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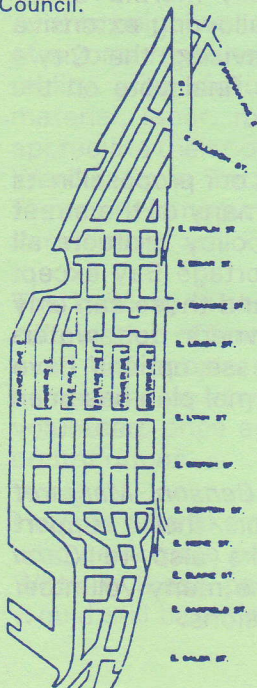
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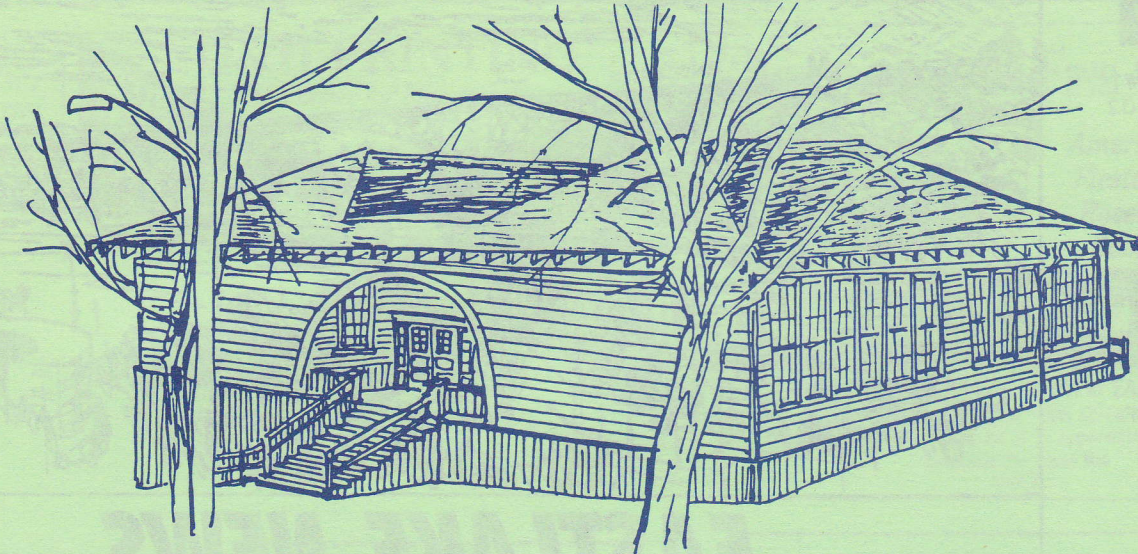
EASTLAKE NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Every Thursday** after 6:30 Open House Projects Night at the Huber residence, 2300 Yale Avenue East (NE corner of Lynn street; phone 322-2499). See page 3.
- April 28,** Wednesday at 7:30, 2345 Minor Ave. E. #1. Olmsted-Fairview Park Commission. Come hear about how to steward and expand the neighborhood's parks.
- April 29,** Thursday at 7 p.m. 2517 Eastlake (Police Officers Guild). ECC General Meeting where METRO will present its plans for introducing electric trolleys on the #70 bus line. See page 2.
- May 1,** Saturday from 8 am to 3 pm, Hamlin Street-End Park. Work party to clean up the park. See page 3.
- May 1,** Saturday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 2515 Boylston Ave. E. Centennial celebration for Seward School's oldest building; TOPS auction to follow. See page 1.
- May 3,** Monday at 7 pm, 2331 Fairview Ave E. #F. Eastlake Diversity Programs meeting. See page 6.
- May 3,** Monday at 7:30 pm, 2615 Yale Ave E. #12. Eastlake String-of-Pearls meeting. See page 7.
- May 13,** Thursday at 5 pm, Hamlin Street-End Park. Formal dedication with refreshments. See page 3.

