

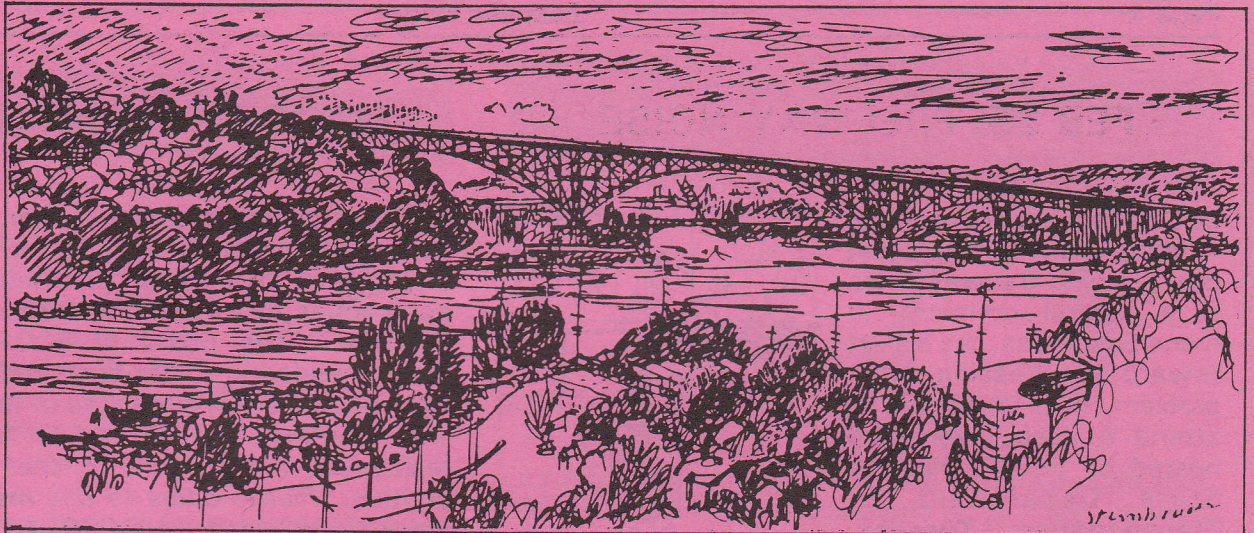
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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 18, ECC General Meeting on Traffic and Parking. 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in the Seward School Library, 2515 Boylston Ave. E. Plus the latest on the Eastlake Tomorrow planning exercise.

February 25, Public Open House on Freeway Noise and its Mitigation. Tuesday 4-8 p.m., St. Patrick's Church, 2702 Broadway E.

March 10, ECC General Meeting on Traffic and Parking. 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in the Seward School Gymnasium, 2515 Boylston Ave. E.

FEBRUARY 18: TRAFFIC CONTROL AND PARKING

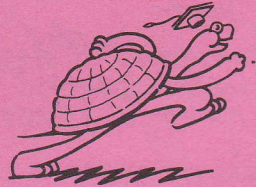
In a meeting to be held at the Seward School Library (7-9 p.m.), ECC will explore the growing problem of speeding and congestion on our neighborhood streets, and what we can do about it. UW Professor and former Eastlake houseboater Richard Untermann is an authority on how neighborhoods throughout the world are keeping streets safe, quiet, and beautiful. Untermann and his students will outline some options for Eastlake. Another former Eastlaker--Martha Choe, a new member of the City Council, will report to us on her plans as chair of the Transportation Committee.

We will also hear from and from City Engineering Department official Noel Schoneman, whose neighborhood program is dedicated to helping us deal with traffic and parking problems. For an excellent account of the "traffic control" perspective, see the cover story in the February issue of the Lake Union Review. Schoneman's staff will give us a first report on proposals for a Residential Parking Zone permit program, in preparation for our full March meeting on the subject. You will also learn about our neighborhood's contribution to the "Oil Smart" campaign.

To volunteer for the RPZ project in Eastlake, contact Janet Lapeyrouse 328-0733, Lynn Poser 548-4317, or Nancy Macdonald 323-2059.

Needed: Oil-Smart Transportation Alternatives

In March, Eastlaker Harriet Bullitt and the Bullitt Foundation are again leading a regionwide campaign to encourage alternatives to travel by the single-occupant automobile.



ECC is working with the Foundation to involve neighborhoods, who know better than anyone the ill effects of uncontrolled traffic. The Eastlake News is now printing free classified ads for people seeking car pools, and we are proud that the Lake Union Review has become the region's first major newspaper to do so as well. The Eastlake News will also regularly list any local businesses that offer discounts to customers with Metro transit passes; please notify us if you would like to be listed.

