

# EASTLAKE NEWS

Eastlake Community Council  
117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle Washington 98102

March 1991

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## Upcoming Events Calender

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| March 12 | ECC General Meeting on RPZs, 7-9 p.m. Police Officers' Guild, 2517 Eastlake Ave. E. (across from Rogers Playfield)     |
| March 14 | Olmsted-Fairview Park Commission. 7 p.m., Tio's Restaurant   |
| March 18 | Eastlake Planning Committee, 7 p.m., 2303 Franklin E. #3   |
| March 21 | ECC appeal of project at 1550 Eastlake; hearing will be at 9 a.m. in room 1310 of the Alaska Building, 618 Second Ave. |
| April 13 | Spring Cleaning of Eastlake and Lake Union   |
| April 16 | ECC General Meeting on Eastlake History, Seward School Library, 7-9 p.m.   |
| April 28 | Eastlake Home, Business, and Boat Tour, 12-5 p.m.  |

### March 12 Meeting: "A Residential Parking Zone for Eastlake"

Eastlake has become a virtual park-and-ride for commuters from other parts of the city or the region who leave their cars on our streets, limiting the parking available to residents and local businesses alike. We've been talking about it for years; now the time has come to begin working on a Residential Parking Zone (RPZ) in Eastlake.

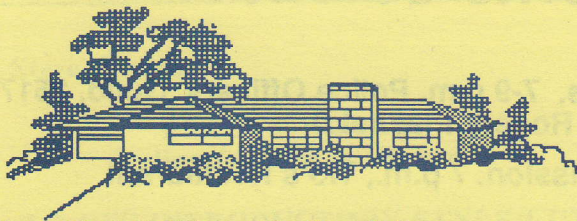
## March 12 Meeting (Cont.)

At our March 12 meeting we will have representatives from the Seattle Engineering Department explain the RPZ process, and we will begin to define our parking problems for the City and the boundaries for our RPZ. An RPZ must have neighborhood support, and this meeting will give you the opportunity to participate in this historic step toward a solution to our parking dilemma.

## April 16 Meeting:

### A Chronicle of Eastlake Style

To warm us up for the April 28 Eastlake Home, Business, and Boat Tour (see below), architect Susan Boyle and interior designer Anne Fisher are returning to present another much-acclaimed slide show and commentary. Two screens—count them—will display a unique selection of historic and contemporary slides. Susan and Anne's very special sense of history and style in their last show in October 1988 filled the Seward School Library, and we expect another big turnout there on Tuesday, April 16, 7 to 9 p.m. Wanted: someone to make a high-quality tape of this unique presentation, and to help fetch the screens for the occasion. Call 322-5463.



## April 28 Eastlake Home, Business, and Boat Tour

This unique event will take you into some of Eastlake's special places—Victorian homes, quaint houseboats, modernistic and richly furnished condominiums, fascinating industrial sites, and a selection of boats that only Eastlake could assemble. The tour will be from 12 to 5 p.m., and we need lots of volunteers (call 322-5463) to help that day with the sites and refreshments, and to put up posters in the weeks beforehand. To purchase a ticket, send your check for \$15 made out to ECC Eastlake Tour, 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle 98102; or pay \$20 the day of the tour. Donors of \$50 or more will be invited to the elegant pre-tour the night before.

# Land Use Update

## *Neighborhood Needs Assessment Launched*

ECC has a city grant to conduct an assessment of our neighborhood's needs. We are pleased to announce the hiring of Fritz Griffin, an experienced and well-regarded community planner, who will staff this effort. An ECC committee of local folks is working with Fritz. They need your volunteer help to gather information on the neighborhood and tabulate survey results. The results will be published in this newsletter. Your ideas on what Eastlake needs are always welcome; send them to the Eastlake Planning Committee, 2303 Franklin Ave. E, #3, Seattle 98102. To volunteer, write to that address, or call 324-1158. Let's all pitch in and make this study a turning point towards a better Eastlake.

