## Serving the Eastlake Community

## Meetings

Monday, May 15, 2000

TOPIC: DCLU invites public comment on Sound Transit's applications for variances to allkow otherwise impermissible night and weekend construction noise.

> Questions: David George 685.7843

LOCATION: Library at TOPS Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E.

7:00-9:00 Presentations and public comment

Visit our new web site

http://eastlake.oo.net

Special thanks to Daniel Solomons, owner of **oo.net** for graciously hosting our site.

#### Franklin Green Street Planting Scheduled for May

After nearly a year of construction, the Franklin Avenue Green Street is finally ready for planting!

May/June 2000

The Eastlake community and TOPS will be planting the Franklin Green Street, between Roanoke and Louisa streets, during the last two weekends in May (20-21 and 27-29). Bring a neighbor, scrounge some garden tools if you can, and wheel-barrel yourself down to the Green Street. There's something for everyone of every age and ability to do.

Those of you who have already signed up to plant the Green Street will be getting a call from Lynn Poser, Eastlake resident and volunteer coordinator for the Green Street. Others who want to help should call Lynn (323-9257) to get the details and sign-up for specific planting days. We are planting in 4-hour shifts, 2 each day, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. Come for half a day, or stay all day, and come as many days as you want. When we're done, we'll have planted the first official green street outside of downtown Seattle!

Eastlake Rapidly Approaches Household Growth Target --More than 10 Years Too Soon

According to City information, Eastlake is one of the fastest growing urban villages in the City, and is closer to meeting its residential growth targets than any other urban center, hub or village (except Wallingford). In fact, of Seattle's 30 villages, only Wallingford, Downtown, First Hill/Capitol Hill and the University District had more units built during the last 5 years. Eastlake's growth target for 2014 is 380 units; we've had at least 242 units built and many more on the way.

Eastlake is one of the few urban villages that is eligible to receive special review by the City because of its rapid growth. ECC members are reviewing the City's growth information in preparation for this special review.

Lake Union Crew EIS Due Soon

According to DCLU staff, the Final Environmental Impact Statement and City permit decision for the Lake Union Crew facility at the foot of E. Allison St. may be published within the next month.

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## **Business Notes**

After seven years, the elegant street clock is again ticking at 3119 Eastlake Avenue E. Recalling fond memories for many diners, the beautifully restored Lake Union Cafe with its copper ceiling, domed skylight, and pulley fan system is reopening as a special events facility owned by Skansonia Charters. To book an event, call 206-568-1258.. .. Eastlake's first shoe store, NearMateShoes (3125 Eastlake Ave.) sells quality off-price shoes that are no longer in their boxes or lack a samesize mate .... Human Resources, Inc. (2366 Eastlake Ave. E. #225, 860-4990, pstiles@hrcorp.net) is a staffing and recruitment agency that fills initially temporary positions which are intended to become permanent....Add to Eastlake's many nonprofit organizations....Seattle Baroque (2366 Eastlake Ave. E. #333, 322-3119), which gives about five concerts a year and whose ensemble and solo performances have been broadcast on National Public Radio; and (sharing the same office and phone number) Tudor Choir, resident artists at St. Mark's Cathedral....Patrick's Fly Shop (2237 Eastlake, 325-8988) is the oldest fly shop in the state. Owner Jimmy Le Mert bought the business in 1987 from Frances D. Patrick, widow of the original owner. Recently, Jimmy also purchased the land which the shop is on and the house behind where Frances has a life estate. Hours are weekdays 10-7 weekday, Saturday 10-6, and Sunday 10-4 .... Lake Union Mail (117 E. Louisa 329-1468) has membership applications for a car-share program (www.flexcar.com) that offers "a car when you need it, and no expenses when you don't." If enough here sign up, Eastlake will become a drop-off site for the cars..

Swank (112 E. Lynn, 726-1068), which offers unique new and vintage clothing for men and women, has beautifully remodeled its shop under the Eastlake Zoo. Hours through summer are weekdays 12-7 (closed Monday), Saturday 11-7, Sunday 11-3.... TripHub.com (2815 Eastlake Ave., 336-5565) is an online travel mall that distributes tours, tickets and accessories to students and others .... Pele's Fire (3123 Eastlake, 709-7353) offers ondemand printing of original posters based on negatives from artists like Ray Troll and Aki Sogabe. Its new web site will be at http://www.pelesfire.com/ .... Executive Real Estate (709-7907), based in Bellevue, has a satellite office at 2501 Eastlake Ave....Recently opened at 2825 Eastlake is the Seattle Office of *iMotors.com*, an on-line seller of cars .... Storage Available, 5x8x10, Lighted, 24 hour security gate entry, courtesy parking, easy house boat access, Eastlake waterfront (206) 226-7777

Send your news to business editor Chris Leman (cleman@oo.net), 85 E. Roanoke Street, Seattle 98102. Please send e-mails also to business reporter VirginiaHuber (vjhuber@halcyon.com).