What else can Eastlake do to encourage transportation alternatives, and what are you personally going to do? Write to us at Oil Smart Eastlake, c/o Eastlake Community Council, 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle 98102.

Fighting Crime in Eastlake

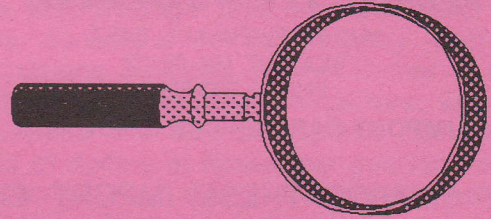
The ECC general meeting about crime has been rescheduled to April.

Eastlake has long been regarded as a relatively safe part of town. Thus Eastlakers regret to see an increase in car prowls and burglaries--extending recently even to the theft of Eastlake's first espresso cart, Javabeen (is nothing sacred?). Also of concern is evidence of the drug trade and in gang activity. Any suspicious activity should be reported to the police department; watch our future newsletters for guidance on what to watch for. Neighborhoods that have more experience with gangs say that the gangs thrive on graffiti as a way to mark their territory. We need your help in covering up graffiti as soon as it appears. If you see graffiti, work for its removal with the agency or owner on whose property it is; then let us know how you did it, so we can tell others.

It is time to revive existing Block Watch programs, or start new ones. Block Watch helps reduce crime by improving neighbor-to-neighbor communication about suspicious situations, and improving communication between the community and the police. For information on the Block Watch program, call Barbara Henderson (386-9758), Crime Prevention Coordinator of the East Precinct. Henderson will be our guest in an April ECC meeting at the Seattle Police Officers Guild. Please send your crime prevention ideas to:

Crimefighters, c/o Eastlake Community Council, 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle, WA 98102.

Eastlake Tomorrow: Community Sounding takes off-1000 voices to be heard



EASTLAKE-Forty neighborhood volunteers gathered in the Seward School cafeteria on Sunday, January 26 to help draft questions and learn interview techniques for a "Community Sounding" taking place now through April in the Eastlake neighborhood. The project's goal is to generate community-wide input on key issues identified through a needs assessment survey conducted last spring.

The "Community Sounding" is phase two of *Eastlake Tomorrow* Neighborhood Planning Project made possible through 1991 and 1992 Seattle Neighborhood Matching Fund grants. During the "sounding", teams of residents are setting out to conduct small-group interviews. The goal is to reach one-third of the people who live or work in Eastlake. Interviews will also be conducted with appropriate city agencies and other individuals concerned with comprehensive planning.

Once the interviews are completed, the "sounding" continues at an *Eastlake Tomorrow* Town Meeting on April 26 where everyone who participated, including interviewees, will be invited to refine this data further into neighborhood planning priorities.

The 1991 survey was distributed broadly to residents throughout the neighborhood--both homeowners and renters, businesses, and a sampling of property owners not necessarily living in Eastlake. With the assistance of a professional planner, the survey was designed to solicit priority areas for neighborhood planning of specific concern to Eastlake. Three issues of greatest concern to the community surfaced: traffic related physical and functional problems, environment quality (water, air, and noise pollution), and the need for neighborhood character and aesthetic quality guidelines.

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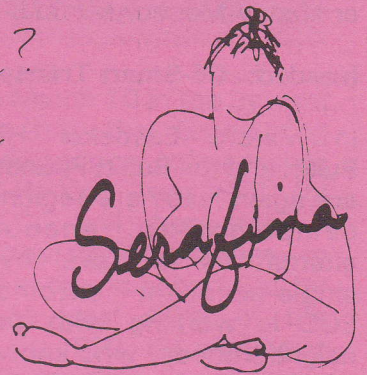
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Through the *Eastlake Tomorrow* "sounding", community members will begin to develop approaches to resolving these priority needs and achieve consensus in cooperation with city government resulting in Neighborhood Planning and Design Guidelines.

Anyone who would like to participate in "Community Sounding" is encouraged to call the *Eastlake Tomorrow* Committee at: 322-2499.

