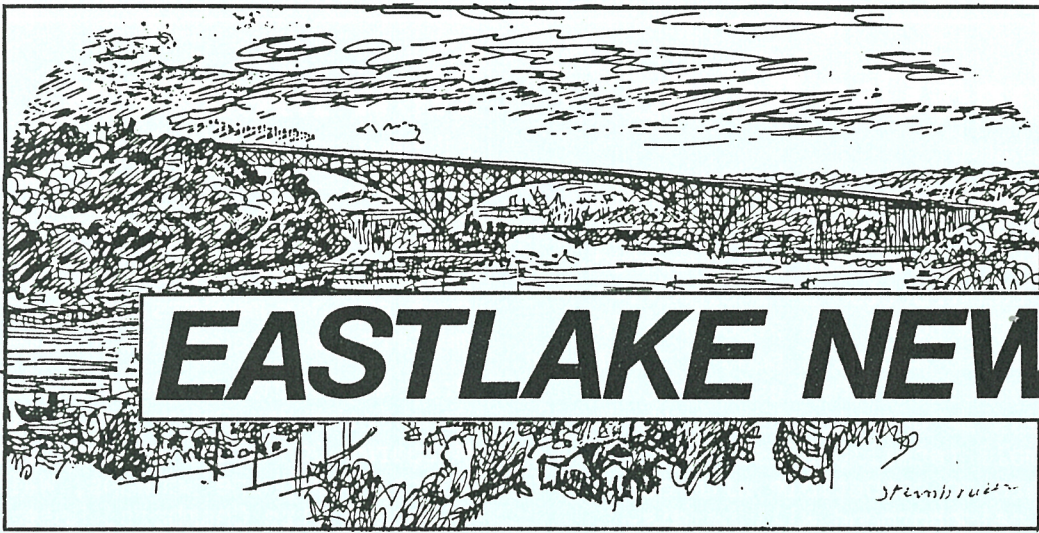


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# EASTLAKE NEWS



## E.C.C. Holiday Bash December 18

Get ready for ECC's first ever holiday bash, December 18th beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Christmas boats will be out, and we've picked a spot with a view, Bernadine Smith's house at 2717 Boylston E.

Bring your favorite holiday goodies, including a recipe to share. If you don't have a creative kitchen, come anyway. We'll be serving hot spiced cider and wine while socializing with neighbors. Many surprise gifts donated by local merchants and residents will be auctioned for the benefit of the E.C.C.

There will be no discussions of PCB's, Land Use, or Official Business -- only a good time by all and a time to socialize with friends and neighbors. Maybe even do a little last-minute gift shopping at our auction?

All residents of Eastlake are invited and encouraged to come. See you there!

## Eastlake's History

The history of our neighborhood is being recorded by the Eastlake history committee. Their next meeting will be January 7th at 7:00 at Anne Fisher's house, 2819 Franklin E.

Some interesting facts unearthed by the committee include: The Boeing Co. had its origins in the Eastlake Area -- right on Lake Union at the foot of Roanoke St. The Lake Union Steam Plant was first constructed in 1914, and the entire city celebrated when it was completed.

The history committee is also interviewing long-time residents, researching cobblestones and is involved in many other historically-oriented activities. Come to the January history committee meeting or call Anne at 382-1400 (daytime) if you'd like to get involved.

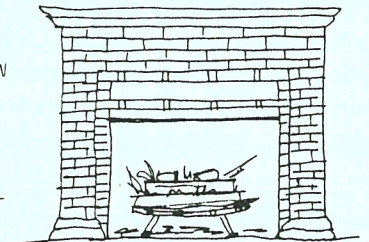
## Citizen Liaison

Have a neighborhood-related problem and don't know where to turn? Are you concerned about a street tree that's been knocked down, or a pedestrian obstacle, or anything else that you need to discuss with someone official?

Well, don't despair -- help is on the way. Wendy McClure, of the University Community Service Center, 4710 University Way N.E., is our official Community/Citizen Liaison. Call her at 625-2048 and she'll tell you which agency to call about what, and who to talk to to air your grievances.

## Firewood Co-op

Just a reminder. Don't stock up now on firewood for next year! The Eastlake Firewood Co-op will be taking orders for spring delivery. Last year's delivered prices were \$80 & \$85 per cord of alder & maple, respectively. Watch for details.



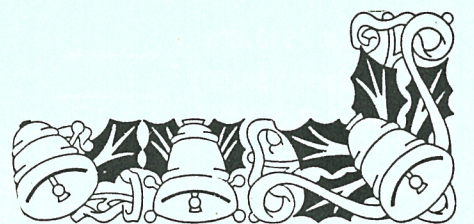
## Desperately Seeking Newsletter Distributors

If you've been looking for a chance to get involved--this is it! See the world (or at least your neighborhood), meet new people -- join the Eastlake Newsletter Distribution Team today!

We're looking for a few more distributors to take a block or two (or more if you'd like) on a regular, monthly basis (preferably for one year). We need people for all areas, but especially blocks near the water, as well as the houseboat docks. No pay, short hours, exciting work. Call Lisa Farin at 325-3069 or 322-3108 if you're willing and able to take the challenge!



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# 1985 Land Use Recap

by Carol Eychaner

1985 will be noted by Eastlake historians as the "Year of the Urban Office Park." The activities of the year are overshadowed by the construction of 2 significant office structures and proposals for six others. These projects send a clear message to members of the Eastlake Community: Unless we work to insure otherwise, the small retail/professional offices that are so compatible with our residential neighborhood will be displaced by office park structures similar to those found in lower Queen Anne and the suburbs. Will we want to live here if this happens?

1985 also gave Eastlake several good examples of how the new multi-family code has not lived up to hopeful expectations. Appropriate scale, sensitive design of open space and regard for the character of existing adjacent development are not guaranteed under the new lowrise zones. We have also seen some creative interpretation of the lowrise code by both the City and by project architects: 5 stories can be achieved in a 37' height limit; an 8' deep window well along the front of a building is considered acceptable as a landscaped front yard. Clearly, there are bugs in the lowrise code and our work in that area is not done.

Enough editorializing. In abbreviated form, here and in next month's newsletter, I've summarized the year's highlights and lowlights.

### NEW COMMERCIAL PROJECTS

Six office buildings and one enormous mini-warehouse totalling well in excess of 1/2 million square feet of rentable space. Never has Eastlake seen so much development activity at one time. What happened? Interest rates are down, small-time developers (projects with a price tag of \$5 million or less) are driven out of the Regrade by land costs and development restrictions, and a downzone for the Eastlake area is just around the corner. All factors produced a fertile climate for development which could easily mark a turning point in the mixed use character of the Eastlake Community.

(To be continued next month...)

# New Members

Fifteen memberships were received by the E.C.C. this month! We now have a total of 115 -- not far off our goal of 150 members by year-end. Let's all give a holiday present to our neighborhood and seek out new members. This month's new members (and renewals) follow.

Brad Augustine, Solange & Leon McIntyre, Jane Gerhardt, Peter & Lani Talbot, Margaret Johnston, Mahlon Taft & Janet Sears, Josephine Schwans, Walter Erickson, Claude & Etta Chambers, Rosemare Parker, Lawrence & Maxine Bailey, Beulah Roat, Nancy Cushwa, Gail Gosney.



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