SEWARD SCHOOL 100 YEARS

Celebrate seward's 100th -- 4:30-6:30 p.m. May 1--The neighborhood joins with the Option Program at Seward (TOPS) to welcome old grads to a centennial celebration of the founding of Seward School and of Seattle's oldest wooden frame schoolhouse. There will be refreshments, speakers, tours, and just a good time reminiscing. If you know anyone who ever was a student, parent, or employee of Seward, ***please urge them to attend*** this ***once-in-a lifetime*** event. If you have old photographs or memorabilia to offer for display, please call 720-4792, or bring on May 1.



Seward's oldest building was built in 1893 amid forests, with pastures to the south and only a pathway leading to the city center. The larger wooden building dates to 1905; recently its west porch was beautifully restored. The brick building was built in 1917. The three represent a living museum of architectural styles, and together are protected as a City landmark; the oldest building is also on the National Register of Historical Places.

The Seward centennial celebration will be from 4:30 to 6:30 (speakers at 5 p.m.). Afterwards, the TOPS parents will hold their Spring Fever auction; tickets are \$10 at the door, or \$8 beforehand (call 323-5598).

NEWS FROM ECC

ECC General Meeting

Come to the (ECC) general meeting **Thursday, April 29 at 7 pm** in Seattle Police Officers' Guild, 2517 Eastlake Ave E, to hear about the exciting plans for bus line 70! Officials from METRO will be there outlining the plans to make it an **electric trolley line**. Current plans would use the same routing as the current one except in the U-district, where it would run on 15th Ave NE instead of on University Way NE.

Written comments can be sent to Metro, Attn Greg Bush, 821 2nd Ave, Seattle 98104-9986 **before May 19**. Help reinstate quiet, non-polluting electric bus service to the Eastlake area!

The Eastlake Auction

The Auction was a smashing success. Lots of Eastlakers found their way into *Pazzo's* to munch on great pizza and look over all the auction items offered. Auctioneer *Dick Arnold* did an excellent job

to get the bidding going and get everyone in a great mood. Memories of the bidding for the homemade bread will linger for a long time! Thanks to *Pazzo's*, *Dick Arnold* and the superb organizers *Kay Jones* and *Donna Hainer* for making this the best Eastlake fundraiser ever, raising more than \$5300! Also kudos to all the donors--businesses and individuals--who contributed generously to the auction.

Residential Parking Zone (RPZ) update

The ECC RPZ Committee, the Eastlake Business Association and the Seattle Engineering Department are continuing active discussions regarding the Eastlake RPZ. We still plan for the RPZ proposal to be presented at a Street Use Appeals hearing and to the City Council by the end of this summer. For questions or comments, call Lynn Poser 323-9257.

Street-End vacations

ECC wants to thank the Transportation Committee of the Seattle City Council (especially *Martha Choe*, Chair, and *Ed Murray*, Staff) for allowing extensive input into its deliberations on revising the City's street ends vacation policy. The final vote on the policy was on Monday, April 12th.

Although the Council did not adopt our proposal in its entirety, we were able to protect many of the street ends proposed for parks. The policy protects all street ends on Lake Union and Portage Bay except those that are industrially zoned, and those can only be vacated to adjacent landowners for water-related/dependent use after all lease options have been explored, and only after a formal plan has been adopted by the City Council.

ECC also wants to thank *George Benson*, *Margaret Pageler*, and *Sherry Harris* for their support throughout the process. Thanks also to *Carol Eychaner* and *Dan Clarkson* for the many volunteer hours they put into the policy revisions.

Dragnet--and Seahunt--in Eastlake

The February issue of the Eastlake News gave descriptions of two men suspected of the wave of apartment burglaries in our neighborhood. On March 5, 1993, a neighborhood resident--who according to the police report had read the descriptions we had listed--saw the two in the 2200 block of Minor Avenue and quickly notified the Seattle Police Department. Detective John Nelson and the patrol officers on duty bravely ran the two down--one in an alley, the other in Lake Union under a dock where he had attempted to hide. The defendants were found with stolen property and lock picking tools, and they have prior convictions for theft and other offenses.

Thank you, vigilant Eastlakers, and I know you join in applauding Detective Nelson and his colleagues. Please keep calling 911 about suspicious activity, and let the Eastlake News know how else we can help fight crime in the neighborhood.

