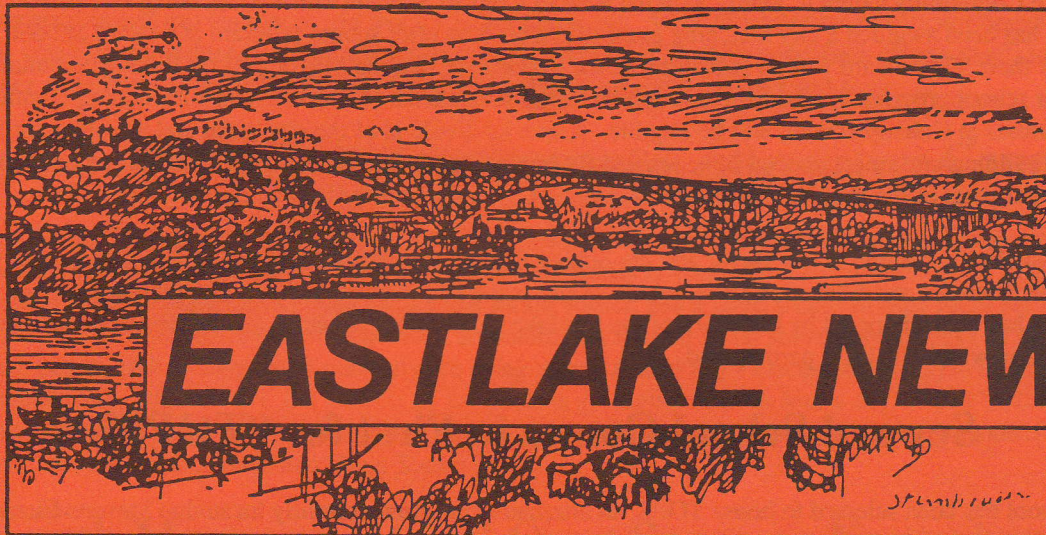


October 1990



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 17. Candidates/Issues Night, sponsored by the ECC with other Lake Union neighborhood groups. 7 p.m. at Hamilton Middle School, 1610 N. 41st (near corner with Wallingford Ave.).

Tuesday, October 23. ECC General Meeting, "New Parks for Eastlake" and ECC annual elections, 7 p.m. in the Large Conference Room of the Seattle Police Officers' Guild, 2517 Eastlake Ave. E. (across from Rogers Playfield)

Saturday, November 3. "Leftover Candy Dance." Cajun music by Louisiana Purchase. Seward/Colman School, 2515 Boylston Ave., 8 to 12 p.m.

Tuesday, November 27. ECC General Meeting, "School in Eastlake." 7 p.m. in the Library of Colman/Seward School, 2515 Boylston Ave. E.

Wednesday, December 12. ECC Holiday Party and Auction, 6-9 p.m., 2717 Boylston Ave. E. (a beautiful location from which to view that night's Christmas ships)

October 23 Meeting: "New Parks for Eastlake"

A recent city report found that Eastlake is one of the neighborhoods most underserved by city parks. The largest parks nearby are cut off from us by Lake Union (Gas Works Park and the proposed South Lake Union Park) and by Interstate 5 (Volunteer Park and Roanoke Park). The ECC and the Olmsted-Fairview Park Commission want to improve the situation by creating some new parks. They join in welcoming you to an evening of slides, drawings, and discussion, Tuesday, October 23, 7 p.m. at the Police Officers Guild at 2517 Eastlake Ave. Presentations will be made on five proposed new parks: Fairview Park at Shelby Street; parks at the Hamlin, Garfield, and Martin street ends; and a possible I-5 greenbelt park between Newton and Blaine. If you would like to help make one of these parks a reality, or could suggest a still undreamed-of park site, come to this very special meeting or call 322-5463.

November 27 Meeting to Focus on School in Eastlake

The Seward School library will be the setting for a meeting Tuesday November 27 (7 p.m.) to update Eastlakens on the exciting new developments at Seward School, whose elementary program closed in 1989 after 96 years of continuous operation. The meeting will have three parts: (1) We will spotlight Colman Elementary School, its staff, students, and parents, whom we are welcoming now for the second year in the Seward Building as Colman awaits construction of its new building in the Judkins neighborhood; (2) We will hear about the community schools and community center program that will be operated at Seward this year jointly with Colman and its PTA (see next story); and (3) We will host the TOPS parents organization, who will tell us about the TOPS program which will move to Seward in September 1991 (see later story).

City Funds Community Schools Program at Seward

The Eastlake Community Council, jointly with the PTA of Colman School (which is operating this year in the Seward School building), has been awarded a city matching grant to establish an after school program at Seward School, and test out a community center there. The award was an indication of the importance that the Mayor puts on linking communities with their schools. The after school program is scheduled to begin in January; residents of Eastlake and surrounding communities, as well as students and parents at Colman school, will be eligible. A special dividend of the city grant and the plans for TOPS is that the 1892 wooden building on Louisa street will be studied for becoming a community center. Volunteers are needed for both the school and center parts of the project. To volunteer, call ECC board member Carolyn Bonamy, 323-5810.

