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# EASTLAKE NEWS

## March General Meeting March 24

This Month: March 24th, Hungry Turtle.

Please note the new date--we didn't want to interfere with St. Patrick's Day.



### FEATURED TOPIC: ECOLOGY OF LAKE UNION, Part I

Thirty years ago, it was fair to call Lake Union a pond of pollution. Today, many call it Seattle's Jewel. But how safe is it for swimming? Where have all the crawfish gone? Does the lake have a potentially strong lure for the fishing folk?

Come to the March meeting to hear experts on these topics. Don't expect grueling pollution statistics and rousing condemnations of the various historical culprits. Expect purely practical perspectives of the Ecology of Lake Union. Bring some friends, a few questions and a few dollars for the no-host bar.

### Membership Drive

The Heart of Lake Union lives on! Members of the ECC Board will be doorbelling Saturday, March 14th and 28th, to raise money for the Legal Defense Fund. The agenda facing your community council is long, and in some cases, expensive. Money raised will allow us to effectively deal with land use issues and proposed projects, and we'll eliminate the Council's \$4500 debt. Our last "Heart of Lake Union" drive raised nearly \$4000. This year we need to double that to \$8000.

Most of last year's attention was focused on commercial projects proposed for the neighborhood. The Council's record on these projects is excellent. Best of all, we have new zoning along Eastlake and Fairview that promises to give us buildings and uses appropriate for our community. An Eastlake lined with trees will complement the development.

Unfortunately, the outlook for our residential neighborhood is not so rosy. The multifamily code is producing apartments and condos that are too big and too dense. City-wide, disgruntled neighborhoods are trying to deal with the problem, most unsuccessfully. Because Eastlake has proven to be a strong neighborhood force in the last two years, and because Eastlake is multifamily, our role in getting multifamily changes is critical--but, like our efforts for commercial developments, it takes time and money to be effective.

So help us help you when we come to your door this month. All money raised is tax-deductible. Donations of \$30 or more include a one-year membership. Help us to retire the debt and work for a better residential Eastlake.

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## Land Use Update

### 2377 Eastlake (\*8606386)

Demolish existing office building, establish 2-story office/retail with surface parking. (Note: the ECC endorses this project. Letters to DCLU in support will be helpful.)

**The Beach Buildings (3100 Eastlake, 3101 Fairview).** The original project was to be a 60,000 square foot office building on Eastlake & a 27,000 s.f. office building on Fairview. The ECC has appealed this project. The developer and the ECC have made significant progress toward a settlement.

**The Billboard (2707 Eastlake).** On 2-17, an agreement was reached between the ECC, Ackerley Communications and appellant (Eastlake resident) Frank Chesley. Ackerley has agreed to withdraw the application for the billboard in exchange for the ECC's and Mr. Chesley's non-opposition to a billboard application at Eastlake and Fairview.

**2048 Fairview Condominiums.** On 2-23, the Seattle City Council voted to deny the ECC/Floating Homes Association appeal of the project. Legal arguments and fundraising potentials for an appeal to Superior Court are now under consideration.

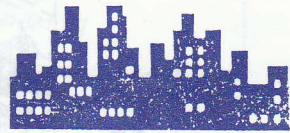
### 2343 Eastlake E. (Lakeview Office Building, next to the Yates Apts.)

ECC appealed the City's SEPA decision to the Hearing Examiner. The Examiner wanted more analysis on two issues raised by the ECC and remanded the project back to DCLU for further study. The issues are: does the access on Eastlake present a hazard, and can the TMP (Transportation Management Program) required by the City effectively reduce parking demand? DCLU has completed a Draft analysis on the two issues. The Draft maintains the City's original position that the access is OK and the TMP will work. DCLU is now considering the ECC comments on the Draft. The Examiner should have the City's report with comments from the ECC and applicant by the end of the month. A decision will follow.

On 2-10, **The Pioneer Cement Plant** at the South end of Lake Union was demolished to make way for the **Chandler's Cove** development. Elsewhere in the city, technicians were (and probably still are) compiling data for an Environmental Impact Statement on behalf of a proposed cement plant at the north end of Lake Union (Wallingford).

## Westlake Mall – Park or Tower?

By Carol Eychaner



The Westlake Vision began as a public place for people and trees. Over a decade later, what we have is yet another dime-a-dozen office tower, the bus tunnel terminal and a small triangle set aside for open space. A far cry from the civic center we had in mind.

The importance of an open, public Westlake cannot be overstated. We need and deserve a central public square where we can gather as a City to express ideas and celebrate with our neighbors. It may be of particular importance to Eastlake as well, since an open Westlake will be the first building block of the South Lake Union link to downtown.

Unfortunately, what is soon to go in at Westlake is not a unique focal point for our City, but a collection of retail stores and office suites. The decision to go ahead with the private development sacrifices Seattle's last chance to have a significant central public space. The ECC Board is supporting an eleventh hour effort to preserve Westlake as an open public area. If anything is to change at this late stage, it will happen only because the people of Seattle voice their opinion. If you agree, write to the Councilmembers and Mayor of this City as soon as you can and direct them to rethink their decision.