**Lake Union Steam Plant.** The ECC along with co-apellants Susan Boyle, Carol Eychaner, and Jon Taylor filed an appeal before the City Hearing Examiner of the Certificate of Approval that the Landmark Preservation Board issued for redevelopment of the steam plant. The issues of this appeal were the approval of the plans of the Koll Company which included major alterations to the existing smokestacks and windows, as well as an addition to the penthouse (proposed to support the relocated stacks) and a wall at street level on Eastlake. Testimony and evidence were presented at a hearing last month to demonstrate that these modifications will severely detract from the historic significance and industrial character of this landmark in our neighborhood. At press time, the Hearing Examiner had not yet issued a decision on the matter.

## *Bogey's Parking Lot Site*

The Department of Construction and Land Use handling of this project application has been a travesty, and one that has been repeated recently all over the City. After announcing a decision to require an environmental impact statement for the proposed seven-story apartment building, the City dealt privately with the developer's

hirelings and suddenly withdrew the requirement for an EIS and approved the permit. The dozens of people whose comments had led to the original decision for an EIS were not informed of this process until it was too late. Now ECC is appealing this decision, with the hearing scheduled for March 21 (see calendar); call 684-0521 for any scheduling changes. We need your letters urging that the City reinstate its original decision for an EIS so that you will have a genuine ability to comment on the project's impacts.

### **Three Pigs Site**

The City is in the process of reviewing the permit application which would allow the developer to demolish these row houses and replace them with a three-story building.

### **Charlee's Site**

*(Eastlake and Fairview)*

As a result of our December 17 community meeting, ECC is preparing comments on this three-story credit union facility proposed by the Koll company. Key concerns are to preserve parking on public right-of-way for workers in the vicinity; preservation of the historic trolley trestles; and elimination or reduction of the proposed drive-through lanes and facilities, which cause pollution, attract extra traffic, and take up a lot of space that would otherwise be available for parking or green space. To view the plans or to comment, write to ECC at 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle 98102.

### **Mallard Cove**

ECC provided the City with its comments on this project in December, focusing on design departures and variances, soils and geology, traffic and parking, recreation and public access, views and height calculation, and vegetation and landscaping. The City has determined that the site is located in an unstable area and that for this and other reasons the project will have to be extensively redesigned and downscaled before any approval is possible. It is not too late to send your comments to the Department of Construction and Land Use at 600 Fourth Ave., Seattle 98104. Please also send a copy to us at Mallard Cove Comments, ECC, 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle 98102; and write to this address if you would like to have a copy of ECC's 20-page comment letter on the project.

## **Eastlake Community Land Trust Begins Campaign to Save Farmhouse**

As its first project, the board of trustees of our new neighborhood land trust has resolved to do what it can to save the historic farmhouse at 102 E. Louisa, which a local builder proposes to demolish despite the opportunity for creative remodeling that could save it. Volunteers are welcome; call 322-6042 or 325-6645. But funds are especially needed. Please donate what you can in this cause, to: Eastlake Community Land Trust, 117 E. Louisa #186, Seattle 98102.



## **Traffic Brings New Dangers to Eastlake Avenue**

In separate accidents, two of our neighborhood's senior citizens were seriously injured as they attempted to cross Eastlake Avenue near their homes. In both cases, the drivers were not residents of the neighborhood. We solicit your ideas on what we can do to reduce the dangers from motor vehicles to pedestrians and bicycles. More street lights? Prohibit a right turn on a red light at some intersections? Reduce the speed limit? Please send your ideas to Eastlake Traffic, ECC, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102.

## **Be Oil Smart- Wednesdays and Every Day!**



ECC urges you to join in the Oil Smart Wednesdays being sponsored by the Bullitt Foundation and other groups. Walk, bicycle, car pool, ride a bus, or just think twice about which trips are really needed. You will reduce our country's dependence on nonrenewable foreign oil, help clean up the air, and make our neighborhood just that much safer and more pleasant.

