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CHRISTOFFERSON PRECEDED BOEING ON LAKE UNION

By Paul G. Spitzer

How did it begin? The person most likely to have brought a seaplane to rest on Lake Union was aviator Silas Christofferson. On a day in July of 1914, "hydroaeroplanes", seaplanes as they would soon be known, became inseparable from the lake.

Aviation writers of the period described Western Washington as a "hydro haven," a world of vacant beaches and placid waters. Anyone hoping to use wheels had to consider the hilly terrain covered by a sea of trees. It seemed like the wrong choice. Even the Boeing company originally thought that building seaplanes for the region would be its niche. Among the nearby hydro havens, Lake Union was not the perfect site, but too good to be ignored. Flyers took a couple years before recognizing its qualities.

Seattle's first flights had not been from water, but dirt. Four years earlier in the winter of 1910 a touring pilot chose a local horserace track for his wonderfully reckless show. He should have been flying a seaplane, clearly, when he failed to pull out of a dive and ended up in a pond at the center of the track. Instantly flipping when his wheel touched the water, he barely survived. As he was being taken to the hospital, the crowd, feeling ... continued page 2



The future held nothing good in store for either Christofferson (right) or Gill (left). In 1916 pilot Christofferson died when his plane disintegrated. Mayor Gill spiraled to earth the following year because of his connection with bootleggers.

PUBLIC EVENTS

- Thurs, Feb. 8 and Sat., Feb. 10. **TOPS-Seward middle school play.** Info: 252-3510.
- Sunday, Feb.11, **Shoreline restoration work party**, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (1500 and 1600 Fairview Avenue E. (see article)
- Mon., Feb. 12, **Public meeting on land use projects and issues**, 7-9 p.m., TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. (see article)
- Sun., March 11, **Shoreline restoration work party**, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (1500 and 1600 Fairview Avenue E.) (see article)
- Tues., March 20, **Public meeting on crime prevention**, 7-9 p.m., TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. (see article)
- Sat., Apr. 7, **Colonnade Park work party**, 10 a.m. to 2p.m. Meet at far NW edge of park near Newton street (under SB freeway on-ramp) (see article)
- Tues., April 17, **Public meeting and slide show on Eastlake's history**, 7-9 p.m., TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. (see article)

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it hadn't seen its money's worth, rushed the gate demanding its money back.

Local flyers took to the air the same year, but did not use the track. The first was probably Tom Hamilton, a Seattle teenager, who used vacant lots and play fields. Other locals did the same, as would the Boeing company right into the mid-Twenties. Hamilton also flew seaplanes which he adapted from land designs with the help of a naval architect. Since Hamilton lived in the Madrona neighborhood, he probably made his flights from Leschi on nearby Lake Washington.

Soon most Seattle flyers settled into using, not Lake Washington, but Harbor Island which had the advantage of being suitable for both land and seaplanes. It was a long, wide and barren plain recently created by dredging operations. Not an insignificant advantage to these amateur pilots, most of whom had so little money that they built their own airplanes, was that using it cost nothing. And for the minority with seaplanes, the island offered a smooth sandy beach on Elliott Bay.

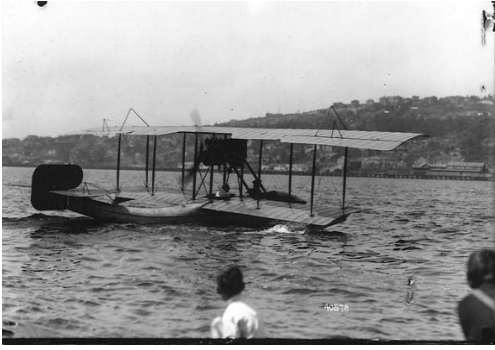
There are no records indicating that anyone flew at Lake Union before 1914 although some must have flown over it and there is one report of a pilot crashing into the lake. With such good alternatives as Lake Washington and Elliott Bay, Lake Union drew little attention. Even touring professionals, of which there were many, used Harbor Island. They came to fly at the city's July "Potlatch" festivals and were for their day what the Blue Angels would become for Seafair. In 1913 and 1914 the Potlatch's featured showman was Silas Christofferson.

