



newsletter

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EASTLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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ANNUAL EASTLAKE DINNER

The annual Eastlake Community POTLUCK DINNER will take place this year on WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 at 6:00 PM at ST. PATRICK'S PARRISH HALL (Corner of Broadway East and E. Edgar). Please bring your favorite potluck dish to share (the food is always terrific!)....or use the following guide (based on last name initial):

- A-H Salad
- I-L Breads/Butter
- M-S Hot dish
- T-Z Desert

Some of the events that will take place at the dinner are:

Election of officers for 1980-81. The nominating committee is now preparing a slate for the meeting. If you are interested in running for an office or have questions, please call Kathy Shea at 322-3189.

Presentation of the Citizen Service Award. For the 4th year the Community Council will honor 2 of it's hardworking citizens with the awards. Past recipients of the award include Paul & Priscilla Trush, Terry Pettus, Phyllis Boyker, Ted Choi, and Beth Means.

ROFF & Transit 21. In keeping with the Eastlake Council's policy of informing the membership of current political issues, the Ecc has arranged for representatives from ROFF (Renters & Owners For Fairness) and Transit 21 to give a presentation at the dinner. Both of these groups are sponsoring initiatives. ROFF

initiative deals with rent controls; Transit 21's initiative deals with withdrawal of Federal money for I-90 and substitution for mass transit funds.

Kathy Shea, outgoing president will recap the years events that have effected the Eastlake area.

The best part about the dinner is sharing fun and good food with your neighbors. ALL community residents are WELCOME!

RECYCLING CENTERS

SPRING CLEANING????????? You may want to clip the following list of local recycling locations:

EAST LYNN ST. AT FAIRVIEW AVE. PARK. (across from Pete's market). Rainbow recycling operates a glass & aluminum (including foil) pickup.

BEHIND MONTLAKE SUPER FOODS (just South of the Montlake Bridge) Newspapers, glass, aluminum and tin cans are given separate bins.

FREMONT RECYCLING STATION #1 (3505 Evanston North) Glass, cans and newspapers.

If you have large amounts of metal, paper and/or glass, be sure to check the yellow pages under "Recycling" for facilities that pay you for materials.

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

There are very encouraging signs that the Eastlake P-Patch Community Garden is becoming a reality. The site being reviewed by the City Engineering Department is the closed portion of E. Shelby above Fairview. Those interested in forming a plot should send a postcard to: Eastlake P-Patch Project, 400 Yesler Bldg, Seattle 98104, to insure notification if this site is approved.

A community garden can be tilled and planted at anytime of the growing season, according to Glenda Cassette of the City P-Patch dept. But if the Shelby/Fairview plots are to be opened this year lots of "People Power" will be necessary to help overcome the an already allotted budget. Your support will be well-rewarded by the long-term use of fertile land at an extremely low rent.

A 10' x 20' plot, if well planned and tended, can provide for a 4-person household during the growing season, and supply plenty of freezer and canned goods for the rainy months. The City will rototill, fertilize with organic manure, and provide irrigation for \$20 per year.

THE EDIBLE CITY

For those potential green thumbs who are still debating whether to grow all or some of your own vegetables this year, the 7th annual Gallup Poll for the National Assoc. of Gardening reports that in 1979: The typical median and average cost per garden was \$19. Also that the average dollar yield per garden was \$386.00 and the total net savings per garden was \$367.00.

So no matter if you plant tomato and pepper starts bought at a local plant shop rather than grow from seed, your savings can be substantial.

If this is your first garden, remember that each year's gardening experiences increase the following year's yield. Just as soils' fertility is built up over time with compost and crop rotation, your flowers and vegetables benefit from experimenting with plant varieties and methods. Fortunately, there seems to be an abundance of long-term gardeners in Eastlake to hold over-the-fence conversations with.

Fortunately, too, there are a variety of widely publicized ways to increase yields while cutting back on your watering and weeding time. Briefly, they emphasize:

1. Have a healthy soil and you will have few or no insect pests. There is no excuse to use chemical fertilizers with kitchen compost, free manure from Longacres, and earthworms available.

2. Prepare soil to a minimum depth of 30". This promoted deep rather than wide root growth. If plants can be close together they shade and in effect mulch the soil, and less water and weeding becomes necessary.

Mulch to conserve water within the soil. Grass clippings are effective.

The Cooperative Extension Service Tape Library (3-5 minute tape) can answer specific questions at 344-7984.



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