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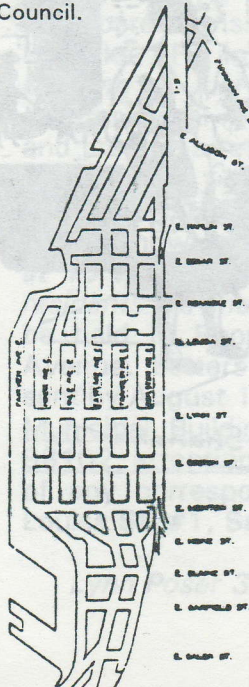
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# EASTLAKE NEWS

## 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 4.
- July 28,** Wednesday 7 pm at the Police Officer's Guild 2517 Eastlake. ECC general meeting. ➡ See page 1.
- August 3,** Tuesday at 7 pm, Municipal Bldg, 600 4th Ave. 11th floor. Public Hearing on Design Guidelines. ➡ See page 3.
- August 15,** Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. Franklin Ave between Roanoke and Edgar. Centennial celebration for the Eastlake Community. ➡ See page 2.
- August 20,** Friday at 10 am, Arctic Bldg, 700 3rd Ave. Public Hearing on RPZ. ➡ See page 3.

## ECC GENERAL MEETING JULY 28

Please come to the ECC (Eastlake Community Council) general meeting on **Wednesday, July 28** between 7 and 9 pm at **The Police Officer's Guild, 2517 Eastlake**. The following topics will be covered:

- o Residential Parking Zone (RPZ)
- o Design Review
- o Comprehensive Plan and Seattle Commons

For more information about this important meeting, ➡ see related articles on page 3. ("Eastlake RPZ" and "August 3 Hearing") !



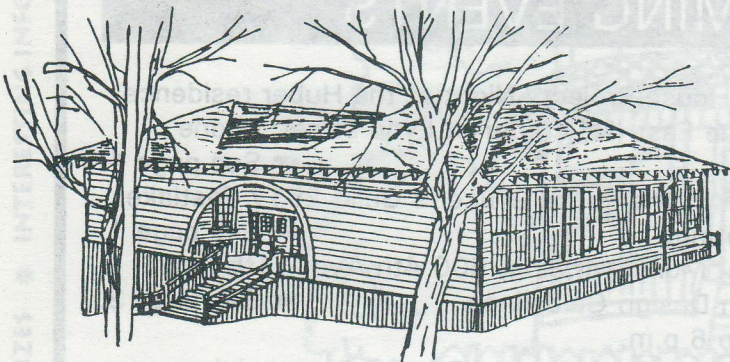
# STREET PARTY

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.

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.



## HOME TOUR

**Birthday House Home Tour from 3 to 5 pm on August 15th!** 2622 Franklin Avenue E, the Nelson/Steinbrueck residence, is 100 years old and still smiling! Please join us to wish Happy Birthday to the Landmark registered Yellow Victorian on Franklin. Music, refreshments and surprise guests will add to the event. Historic guest attendee Minnie More will be with us to divulge house secrets and historic character impersonations. All to benefit the Eastlake Land Trust and Diversity Program.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

**Come join the fun!** The Children's Corner will feature art projects, games, prizes, candy, traditional lemon and peppermint stick treats and of course the Franklin Street Kids Lemonade Stand. Clowns will entertain strolling the streets. Fun for all ages!

Dinosaurs are welcome



## PHOTO EXHIBITION

The photograph exhibition will feature the old house and our neighborhood. If you would like to *lend your photos for display*, your participation would be welcomed and appreciated.

Contact *Linda Nelson* for details, 329-6067. Photos should be submitted by August 10.

## PET EXHIBITION

**The Pet Parade of the Eastlake Centenary event on August 15th is on its way!** Our Pet Parade will be assisted by Jeanne Marie Purro, who will gladly register your pet for this special occasion. Just call our *info line, 521-8183*, and we will call you back pronto. Dogs, cats, pot bellied pigs, birds, rabbits, etc. are all cordially invited to dress up their masters and mistresses for the occasion.

The parade commences promptly at 2:30 on August 15th and will route from Edgar to Roanoke on Franklin Avenue E. It's a one block one time only event. Don't let you and your pet miss joining with other Eastlake neighbors and guests on this historic occasion.