To show Eastlake's gratitude to the Mayor and the School District for keeping Seward a school, be sure to vote on November 6 for the Families and Education Levy, which would make \$8.5 million per year available for various school-related services. The levy has been endorsed by the board of the Eastlake Community Council. It stemmed from Mayor Rice's Education Summit, in which the ECC participated.

Seward School Comes in First for "TOPS"

Seward School has been selected to house TOPS, an alternative program currently located at Stevens Elementary, for the 1991-92 school year. The move is part of an expansion plan approved by the Seattle School District, which will take TOPS from a former K-5 program to a K-8 program. When TOPS opens its doors next September, Seward School will be filled with kindergartners through seventh graders.

Although the move to Seward has been approved for the '91-'92 school year only, Seward is being considered for becoming a permanent site for TOPS. The TOPS community, eager to contribute to the Eastlake neighborhood, is pleased with the decision in favor of Seward. Eastlake offers an urban environment in keeping with the TOPS theme; also, it is centrally located and can attract a diverse student body without need for mandatory busing.

TOPS is noted for its emphases on both creative learning approaches and academic achievement. The program emphasizes the use of team teaching methods, parental involvement, student-selected special interest studies and a multicultural perspective. TOPS will be able to keep its acronym; soon it will be called The Option Program at Seward, instead of Stevens. Eastlake volunteers are needed to help this year in the transition of TOPS to Seward; to volunteer, call 322-5463. TOPS parents will be our guests at the November 27 ECC general meeting.

Neighborhood Needs Assessment Launched

ECC has been awarded a \$6600 matching grant from the city to survey neighborhood needs, as the first step in preparing a neighborhood plan. Volunteers are needed; please call 324-1158. We are now seeking a part-time paid planner with special skills in working with neighborhood issues. Applications from minorities and women are especially encouraged.

Partnership of Residents and Businesses Continues

From its founding, Eastlake has been a mix of businesses and residences, making it a more interesting place to live or work. The Eastlake Community Council prizes its good relations with local businesses, many of whom are paid members (see business membership on coupon below). Several businesses have been particularly generous to the ECC year round, among them Copy Mart (copies for special needs); Ross Laboratories (for hosting our thank you cruises for volunteers, and for cash donations); and Lake Union Mail (for our mail box #1). Others have made generous donations for our community school and neighborhood planning efforts; those donations will be highlighted in future issues. Local businesses also graciously donate items for our fundraising auctions. To make donations for the December auction, call 322-5463.

Neighbors and Developer Unite Against Woodsmoke Pollution

Under ECC auspices, local residents reached a "win-win" arrangement with Carl Winge of Hallmark Capital Partners, Ltd. Hallmark had purchased land and a building permit for an apartment at 1926 Fairview that would have involved more than a dozen smoke-belching, unsightly chimneys. The building permit was granted in 1987, and since that time the huge contribution of woodburning to toxic air pollution and asthma problems in residential neighborhoods has been better recog-

nized. When Hallmark sought some rooftop changes in the earlier approved design, the neighbors decided not to engage in a costly legal battle. With the help of ECC, the advice of the American Lung Association, and the encouragement of the city Department of Construction and Land Use, they sat down with Winge and hammered out an agreement replacing the woodburners with clean-burning natural gas fireplaces and much smaller chimneys. View blockage by an elevator housing and a peaked roof was also significantly reduced. Hallmark deserves particular credit for their good-faith efforts to adjust to neighborhood concerns; other developers should take note that an open, positive approach can be good business.

Local Software Company Promotes Alternative Commuting

Walker, Richer, Quinn is not only one of the nation's leading software companies; it also is a statewide leader in its efforts to encourage its 135 employees to commute in ways that preserve energy and the environment. In its new building on Eastlake Avenue, WRQ provided excellent showers and locker rooms, and a large secure storage room for bicycles. On an average day, from 5 to 10 employees arrive on bikes, a number that rises to 25 on some summer days. The company also gives out free transit passes, and 18 employees currently are using them. And WRQ's electronic mail system allows employees to easily seek ridesharing opportunities; the number of car pools is averaging three or four a day. WRQ's efforts are helping to minimize its contribution to the severe parking and traffic problems in our neighborhood, and are a model for other employers in Eastlake and throughout the congested Puget Sound area.

Growth Management and Open Space on November Ballot

The boards of the Eastlake Community Council and the Olmsted-Fairview Park Commission have voted to endorse Initiative 547 in the November 6 election. I-547 requires local governments to plan for growth, and assure that roads, schools, parks, and open space keep pace with development; it also loosens current restrictions that prevent local governments from charging developer fees that make growth—rather than the taxpayer—pay for growth.