#### Welcome Aboard!

Connie Lind is our new volunteer coordinator helping to organize volunteer efforts for the many varied projects and functions in our area.

To place yourself on the volunteer list and tell us any preferences, just email Connie at clind42161@aol.com.

#### **Continued from Front Page...**

Joint comments on the Draft EIS were submitted last January by the ECC, Floating Homes Association and 3100 Fairview Condominium Owners Association. Unbelievably, throughout the Draft EIS (which is supposed to be a City -- not LUC -- document), LUC's structures were described as vessels, even thought there is a Federal court order and settlement agreement clearly stating that the facility consists of structures, not vessels, for permitting purposes.

In addition to this outrageous characterization of the LUC facility, our joint comments addressed the lack of real alternatives, which must be looked at in an EIS, and the inadequacy of the LUC's proposed public access and extraordinary public shoreline benefit, both of which are required by Code.

We also provided information from the Office of the Secretary of State, LUC's own web site, and other sources documenting that LUC does not meet the Code definition of a community rowing club (which must, among other things, be operated by a nonprofit organization primarily for the use of its members and guests). Instead, LUC is a limited liability corporation (definitely not nonprofit), there is only one managing member, and many of LUC's facilities are aggressively marketed to the general public for non-rowing and non-member use. Based on this information, LUC is actually a commercial entertainment use, subject to higher parking requirements, and some of the uses are not allowed over water without a special approval from the City and the Dept. of Ecology.

Another issue we closely reviewed in the Draft EIS was parking. Rather than pursue a use commensurate in size to the amount of parking available on its own property, LUC is trying to build a larger use and meet its minimum parking requirements off site. It does not propose any additional parking for its actual demand, which would require even more spaces.

Since its initial application, the site of LUC's proposed parking has changed from the parking in front of Ward's Cove, to a lot under the freeway (neither of which met the requirements for off-site parking), and most recently at 2920 Eastlake (the old floral/garden store). This site is not even visible from the LUC facility, is up a steep hill with no sidewalk, and requires crossing an unsignalled hazardous intersection -- one which has been the subject of numerous petitions by nearby residents because of its unsafe conditions. The site is also already proposed for mixed-use development, and LUC has stated that it intends to buy the site for both LUC's parking and a mixed-use development. No details about the mixed-use development have been provided with LUC's parking proposal.

Our comments also identified serious flaws and inconsistencies in the analysis of existing parking near the LUC site. Among many things, the Draft EIS greatly overstated the number of parking spaces in front of the Fairview Olmsted Park, and contained inconsistent information within the document itself for nearly every block that was analyzed. For example, the number of spaces on each block differed by 10, 20 and even more spaces, depending on whether one referred to the text or the figures in the Draft EIS. This type of error in the most basic parking information made it impossible to review the impacts of the LUC facility with any credibility. In essence, it was a waste of time to even try.

Because of the constantly changing parking proposal, the lack of any real alternatives, and the flawed existing parking information, we requested DCLU to published another Draft EIS, which it is entitled to do by law. DCLU refused.

We are now waiting for publication of the Final EIS and City decision to determine what steps we will take next.

#### Stockley donations appreciated and still welcome

The Stockley family and the recipient organizations deeply appreciate the individuals and businesses who have remembered Peg and Tom Stockley with memorial donations. Donations may still be made to: Eastlake Community Council, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102; Eastlake Community Land Trust, c/o Treasurer Duane Richardson, 1926 Fairview Ave. E. #201, Seattle 98102; and the American Parkinson Disease Association, c/o UW Dept. of Neurology, P.O. Box 356465, Seattle 98195. Be sure to mention that the check is for the Stockley fund.

#### Embed memories in Lynn Street Park

Inspired by the memory of Peg and Tom Stockley (whose memorial fund will be spent partly on the project), a volunteer committee is applying for Neighborhood Matching Funds to enhance Lynn Street Park. Art tiles by all comers will commemorate Eastlake births, deaths, anniversaries, pets, trees, buildings, boats—anything that deserves remembering. Your pledge of time or money is needed right away; pledge sheets are posted at Lynn Street Park and at Pete's Supermarket. Contacts: Jean Butler (324-0140) or LynnStParkArtTilesProject@hotmail.com.