*We'll see you there.*  
Don't P.O. on this one! \*\*

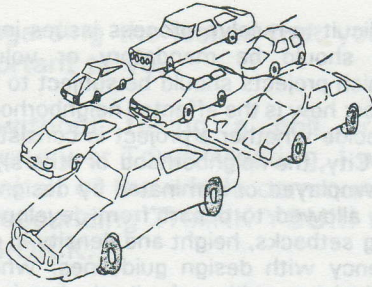
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## EASTLAKE RPZ

*Residential Parking Zones (RPZ's) are areas where residents and their guests are given preference for on-street parking. RPZ's are established in neighborhoods where non-resident parking demand seriously affects on-street parking for residents.*

In the spring of 1992 over 1000 Eastlake residents (more than 60%) signed petitions supporting an RPZ for Eastlake. Eastlake's Phase I proposal is for a daytime parking restriction of 2 hours on one side of the street and 4 hours on the other side for blocks with parking on both sides. There would be a 2 hour daytime restriction for streets with parking only on one side. Night time restrictions for streets with parking on both sides would include no parking on one side and unrestricted parking on the other side. All residents will be entitled to purchase annual permits which will allow unrestricted parking on our neighborhood streets.

Some Eastlake businesses have actively opposed the RPZ for Eastlake. This past year, there have been several meetings with business representatives to discuss their concerns and review alternative proposals.

Despite delays, the Seattle Engineering Department is prepared to issue a draft recommendation for the Eastlake RPZ in the next week. At the **General Meeting on July 28** we will review and discuss this draft proposal in order to get input for modifications and prepare a response.

The next step is the Street Use Appeals Board hearing now scheduled for **Friday August 20, 1993 at 10 am**. The hearing is open to the public and *residents are encouraged to attend*. The hearing will be held in Room 740, Arctic Building, 700 3rd Avenue. Letters supporting the Eastlake RPZ can be sent by August 13 to Street Use Appeals Board, 400 Municipal Building, 600 4th Avenue, Seattle WA 98102, attention Glenda Inman. Please send a copy of any correspondence to Eastlake RPZ, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102.

Lynn Poser 323-9257

## AUGUST 3 HEARING

### August 3 Hearing for City Council Recommended Design Review Process and Guidelines

The Seattle City Council Land Use Committee has made a preliminary recommendation to adopt design guidelines and establish a design review process that would apply to certain projects throughout the City, including Eastlake. A public hearing on the recommendation is scheduled for **August 3 at 7 pm in the City Council** chambers of the Municipal Building (11th Floor, 600 Fourth Avenue); a *sign-up sheet for public comment* at the hearing will be available outside Council chambers beginning at 6 pm.

The proposed design guidelines, the design review process and what it provides for you and Eastlake will be discussed at the **July 28 ECC General Meeting**. The process is intended to more actively involve the neighborhood in the design process, but we need to know whether you would actually participate in the process and whether you think it will be effective.

*Don't feel like this is for design professionals only or that you should not attend the meeting because you haven't read the proposals. The whole point of design review is for you and your neighbors to be able to influence how your neighborhood develops, and a lay person's summary of design review will be given at the ECC meeting.*

Copies of the design guidelines and design review proposal (including amendments proposed by City Council) will be available at the meeting and a limited number are also available at Lake Union Mail, 117 East Louisa Street (please share them with your neighbors). In addition, a summary of the design guidelines and design review process issues is below, but please come to the ECC meeting so we can hear what you have to say. You can also call Carol Eychaner (324-1716), an Eastlake resident and City Design Review Advisory Committee member, if you have any questions.

The City Council design review recommendation (which will be discussed at the July 28 ECC General Meeting) culminates a five-year community effort to have architectural design, urban design and site planning acknowledged as critical components of neighborhood character and how a neighborhood functions. Currently, Seattle has few regulations or review processes that effectively address a building's "qualitative" features. How a project "fits" with existing development and neighborhood character, whether it enhances interaction between people or creates barriers to such interaction, or whether it could be designed to preserve the privacy of an adjacent use, a view from upland properties or important features of its site (such as a



mature stand of trees) are all design considerations that are, for the most part, overlooked or unsuccessfully addressed by Seattle's current codes.

