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PUBLIC MEETINGS

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**Wedn., March 6th - Public Meeting (see Page 11 for more info)
(ECC General Meeting)**

7-9 p.m. @ TOPS Seward School Library

HOW PREPARED IS OUR NEIGHBORHOOD FOR AN EMERGENCY?

Are we ready to deal with a major emergency in our community? Who would you turn to for assistance? What will you and your neighbors do for shelter, medical attention, food, and drinking water? What's the plan? In response to these concerns, the Eastlake Community Council held a general meeting on January 15, 2002 at TOPS Seward School to discuss how to prepare for the possible emergency situations that might arise on a neighborhood scale. Representatives from the school, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, and a local Seattle fire station were on hand to demonstrate that Eastlake has some top level resources, and that we can do more as a community to address the question, "What can we do to give support to one another?"

Dan, a science teacher at TOPS, gave an overview of the school's procedure for coordinating medical, food, shelter, and communication needs. He recommended that the Eastlake community identify a liaison that would work with the TOPS Communication Officer to coordinate resources and information in the event of an emergency. Once the safety of the students is thoroughly established, the school can offer such services as a kitchen, shelter, nurse, and psychologist. Likewise, if children are prevented from getting home, as might be the case in a heavy snowstorm, the community could be prepared to supply shelter, blankets, and other necessary items for an overnight stay.

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HOW PREPARED IS OUR NEIGHBORHOOD?... (CONT.)

Fred Hutchinson's Fire and Life Safety Program Manager, Ron Clark, presented his organization's strategy for emergency prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery. He suggested that volunteers create a plan that identifies the community's internal and external resources and capabilities, includes a vulnerability analysis of potential emergencies, and integrates with other neighborhood and organization plans in the area. The fact that Ron was invited to present at this Eastlake community meeting has increased Fred Hutchinson's awareness that they can improve their own emergency plan to include more of the community's needs.

Toward the end of the meeting, four members of the Seattle Fire Department stopped by to offer their support and to address concerns such as their capabilities to respond to a fire involving I-5, Lake Union, or hazardous materials. Lieutenant Gonzales shared information about their command unit assets - computers, office equipment, generator, telephone lines, and battery banks - and the fact that they travel a predetermined route to monitor activities during an emergency. She reinforced the recommendations made by the American Red Cross on personal safety measures (see below).

Participants in January's community emergency preparedness meeting viewed the information presented and the following discussion as an opportunity to organize an effort to develop and coordinate a community emergency preparedness plan. It became clear that individual safety is dependent on how well our immediate neighborhood can respond to a crisis. Each of the presenters offered their assistance and provided information on additional organizations that can help, such as the American Red Cross, Seattle Disaster Aid & Response Teams (SDART), and the City of Seattle Office of Emergency Management.

You are invited to become involved in developing an emergency preparedness program for Eastlake that could include communications, damage assessment, first aid, safety and security, light search and rescue, shelter and special needs, as well as block coordinators to help prevent the chaos that comes from being unprepared - one of the greatest dangers in an emergency situation. This is an opportunity for you to identify your capabilities to take care of yourself and offer assistance to others while helping the community prepare its emergency plan! Contact David Huber, Eastlake Community Council President, at (206) 621-8822 or (206) 322-2499.

PERSONAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

When it comes to personal safety, every individual should make it a point to find out what types of disasters are most likely to happen and how to be prepared for each. Families need to create a disaster plan that includes an emergency kit and procedures to secure and evacuate their home, identifies a meeting place, and establishes a contact person in case family members are separated. Some suggestions for an emergency kit include a three-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day), a change of clothing, footwear, one sleeping bag or blanket per person, a first aid kit that includes your family's prescription medications, emergency tools including a battery-powered radio, flashlight, and extra batteries, an extra set of car keys, a credit card and cash, sanitation supplies, an extra pair of glasses, and special items for infants, elderly, or disabled family members. Keep a similar kit in your car. Keep your important family documents in a waterproof and fireproof container. Know how to turn off gas and water. Remember to check on your neighbors, especially the elderly and disabled, and secure your pets.