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#### **Eastlake Community News**

#### How to save Victorian houses?

Volunteers and ideas are urgently needed to save the unique matching Second Empire-style houses at 1130 and 1134 Eastlake Avenue as the permitted office construction moves nearer. Although the charming houses did not meet the narrow standards of the City's landmarks law, Landmarks Preservation Board member Lawrence Kreisman judges them in a recent book to be among the City's most endangered significant historic structures. Moving these small houses whole to their rightful place at South Lake Union Park could prove prohibitively expensive because of the need to move finely tuned trolley bus wires (which are lower and more difficult to move than other wires). Can a reader donate a lot for the homes nearby, or help plan an effort for temporarily cutting them in half for moving? Donations (made out to Eastlake Community Council, 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle 98102) are still welcome, but ideas and volunteer hours are even more needed, to Chris Leman at that address, or phone/fax 322-5463, cleman@oo.net.

#### Street projects in Eastlake's south end

Volunteers and City dollars are working to make Eastlake's southern streets safer and more attractive. Get involved! A Neighborhood Matching Fund project, with much time and money already pledged, will install curbs, a sidewalk, and plantings this year on Newton Street between Franklin and Eastlake Avenues, and next year a median in the center of Eastlake Avenue between Newton and Boston streets. Contact: Chris Leman, 322-5463, cleman@oo.net.

Written pledges of volunteer time and cash are urgently needed to match City funds to make it safer where Boylston, Lakeview, Newton, and the I-5 on-ramp come together. A neighborhood process will redesign the intersection to reduce speeding and protect bicycles, pedestrians, and local traffic. To meet a mid-May application deadline, please contact volunteer coordinator Colleen McGrath, 226-4831, cjm120@hotmail.com; or pledge a few hours or a few dollars on sheets at 2015 Boylston or Lake Union Mail (117 E. Louisa).

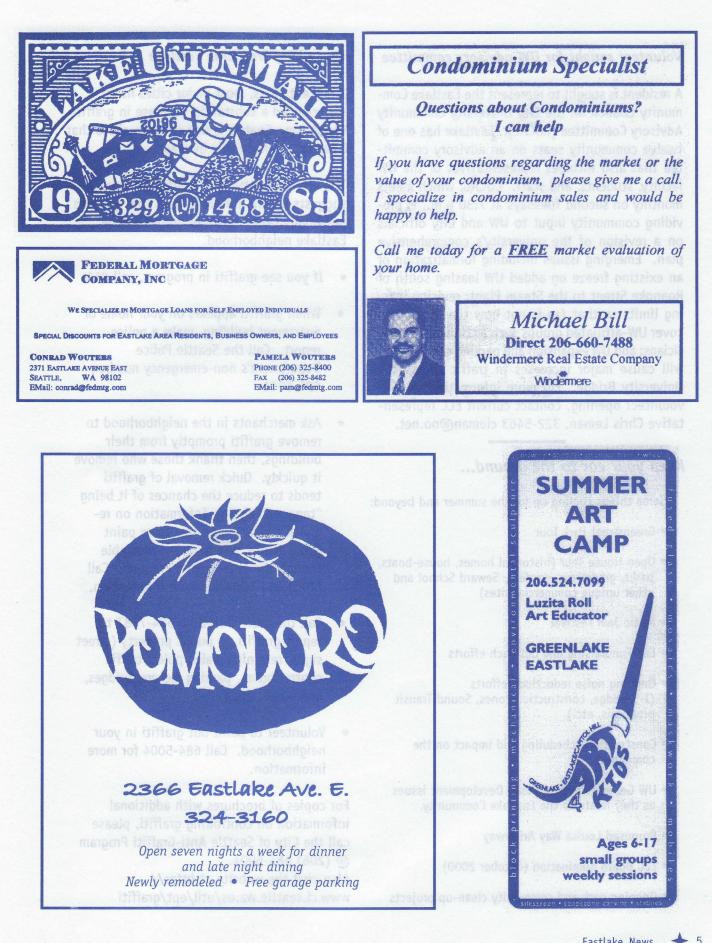
#### Eastlake not getting share for I-5 park