The continuous cavern of street-level parking garages along Eastlake Avenue, especially between Lynn and Louisa, is perhaps the most glaring Eastlake example of neighborhood-destructive development that could have been prevented through design modifications had the City and Eastlake community been empowered with a design review process and guidelines.

The City Council's proposed model for design review would essentially adopt the Mayor's design review recommendation (which was based on a proposal developed by a City-organized citizens advisory committee) with a few substantial changes. Like the Mayor's recommendation, the Council proposal consists of city-wide design guidelines (which communities, the City, and developers and architects will use to direct and evaluate the design of buildings) and a design review process (to promote early developer/community discussions before a project is designed and a process for evaluating each project that is subject to design review).

Design guidelines. Many of the proposed guidelines address a project's effect on the "pedestrian environment" (the public areas where people walk, particularly along the street sidewalks and in the front yards of buildings) and the "streetscape" (what you see when you walk along the street). No doubt you have taken walks in Eastlake and noticed that some buildings, such as those with nearly blank facades, hidden entrances or parking in the front yards, contribute little to your enjoyment of the street and do not encourage you to meet or talk with the people who live or work in such buildings. Others are more inviting, and have well-designed entrances or courtyards, places (such as small retaining walls or steps) where people can sit and visit with one another or facades that offer interesting detail and opportunities for people to step out of their building and observe what's happening on the street below.

The design guidelines are supposed to provide direction on how a project (including the location and design of its uses, access, parking, entrances, etc.) should be designed to enhance the streetscape, other uses in the area and the pedestrian environment. Other guidelines address additional concerns, including views, the privacy needs of adjacent uses, and, importantly, the compatibility of a building's height, bulk and scale with neighboring structures.

One concern about the design guidelines is whether they will really provide the modifications necessary for some buildings or simply tinker around the edges of a project. Another recent concern is that City Council may change the Mayor's recommended guidelines to incorporate public safety as the primary design consideration in each guideline. Depending on how this is resolved in the final version of the design guidelines, this change could be used by some developers as a loophole that could allow them to pursue poorly-conceived design features. While good neighborhood-oriented design and design for public safety are not mutually exclusive (and should always be considered together), developers could misuse the public safety concern to justify a wall around the front of a building (which could be unnecessary and detrimental to the streetscape) or to resist efforts to provide more opportunities for people to interact (such as benches along the street or people-oriented uses at street grade). City staff are currently working with City Council to provide for public safety issues in the design guidelines without creating the loophole for misuse.

Design review process. Most of the design review discussion and controversy has been focused on the proposed process, rather than on the guidelines themselves. Some of the most

critical and difficult-to-resolve process issues include: whether design review should be mandatory or voluntary, and, if mandatory, which projects should be subject to the process and design guidelines; how is the affected neighborhood involved and who gets to decide whether a project is consistent with design guidelines (the City, the neighborhood or others); should the role of SEPA be downplayed or eliminated by design review; should a developer be allowed to depart from development standards such as building setbacks, height and density in order to achieve better consistency with design guidelines; who can appeal a design review decision and how far (to the hearing examiner only or to City Council as well); and, importantly, what about neighborhood guidelines?

The current recommendation provides for a mandatory process that will be phased in during an 18-month period. Only projects in certain zones (L3, L4, Midrise, Highrise, NC1, NC2, NC3 and C1 and C2 only if adjacent to single family) that are also subject to environmental review will be required to go through design review when the full program is in place. In Eastlake, projects along most of Boylston, Franklin, Yale and Eastlake would be subject to design review. Projects in major portions of Eastlake (such as the south-end near SeaFirst, and along Fairview, Minor and portions of Yale and Eastlake) would not be subject to design review.

The design review analysis and recommendation would be made by a panel of five standing members (not the City and not the neighborhood). Three members would be from a city-wide pool (one each with a resident, developer and design professional perspective) and two would be from the local district (one each from the residential and business community). The panel would meet with the community and developer, and at the meeting the community would determine which guidelines were most relevant to a particular site and what design concerns the architect should address. After several additional meetings and public review, the panel would make a recommendation that would be adopted by DCLU only if the recommendation received four or five concurring votes. Otherwise, DCLU would make the decision.