More information on emergency preparedness is provided by the American Red Cross and the City of Seattle, Division of Emergency Management, (206) 233-5076.

ARE BUSES JUST PASSING YOU BY?

The frequency of Eastlake's bus service has declined in recent decades as some bus routes formerly servicing the neighborhood have become expresses that use Eastlake Avenue, but make no stops along it after 1 p.m. and on Saturdays. Waiting Eastlakers are frustrated to be passed up several times before the 70 bus pokes along to pick them up, then makes all the other local stops while the expresses zip outsiders between the University District and downtown. Businesses are hurt because bus-bound customers cannot get off in Eastlake, and employees find it less convenient to take the bus, encouraging driving and competition for scarce parking. Residents have less access to jobs and other destinations, and suffer the overflow parking.

Our neighborhood is not a corridor through which buses can go without stopping! In approving our neighborhood plan, the Mayor and City Council recognized Eastlake as an urban village whose homes and businesses are a priority destination for transit. In a series of letters (1993, 1995, 1997) and 115 petition signatures, the Eastlake Community Council has urged that express buses make a few stops along the two miles of Eastlake Avenue; as many as does the current 66 route. This was a high priority in the 1994 Eastlake Transportation Plan and the 1998 Eastlake Neighborhood Plan. Desirable stops would be at Allison and Lynn streets, and somewhere between the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and Zymogenetics, both of which share our concern at seeing expresses pass them by. But King County's bus planners have stonewalled us.

In June 2000, a coalition letter (signed by leaders of the Eastlake Business Association, Eastlake/Roanoke Park/Portage Bay/North Capitol Hill Business Association, Eastlake Community Council, Eastlake Community Land Trust, Floating Homes Association, NOISE, Portage Bay/Roanoke Park Community Council, Olmsted-Fairview Park Commission, and representatives of Parents

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FAIRVIEW GREEN STREET COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings to continue planning the design guidelines for Fairview Green Street will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at the TOPS Seward School (2500 Franklin Ave. E.) conference room through June 2002. The meetings are scheduled for 7:00 to 9:00 PM on February 12, March 12, April 16 (3rd Tues.), May 14, and June 11.

Fairview Avenue E., from Newton to Roanoke and Hamlin to Fuhrman, was designated a Type III Green Street by the City of Seattle in 1998. The Eastlake community is in the process of defining guidelines that will influence future street enhancements. A committee of residents and business owners are committed to selecting design guidelines that are small-scale, habitat sensitive, and that preserve the ambience of the surrounding environment. Based on public comments and past planning efforts, they have identified the following community interests as criteria for establishing a green street design plan for Fairview Avenue:

- Respect and preserve the diversity and existing mixed-use character of the street and neighborhood
- Enhance enjoyment of the visual and physical environment
- Allow for a phased implementation of proposed enhancements
- Increase safety for pedestrians, motorists, bicyclists, and the natural habitat
- Ease public circulation without reducing parking
- Address the needs of emergency and commercial vehicles
- Take into consideration impact to surrounding neighborhood streets

The next step is to begin identifying proposed guidelines for specific sections of Fairview Avenue. Discussions related to ideas for traffic calming measures along north Fairview, from Hamlin to Fuhrman, began in January and will continue in February's meeting. Members of the community are invited to participate in any planning meeting. You can obtain information on the current progress of the committee by contacting the Fairview Green Street coordinator listed below. There are opportunities to contribute your skills in the areas of meeting facilitation, project management, and document writing. Your ideas and comments for proposed guidelines are welcome.