Everyone knew who Christofferson was. He was that crazy man who flew off the roof of the Multnomah Hotel in Portland in 1912. They had all seen the pictures. By 1913 he'd become less reckless and Aircraft magazine wrote of the Seattle show: "the dexterity with which the big craft was handled was the marvel of all." A Seattle Times reporter took early aerial photos of the city from Christofferson's plane. The "big craft" was a flying boat design, a seaplane in which the fuselage itself formed the float.

The 1914 flights were notable because he dropped bags of flour on the post office, the armory, waterfront docks and office buildings. The Blue Angels can only be jealous. Unlike the Angels, Christofferson made some night flights and gave a great show by attaching fireworks to the plane. The newspaper said his flights were made from a hydro haven, a bit of vacant shoreline, on the east shore of Lake Union, but never explained why he selected the lake.

He also gave Mayor Hiram Gill a sightseeing ride. The small size of the lake must have been a concern because the era's engines lacked both power and reliability. If all went well, there was plenty of room and the sheltering hills usually made the lake a good place to fly, but a terrible place to lose power or control. Pilots also needed to worry about debris in the water, particularly as industrialization grew following the opening of the Ballard locks.

One problem that Christofferson did not reckon with



After his rooftop takeoff, Christofferson remained one of America's best known pilots even though he turned much of his attention to building airplanes such as this modern-for-the-day flying boat.

was another aviator. Terah Maroney, who the following year would give William Boeing his first ride in an airplane, came to Seattle to reap some of the attention the far more famous Christofferson was sure to get. It would be fight and flight. Above Christofferson's

heavy flying boat, Maroney darted about in his lightweight, but obsolescent open-frame design. Their mock battle above Lake Union would not be the only fight.

Another was fought in the courts with major consequences. Hiram Gill was the kind of politician who accumulated political enemies and had surprised them recently by coming out against sin. As 1916 approached, "temperance" became an overpowering political force and the state of Washington outlawed alcohol. The mayor used the law to arrange for raids on the homes of opponents. The first home to experience a raid belonged to William Boeing, who was just then beginning his aviation activities, including building a sea-plane hangar on Lake Union. Boeing was out of state when the raid uncovered 12 bottles of champagne, 24 of whiskey, 12 of vermouth, 18 of gin, 11 of wine, 180 of beer and one cordial.

To William Boeing what happened must have been humiliating and he was furious. He was a man who avoided public exposure, confrontation and involvements beyond his ability to control. More than most men, he valued a good reputation. Now he was to be pulled into public court to be embarrassed. Probably, if he had been convicted, there would have been no aviation industry in Seattle. As a bachelor and semi-retired, Boeing could easily have left and did often spend months at a time in the East or California. In fact, he was still away when the court rendered its decision. The judge, after listening to the city's best legal counsel city argue on the defense's behalf, concluded in March that no crime had been committed.

In January already, the hangar Boeing built at Roanoke Street opened as the home of the Aero Club of the Northwest, the organization he'd created to promote aviation. Its purpose meant it would be giving a lot of joy rides, but by June his plans had changed and he intended to use the building for his company. Company pilots would give lots of rides to what were now paying customers in an attempt to make flying into a commercial activity. It remained for others to make that business successful. Thus although Christofferson

initiated Lake Union in 1914, it was for Boeing to make Lake Union in 1916 the birthplace for an aviation industry both on the Lake and far beyond it.

A retired history professor, Paul G. Spitzer formerly was corporate Historian at Boeing and Curator at the Museum of History and Industry.