Additional process issues were addressed in the Mayor and City Council proposals. These will be part of the discussion at the ECC July 8 General Meeting.

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

One of the things I like best about being president of this community council is that I am allowed to express certain things on behalf of the whole community. This can be quite difficult when there is an important and controversial issue and there are competing legitimate positions taken by different members of the community. In those cases I'll either say that Eastlake has no position on the matter or let people know what the differing positions are, who is taking them and why.

Having gone through the past three years of community input and participation with the Eastlake Tomorrow Project and based on the past twenty years of Eastlake community activism, the Board of Directors and I have a reliable foundation of information from which to speak on behalf of the



community regarding the issues that you have said are most important to you.

But today, without taking a poll or doing an assessment survey or Town Meeting, I will presume to speak on behalf of the whole community to voice a warm and resounding THANK YOU!!! to RON and JANICE ELLIS-DICK.

Ron and Janice have been on the Board of Directors of the Eastlake Community Council for the past two years and have brought a level of ability, professionalism and enthusiasm to their work that has made serving with them a pleasure. The occasion for this expression of appreciation is a happy and sad moment for me because Ron and Janice and their delightful child, Rachel, have listed their Eastlake home for sale and are moving to Snohomish County to be closer to their work places.

Janice is an experience Prosecuting Attorney in Snohomish County and her husband Ron is an MD in pediatrics. How they found the time and energy to handle their demanding professional careers, raise their daughter, commute to Snohomish County, manage the responsibilities of an Eastlake board member and spearhead the crime prevention and graffiti busting projects of the community council along with the other commitments of their lives is a question worth asking.

I venture to guess that if you were to look into the circumstances of their lives you would not see any spare time to accomplish even a fraction of what they have accomplished for the community. To understand how Ron and Janice have been able to give so much of themselves for the benefit of others you would have to look somewhere besides the circumstances of their lives or even how they organize their commitments. The place to look is inside their hearts. It is inside that part of them that you will see the energy and compassion that it takes to be truly effective in their personal lives, in their families, in their professions and in their community. It is only in their hearts that you will find the stuff which allows them to give so much, be so effective and be fulfilled human beings.

It is this sort of heart that is beating within each of the generous and committed people that I have had the privilege of working with on the board and in the projects. Ron and Janice have been a truly valuable team working on behalf of the quality of life we enjoy in our community. They will be missed, for sure.

So forgive my presumption to speak on your behalf. If you do not know Janice and Ron you have missed two truly remarkable people. If you do know them you will no doubt join me in expressing to them a

depth of gratitude and appreciation going way beyond these words.

Ron and Janice, thank you for the hours, days, weeks and years that you have so kindly given to the people of Eastlake. I am happy that your lives are moving in powerful directions, sad that those directions are away from here. Best wishes to you from the whole community and may the wind be always at your back.

*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*

## AROUND EASTLAKE

### THE GAS STATIONS OF EASTLAKE

Many thanks to those who submitted entries in our gas station sweepstakes. The winner is Earl Blomberg, who was able to cite six former stations along Eastlake Ave. Earl wins a free lube, oil change and filter from Kelly's Service Center, which prior to its recent move was the neighborhood's last gas station.

Many of you remember Kelly's Chevron (SW corner of Eastlake and Hamlin), but did you know that there were two other gas stations at that intersection? A Standard station was on the SE corner; its closure long predated the opening of Terry's. And the NW corner housed a succession of businesses offering "Gas for Less." And you may remember Hal's Shell (SE corner of Eastlake and Lynn), but did you know that there was also a green-and-white General station on the NE corner?

And that's not all. There was Texaco station on the NE corner of Eastlake and Martin. Frank Scheuer lost his station there to the freeway. That makes six along Eastlake. Earl also was able to pinpoint two other gas stations at Roanoke and Harvard. On the NE corner there was a small one (anyone know the name?), and on the SW (?) corner was a Shell whose closing long predated the opening of Hal's. Anyone who can identify any other gas stations that once existed in our neighborhood should write to Gas Stations, c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle 98102.