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SHIRLEY SCHNEIDER 1923-2001

On December 15, Eastlake lost a longtime business and residential leader in Shirley Schneider. Shirley had traveled the world with husband Herb, but their hearts were in Eastlake, where they resided for many decades in an old farmhouse at Yale and Louisa. Shirley and Herb actively supported the Eastlake Community Council, on whose board Shirley served. When they moved recently to a Queen Anne apartment, they gave ECC the chunk they had saved of the concrete foundation of Roanoke Reef (the overwater high-rise condo that Eastlakers helped defeat in the 1970s). Shirley's bookstore, Bibelots and Books, had also moved from the neighborhood in recent years, but she founded it in Eastlake and kept it there for decades (first at 2043 Eastlake Avenue, where Serafina now is; and then under the Eastlake Zoo, where Mutiny is today). Shirley's specialty was children's books, but the bookstore's collection was eclectic, and the neighborhood's many authors (and would-be authors) frequented it as much for her wise counsel as for the books themselves. Shirley was born in Ballard, and was only four when her father was lost in the mysterious sinking of a tugboat that he captained. She was a wonderfully self-reliant, curious, and ethical soul; a model for how a business can succeed by enhancing a neighborhood. The neighborhood mourns with Herb and their children, and her sister. Condolences (and written reminiscences, which are especially encouraged) may be sent to daughter Reba Schneider, 2421 SW Trenton #210, Seattle, WA 98106; rebascc@aol.com.



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Business Notes

Al Pham (still owner of the **Westlake Deli** at 2132 Westlake Ave. N.) has sold the **Eastlake Deli** (2707 Eastlake Ave.) to his five-year employee Bruce Gray. Both Al and Bruce are longtime Eastlake residents, and it is great to see the shop's ownership staying within the neighborhood. Bruce is bringing in espresso and is refurbishing, with plans for a new name, Eastlake Deli and Community Grocery. Over the next year, he plans to add natural foods, more deli items, and longer hours. Drop in and let him know your suggestions. ... Eastlake residents Mary Kay Gillespie and Steve Lesser (328-2161) have a combined total of 25 years of experience teaching alpine skiing to all skill levels. They currently teach for a ski school at **Stevens Pass Ski Area** and also offer instruction on an individual basis.

Sculptor **Patti Warashina**, whose home and studio are in Eastlake, was honored with a December 18 feature article by Seattle P-I art critic Regina Hackett. Like many of us, Warashina had some losses in last year's earthquake, but her's were four huge sculptures that had been prepared for a forthcoming one-woman show concluded this January. ... **Bubba-Mavis Gallery** (1158 Eastlake Avenue, 405-3223, www.bubbamavis.com) continues pathbreaking shows in its charming space, featuring a different artist in each of the next six months. ... **Alex Studio** (2228 Eastlake Avenue, Suite C, 728-9056, www.alexphotography.com) offers professional photography in the studio and in a variety of other settings, including candid and editorial. ... Recently opened in suite 101 at 3302 Eastlake Avenue is **Fieldwork Communications**, a public affairs and public relations firm led by longtime political consultant and lobbyist Scott Coughlin (324-0324, scott@fieldworkcommunications.com). The firm offers issue-management services regarding natural resources, especially those that are marine-related. ... The historic boatshed at 2021 Minor Avenue E. is now occupied by **Moxie Media, Inc.** (322-6009, www.moxiemedia.biz). The firm has done political consulting and campaign work for Mayor Greg Nickels and many other leading elected officials as well as the League of Conservation Voters, Joint Artists and Musicians PAC, the firefighter unions, and many others.

Pima Medical Institute (1627 Eastlake Ave., 322-6100) offers vocational training in the health care field. The programs, which range from 11 weeks to 2 years, include Dental Assistant, Medical Secretary, Medical Assistant, Phlebotomy Technician, Pharmacy Technician, Radiologic Technologist, Ophthalmic Medical As-

stant, Health Unit Coordinator, and Veterinary Assistant. ... **The Washington State Public Interest Research Group** (WashPIRG), whose non-profit research and advocacy aims to preserve the environment, protect health, and improve quality of life, is headquartered at 3240 Eastlake Avenue E, Suite 100. (861-8086, www.washpirg.org) ... In an article on rainy-day entertainment, the *Seattle P-I* recently featured the **Center for Wooden Boats** (1010 Valley Street, 382-2628,

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AGENCIES NEED TO PUSH AHEAD WITH I-5 PARK & CONNECTIONS

The effort to establish a multi-use park and network of trails under I-5 south of Newton Street is now at a critical stage. More than 30 acres of undeveloped Washington State Department of Transportation land exists for possible use, but contrary to the \$1.8 million approved by Seattle voters in the 2000 parks levy, the Parks Department has limited the possible scope of consideration to a leased park of 7.5 acres, with no plans to look at a larger network of trails for jogging, walking, bicycle commuting, and mountain biking. These options could all be realized on the right-of-way with or without a larger lease.