All councilmembers listed below can be reached at the following address:  
11th Floor, City Municipal Bldg.  
Seattle, WA 98104  
George Benson, Virginia Galle, Paul Kraabel, Jane Noland, Dolores Sibonga, Sam Smith, Jim Street, Norm Rice, Jeanette Williams.

Additionally, Mayor Royer can be reached at: 12th Floor, Municipal Bldg., Seattle, WA 98104.

## Dumping on Fairview

With the escalating fees to dump garbage at the city transfer stations, we are witnessing an increase of garbage being dumped in our neighborhood. The north end of Fairview Avenue has been particularly buried. If you are a witness to illegal dumping, the Police require that the victim/property owner state for the record that the dumping was unwanted before they pursue the case.

A quick sort through the offending trash should identify the perpetrator. A phone call should curtail that person's belief that Eastlake can be Seattle's next landfill.





## Oops!

Sorry about February's meeting! At the last minute we were forced to cancel Kwang Ho Baek (architect of the "Laundromat" retail project) and David Sucher (developer of the retail/office space across Louisa Street from the Laundromat) due to Jules' forgetting to reserve the Hungry Turtle Banquet Room. As many of you may have read in the Seattle Times, Jules did try to arrange a last-minute substitution of the Emerald Princess Sternwheeler . . . however, once near the dock, they decided the dock was too risky for the ship.

In a neighborhood with no community center, the Hungry Turtle's standing offer to the ECC for a no-charge monthly meeting room is vital and very much appreciated. Please note that the meeting cancellation was entirely the ECC's fault and not the restaurant's. Next time, however, we'll reserve it when we're supposed to!

## Neighborhood Notes

### BASEBALL SCHEDULES

We got em!!! The Tacoma Tigers, the Seattle Mariners. 1987 pocket schedules for these two teams will be available at the March meeting. The Everett Giants pocket schedule will be available at the May meeting.

### NEW PHONE BOOTH

A phone booth has been installed in front of the Eastlake Motel. Installation occurred over five months ago...

### NEW PRINCIPAL

A new principal has arrived at Seward School. William Cook replaces Robert Hasson, who retired in January after 31 years with the Seattle Public Schools.

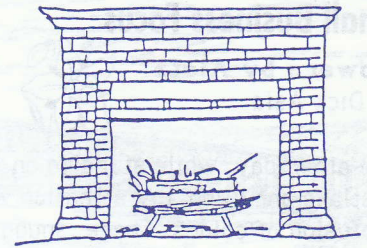
### POETRY CORNER

"LOVE" by Emeline Coketel (grade 2, Ms. Schnabel's class, Seward School)

Love is a dove  
that flies in the air.  
Mean is someone  
that pulls your hair.

But I am just  
Emeline.  
Sometimes im love.  
Sometimes im mean.

## Firewood Co-op



This is it . . . your absolutely last chance to order next winter's firewood through the ECC Firewood Co-op. Van's Firewood Fuel delivered about 40 cords in Eastlake last spring. Van is making us the same offer for '87: a cord of green wood, split and delivered by May, for \$85 (such a deal!). Alder or maple is available. Just fill out and return the coupon below by **March 31st** to Carol Eychner, 2348 Franklin E. We'll call you with more details and to arrange delivery.

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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## Small Business Focus

### Flowers by Aleta

by Dick Asia



The other day, while standing on the corner of Eastlake and Lynn, my attention was drawn to a profusion of colors. There, snuggled between "A Small Cafe" and "Rory's" was "Flowers by Aleta." Upon entering, I found myself surrounded by Hibiscus trees, flowering Begonias, tintilating Daisies, Primroses, baskets of Tulips and Daffodils, and, oh, yes, fragrant Lavone Roses.

Nestled behind an overflowing desk, full of silkscreened greeting cards and stuffed pink and white teddy bears, was a true, native "Eastlake Rose" called Aleta. She is the proprietor, whose roots go deep into the Eastlake Community. Opening the back door of her shop and pointing to a quaint little cottage, she said, "there is where by grandparents lived when they came from Sweden." Her dad is a graduate of Seward School, 1936.

Aleta is a charming and talented florist, best known for her unique flower basket arrangements. She does all the flower arranging for such esteemed restaurants as the Lakeside and McCormick's. During this interview Aleta was busy preparing a basket of flowers for Pat Finley's birthday. But you do not need to be a "Pat Finley" to order flowers from Aleta. Her customers range from a nine-year-old boy who buys a rose once a week for his mother, to a 77-year-old lady, who just loves the fragrance of flowers. Aleta stated that "fresh, fragrant flowers are an inspiration that everyone can afford." She also delivers free to any and all of her Eastlake neighbors.

### Street Trees on Eastlake

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