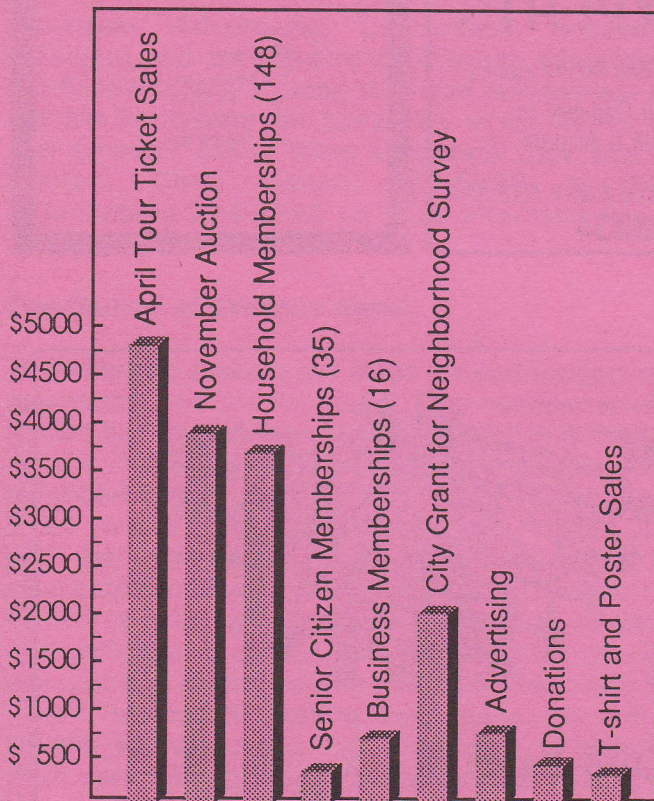
ECC FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The accompanying bar charts summarize income and outgo for the Eastlake Community Council during the 1991 calendar year. Our tour and auction brought in more funds each than any single event in ECC's twenty year history. But in total, there was no more important source of revenue than the dues paid by households, senior citizens, and business sponsors. Attorney and court costs were our largest single expense, although as a result of the successful settlement of our court case over the Eastlake Center II building at 2815 Eastlake Ave. E., Bruce Blume and Co. and the City of Seattle paid \$20,000 of our

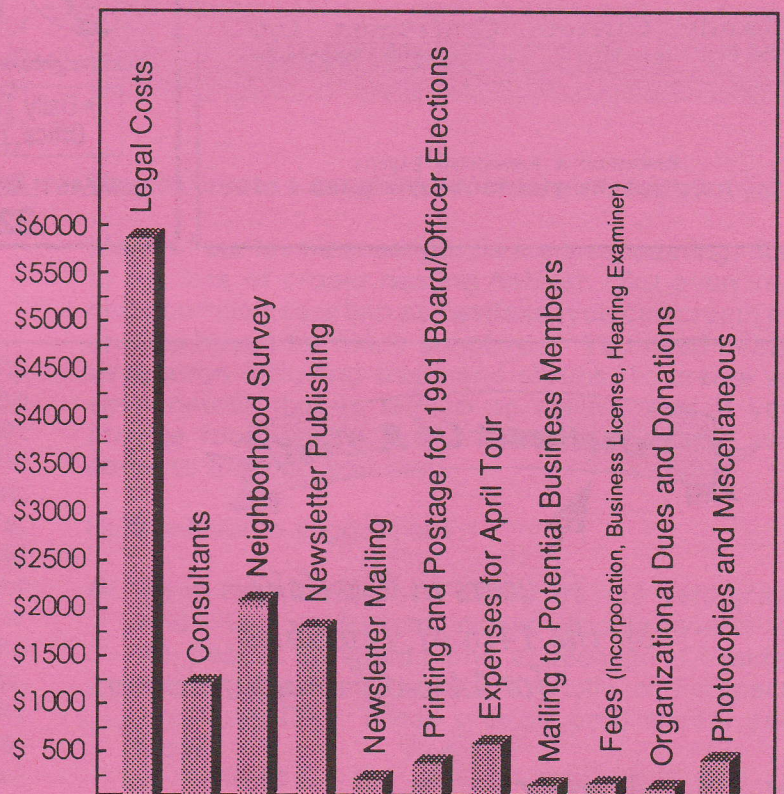
attorney fees (for background on this case, see page 6 of the February Lake Union Review). Other major expenses were for the neighborhood survey (actually reimbursed by a City grant), and publishing and mailing of the newsletter.

Of course, ECC's budget only begins to describe how we focus donations for community betterment. These donations included Walker Richer & Quinn's gift of \$10,000 in personal computers, with which ECC equipped the Seward School computer lab; thousands of dollars in November auction items and help for the April tour; design and grading help by the Berger Partnership, Frank Coluccio Construction Co., and John Black toward completion of the Hamlin streetend park; printing services by G & H Printing.