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EASTLAKE, CITY COUNCIL CAMPAIGN TO KEEP NOAA

Since the July 4, 2006 dock fire, the Eastlake Community Council has been working to keep the National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration in our neighborhood, rather than its being moved to Everett, Bremerton, Bellingham, or Alaska. We welcome your ideas on what more we can do. We welcome the City Council's Resolution 30940, passed December 11:

WHEREAS, today's NOAA ships descend from ships of the U. S. Survey of the Coast, the nation's oldest scientific and technical agency, having received its charter from President Thomas Jefferson in 1807; and

WHEREAS, Survey of the Coast ships began operations in the Seattle area and Puget Sound in the late 1800s and the Survey of the Coast established its first permanent office in Seattle in 1898 in the Bailey Building located on the southwest corner of 2nd Avenue and Cherry Street, which is now on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, Survey of the Coast ships found winter moorage in Puget Sound until completion of the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks and the Lake Washington Ship Canal in 1916, and afterwards have been based in Lake Union, where they remain today, at the Marine Operations Center, Pacific on Fairview Avenue East; and

WHEREAS, Seattle has been the principal NOAA ship base in the Pacific Ocean and has been the center for marine charting and oceanographic research operations from the north coast of Alaska through the Bering Sea, the Aleutian Islands and Southeast Alaska, throughout Puget Sound and off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, California and Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, NOAA's Marine Operations Center, Pacific, together with the neighboring Lake Union Dry Dock Company, are the remaining vestiges of historic maritime endeavors on Lake Union; and

WHEREAS, the scientific and technical achievements of NOAA ship operations provide a heritage of maritime activities of which Seattle is proud; and

WHEREAS, the long presence of NOAA ship operations has been a significant economic benefit to Seattle and a source of employment for Seattle residents; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THAT:

Section 1. The Seattle City Council finds that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Marine Operations Center, Pacific is an important facet of Seattle's marine heritage, as well as a beneficial economic factor for Seattle and source of employment for its residents.

Section 2. The Seattle City Council believes it is important that these marine operations remain in Seattle, and urges the NOAA administration to consider making essential repairs to facilities at the Marine Operations Center, Pacific in order for the Center to be maintained here in Seattle. The Seattle City Council strongly supports NOAA's continued presence in Seattle and states its intention to cooperate in achieving this goal.

SR-520 DEBATE CONTINUES

Public officials are debating what to do about SR520, and it is not too late to send them your suggestions. Local controversy has arisen over an effort to move traffic out of Montlake into Union Bay and other neighborhoods by redirecting traffic over Union Bay and through the Arboretum and the University area. ECC and the Floating Homes Association oppose that \$4.38 billion interchange alternative, and are in favor of rebuilding the SR520 bridge more affordably and less destructively as four lanes; for more information on that point of view, see www.noexpansionofSR520.org.

Whatever your views, please send them to the Mayor, City Council, Governor, and state legislators. The addresses for all of them are available on the League of Women Voters' web site at www.seattlelwv.org/pubs/TRY_2006.pdf. For questions, contact ECC president Carsten Stinn, teamenzo@hotmail.com.



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DECORATING A TREE, HONORING A NEIGHBORHOOD

By Marjorie Nelson

For 45 years, Lolita and Glenn Gray have lived at the corner of Franklin Ave. and Hamlin St., and for almost as long, they and friends have delighted passersby with imaginative decorations on the little apple tree on the corner. As the months go by it is covered with hearts at Valentine's Day, shamrocks at St. Patrick's, eggs at Easter, red-white-and-blue between Memorial and Independence days, ghosts and pumpkins for Halloween, turkeys at Thanksgiving, and of course ornaments at Christmastime. This year they also grew what must be the largest pumpkin ever seen this side of the Cascades. Thanks, Lolita and Glenn, for giving Eastlakers, and those just passing through, something to smile about.



CRIME PREVENTION MEETING, MARCH 20

ECC is expanding its crime prevention efforts. Our public meeting on Tues., March 20 (7 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E.) features a Police Dept. representative, information-sharing among neighbors on recent incidents, and how to set up a block and disaster watch. Also, volunteers are needed to help promote the block and disaster watches, and to serve as liaison with police and fire departments in preparing for the crowds and fireworks of July 4.

To get involved: (206) 322-5463 or cleman@oo.net.

