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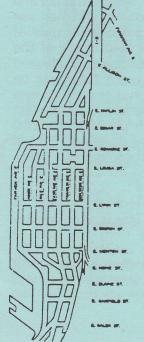
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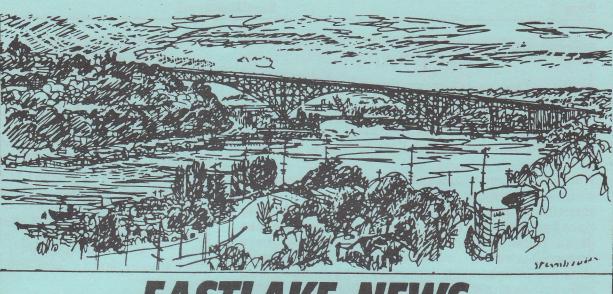
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# EASTLAKE NEWS

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Every	after 6:30 Open House Projects Night at the	Huber residence,
Thursday	y 2300 Yale Avenue East (NE corner of Lynn street; phone	
	322-2499).	See page 3.
June 19-20,	Saturday-Sunday 9 am-1 pm at 3134 Elliot Ave. Suite 223.	
	"Walking Fish" painting parties.	See page 5.
June 22,	Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Seward School Library.	
	ECC general meeting to evaluate the proposals to rehabilitate	
	Seward School.	See page 1.
July 13,	Tuesday at 7 pm, 2331 Fairview Ave E. #F.	
	Eastlake Diversity Programs meeting.	See page 5.
August 15,	Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m.	
	Franklin Ave between Roanoke and Edgar. Centennial	
	celebration for the Eastlake Community.	See page 2.

# SEWARD SCHOOL REHABILITATION ?

**ECC meeting to weigh Seward redo June 22.--**Historic Seward School's first-ever rehabilitation is now being proposed by the School District. Initial studies of possible demolition of the school buildings and even of homes south of Louisa St. drew a stiff warning letter from the Eastlake Community Council. The new proposal is said to involve no demolition, but to involve *construction* on what is now Franklin St above Rogers Playfield. To help provide an independent review of the proposals, we are pleased to have distinguished preservation architect Cima Malek-Aslani. Come to this important *June 22 meeting* (7-9 p.m. in the Seward School library) to help the neighborhood evaluate and comment on plans for our favorite school.

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# STREET PARTY

### Eastlake to celebrate Its 100th birthday ♥♥♥ Old-fashioned Street Party ♥♥♥

The Eastlake community celebrates its 100th birthday on Sunday, August 15th from 1 pm to 6 pm with a streetful of fun. Franklin Ave. E will be officially closed to vehicular traffic for that day from Roanoke St. to Edgar St. to accommodate the public party featuring *strolling musicians, clowns,* children's activities (maybe even horse and buggy rides!), *food* and *historical exhibits*. A neighborhood baseball game is in the works and a cake with a 100 candle blow-out will top off the day.

The date was selected to commemorate the centenary of two landmark structures in the Eastlake neighborhood: the **Steinbrueck-Nelson's delightful** yellow Victorian house on Franklin Ave. and the grand old Seward School, home to TOPS. The house will be open for viewing between 2 and 4 pm on that day.

Families are encouraged to attend the event. The Children's Corner will feature art and story projects, games, traditional lemon and peppermint stick treats and freshly squeezed lemonade. A community rummage sale will entertain browsers and buyers alike. An oldtime gas-powered ice-cream maker will be cranking all day long to make tasty ice cream cones, and a barbecue will feed hungry strollers. Proceeds from all sales will benefit the Eastlake Community Land Trust and the Eastlake Diversity Program, a project of the Eastlake Community Council.

Setup your own booth! Eastlakers are encouraged to set up booths to sell homemade crafts and baked goods as well as to display other historical artifacts and photos from the neighborhood. Space for booths is limited so contact us early!

We need your help! Call the *information hotline at* **521-8183** for ideas on how *you* can help; this is also the phone number for *businesses* that would like to *sponsor or donor*. You can also call Marjorie Nelson-Steinbrueck at 329-3097. And, we need someone to chair the rummage sale, a place for temporary storage, and donated items to benefit the neighborhood. Please join us August 15!





### HAMLIN STREET-END PARK

The Hamlin Street-End Park was formally dedicated on May 13, 1993. This dedication followed a work party the previous Saturday where several volunteers gathered to plant over 200 new plants. Upcoming projects for the park include the installation of garbage receptacles and a sign, the addition of bark to the planting beds, and a bulb planting party this fall. Watch for upcoming notices if you are interested in helping with any of these projects.