HAMLIN STREET-END PARK

Park Dedication--After years of hard work and planning, the Hamlin Street-End Park will be formally dedicated on **Thursday, May 13** at 5 pm. Refreshments will be served and all volunteers and residents are encouraged to attend. To help get the park looking its best, a work party will be held **Saturday, May 1** from 8 am to 3pm. Please come by for an hour or two to help plant, weed, spread bark, or just clean-up. If you have a shovel, rake, or wheel-barrow, we can put them to good use for the day. If you don't have any of these items don't worry, just come prepared to garden and we will fix you up.

At this point I would like to take a minute and thank everyone responsible for helping make the park a reality. The following businesses have donated material, labor, money or all three and we greatly appreciate their contribution: Walker, Richer & Quinn, Ward's Cove Packing, Casal Construction, Hamlin Shores Homeowner's Association, The Berger Partnership, and Frank Colluccio Construction.

The building of the Hamlin Street-End Park was the culmination of literally thousands of hours of work by over 100 people. While space doesn't allow us to name everyone by name, I would like to thank all the volunteers once again for their hard work, and their contributions.

I would also like to single out the following people who gave quite generously of their time and money. Without these people, the Hamlin Street-End park would still be a simple drawing on an 8 ½ by 11 inch

sheet of paper. Jeff Girvin and Todd Matthews of The Berger Partnership, Merle Blehm of Frank Colluccio Construction Co. Inc, Jim Dare of the Seattle Engineering Department, Stephanie Eldringhoff of the Department of Neighborhoods, Chris Leman, Ron Adams, Dick Carlton, Mike Thompson, Ruth and Spenser Kunath and Bill Pearson.

Two volunteers who deserve special recognition are Patricia Fraser and Jean Savelle. Patricia Fraser, who recently passed away, gave generously of her time and money at a very critical point in the parks' construction. Jean Savelle is the longest serving member of the Hamlin Street-End Park Committee and has been actively working to establish a park at the foot of Hamlin Street for at least 7 years. Jean also gave very generously of her time and money at a critical point in the parks' construction. These are two neighborhood residents the whole community owes a debt of gratitude.

Donations may still be made to the Hamlin-Street Park Committee to cover the cost of maintenance/new plants. Please send to Hamlin Street-End Park Committee, 2728 Fairview Ave E #104, Seattle, WA, 98102. For questions about the work party or dedication, please call Mike Sullivan at 329-4371.

Mike Sullivan

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Please remember that you are welcome on **any Thursday evening** between 6:30 and 10:00 to come talk about Eastlake and share a meal (potluck or not, whatever fits into your schedule) at the Huber household, 2300 Yale, corner of Lynn. These gatherings have produced much merriment and more than a few great ideas about nearly everything from graffiti to gateways, from parks to design review guidelines. If you are not sure which project would be the most fun for you, come talk it over on a Thursday night.

Recent meetings of the ECC Board of Directors have covered a wide range of issues such as Seward School expansion and the traffic impacts of the proposed Seattle Commons. Perhaps a glance at our organizational chart is the best way to see what we're up to. If you have a particular concern, please feel free to call me at 322-2499 and I'll put the right person in touch with you.

A frequent out-of-town traveler, Shari Hirst, has turned the books over to Surain afSandeberg. On behalf of the community I want to say **thank you**,

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Shari, for all the hard work on the Board over the past several years, and especially for your outstanding accomplishments as manager of the auction a year ago and financial manager of the Eastlake tour. Both events were great successes due to your talent and dedication.

Thanks to the help of Lake Union Mail, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, The Bicycle Wrench, and The Institute for Transportation and the Institute for the Environment, the ECC received an "Oil Smart" grant of \$500 from the Bullitt Foundation for our ride sharing and bicycle transportation initiatives. Most of the money will be used as seed funding to get bigger grants to develop a neighborhood traffic plan based on broad citizen input.

Thanks and more thanks to Donna Hainer, Kay Jones, Dick Arnold and their great team of volunteers for pulling off last month's Charity Auction -- the most successful ECC fundraiser ever! They raised \$5,300, half of which goes to the Eastlake Community School Program.