Most important were thousands of volunteer hours contributed by hundreds of your friends and neighbors. These various contributions to the neighborhood are worth at least seven times what ECC spent directly. Because they are matched in this way by "sweat equity" and business generosity, your membership dues and other financial donations to ECC go far toward improving the Eastlake quality of life. Please use the form on the last page to renew your membership, add a donation, and offer your volunteer time.



1991 OPERATING REVENUE: \$15,370



1991 OPERATING EXPENSES: \$13,465


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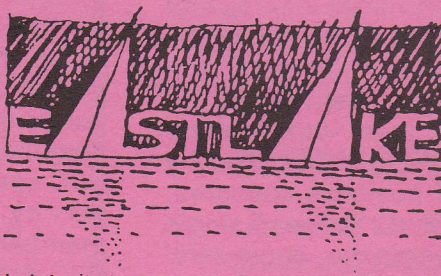
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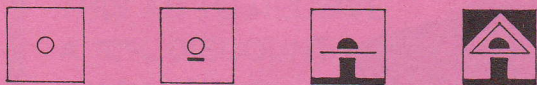
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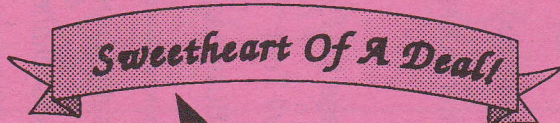


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Eastlake Goes Big Time

The summer filming of a Jeff Bridges movie at the Eastlake Zoo was only the biggest of a big, big Eastlake media year. In November, local actor (and auctioneer) Dick Arnold taped a smooth TV ad for the Eastlake auction on KOMO-TV4's Northwest Afternoon show. And former ECC president Beth Means was featured on a KSTV-TV9's documentary on growth.

Eastlake T-Shirts at Pro-Body

Get ready for spring with an official Eastlake T-shirt! A good selection of colors and sizes is still available, being sold as a public service by Pro-Body at 2501 Eastlake Ave. E.; all profits go to the ECC.

EASTLAKE NEWS

Help Wanted

Volunteer Advertising Coordinator needed for renewing and enrolling new business advertisers in the Eastlake News. Visit the local businesses, point out the important role they play in the community, and possibly assist them to design their ads, too. Contact Chris Leman 322-5463 or Robert afSandeberg 324-5786 for more information.

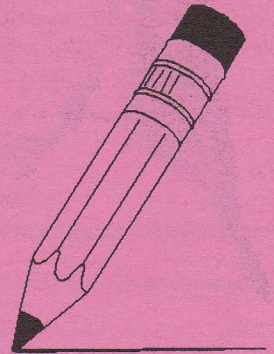
Distribution of Eastlake News

Hi--I want to explain my ideas on distribution of the newsletter and ask for yours. The newsletter will be mailed out to paid members. It will be or is being left at the following for pick up by people in the neighborhood: Lake Union Mail, Video Quest, Beautyworks, The Quick Stop Deli, Pete's, Daly's, and the Lynn Street Deli. It is also being hand distributed to residences. If you don't think that your residence is being covered, or if you have an idea for a significant business where we can leave the newsletters, please call me at 324-5104 - Shari Hirst. I look forward to getting your ideas. It will take several issues to get the newsletter to everyone. With your help, it will be an easier job. Thank you.

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For business ads, write to the above address or leave a message at 329-5030.

NEIGHBORHOOD

How to create a songbird sanctuary in your own yard

Many of our loveliest songbirds are disappearing, due to the loss of proper nesting habitat. But even in a neighborhood as urban as Eastlake, you can create an inviting haven for many songbirds. You need mixed vegetation including trees and shrubs, to create an environment that is familiar to them. And if you provide food, water, and protection, songbirds will come to explore, and stay.

Here are some suggestions:

- If you have room, let a corner of your yard grow wild. Left untouched, nature quickly reverts to the habitat songbirds find appealing. Consider planting trees and shrubs as holly or European mountain ash. These provide both shelter and food.
- Birds need water for drinking and bathing, every day. So a bird bath filled with clean, fresh water is a great attraction. Your bird bath should be in an open spot where a prowling cat can easily be



Black-Capped Chickadees, familiar Eastlake residents.
 Illustration courtesy of National Audubon Society.

seen, and under a hanging tree branch, where birds can perch and preen their feathers.