STREETCAPE AND ALLEY IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS

ECC is applying for City funds to install curbs and a now-missing sidewalk on Newton street between Franklin and Eastlake avenues, and to beautify Lynn Street between Boylston and Eastlake avenues and make Lynn safer to cross or to park along. To comment on the plans, or to volunteer or donate, contact Russ Saimons, rsaimons@msn.com. We especially need volunteers who are skilled at architecture, landscape architecture, or civil engineering, to help us with designs and displays.

With garages being a main source of entry for many newer buildings, and some homes actually fronting on alleys, the alleys are, in effect, a "front yard" for many of us—but they are not always well-designed, lighted, or clean. Graffiti, garbage, and a feeling of abandonment make alleys seem unsafe. Please get involved with your neighbors in sprucing up your alley, and starting an "alley-watch" to prevent crime! A first effort is the alley between Franklin and Boylston, and between Lynn and Louisa; contact Andrea Dickson

(andrea.dickson@gmail.com, 206.817.0088). To get involved with another alley or street: cleman@oo.net, 322-5463.



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Seattle Times editorial page editor **James F. Vesely** in his widely read Sunday column chose on June 4 to feature Eastlake as "a regenerative force," "the kind of neighborhood that makes Seattle a hometown," and "one of those places that sticks in the mind for Seattle livability." Listing Eastlake's treasures, he judges **Patrick's Fly Shop** (2237

Eastlake, 325-8988) a "national gem," ending the column "betting on the community to do well and survive, sustaining, as ever, the life of the city." ... Congrats to **Doran Patrick Custom Upholstery** (1807 Eastlake Ave., 323-5225), singled out for "best upholstery repair" in December's Seattle magazine: "Architects, interior decorators and customers around the country rely on Patrick. His finished pieces rival—and often surpass—the quality of the original."

The Jan. 4 – Feb. 15, 2006 issue of Nor'westing has a fascinating article on historic **Lake Union Drydock** based on an interview with its equally historic Vice President for Finance, **Jim Francis**. Local writer **Marilyn Michael** observes: "Its secret may be that it continues to be run by descendants of its founders and maintains passionate employees like Jim." Lake Union Drydock's first legal counsel, who helped found it in 1919, was Harry Jones, and the company's current legal counsel and corporate secretary is Harry's grandson, Roger Jones, Jr. The **Jones family** owns 60 percent of the stock. Lake Union Drydock produced the classic Lake Union Dreamboat in the 1920s, was the first U.S. manufacturer of water skis, built much of the crab and minesweeper fleets, has outfitted or repaired many factory trawlers and state ferries, and has Seattle's largest woodworking machinery, used in the total rebuild of the landmark Virginia V, completed in 2003.

Eastlake Specialty Market (1540 Eastlake Ave., 324-6613) is an elegant new delicatessen and gourmet grocery that features national brands such as Boar's Head, and local suppliers such as Fresh Juice works. The shop is decorated in a Lake Union theme, with some sandwiches named after local sights. Catering is available. Open M-F at 6:30 a.m. Sat-Sun at 8 a.m., and until midnight ever night. ... **Rotary Club of South Lake Union** (SLU) is a newly-forming service club of business and professional leaders (Rotary International has some 1.2 million members in more than 33,000 Rotary Clubs in 165 countries. Meetings are every Friday from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. at the Center for Wooden Boats, 1010 Valley Street. For more information about Rotary Club of South Lake Union, contact Dave Skow at 206 714 9745 or dskow@seattlemortgage.com or Bob Weis, Public Relations chair, at 206-526-1414 or at weiscmu@aol.com.

Bronwen Serna (bserna@hinescoffee.com) is back in the neighborhood, crafting her nationally award-winning espressos Friday and Saturday mornings at **Sitka and Spruce** (2238 Eastlake, 324-0662, sitkaandspruce.com). ... Seattle Times food critic **Nancy Leson's** July 26 search for the best sushi got one devotee's enthusiastic nomination of **Hiroshi's** (2501 Eastlake Ave., 726-4966, www.hiroshis.com): "Always the freshest fish. Always great presentation. Continuous changing menu specials. Very friendly and attentive staff."