The Olmsted-Fairview Park Commission also has endorsed Proposition 21, The Real-Estate Environmental Endowment (TREE). TREE raises new funds for purchase of open space in Seattle and King County by an excise tax on real estate transactions. It is not a property tax, so anyone remaining in a previously purchased home will not pay it; in addition, provisions will be made to protect low and moderate income, first time home buyers from the excise levy. Volunteers are needed to phone voters and leaflet the neighborhood for both I-547 and Prop. 21: call 322-5463.

Eastlake Community Land Trust

The Trust is now open for business, with the following officers: President—David Rogan; Vice President—Robert Rudine; Treasurer—Patricia Donahue; Secretary—Chris Leman. The purpose is to support affordable housing while also maintaining neighborhood character. Donations or bequests of land and property are especially welcome. There are definite tax advantages to giving or selling land below market rate. Life tenancy is also possible for those who would like to transfer ownership of their house to the Trust, but would like to live in it. Cash donations are welcome and needed, as are suggestions on properties that may be available. Send checks made out to the Eastlake Community Land Trust to 117 E. Louisa #186, Seattle 98102. To volunteer, call 322-6042 or 325-6645.

City Interim Sensitive Areas Ordinance Proposed

Some lands are so steep or soggy that they should not be built on, yet Seattle currently permits buildings there, a looser law than is now in effect in other parts of King County. Department of Construction and Land Use director Dennis McLerran and Council member Sue Donaldson are courageously seeking an interim ordinance that would immediately impose a tighter set of standards; they will be opposed fiercely by developers. We need to contact them and other members of the City Council to urge passage of the proposed ordinance. The address is Municipal Building, 600 Fourth Avenue, Seattle 98104. The other council members' names are George Benson, Cheryl Chow, Paul Kraabel, Jane Noland, Dolores Sibonga, Sam Smith, Jim Street and Tom Weeks. If you prefer to call, the central number is 684-8888.

Volunteer Opportunities

Exercise your talents and make a difference. Call today at 322-5463 for further information.

Volunteer! Edit the Eastlake News.....Sell advertising for the Eastlake News....Coordinate the distribution of the Eastlake News....The spring home tour: help plan, or add your homeSurvey neighborhood needs....Coordinate the December auction....Manage ECC's computerized membership and mailing list...Liaison with apartment managers and condominium associations....Give occasional rides to an elderly or infirm neighborStart an Eastlake book, bridge, tennis, or (fill in blank) club....Do an oral history of Eastlake pioneers....Coordinate review of a land use project....Coordinate police and crime prevention...or tell us what needs to be done, then do it! Call 322-5463.

City Council Invites Comments on Broadcasting Towers

Debate continues on a proposal to nearly double (!) the height of the city's broadcasting towers, including those we see on Queen Anne Hill. Concerns are being expressed about views and about the potential and little-understood health hazards of exposure to the towers' RF radiation. Some Eastlakers believe that the towers interfere with their telephone reception, with hearing aides and heart pacemakers, and so on. Whatever your views, you may write to Land Use Chair Sue Donaldson c/o the Seattle City Council, 11th Floor, Municipal Bldg., Seattle WA 98104; if possible, please also send a copy to the ECC at 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle 98102.

Upcoming Elections for the Eastlake Community Council

At our October 23 meeting we'll elect our officers and board of directors for the next one-year term. Members receiving this newsletter by mail will find a ballot inside; please mail it in if you can't attend the meeting. Nominations may also be made at the meeting.

Classified Ad : Private Office Suites in Eastlake. Small, private offices in a beautifully landscaped serene environment. Primarily therapists—\$400-425/ month. Call Peter or Joe, 623-1234.

Invest in the ECC: an Insurance Policy for Eastlake

The Eastlake Community Council is in the midst of a fund drive; new and renewing members are receiving an attractive "Proud to Belong" sticker. Those who are receiving a mailed newsletter can see the month and year when they need to renew, in the upper right corner of the label. In writing their checks (made out to the Eastlake Community Council), many people are also adding a donation, some as high as \$100. Checks for the Lakeshore Defense Fund (made out to SCCF/Eastlake) are fully tax deductible.

Your contribution is a kind of insurance policy, an investment in Eastlake's future. Those on the ECC mailing list received this summer a flier on "Investing in Eastlake's Future." Others may obtain a copy at Lake Union Mail, 117 E. Louisa St., or by calling 322-5463. The flier provides a detailed overview about Eastlake and its community council, as well as a list of volunteer opportunities and phone numbers. Remember, the ECC cannot exist without your help; you are the ECC. Let us know when you see matters, good or bad, that the board should take action on, or which should appear in the Eastlake News. If you think we could be doing better, tell us that as well. Join us, so that you, too, can say, "Proud to Belong."

YES!!! I want to help take care of Eastlake. My dues are enclosed for membership in the Eastlake Community Council (1 year membership).

This is a NEW RENEWAL Membership.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

DUES: Household (\$15)

Sr. Citizen (\$10)

Business (\$40)

\$ _____ Donation

Mail to: **ECC Membership**
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Seattle, Washington 98102

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