the Council is a first rate loneliness antidote.) Families with children have to have a safe place for kids to play and a strong neighborhood school. The Council needs people to work on providing these things.

The other major project of the Council is to develop a neighborhood plan, such as that of the Capital Hill Community Council. This has been (and is being) distributed in the neighborhood, and the Land Use and Planning Committee is anxious to get a response from you--the neighborhood--on that plan. Eastlake is not one big neighborhood but a conglomeration of little tiny neighborhoods. We need opinions from all these little neighborhoods in order to develop a strong and comprehensive plan for Eastlake. It is eventually hoped that this will become part of the General Plan for Seattle. Get your comments in to Mark Rasmussen or Jim Engressei soon, and come to the Membership Fair meeting where the goals will be discussed.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE MEETING ON JANUARY 20 AT 7:30, and plan to ATTEND.

If you don't like to go out alone at night, or for another reason want a ride, please call Beth Means, 325-5139, or Dorothy Smith, 329-5136

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FLOATING HOMES CHRISTMAS CRUISE

Saturday      December 20      4-8 p.m.

A limited number of cruise tickets are available from Anita Klapper, EA 5-9333, both children and adult. Remember \$5 for adults, half that for kids 12 & under. It'll happen Saturday, December 20, from 4 to 8 p.m. You MUST get your tickets ahead of time.

SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM COMMENTS DEADLINE

The Committee of the Whole of the Seattle City Council will meet on Monday 12-22 at 3:30 p.m. to discuss Planned Unit Development provisions of the Master Program (and related issues) for Lake Union, central waterfront, and Lake Washington. The deadline for comments on this section is Wednesday, December 17, comments to be directed to Councilman John Miller's office. A note indicating your support for Eastlake's position might help. Call Mark Clemmens, 324-4577, for information.