From their home at 2730 Franklin, Glenn and Lolita Gray (323-5240, litagr@worldnet.att.net) distribute the **Shaklee** line of biodegradable cleaners and all-natural food supplements. They got into the business more than 30 years ago out of concern to protect Lake Union and its residents from harmful detergents and other chemicals. In October, Shaklee became a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Climate Leader with an aggressive pledge to offset 100 percent of its greenhouse gas emissions for the next three years.

The **Tudor Choir** (2366 Eastlake Ave. #335, 323-9415, www.tudorchoir.org) has concerts Feb. 24-25 and March 31-April 1. ... The stock market is reacting favorably to continuing good news about the safety and effectiveness of **ZymoGenetics'** (1201 Eastlake Ave., www.zymogenetics.com) first marketable drug. Thrombin, which through gene-splicing duplicates a human clotting protein, does not trigger as many antibodies as the competing product that is derived from cow's blood. The company hopes to bring the product to market in 2007.

Mort's Cabin (3202 Harvard Ave. E., www.mortscabin.com, 323-6678. Hours 3-6 Sat./Sun. or by appointment) and its magical owner **Darold Andersen** are profiled and pictured in the November 2006 Sunset. The antiques and collectibles shop is named for Andersen's father, whom Darold helped build the family's cabin just outside Mt. Rainier National Park. "He worked so hard," Andersen says of his father, "but the cabin was his escape." As it is for us," writes Sunset, and we agree.

Offices and laboratories of the **UW Department of Global Health** are located in Eastlake at 1616 Eastlake Ave. Funded in part by the nearby **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** and run jointly by the medical and public health schools, the department emphasizes research, education, and health services in developing countries. Also located in the building is the **UW Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory**, the **Accelerator** biotech incubator, and **laboratories of Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center**.

There were raised eyebrows—and blood pressures—on Nov. 2 when a Seattle Department of Planning and Development notice invited comments on a proposed **32-story building with 221 residential units and 216 parking spaces on Fairview Avenue E.** When ECC inquired as to whether this was a months-old April Fool's stunt, DPD did not know (!) that there had been a mix-up of a local project with a downtown project, but

confirmed there is no such proposal in our neighborhood. They promptly send out a new notice (but apparently were too embarrassed to mention the earlier mistake).

The P-I and Times had inspiring profiles of **Elias "Dutch" Schultz**, a former Eastlake houseboater who died August 29 at the age of 96. Schultz was a wood sculptor and birder who had fought in 1936-39 with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade against the successful Fascist overthrow of the Spanish Republic. He later served in Italy and the Pacific with the U.S. Army and as a longshoreman, and believed strongly in the International Longshore and Warehouse Union motto, "An injury to one is an injury to all."

The May 31 move of **Wes and Daphne Larson's** house at 3218 Harvard Ave. E. to new owners in the San Juan Islands was the "Super Bowl" of all house moves. **Home and Garden Television** (a cable network) broadcast the saga on New Year's Eve, and as its first program of 2007. We don't get that channel, and hope that someone will donate a tape or DVD to the Eastlake archives. ... Word is that the recently approved City budget includes funds to move the endangered and historic lumber schooner **Wawona** to dry-land display. Thanks to all who contacted the City to save the ship from imminent destruction!

Volunteers and local artists are needed for an **Eastlake art walk**, show or other event. Please contact ECC board member and artist in residence Craig Ogle, oglecraig@yahoo.com, 920-8544. ... The widely used bulletin board at the **Eastlake Zoo** was donated many years ago by the Eastlake Community Council, and the kiosks in parks were also neighborhood projects. The Eastlake neighborhood plan calls for more bulletin boards and kiosks. ECC board member Craig MacGowan (726-7964, cmacgowan@comcast.net) is coordinating this effort, and welcomes volunteers and donations, suggestions for sites, and businesses that can offer space. ... Do you have a favorite business you would like to see recognized with one of the **Mayor's Small Business Awards**? Nomination forms and eligibility criteria are available at www.seattle.gov/economicdevelopment or by calling 684-4008. ... **The Eastlake Community Council** welcomes business members, which are \$75 a year. For information, contact ECC board member Charlie Walsh, charliejr@issidata.com. ... ECC is also helping to establish an **Eastlake Merchants Association**; for information, contact ECC board member Russ Saimons, rsaimons@msn.com.