Seattle officials need provide Eastlake's proposed park under I-5 between Newton and Galer streets a fairer share of the parks levy likely to be on this November's citywide ballot. Eastlake is experiencing far more construction than other neighborhoods, but getting less park funds that would make that growth sustainable. And without notifying the neighborhood, the Parks Department assumed a park of only 4 acres (even though the area is at least 15), and did not include the biggest costs—for drainage and the steps and ramps reconnecting Lake Union to Capitol Hill that are high priority in the Eastlake Neighborhood Plan. The area is a crime-ridden and trash-strewn barrier. It could be a safe and well-lighted corridor, a haven for joggers, mountain bikers, dog lovers, and skateboarders. Let City Hall know that the \$1.6 million proposed for this huge area is way too low (just surveying the area may cost \$100,000). The Mayor and City Council can be reached by mail at 600 Fourth Avenue, Seattle 98104. Mayor Paul Schell's phone is 684-4000, e-mail: mayors.office@ci.seattle.wa.us. Personal letters are best, but the City Council 24-hour phone number is 684-8888, and councilmembers' e-mails are:

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The Eastlake Community Council needs a table and 8 chairs for it's new office at Seward School. If you would like to donate contact Anthony Vincent @ 616 6938.





#### Volunteer sought for UW advisory committee

A resident is sought to represent the Eastlake Community Council on the City University Community Advisory Committee (CUCAC). Eastlake has one of twelve community seats on an advisory committee that also includes representatives of the UW faculty, students, and staff. CUCAC, which meets monthly on second Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., is providing community input to UW and City officials on a revision of the university's comprehensive plan. Emerging issues including formalization of an existing freeze on added UW leasing south of Roanoke Street to the Steam Plant; revising leasing limits so that (as is not now the case) they cover UW-affiliated groups such as University Physicians; and UW expansion and parking garages that will cause major increases in traffic across the University Bridge. For more information on this volunteer opening, contact current ECC representative Chris Leman, 322-5463 cleman@oo.net.

#### Keep your ear to the ground...

Some things coming up for the summer and beyond:

- Greenstreet Park Tour
- Open House Tour (historical homes, house-boats, parks, greenways, gardens, Seward School and other unique commercial sites)
- Music Jam Festival
- ECC Fundraising and outreach efforts
- Ongoing noise reduction efforts (I-5 bridge, construction zones, Sound Transit proposals, etc.)
- Construction scheduling and impact on the community
- UW General Physical Plqan Development issues as they relate to the Eastlake Community.
- Proposed Louisa Way Arborway
- ECC Board nomination (October 2000)
- Ongoing park and community clean-up projects

#### Controlling Graffiti in Eastlake

In recent years, most major cities have experienced a substantial increase in graffiti vandalism. Seattle is one of these cities that have experienced this increase.

The City of Seattle Anti-Graffiti Program suggests several different ways that you can personally take control of graffiti in the Eastlake neighborhood.

- If you see graffiti in progress, call 911.
- When graffiti appears on your home or apartment building, make a police report. Call the Seattle Police Department's non-emergency number, 625-5011.
- Ask merchants in the neighborhood to remove graffiti promptly from their buildings, then thank those who remove it quickly. Quick removal of graffiti tends to reduce the chances of it being "taggged" again. Information on removal products and free latex paint (gray, white, and beige) is available though the anti-Graffiti Program. Call (206) 684-5004 for more information.
- Call the graffiti Hotline 684-7587 to report graffiti on public property (street signs, retaining walls, poles, traffic control boxes, parking meters, bridges, mailboxes, etc.)
- Volunteer to paint out graffiti in your neighborhood. Call 684-5004 for more information.

For copies of brochures with additional information on controlling graffiti, please call the City of Seattle Anti-Graffiti Program @ (206) 684-5004. Also visit the website at http:// www.ci.seattle.wa.us/util/ept/graffiti

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- 7.) I have a headache.
- 6.) I'm completely self-motivated to exercise.
- 5.) I'm having my appendix removed this week.
- 4.) It's too convenient my location and parking excuses won't hold up.
- 3.) I can enjoy the same health benefits watching infomertials.
- 2.) Someone saw Elvis there.
- 1.) Fear! Fear! Fear!

If none of the preceding excuses apply (or even if they do), we'd like to invite you to see our fitness center at 1165 Eastlake Ave. East, located between "Fred Hutch" and Zymogenetics (the old Steam Plant). You'll find the same professional staff, state-of-the art equipment, and friendly atmosphere as at our Fremont and Madison Park facilities plus indoor cycling classes and free parking. Give us a call for more information.

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#### Land Use Report

HELP! Eastlake is being innundated with development proposals. Here's some of what's in the pipeline at DCLU for Eastlake Avenue East alone:

1600 - Bank of America has joined with Loew Enterprises, NW, Inc. to develope the site between Blaine and Garfield. They propose approx. 150,000 sq. ft. of office and retail spece. BofA will have a separate building and drive through facility.