# Parks Update

## *Olmsted-Fairview Park Commission Gets Into Water*

The Commission, a nonprofit organization founded by Eastlake residents to promote parks and protect the lakeshore, has received a Metro community action grant for the purpose of creating and distributing educational brochures and posters, and erecting an interpretive sign. The purpose is to promote water quality awareness, stressing ways that citizens can get involved in improving Lake Union's water quality. We need volunteers to help in all phases of this project. Anyone interested can attend the Commission meeting on March 14 (see above calendar). For more information, call 328-4798.

## *Street End Parks Take Shape*

•**Hamlin Street End Park.** On March 1, 1991, the City Board of Public Works unanimously approved the street use permit for this park. The contract for City matching funds has been signed, and the Seattle Engineering Department has approved the final plans drawn by Jeff Girvin of Thomas Berger and Associates. Construction of the park will commence soon, with scheduled completion date May 31. At the present time, work parties are being organized for cleanup, carpentry, and planting. Volunteers are needed to make this park a reality, and to match the City's cash contribution. Please call Mike Sullivan at 329-4371 or Jean Savelle at 328-0556 to volunteer or for more information.

•**Martin Street End Park.** The landmoving and heavy construction for this park are complete, and now the landscaping is in progress. This park still lacks a name; the suggestion of "Kayak Park" has gotten some support, but also a comment that the name makes the park's purpose sound too limited. What name would you suggest? Send your ideas to the ECC at 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle 98102.

## Spring Cleaning of Eastlake and Lake Union—April 13

ECC joins the Floating Homes Association and many other groups to clean up our neighborhood and our lake. People with small boats are especially needed. To volunteer to "pick a pound" of lake debris, call 281-0927. If you would like to coordinate or help on Eastlake's upland cleanup, call 684-4054.

## Eastlake School Notes

**Colman.** A number of students of Colman-at-Seward school camped overnight in the school building during our surprise snowstorm in December. Members of the neighborhood shared food, clothing, and bedding, prompting a nice letter to the newspapers from principal Ed Jefferson. Construction is proceeding on Colman's beautiful new home in the Judkins neighborhood.

**TOPS** (The Options Program at Stevens) will be relocating to Seward next September. ECC is delighted that the Seward building will continue to be occupied by a school, and we are doing everything we can to make Eastlake the best possible environment for Colman and TOPS students alike. If you would like to volunteer as a tutor in either program, or if you would like to work with TOPS parents on a committee to help in the transition to Eastlake, please write to the ECC at 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle 98102.

## *Community Schools*

Our City grant for an after-school program has been delayed, but at last the School district is advertising the position of coordinator of the program. Although most of the cultural, scientific, and athletic courses will not begin before summer at the earliest, we are hoping to get the computer class started sooner. If you would like to volunteer to help in teaching or on the advisory board, call Carolyn Bonamy at 323-5810.



## Growth Management and Air Quality Debated in Olympia

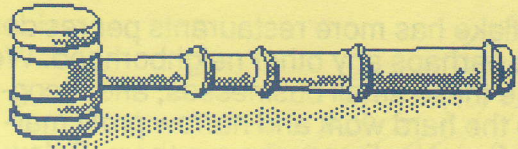
Several laws important to Eastlake's quality of life are now before the Washington legislature. The 1990 Growth Management Act is being amended based on some excellent proposals by the governor. Unfortunately, parts of the business community are working against many of the changes, and have proposed a bill that would repeal many of the protections upon which neighborhoods like ours depend for our very survival. Land use planning should be based at the neighborhood level, and standards for parks, emergency services, low-income housing, traffic, and other urban concerns must be kept up as growth proceeds. Your legislators, House Speaker Joe King, Senate Majority Leader Jeannette Hayner, and Governor Booth Gardner need to hear from you that a strong growth management law is needed, and that the business lobby must not be allowed to sabotage existing environmental laws. To leave a message on the toll-free legislative hot line, call 1-800-562-6000. Or write to any of them c/o the Legislative Building, Olympia 98504.

The Coalition of Washington Communities, an alliance of neighborhood groups from throughout the state, has been founded to present our case before the legislature. Donations are needed to keep the organization going; please make checks out to the Coalition of Washington Communities, and send to CWC cochair Chris Leman at 85 E. Roanoke, Seattle 98102. If you would like to volunteer in this effort, call 322-5463.