I would like to thank the following people who showed up at the work party on Saturday, May 8th to plant: David Powell, Ron Adams, Scot Pearson, Judy Sarafin, Ron Dick, Jean Savelle, Ruth and Spencer Kunath, and Yvonne Jones. Thanks, you all did a great job. I would also like to thank Lisa and Andreas Krober for their continuing help and donations of plants.

The following companies deserve our recognition and support for their generous contributions to the park; L'Elephant Espresso and Remlinger Farms. Ellen Chevalier of L'Elephant Espresso, 2946 Eastlake Ave East, generously gave \$100 which will be used to purchase more spring bulbs. Remlinger Farms located at 32610 NE 32nd Street in Carnation generously provided assistance in selecting the proper plants for our unique park, and provided those plants at a greatly reduced price. Without the generous support of these companies, and the many others who have donated money and supplies, our park would not exist. Express your thanks to these companies through your patronage.

Two other volunteers deserve our special thanks and recognition this month; Ruth Kunath and her son Spencer. Not only have they done a great deal of planting in the park, but also tackled some of the rougher work such as building concrete walls and spreading gravel. On any given night they may be found at the park weeding, watering, or planting one of the many plants they have donated. Over the last two weeks they have worked on planting the 200 summer flowering bulbs they have donated. This is a gift that will be enjoyed for years to come. Thank you for all your hard work!.

Donations may still be made to cover the cost of maintenance and improvements. This is a community park which receives no funding from the City of Seattle. To make a donation or volunteer to help, write to Hamlin Street-End Park Committee, 2728 Fairview Ave East #104, Seattle, WA, 98102 or call Mike Sullivan at 329-4371. serving as a model for what an "urban village" actually is. Nothing like being on the cutting edge!

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.

David Huber, 322-2499



### HELP PRESERVE EASTLAKE'S OPEN SPACE

The property at Eastlake Avenue East and Shelby Street is one of 23 properties being considered for acquisition by the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation via the Conservation Futures Fund. A Citizens Oversight Committee is in the progress of reviewing these properties and making recommendations as to which properties should be considered for purchase with these funds. The funds are limited and cannot possibly cover the purchase of all 23 properties. For the Eastlake/Shelby property to remain under consideration we need your help <u>now</u>.

You can help preserve Eastlake's only significant open space and create a park by *writing to show your support*. A letter to the Committee expressing your support of a park for Eastlake *will make a difference*. Please write to:

Citizens Oversight Committee c/o Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation 2911 Second Avenue Seattle, WA 98121-1012

*Write now!* The Committee's next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, June 22, 7-9 p.m. in the Park Board Room, 100 Dexter Avenue N. The Committee will consider all public input made prior to the meeting and make final recommendations.

### TABOR ELECTRIC COMPANY HONORED

A local electrician outfit has received one of the Mayor's Small Business awards. The businesses were selected based on community service, creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurial achievement. Congratulations to owner Langston Tabor, who both lives and works in Eastlake.

### **BEULAH ROAT**, 1898-1993

One of Eastlake's cherished citizens passed away in April. Beulah Roat moved here in 1917 with her

husband, who built their waterfront house on Fuhrman Avenue along the ship channel. The house (which stood where South Passage Park is now located) was lost to Interstate 5; in fact, Interstate 5 also took Beulah's husband, who died of a heart attack after seeing the wrecking ball destroy the house he had built for her. Beulah lived for another thirty years in an apartment house that she managed with great energy and unmatched courtesy.

Beulah's daughters attended Seward School in the 1930s, and she served in the PTA, where she sang in the mothers' choir. Last year, the Eastlake News published "Weeping Willow," one daughter's poetic elegy to the world we have lost in the development of Eastlake and Lake Union. In sending us the poem, Beulah wrote: "Today all we have left is a lonely willow tree." God bless you, Beulah.

To the end, Beulah Roat retained clear memories of all she had seen, relating them with a rare eloquence and enthusiasm. The Eastlake Historical Society invites your written recollections of Beulah and her story; any available recordings of her would of course be welcome. Send to History Project, c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle, WA 98102, or call 322-5463 (volunteers welcome).

# BUYER NEEDED TO SAVE THE STONE MANSION

The great stone mansion at 1900 Franklin Avenue East is for sale. Owner and neighbor Dan Ramras (283-5212) is looking for a buyer with the imagination for a historic renovation of it for a home, apartments, or a classy bed and breakfast. The 85-year old mansion has a colorful history (some say it was once a brothel!). It is of the same stone found in many of Seattle's oldest buildings, and has 7 + bedrooms, two baths, and the grandest front steps one can imagine. Thanks to Dan for preserving this gem; who will take responsibility for its next generation of use?