The Eastlake Neighborhood Plan Stewardship Committee has written to Parks and to the Downtown Open Space Study of the Department of Design, Construction, and Land Use, urging a broad concept that includes a trails network as far south as REI. It has also urged SEATRAN to seek federal funds for the east-west connection under I-5. Meanwhile, Parks recently

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suspended the hiring of a consultant to assist the process because of WSDOT resistance to mutual study of the project. Unfortunately, we need the consultants on board right away in order to develop more dialogue by researching the issues and developing conceptual alternatives that WSDOT, the City, and the public can mutually discuss.

Surprisingly, WSDOT has given conceptual approval for a possible off-leash area (likely to generate the most parking demand of any parks use), but is resisting a multi-use park and steps or trails, including an east-west bicycle and pedestrian connection between the major population and employment centers of Capitol Hill and Lake Union, and a premier mountain biking area that would be south of the other uses and could be built entirely with volunteer labor and donations. This position seems to conflict with WSDOT's official policy plan, which places priority on pedestrian and bicycle travel, and especially on reconnecting links that were cut by freeways. The area under I-5 continues to be marked "no trespassing" and is a major barrier, forcing a mile's detour between two of the state's most densely populated and high-employment areas.

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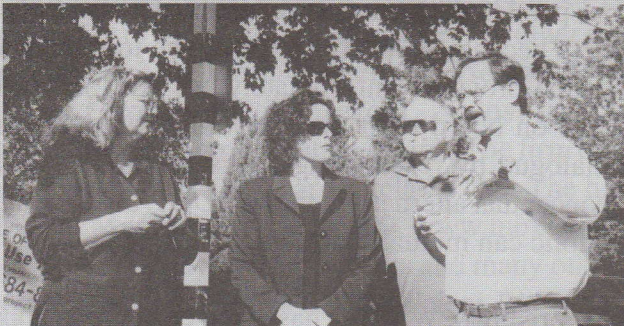
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BUSINESS NOTES...CONT.

www.cwb.org. Its floating headquarters have a wonderful collection of historic photos, and just outside are historic boats and reproductions, many of which can be rented. The Center has been chosen in the publication, *Seattle's Best Places*, as one of Seattle's "best places for a cheap date," and as "one of the best places to kiss" in the publication, *Romantic Places in the Northwest*. ... **E-Clips Hair Studio** (3101 Eastlake Ave. E., 322-9280) now shares its well-designed space with Salvation Antique Importers (240-9149), which specializes in rare European artifacts of the past four-hundred years.

Seattle Caviar Co. (2833 Eastlake Avenue, 323-3005, www.caviar.com) is praised as "chic" in the February 2002 *Sunset Magazine*, which highlights the tasting bar, on Saturdays from 11 to 5 (the store is also open Monday through Friday). Seattle Caviar Co. and the complimentary tasting bar also got a favorable write-up in *Tekbug Seattle*. ... *The Seattle P-I* has given **Bandoleone** (2241 Eastlake Avenue, 329-7559) a lot of good press lately. On January 4, a food critic put its clams (sauteed in house-made blue corn beer) on a list of "great things to eat in Seattle." And on January 16, another food critic featured colorful owner Danielle Philippa, who is now opening her third establishment, which like her second, is located on Capitol Hill. Philippa now has 65 employees, and Bandoleone Manager, Chris Beard, who has worked six years for her, describes this family of eclectic travelers as, "a whole lot of characters. If you have that (spirit), we'll work with you." It's a reminder that the 3,500 people who work in Eastlake have a rich variety of styles and skills. This column would like to hear from more employees about what you feel is most distinctive about where you work, and also about employee talents and backgrounds that are most notable beyond the workplace. You are as much a part of our neighborhood as the 3,500 people who live here.