- To attract more songbirds and less nuisance birds like starlings and English sparrows, put out bird feeders. If there's enough room, put out more than one. Fill the feeders with sunflower seeds or suet, rather than mixed bird seed which attracts starlings and sparrows, both of which behave very aggressively toward native songbirds. You may also want to put out bird suet for insect-eating birds.

- Cats that are allowed to roam unchecked are a grave danger to songbirds. Take care to place feeders in a sheltered spot, near a tree or a bush. It helps to clear away undergrowth beneath your feeder; cats are likely to hide there. Many birds, especially chickadees, will dart over to a feeder, snatch a seed, and return to their safe tree.
- Winter can be hard on songbirds, so place your feeders where they're protected from harsh winds.
- Be patient; sometimes it takes awhile for birds to find your feeders. One they do, they like to count on a reliable food supply.
- Purchased in bulk, sunflower seeds are inexpensive. You'll find them, along with suet, bird feeders and bird baths at Ernst Home Centers, City People's Garden Store, City People's Mercantile, Seattle Garden Center, and most garden nurseries.
- *Don't* use garden pesticides, including weed killers, which can also be songbird killers. Many birds -- including our Washington state bird, the American goldfinch -- eat seeds from thistles, dandelions and other weeds. Also, avoid pesticides that kill earthworms -- robins feed earthworms to their young.
- The Seattle Audubon Society has tips on birdwatching and conservation. They're also a great resource for bird outings for the entire family. Call them at 523-4483 for more information.

Pat Saunders

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FEB 25: FREEWAY NOISE

ECC's January 28 general meeting showed yet again that growing freeway noise is a central concern for many Eastlakers. As a start toward addressing this problem, ECC urges you to attend a public workshop hosted by the Washington State Department of Transportation **Tuesday, February 25, 4-8 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church** (near Roanoke Park, just east of Interstate 5). We will hear the initial results of a consultant's study of how to reduce freeway noise. The study stemmed from a successful effort by the ECC, in alliance with three other neighborhood groups, to prevent a widening of State Route 520 and, with the help of our state legislators, requiring the Department to conduct a study of how to mitigate the noise and traffic already generated by SR520.



EASTLAKE AND LOUISA

One finding of the study is that the freeway noise along Boylston Ave. E. is the highest in any residential area in the state, and is getting worse. Although it necessarily focuses on the area closest to SR520, the study is a starting point for what we hope will be a solution to the noise problem all along I-5. If you are unable to attend the February 25 open house, you can call WSDOT's Lorena Eng 562-4091 for a summary of the study, then send your ideas to: Freeway Noise, c/o Eastlake Community Council, 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle, WA 98102.

MARCH 10: PARKING ZONE

At ECC's general meeting on March 10 in the Seward School gymnasium (7-9 p.m.), the Engineering Department will lead a discussion of possible approaches to a Residential Parking Zone (RPZ) for Eastlake. The Board of ECC will then make a recommendation to the Engineering Department. In April petitions will be circulated in the neighborhood for implementing the RPZ. At least 60% of the residences must agree to the RPZ by signing a petition. **Please come to this meeting or send your ideas to RPZ Ideas, c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102.**

Why an RPZ? The RPZ provides a means of protecting our neighborhood from parking congestion resulting from the daily influx of commuters to this area. The goal of the RPZ is to make more on-street parking available for residents of the neighborhood.

How does it work? An RPZ operates by prohibiting or restricting on-street parking. Vehicles belonging to residents are exempted from the restriction by displaying special decals issued by the City.

Where are we in the process? 1) A request has been made to the City and the Engineering Department is working with us to implement the Eastlake RPZ this year. 2) A parking study has been completed and the Engineering Department has developed a preliminary design proposal, which will be presented at the March 10 meeting. 3) A meeting has been held with representatives from the neighborhood, local businesses and the Engineering Department.

Other questions: *Is there a charge for RPZ car decals?* Yes, there is a \$27 fee renewable every two years. This fee supports the costs of the RPZ program. *Can my friends and visitors still park near my home?* Yes, households can obtain a guest parking permit. Special permits can also be obtained for non-residents who have legitimate business within the RPZ. *What if the RPZ doesn't work to increase available on-street parking for residents?* After implementation, the RPZ will be monitored and reviewed. If the RPZ is not effective, we can make modifications to the design.

What can I do to make sure that Eastlake gets a Residential Parking Zone?

- Attend the March RPZ meeting in your neighborhood
- Sign a petition for the RPZ
- Volunteer to circulate a petition on your block, dock, or in your building
- Volunteer to coordinate petition circulation