If you haven't done so already, please fill out your membership application today! As more people become members, our ability to serve the community increases. (And the projects you want to see happen can qualify for more funding!!!)

David Huber, 322-2499

AROUND EASTLAKE

The Last Gas Station

Motor vehicle fuel--and free air for bicycle tires--are no longer available here now that Eastlake has lost its last gas station. After 23 years at the corner of Eastlake and Hamlin, Terry Kelly's Chevron has closed its doors. The site is now fenced off and may remain so for a year or more while the property owners prepare to shift it to another use. Terry has reopened as Kelly's Service Center, an auto repair and U-Haul rental agency just across the University Bridge at 4115 Roosevelt Way (632-6121).

A challenge to history buffs: besides Hal's Shell (once located at Eastlake and Lynn), how many other old gas station sites can you pinpoint in our neighborhood? (Hint: the UW library's Special Collections have old business directories by address). The longest list--preferably with business names and addresses, etc.--will win a free lube, oil change and filter at the new Kelly's. Send your entries to: Gas Stations, ECC, 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle 98102.

Eastlake Highlights from the 1990 U.S. Census

Joy Dear of Eastlake's Diversity Group has prepared the following excerpts from the recently released Eastlake breakdown of U.S. Census figures:

<i>Total population</i>	3585
Under age 5	66
5-17	71
18-65	3206
Over age 65	242

Caucasian	3224
Asian	157
African-American	92
Hispanic	84
American-Indian	25
Other	26

<i>Housing (units)</i>	2437
Owner occupied	501
Rental	1813
Vacant	123

Single family	351
Multi-family	1974
Other	112

The median value of owner-occupied housing was \$204,000 and the median monthly rent was \$450.

ITT-Hartford Employees Adopt an Avenue

Seattle Engineering Department signs have only recently acknowledged longtime efforts of the Hartford Insurance Company (1820 Eastlake Ave. E.) to clean up Eastlake Avenue E. The entire neighborhood is grateful for the quiet efforts of employees and management to keep this increasingly busy arterial pleasant to drive, bicycle, walk, and take the bus.

Transition

Eastlakers mourn the death of their neighbor Dick Westgard, a longtime ECC member. Westgard was a nationally known advocate of child welfare, and will be impossible to replace.

The Case of the Missing Crosswalks

Some aspects of our neighborhood streets and traffic regulations discourage walking, bicycling, or taking the bus. Consider the prohibition of crossing at several key corners. Say you're coming out of G&H Printing at the southeast corner of Eastlake Ave. E. and E. Louisa St. and you'd like to catch a southbound bus in front of Tio's Bakery directly across the street. Do you take the quickest route across Eastlake Avenue on the south side of Louisa? No--the City has prohibited pedestrians from crossing there. You must cross to the north side of Louisa, push the button and wait, cross Eastlake, and again cross back to the south side of Louisa. The result? You've had to cross three streets when one would do--and probably missed your bus in the bargain.

Or say you live on Boylston Ave. E., north of E. Roanoke St., and you want to walk across the bridge over Interstate 5 to enjoy lovely old Roanoke Park just two blocks away. Do you take the direct route east on Roanoke St. across Boylston and Harvard avenues? No--the City has prohibited pedestrians from crossing either street on the north side of Roanoke St. You must cross to the south side of Roanoke, cross Boylston at that point, cross the exit ramp from State Route 520, then go back across Roanoke St. in order to get to the park. The result--two extra crossings of busy streets, plus the wait as you push a button at every crossing to summon that pokey "walk" signal.