Mention in this column does not imply endorsement by the ECC, writer, or editor. Send your business news to Chris Leman (cleman@oo.net), 85 E. Roanoke Street, Seattle 98102-3222.



City Councilmember, Judy Nicastro, chairs the committee that deals with land use, landlord/tenant, and regional issues. In a recent tour of Eastlake, she is shown with Carol Eychaner, Dick Arnold, and Robert Rudine.



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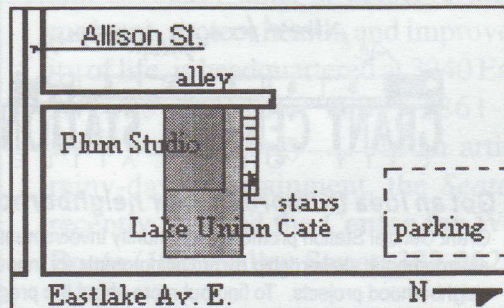
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Departure for a first home in West Seattle has not prevented former ECC President and Secretary, Owen Reese, from returning to volunteer on the Franklin Green Street. Owen now commutes to Eastlake for his job

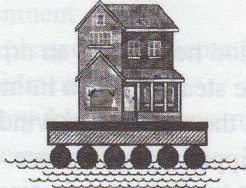
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BUSES...CONT.

of TOPS, social providers, and apartment owners) asked Seattle's Strategic Planning Office and SEATRAN to work with the community and with King County Metro to realize the goal of a few express bus stops on Eastlake Avenue. So far, no progress.

With a new Mayor who has just appointed new directors of SEATRAN and the Strategic Planning Office, this is a good time for letters and petitions (especially from local businesses and employees) asking our City government to insist that King County Metro re-establish the principle that buses using Eastlake Avenue will make a few stops in the business district. To volunteer, or send us a copy of your letter or a reply: Buses, c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle 98102; or cleman@oo.net. Address for all of the following is: Seattle Municipal Building, 600 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104-1876.

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LAKE UNION CREW UPDATE

In January 1998, Lake Union Crew floated barges to an overwater lot just south of E. Allison Street without land use, environmental, and shoreline approvals. The Eastlake Community Council, the Floating Homes Association, and a condominium association asked administrators and the courts not to allow the structure without the required permits.

On Nov. 13, 2001, the Honorable Barbara Rothstein, U.S. District Judge, determined that Lake Union Crew, LLC and Rome A. Ventura would pay Judgment Cause # C00-1650R as awarded to the ECC, the 3100 Fairview Condo, and the Floating Homes Association in the amount of \$14,214.98 for attorney fees and costs. Noted on Oct. 29, 2001, the City of Seattle was awarded \$39,060.00 as a Judgment under the same cause. The ECC was the prevailing party in the legal action that was instituted to enforce the Settlement Agreement entered into by all parties on April 8, 1999. In a recent conversation with DCLU City of Seattle Officials, the Challenger Tug Boat B&B case may have some effect on their next action, but we should expect more DCLU action in the near future. Jim Reckers, Jr. Land Use Committee.

I-5 PARKS...CONT.

Our state legislators are contacting WSDOT's highest levels to ensure a lower-level response more friendly to urban neighborhoods and non-motorized transportation. You can help by thanking them, and by urging Mayor Nickels and the City Council to make sure that Parks, SEATRAN, and the Downtown Open Space Study push a multi-use park with trail connections south to REI. The address for Mayor Greg Nickels is: Seattle Municipal Building, 600 Fourth Avenue, 12th floor, Seattle, WA 98104-1876, 684-4000; mayors.office@ci.seattle.wa.us (the City Council contact information is in the accompanying article on buses). Our legislators' addresses are as follows: State House of Representatives, P.O. Box 40600, Olympia, WA 98504-0600; House Speaker Frank Chopp, (360)786-7920, chopp_fr@leg.wa.gov; Rep. Ed Murray, (360)786-7826, murray_ed@leg.wa.gov; State Senate, P.O. Box 40443, Olympia, WA 98504-0443; Sen. Pat Thibaudeau, (360) 786-7628, thibaude_pa@leg.wa.gov. For questions, or to forward copies of your letter or replies: Chris Leman at 322-5463, cleman@oo.net., 85 E. Roanoke Street, Seattle 98102-3222.