### SHARE THE RIDE!

Would you give a senior citizen an occasional ride to the doctor, to a square dance etc.? Are you carless and would like to join someone grocery shopping or



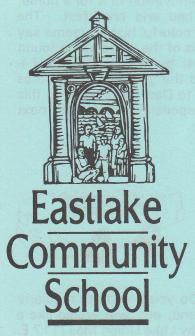
even to the mountains? Do you commute regularly to Everett, Renton, Redmond, etc. and would like a carpool or vanpool? Drop by Lake Union Mail (117 E. Louisa St.) and sign up on the Eastlake Rideshare Exchange bulletin board. For questions (or to register by phone), call 322-5463. June 1993

### FRANKLIN PLAYSCAPE FINISHED--ALMOST

Franklin Avenue between Seward School and Rogers Playfield has been set aside for strolling and play for decades. At the Seward centennial, keynoter Margaret Symons (a parent from the 1970s) recalled how the neighborhood and the school had teamed up to build the wooden playscape, designed by a UW landscape architecture class. That structure had to be removed last year, but now a new modern playscape is in place thanks to a similar partnership between the neighborhood and the parents of TOPS (the Option Program at Seward). The Eastlake Community Council arranged for a \$2500 donation through the Olmsted-Fairview Park Commission, and joined TOPS in obtaining a \$13,000 City grant.

The project would have been impossible without volunteers such as Clint Worthington, whose All-City Fence Company drilled holes to anchor the structure and lent its jackhammer and other equipment. Then came gravel and a pile of wood chips about as large as you would see at a pulp mill. Ten teachers, thirty parents, a hundred students, and some neighborhood stragglers labored for days shoveling the chips within the retaining walls. It's the neighborhood's turn to finish the job. Please tote a shovel over there sometime this week and move the rest of the wood chips and help clean up the area. What a great centennial gift to give Seward!

# COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Eastlake residents will be sad to learn that the Eastlake Community School (ECS) will close its doors on June 30th due to lack of funding. This is happening despite an extremely successful year, and a strong interest from teachers and students for the next fall session.

The school, a project of the Eastlake Community Council (ECC), attracted over 200 students in its second year of operations. It was originally funded through a grant from the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods; however, the two-year grant expires

this June. Several fundraising efforts by the ECS Advisory Board and ECC were quite successful, but did not generate enough to continue the program. Examples of some of the more popular courses offered through the ECS, most of them held at the Seward School, included computers, bridge, dog training, wine tasting, CPR, Spanish, and yoga.

The ECS Advisory Board feels that the program has provided the oppportunity for fun learning experiences in a neighborhood setting. If the school were to be reopened in the future, it could serve as a focal point for the community.

Although the school was supported through a grant, over 600 hours of volunteer time were donated from Eastlake residents to run the school. Special *thanks* to those who volunteered their time, especially ECS Advisory Board members: Theresa Wolter (president), Donna Hainer (vice-president), Carolyn Bonamy (secretary), Peter Morgan (treasurer), Mark Griffin (fiscal agent), Terri Clyde Eastlake business representative), Karen Kodama, (TOPS at Seward principal), Helen Mitchell, Deborah Walters, and Pat Zito; and *very special KUDOS* to the overworked and very competent coordinators Andy Gary and Margaret O'Donnell.

# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

"Seattle is at a crossroads. We can either take control of our growth and channel it in ways that will enhance our community, or we can sit back and watch unmanaged growth destroy the things we value about Seattle and the Puget Sound region." -opening statement of <u>A Citizen's Guide to the Draft</u> Comprehensive Plan 1994-2014.

Sounds familiar? Planning for the future is something we're learning how to do in Eastlake. The City's Draft Plan designates Eastlake by name as a *"residential urban village"* -- defined as an area "with a concentrated mix of residential development, located on a principal transit route with direct service to at least one Center or Hub Village, ready access from arterials, with a full-range of retail services...[and] conducive to pedestrian use and connected by bike and pedestrian facilities."

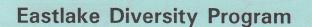
Now is the *crucial period for citizen comment* on the City's Draft Plan, particularly with respect to *limits on building heights*. Be sure to come to the Centennial Celebration, where you'll have an opportunity to help draft Eastlake's response on this and other key issues.

Fortunately, since we've already completed our own neighborhood comprehensive plan through the *Eastlake Tomorrow* project, we are in a very good position to be listened to by the City. In fact, we are

# EASTLAKE TRANSPORTATION PLAN IN PROSPECT

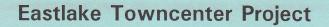
The Eastlake Community Council has submitted to the City a neighborhood matching grant preapplication for a transportation planning process (final application is due in July). We are fortunate to have received commitments of volunteer help from UW professor Richard Untermann and his class as well as from the local transportation engineering firm of KPG. If we receive the grant, the planning process would begin in January, and would involve many public meetings to explore possible improvements on our neighborhood streets. Your ideas are needed! To get involved in the planning process, or highlight a particular problem or proposal, write us at Eastlake Transportation Plan, c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle, WA 98102 (or call 322-5463).