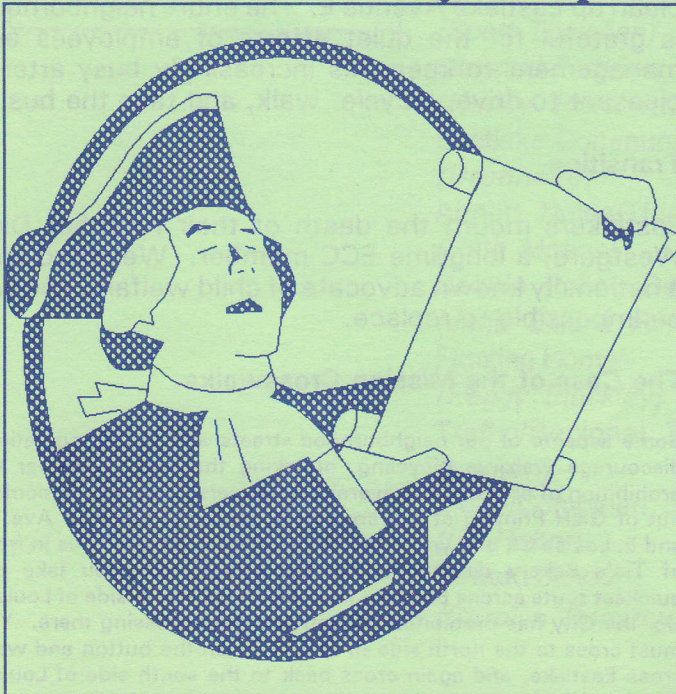
Traffic laws make walking even more dangerous and inconvenient. The "walk" signals are too brief for safe crossings by seniors, children, and the disabled. And the speed limit on these streets is an unsafe 25 or even 30 miles per hour. State law does not allow the speed limit to be reduced near city parks or anywhere else but near schools, and the City has not chosen to reduce the speed limit near Seward School. And although crossing is often safer for pedestrians at mid-block where they can see cars and be seen, Seattle is one of the few Washington cities that on arterials forces pedestrians to cross only at crosswalks.

Something is wrong here. Federal, state, and city policies grandly promote alternatives to driving, but the actual administration of our streets punishes walking or taking the bus. More than any other place, a neighborhood's "town center" should encourage easy pedestrian access by citizens and customers. And isn't it enough that Interstate 5 closed off all of the other east-west streets by which generations of Eastlakers walked to Roanoke Park; why should the City turn even the last remaining walking route into an obstacle course?

The case of the missing crosswalks suggests some opportunities to make Eastlake a safer, more convenient, and pleasant place to walk and ride the bus. Do you have a favorite example or proposal for how to improve City streets and traffic regulations? Write to us at: Traffic Ideas, c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle 98102.

Chris Leman

Eastlake Tomorrow Project Reports



Eastlake Gateways Project

Eastlake's south gateway park is rapidly taking shape! Linking the shoreline and the triangles of land at the crossroads of Eastlake and Fairview, the park will feature coordinated plantings, a waterfront walkway, and a major commissioned art installation. The Gateways committee consists of *Eastlake Tomorrow* participants (anyone is welcome!) and representatives from Ralli-Round, Lake Union Dry Dock, Washington State Employees Credit Union (owners of the building now under construction) and ZymoGenetics (new owner of the Steam Plant). Architect John Schwartz is designing and coordinating the project with City departments. *If you want to help draft the criteria for the art piece, please call Scott Theissen at 328-7191.*

Joy Huber 322-2499

Eastlake Diversity Program

In the last months, the Diversity Group has adopted a working draft definition of diversity and identified two project priorities. We welcome your comments and input in this draft:

We define diversity as economic diversity, as well as age, cultural, racial and professional diversity. The two major ways we see to encourage diversity in Eastlake are by providing affordable housing and by promoting more community services and activities that connect people together. We believe that our public school building at Seward is key to our goal of connecting people through community services and activities. We want to encourage the preservation of single-family homes in Eastlake as one of our neighborhood's chief charms.

Currently, we are identifying sites for affordable housing. In addition, we are planning a community centennial celebration of the Eastlake neighborhood, showcasing Marjorie Steinbrueck's Victorian home. Look forward to an August celebration!

So, call Andrea Brenneke with your ideas (720-0300) and join us the first Monday of every month for our regular meetings. On *May 3rd*, we will be meeting at **7:00 p.m.** at Peggy & Tom Stockley's residence, 2331 Fairview Avenue E., #F. Do diversity!