### **Clean Air**

On many days, our air is too dirty to meet federal health standards, and even on "clean" days it is bad for the young, the elderly, and those with breathing problems. Strong clean air legislation on autos, wood stoves, industry, and other sources is needed to protect Eastlake's livability; Washington still has one of the weakest clean air acts of any industrial state. A separate call or letter on the clean air issue to the above listed leaders would help move a strong bill through the legislature. For information, call the American Lung Association at 1-800-732-9339.

## Silent Auction Items: Make Your Bids Now



Our December auction was the most successful ever, raising more than \$2700 to keep Eastlake a good place to live and work. Our deepest thanks go to the many businesses who donated items. Still remaining are some excellent items, listed below along with their estimated value.. Please make a bid or tell a friend about this opportunity. Send in your bids to: ECC Auction, 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle 98102.

- Gift certificate at Ralli-Round for machine shop labor on engine rebuild, cylinder head rebuild, aluminium welding, or any other automotive machine work except crank grinding or boring cylinder blocks (\$100)
- Family conference by ElderCare Resources Inc. (\$75)
- Boat haulouts and inspections by two local businesses: American Marine Contractors, Inc. and Marine Servicenter (up to \$200)
- Three-session hypnotherapy course to quit smoking, by hypnotherapist John Ireland (\$235)
- Aerobics Punchcard from Sound Mind and Body, with locations in Fremont and Madison Park (\$40)
- Rand McNally road atlas donated by Ezra Teshome State Farm Insurance agency (\$8)
- Full Set of Acrylic Nails, by Nail Biz (\$60)
- Total account package at U.S. Bank, Ballard branch. Includes \$50 savings bond, free checks and safe deposit box, reduced interest, increased savings interest, and more (\$100)
- Dinner for two at any one of the following restaurants: Kamon (Lake Union and Bellevue), Benihana (downtown Seattle), or Morgans (Bellevue) (\$40)

## Eastlake Restaurant History Quiz

Eastlake has more restaurants per resident than perhaps any other neighborhood. We value these small businesses, and recognize the hard work and narrow profit margins faced by those who run them. Below are listed just a few of the Eastlake restaurants that have closed their doors in the past twenty years. Can you remember where they were located? The entry that identifies the location of the largest number of these restaurants will get a free meal at a current restaurant; bonus points for any restaurants no longer in operation that are not on this list. Send to Restaurant Quiz, ECC, 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle 98102.

Areis, Cork and Bottle, Cricket, Fat Albert's Golden Dragon, Great American Food and Beverage Company, Hungry Turtle, Lake Union Pizza Company, The Landing Lunch Box, PJ's, Pipeline Tavern, Rapunzel's, Rusty Pelican, Scoundrel's Lair, Shore Broiler, Skipper's Tavern, Smitty's Broiler, Victoria Station.

### ***Volunteer Opportunities in Eastlake***

Make a Difference. Conduct oral history interviews with Eastlake pioneers. Help prevent crime (represent Eastlake on the East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition). Edit this newsletter, or help distribute it. Coordinate our annual auction. Coordinate review of a land use project. Be ECC's representative to the Seattle Neighborhood Coalition or the Lake Union District Council. Or think of something else you can help ECC do for our community. Call 322-5463. Just do it.

### **Individual and Business**

#### **Membership Drive in Progress**

ECC's paid membership is higher than in several years, but we're still missing some of you. A sampling of our activities can be seen from this newsletter; but if you would like more background on our activities, just write us. And please take a moment to fill out the form below. In writing a check, consider adding to your dues a donation of any amount—it is welcome and needed.

## An Eastlake "Top 40"?

One of the Tacoma neighborhood groups that participated in our January meeting, the Westslope Neighborhood Coalition, left us a copy of their newsletter. In it was the group's official song. The enthusiasm reflected by the song helps explain why that group is one of the best organized and most effective in the state. Sung to the tune of "She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain," the first and last verses go like this:

They'll be coming down from Jackson when they come (repeat)  
They've included Geiger and Meyers  
and they've sent out lots of flyers  
They'll be coming down from Jackson when they come.