Why so many gas stations? Stations--and gas tanks--were much smaller in the old days. Also, Eastlake Avenue had more through traffic before Aurora Avenue and Interstate 5 built. When we were down



to two stations, many people patronized both. Helen Mitchell writes: "These two were rivals but we loved them both and so divided our ten cents per gallon business."

### FIX-IT FOCUS

Many of us are enjoying the renovation of the big old mansion on the SE corner of Yale and Roanoke. The new owners, Bob Spangler and Birgit Josenhans, are taking pride in the house and grounds. A cabinetmaker, Bob rebuilt the garage with real craftsmanship, and will next be turning to the siding of the main house. Like a lot of our older homes, the house needed extensive electrical and plumbing work. Thank you, Bob and Birgit, for saving one of Eastlake's grand old homes!

### EASTLAKE RETAIL--A GROWING BUSINESS?

In the continuing saga of neighborhood retail along northern Eastlake Avenue, July brought success with a new branch of Seattle Floral and Garden at the extensively renovated former Copy Mart site at 2920 Eastlake Ave. E. Owner Bob Olf's delightful other store is located at 300 E. Pike; both locations offer a range of florist services, including a 24-hour order line (720-0267). The Eastlake branch is initially offering cut flowers and houseplants, will have Christmas trees in December, and will expand by spring to a full range of nursery plants, an espresso bar and tables and chairs amongst the plants. It will be Eastlake's first nursery since Earl's Garden Patch (now the Quick Stop Grocery and Deli).

Some retailers have closed recently along that stretch of Eastlake. We were sorry to lose International Books (3237 Eastlake Ave. E.) and DACS office machines (3200 Harvard), both of whose storefronts remain unfilled. Also vacant are two restaurant buildings (Lake Union Cafe and Peytons). Now word has just arrived that the Ethnic Heritage Council and American Cultural Exchange are moving from 3123 Eastlake for larger quarters elsewhere. Let's hope for some neighborhood-serving businesses in these vacancies. And let's think of ways to deal with the speeding problem along that part of Eastlake Avenue, and of how to make it safer for customers to park along the street--and to cross Eastlake Avenue safely. Send your suggestions to Eastlake Transportation, c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle 98102.

## ANIMAL LIFE

### GEESE: GLUT OR GODSEND?

Eastlake's largest-ever flock of Canada geese now can be seen grazing our lawns--and fouling our

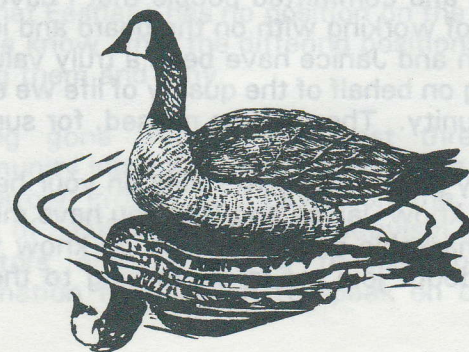
sidewalks. These graceful fowl are favorites of many, but others point out that they spread disease and can be as aggressive as their dinosaur ancestors. Are the geese a problem or a blessing? And even if they are a problem (like this summer's rain), can anything be done about them? We'd like your opinions; please write to Geese, c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle 98102. But whatever you do, don't feed them bread. The Park Department tells us that bread causes the goose equivalent of diarrhea, and that the rats get a lot of it anyway; everyone--especially the geese--will be better off if we let them find their own food. If you'd like to do more research on urban geese, call the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Olympia (753-9884) or Yakima (575-5833), then drop us a note about what you've learned.

### THE FISH OF LAKE UNION

Lake Union is a way station for native steelhead and salmon on their way oceanward or to upstream spawning grounds. Unfortunately, these fish that are so central to the Northwest mystique are threatened by overfishing, by development upstream, by predation from other fish, and perhaps also by Lake Union pollution itself. The Washington Department of Wildlife recently announced that only 150 wild steelhead made it past the Ballard Locks to spawn in Lake Washington tributaries. Several years of runs this small could qualify the stock for endangered species status. The sockeye salmon are also down to 5 percent of their previous average spawning run size.

Many other fish reside in Lake Union year round, or visit it regularly. Natives include northern squawfish, sculpins, and longfin smelts. Introduced eastern species include pumpkinseed, yellow perch, carp, and largemouth bass. The introduced species are easily caught in late summer along the shorelines and docks as the water surface warms. Species like northern squawfish and bass are suspected of significant predation on salmon fry.