Andrea Brenneke

Eastlake I-5 Solution

Ten members of the I-5 Solution Team met privately with two officials of the Washington State Department of Transportation prior to their March 29th public meeting on the State's noise mitigation for SR 520 and I-5. Unlike the public meeting, the private meeting focused exclusively on the noise from the I-5 bridge -- more precisely, the amplified noise that travels up from the express lanes (lower deck) and then bounces down off the upper roadbed to the people on the ground below. Our goal for this year is to have the State close the express lanes altogether during nighttime hours (say, 11 to 5?) and on Sundays. Looking ahead to the rest of the project, we are also researching a number of noise mitigation techniques that other U.S. and European cities have employed to retrofit existing freeways like ours. Meanwhile we need more volunteers, (1) to enlist political support for closing the express lanes, (2) to research engineering alternatives, and (3) to contact every resident and property owner along Boylston. *Please call!*

Anthony Vincent 328-2895

String-of-Pearls

The String of Pearls Committee held its monthly meeting on Monday, April 12th, at Karen Berry's house. We discussed the issue of what constitutes community consensus, as regards a trail route along the Eastlake waterfront. Thanks to Joy Huber, the novel approach of involving the community in an art project will help develop involvement leading to consensus. The group will receive funds from a Seattle Small and Simple grant, to erect a temporary art project this summer -- a series of "walking fish" to be placed along a projected route for the trail and street-end parks. The residents of Eastlake will be invited to comment on the placement of the fish and the trail throughout the summer. Ellen Sollen, the artist chosen for the project, gave a presentation at the meeting. There is lots to be done -- please call Karen Berry 323-0982, who volunteered to be interim chair of the project. Volunteers are also needed to interface with the *Pocock Rowing Foundation*.

The String-of-Pearls group meets every month on the second Monday at 7:30 pm. Next meeting is on **May 3rd at 7:30 p.m.** (first Monday this time) at Dan Clarkson's at 2615 Yale Ave E. #12. Please call Dan 720-0300 for more information.

Dan Clarkson

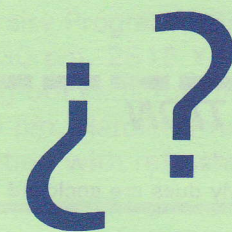
Traffic Plan & Building Guidelines

Grants Sought for Design Guidelines and Traffic Planning--The Eastlake Community Council is preparing to apply for neighborhood matching grants for design review and traffic planning. Design guidelines for Eastlake would be used in City review of new building projects and would address the areas of building site planning; height, bulk, and scale; architectural elements and materials; pedestrian environment; and landscaping. Eastlake's guidelines would supplement citywide guidelines currently before the City Council. A neighborhood traffic plan would address traffic speeds and seek a balance between through traffic, local traffic, buses, bikes, pedestrians, and green space. We welcome volunteers and suggestions on design guidelines (Lynn Poser, 323-9257) and the traffic plan (Chris Leman, 322-5463), and are exploring whether to separate or combine these efforts in grant applications. Pre-applications will be filed by May 3, with the final deadline in July.

MILES COUNTRY

This is the first in a series of columns by Steven Miles offering "helpful hints". Send in your questions c/o ECC, 117 E Louisa St.

I'm a collector of *old things*. Some people call them junk, some people call them antiques. Myself, I call them bargains, because I learned from a very amazing woman that one man's junk can be another man's treasure. She taught me respect for *old ideas*, too -- like what you have in the house is what you use to get by on. Now, I believe that the old ideas, plus common sense and a good imagination, can get you pretty far in life!



So, I'm writing this "helpful hints" column in order to pass along old ideas. Let's say you have questions about your yard, house plants, a squeaky door, stain, musty smelling room ... or maybe you want to know what to do with that favorite bowl that's too shallow for a fish and not deep enough for flowers. Well, I know the answers.

Where on earth did I learn this stuff? Contrary to popular belief I *did* listen to someone as I was growing up -- Ula Fader Thomas, more affectionately known as "Grammie". Born in 1896, she lived on the shores of Lake Union in 1926. Grammie moved to Oregon and raised her nine children and many of her twenty grandchildren. Last year we lost her at the age of 96. She had learned a lot, through hard times and good times, and she lovingly shared her ideas with her family and neighbors. In this column I hope to do my

grandmother justice, by giving to my community as she gave to hers.

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