## Eastlake Tomorrow Project Reports



The Eastlake Diversity Program meets every month on the second Tuesday. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 13 at 7 p.m. at the Stockle's on 2331 Fairview Avenue East, #F.

Andrea Brenneke 720-0300



Save your bulbs for the fall plant-in! The Town Center Committee will host a fall plant-in the first weekend of October. We will be inviting you to plant bulbs on any neglected spot of public land you see in the neighborhood. Help make a beautiful spring! More about this as the time comes nearer.

The Town Center Committee's long term goal is to consolidate and beautify the retail core of Eastlake. We visualize Eastlake Avenue fully planted with trees and colorful flowers, festive banners and signs marking Eastlake as a neighborhood, all providing a setting for healthy businesses that deliver jobs and retail services to the neighborhood. The Committee is working with the Eastlake Business Association on joint beautification efforts. A small and simple grant was written for funds to put up banners advertising Eastlake's Centennial. We are looking at a variety of fund raising methods including hanging baskets of flowers between Louisa and Boston. We are getting on the fall tree planting schedule to complete another two blocks of trees on Eastlake.

Come join us! There is enough for everyone! Call Judy Rhodes, 328-0936 to volunteer.

### **Eastlake Parks and Trails**

Formerly known as Eastlake String-of-Pearls.

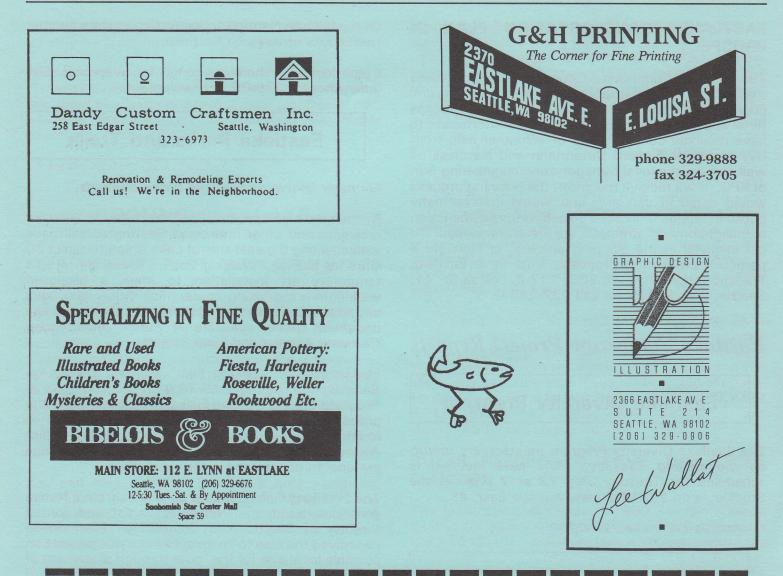
By the time of the printing of *Eastlake News*, Eastlake residents and other interested Seattleites will have walked along the east side of Lake Union to select 30 sites for placing "Walking Fish". These are to be a temporary art installation to mark a proposed walking/running/biking route. For those who have not yet submitted their comments, there are still *comment sheets available at Pete's Supermarket* (Fairview Avenue and Lynn Street).

Please attend "Walking Fish" *painting parties* on *Saturday-Sunday June 19-20* from 9 am to 1 pm to decorate the 30 Walking Fish to be placed along the proposed route. The painting will take place in Northwest artist Karen Berry's studio at 3134 Elliot Avenue, Suite 223. Bring any paint or collage material to donate and wear old clothes.

The "Walking Fish" concept originates from a Native American tradition. Northwest artist and former Director of Seattle Arts Commission Ellen Sollod conceived the idea to invite community comments on possible locations for the route through placement of the fish. Funding is provided from a Seattle Small and Simple grant.

For more information about the Eastlake Parks and Trails Committee and on the Walking Fish, call Dan Clarkson #720-0300.





# **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

This is a □ NEW □ RENEWAL membership.

### DUES

- $\Box$  Household: \$25
- □ Senior/Student/Low Income: \$10
- □ Business: \$50
- □ Extra Donation \$\_

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# I'M INTERESTED IN: Parks and Open Spaces Traffic and/or Parking Issues Building Guidelines Newsletter Block Distribution Fundraising Work Parties Eastlake History Community Art Projects Coming to a community meeting to share and brainstorm more ideas!

NAME/S \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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