2035 - This site to the south of Serafina's will be developed as a 12-unit condominium complex.

2343 - A three-story building with ground floor retail will be built on this empty lot.

2722 - A two-story parking structure will be built on the existing surface parking area to service the office building at 2722.

2920 - The Floral Building and adjacent parking lot (See Lake Union Crew article in this newsletter).

2928 - The State Farm Insurance Building and the house behind it will be developed as a mixed-use building. State Farm will occupy the ground floor. There are 3 floors of 16-18 apartment units.

3217 - The site, just before the University Bridge, will be developed as a four-story (with one subgrade level), 36 unit condominium with 14,000 sq. ft. at ground level for commercial use.

PLEASE! Anyone interested in helping the Land Use Committee work with developers and the city to help keep Eastlake liveable, let us know. There's a lot to do on Eastlake Avenue East and the rest of our neighborhood.

Call Michael and Marilyn deGuzman at 322.6611.

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# Design Workshops for Rogers Playfield

Friends of Rogers Playfield is sponsoring two design workshops to help restore a playground environment to the park. A landscape architect has been hired and input is now being sought from the park-using community.

The upcoming workshops will be held in the TOPS/Seward School cafeteria on Monday, May 15th at 6:30 PM and on Monday, June 12th at 6:30 PM.

If the workshops are inconvenient to your schedule, surveys are being distributed throught the neighborhood to gather your input. For me info, please call Laurie Stusser-McNeil at 323.4556.

#### Eastlake on the Web

The Eastlake website is back on the Web at eastlake.oo.net. Check it out!

• Neighborhood History - complete with historical and recent photos.

• Eastlake Organizations - Descriptions and Contact information for some of the many groups working in Eastlake including the ECC and a link to our neighborhood plan.

• Shopping, Dining and Services -A section devoted to promoting neighborhood businesses of all shapes an sizes. If you'd like to have your business listed here please contact me, below.

Our website was retooled and reinvigorated by local author and web site designer Beth Means. Beth generously donated her time and skills to create an all new graphics and layout for the site. Local neighborhood superhero Chris Leman helped expand the history section. Daniel Solomon, owner of oo.net a local internet service provider, has been an incredible help by offering free hosting for the Eastlake website. Thanks Beth, Chris and Daniel for all your efforts to get us back online!

The site is intended to be a neighborhood resource. If you'd like to have your organization or business added to the site, or have ideas or suggestions please contact us. We're also looking for a volunteer to help with ongoing maintenance and upgrades to the site. We're flexible so take on as much or as little as you like.

If you are interested please contact Owen Reese, 323-4156, oreese@drizzle.net.

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Eastlake Community Council Membership Drive	
The Eastlake Community Council has recently kicked off a membership drive. We're looking to build our membership to help support the many exciting projects going on in the neighborhood. Here's a sample of what's going on:	ts and Open Spaces of Parking Issues ing Guidelines etter Distribution alsing Parties unity Art Projects unity Meetings r Status c Renewal
<i>Franklin Avenue Green Street</i> - The Street is almost complete. Its almost time for us to start planting, watch for more information soon.	terest Traffig Buildfi Buildfi Buildfi Buildfi Buildfi Buildfi Buildfi Buildfi Buildfi Commi Commi Commi New
<b>Eastlake Corridor Improvement Project</b> - A section of median for Eastlake, a sidewalk for Newton, more trees, less trash, what could be better.	
<b>Rogers Playfield Playground Equipment</b> - Improving the play opportunities for young children.	02
<i>Land Use</i> - As always the crack team of ECC Land Use buffs continues to review and comment on major land use issues is the neighborhood.	nity Council
<i>Eastlake New</i> s - We'll be publishing the bimonthly Eastlake News until we run out of months, or funds, whichever comes first.	
Your membership dues go directly to supporting these projects and more. The ECC is all volunteer so every dollar goes straight to work on neighborhood projects. The Eastlake Community Council currently has about 100 paid members. We'd like to triple that number in the next six months to ensure the best support for ongoing projects. If you've never been a member or have let your membership slip now is the time to sign up. We appreciate all the support we can get.	Eastlake
To Join, simply fill out a membership form on the back of this newsletter and mail it to: ECC, 117 E Louisa ST PMB 1, Seattle WA 91802. Please consider making an additional donation. Donations to the ECC can be tax deductible; contact ECC Treasurer Mary Lou Pederson (709 1453) for more tax deductable information.	ECC Membership Application Eastla Name Address
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