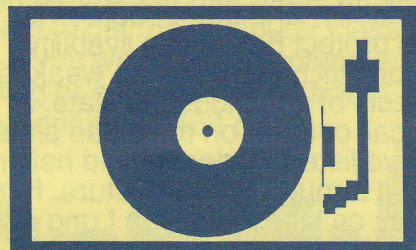
Everybody greet your neighbor when you come (repeat)  
Let's hear it for the Coalition...this will be a great tradition  
And we'll all come down from Jackson when we come.

Equally inspired is a song about local fitness buffs that is making the rounds at local software company *Walker Richer and Quinn*, also one of the best organized and most effective organizations of its kind. These lyrics are sung to the tune of "Puttin' on the Ritz":

*Have you seen the fitness crew  
Up on Eastlake Avenue  
On that famous thoroughfare*

*Skating in their underwear?  
Bike hats on lads and lasses  
Kneepads and rearview glasses  
Spending every dime on a wonderful time.*

Isn't it about time that Eastlake and its community council had their own songs, or even a whole song book? Please pick a tune and topic, and send us your suggested lyrics for possible publication and performance to: Eastlake Songfest, c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle 98102.

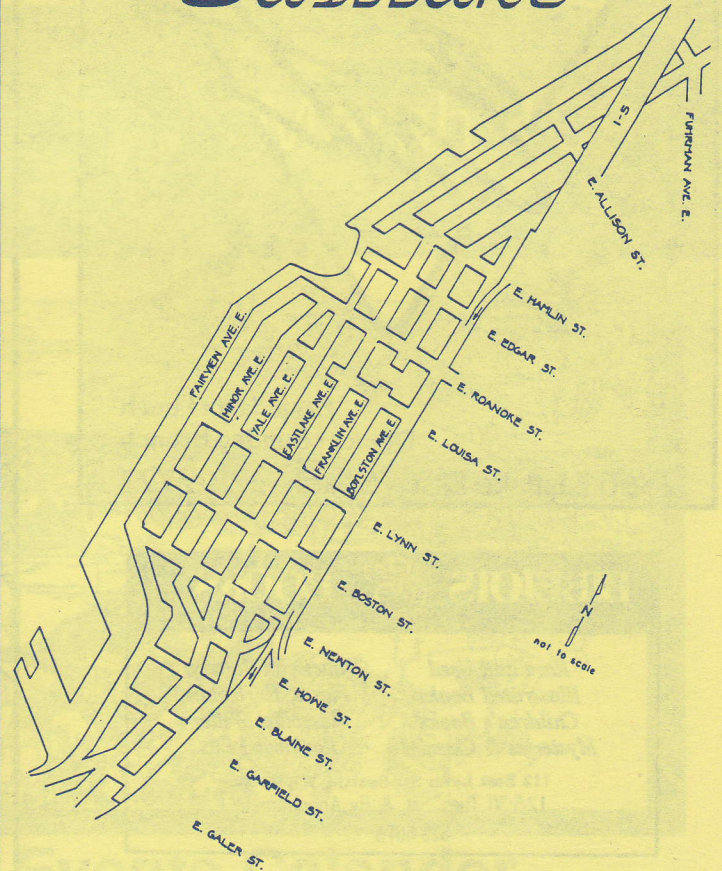


## Purpose of the Eastlake Community Council

In the 1970s shortly after it was founded, the Eastlake Community Council adopted a statement of purposes that is as useful as ever today:

- Encourage and enjoy a sense of community in this neighborhood;
- Work to highlight and preserve the history and the things that make Eastlake a good place to live and work;
- Provide a clearinghouse for information on governmental and private programs that affect our community;
- Be an action group to initiate and encourage programs and projects that will enhance our day-to-day existence;
- Work for the preservation and public enjoyment of the shorelines;
- Work with other groups to improve the quality of life in the city as a whole.

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