A good book is *Inland Fishes of Washington* by Wydoski and Whitney. If you would like to learn more about fish and how we can help them thrive off our shores, call Dave Moore at 325-5463.





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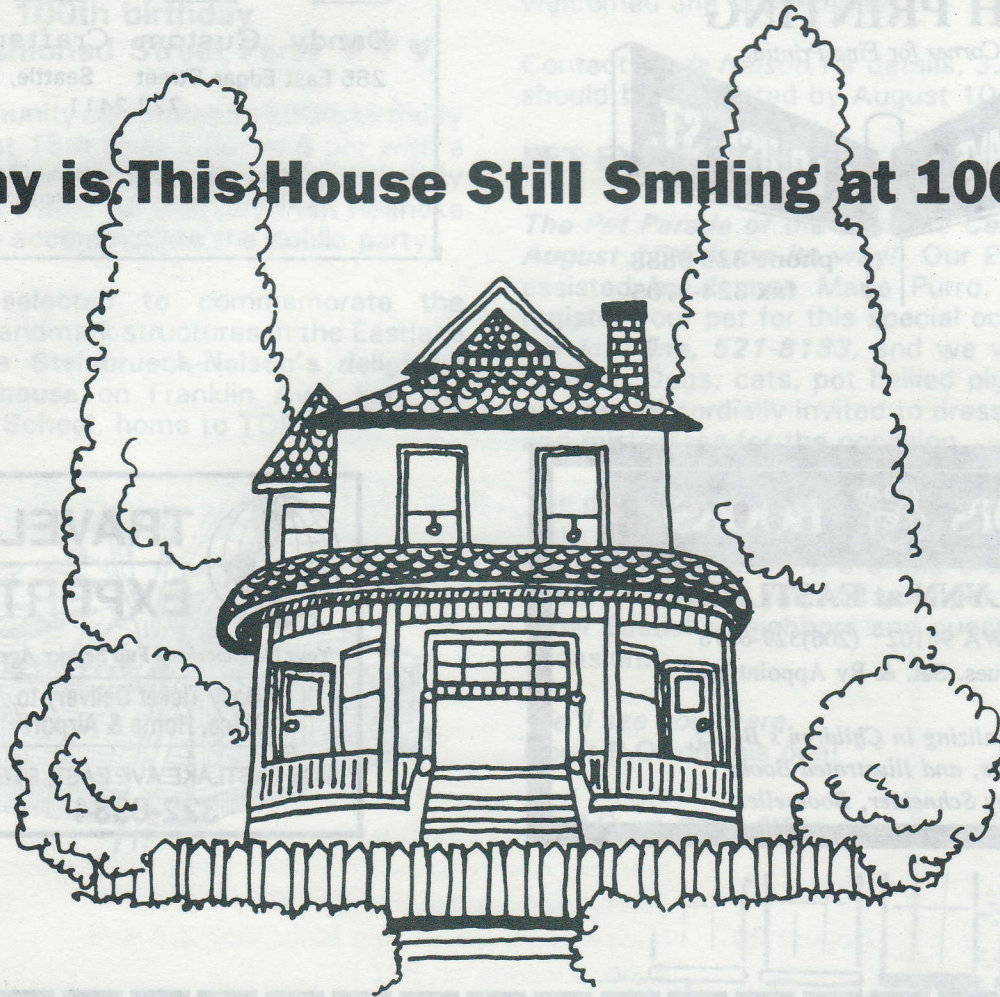


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## Because They Don't Make'em Like They Used To!

*You're invited to Eastlake's 100th Birthday and  
Block Party for the Yellow Victorian at  
2622 Franklin Avenue East.  
Sunday August 15th  
1-6 pm*

*All day street closure between Edgar and Roanoke on Franklin*

Proceeds from all sales will benefit the Eastlake Community Land Trust and the Eastlake Diversity Program, a project of the Eastlake Community Council. Call 521-8183 for further info.



CLOWNS \* BIRTHDAY HOME TOUR 3-5 \* BIRTHDAY CAKE 100 CANDLE BLOWOUT AT 5:30 !!!