MARCH 6TH PUBLIC MEETING ON EASTLAKE TRAFFIC, TRANSIT, PARKING, & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Transportation has the greatest impact of anything on Eastlake's quality of life. In surveys and meetings, Eastlakers have told us that improvement is needed. The Eastlake Neighborhood Plan (adopted by the City Council in 1999) responded with traffic, transit, parking, and pedestrian priorities. We are making progress, but need your suggestions and involvement. For the latest updates, come Wednesday, March 6 (7 p.m. in the Library of TOPS-Seward School).

Neighborhood volunteers and City staff will discuss the following projects: Fairview Green Street (north of Newton); Fairview shoreline pathway (south of NOAA); Fairview intersection (near Seattle Seaplanes); the residential parking zone; Eastlake Ave. parking, signal timing and new medians; possible traffic signal at Allison; promised disabled-friendly crosswalk on south side of Louisa; safety improvement of intersection at Boylston, Newton, and I-5 on-ramp; humanizing Lynn Street (between Eastlake and Boylston avenues); re-opening north sidewalk on the Roanoke Street bridge; reducing freeway noise; pathways and steps under I-5 south of Newton; bus service and bus shelters; and light rail through the neighborhood. There's a lot going on!

To suggest ideas, to volunteer, or for questions: Transportation, c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102; cleman@oo.net; 322-5463. The neighborhood plan can be read at various public places in the neighborhood (and at the downtown public library and two additional branches), and on the web at <http://eastlake.oo.net>. It can also be purchased at G&H Printing.



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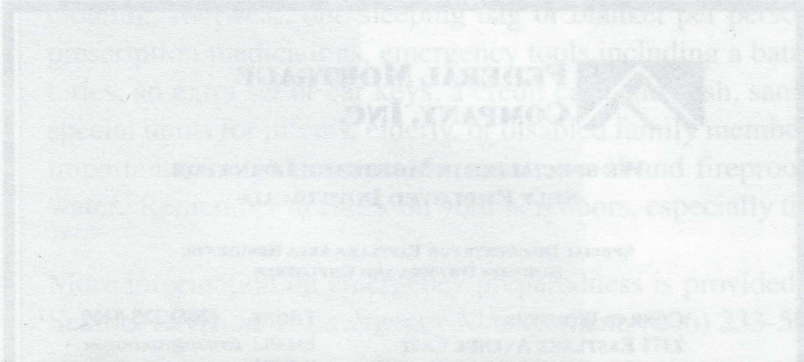
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Do you care about the Eastlake community and want to help preserve and improve this wonderful neighborhood? By becoming a member of the Eastlake Community Council, you'll be a part of one of the city's most praised neighborhood associations, be the first to find out about community concerns and upcoming events, and have the opportunity to be involved in a number of volunteer activities, from work parties to community meetings. Just fill out the form below and make sure you indicate your areas of interest.

ECC Membership Application		Eastlake Community Council	
Name	_____		
Address	_____		
Phone	_____	Email	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Household		\$ 25	
<input type="checkbox"/> Business		\$ 50	
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen/Student/Low Income		\$ 10	
<input type="checkbox"/> Donation		\$ ____	
Eastlake Community Council — 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle, WA 98102			
		Interests <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Open Spaces <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Parking Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Building Guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Distribution <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising <input type="checkbox"/> Work Parties <input type="checkbox"/> Community Art Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Community Meetings	
		Member Status <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	

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If you did not receive this in the mail with a label attached with your name, then you are not a paying member of the Eastlake Community Council. We need your support, and you will receive benefits in return, so please send in your membership application today. Thank you.