

Back again by popular demand, Eastlake's planner John Wall was the featured speaker at the December 5 general meeting of the Eastlake Community Council. A respectable audience of about twenty people gathered in the staff lunch room of Seward School, and their lively questions and comments showed that rezoning is an issue that

people will respond to, even on a Friday night. The purpose of Mr. Wall's appearance at the meeting was to give Eastlake residents, businesspeople, and absentee property owners a final opportunity to discuss publicly the draft recommendations for rezoning Eastlake's residential areas. Mr. Wall reported that the comments he has received have generally been supportive of the plan as it stands, though a couple of people have asked for higher zoning classifications for their properties than

called for by the plan. Citizen comments, along with the recommendations from the technical advisory committee of Eastlake people and recommendations from the city's Department of Community Development (DCD), will be used to prepare a final report on the first phase of the rezoning project. The final report will be submitted to the City Council for review and adoption within the next few months. Tf the plan wins Council approval, DCD will incorporate the plan into zoning code revisions along with the new multi-family land use policies which the Council is soon likely to adopt. If it takes DCD as long to make zoning code revisions for multifamily areas as it has for single family areas, it will be 1982 before the Council could change Eastlake's zoning according to our rezoning plan.

Now that the first phase of Eastlake's rezoning plan is in the final stages, the second phase will soon be underway. The main task for 1981 is to recommend zoning for commercial, manufacturing, and open space areas, and once again John Wall of DCD's Office of Neighborhood Planning will be available to assist in the planning effort. Mr. Wall will continue to work with a technical advisory committee of Eastlake property

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1980 Was A Good Year For Us

1980 is a year that will always be remembered in Eastlake as the year that the Roanoke Reef came down, ending a ten year struggle with a significant and satisfying victory. But 1980 has been a good year for other reasons as well. We all can be proud of the efforts of everyone who has worked to keep up the quality of our neighborhood, whether by fixing up their own house, by improving their business or starting a new one, by volunteering time in service to their community, or by just being a good neighbor.

It has been a good year for the Eastlake Community Council, too. We exist as a support group for the neighborhood, and we are in turn supported by people who care about Eastlake. This newsletter is an ongoing project for our community to keep us informed and to get us involved with issues that affect all of us. The newsletter, our public meetings and social events, and our involvement with important issues enable us to continue to work together toward our common goals for the neighborhood. You deserve our thanks, all of you whose support makes this work possible, especially those who are members of the Eastlake Community Council.

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owners, renters, and businesspeople, and this group may also wish to entertain recommendations for the parking situation or for any other planning issue facing Eastlake, if they so desire. Anyone reading this who wishes to take an active part in the planning effort in the coming year should write to John Wall at the Office of Neighborhood Planning, 400 Yesler Building, Seattle, 98104, or you may call him at 625-4492.

Bits N' Pieces

Since Seward School will not be available any evenings in January, the next scheduled general meeting of the Eastlake Community Council is set for February 27. We'll remind you again in upcoming newsletters, but go ahead and mark your calendar now.

Attention everyone who is interested in an Eastlake P-Patch: the city's Department of Human Resources P-Patch Program would like to make garden plots available here. The program has access to land, but there are no funds to clear it nor to make it ready for planting. Contributions of tools, money, and, most of all, hard workers are needed to make a local community garden possible. A couple dozen plots of about 200 square feet each could become available. Please call Glenda Cassutt at P-Patch for more information: 625-4131.

Good news and bad news: The good news is that the vacancy rate has recently gone up in Eastlake and throughout Seattle. This means that apartment hunters have a little more to choose from, and a number of people in the neighborhood have taken the opportunity to switch to a new space. The bad news is that the crime rate is also up. Help your neighbor and report suspicious activity.

Help us to help -- Join your neighbors

Take a moment right now to become a member of your community council. It's easy, it's fun, and you'll be glad you did. Just fill out the membership form below and a check for your dues, and mail it to P. O. Box 4101, Seattle, Wash. 98102.

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Our sponsorship drive is now in its third month, and the results so far are very encouraging. We are grateful to our business neighbors who have donated \$25 to support the newsletter in addition to their membership dues, and we ask you to support them in turn. We also invite any other businesspeople in Eastlake who have not yet participated to get in touch with us at our address at the top of Page 1, or by calling our secretary, Lynn Lomax, at 324-6101.

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