Mention in this column does not imply endorsement by the ECC, writer, or editor. Send your news to Chris Leman (cleman@oo.net) or c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102.



Since 1996, Lake Union Drydock has hosted a Fairview Avenue E. cleanup by Boy Scout Troop 171, which is sponsored by Assumption Catholic Church. At this year's Oct. 22 work party, the Scouts not only picked up a huge amount of trash, but removed invasive plants for the shoreline restoration project.

For LakeFest, ECC rented this "bouncy dragon," which was a hit with kids and parents alike.



Some of the kids now living in the Tenas Chuck houseboats at 2331 and 2339 Fairview.

FEB. 12 PUBLIC MEETING ON LAND USE PROJECTS AND ISSUES

ECC is hosting a public meeting about land use projects in the neighborhood—Monday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School. Major projects may have presentations, and there will be information-sharing about early stages and progress reports on other projects, as well as the Yale appeal (see separate article). ECC's land use committee needs your help in making sure that new projects fit the neighborhood. To get involved, contact ECC land use committee co-chairs Matthew Stubbs, matthew_stubbs@comcast.net and Charlie Walsh, charliejr@issidata.com.

EASTLAKE HISTORICAL SLIDE SHOW AND TALKS

The City of Seattle was incorporated in 1869, and just 14 years later the portion of the Eastlake neighborhood south of Lynn Street was annexed to the City (1883), with the rest of Eastlake being annexed in 1891. Come on **Tuesday, April 17** (7-9 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School) to hear and swap historical stories and enjoy our extensive slide collection. Any with a perspective on Eastlake's history are invited to come and share it. Don't miss this always-popular meeting

ECC has a growing archive of photos, articles, interviews, and other pieces of Eastlake's history. Please contribute what you have, find more items for our archives, or help organize or write up what we have. Especially welcome are donated photos, or if you need them back, we can arrange to scan or copy your photos. It would be great if someone would make a video or audio history of the neighborhood. Contact cleman@oo.net or (206) 322-5463.

TRICK-OR-TREAT

I took some friends trick-or-treating in Portage Bay and I wanted to thank all the kind people who gave us candy, hot toddies and even a beer!! Also, thanks to the lady who just came out of her houseboat to say hello even though she didn't have anything to give us.

We really do this for the fun of being out on the water and for talking to new people - the goodies are nice but not necessary!

Thanks, Annette Brigham
(from a Lake Union houseboat)

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The Eastlake Community Council builds community and enhances the neighborhood only with your help. We are all-volunteer, so donations of cash, stock, bequests, or real estate go a long way. We are also looking for a used digital projector to go along with our old Kodak carousel projector. And we need your volunteer effort in any of the following:

- (1) Organize an Eastlake auction, tour, boat cruise, neighborhood-wide day of yard sales—or spearhead an event of your own invention!
- (2) Care for a park, shoreline, street, alley, or some other corner of creation
- (3) Serve on ECC’s land use committee, helping review projects
- (4) Distribute the Eastlake News on your block or nearby
- (5) Do a movie or video about Eastlake, or record Eastlake pioneers to preserve our irreplaceable history
- (6) Help Artful Eastlake volunteers organize an arts walk and art show
- (7) Organize a block or dock watch for crime prevention and disaster preparedness
- (8) Represent the neighborhood at the East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition, www.sngi.org/epcpc/epcpc.html
- (9) Help the Eastlake Community Council build its individual and business membership
- (10) Sand, finish, and label the growth rings of our cross-section of an historic apple tree from Eastlake’s orchard era

Interested? Write to ECC, 117 E. Louisa Street #1, Seattle 98102, cleman@oo.net, or phone 322-5463.

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QUIET CHANGES LEAD TO BIG RESPONSE

By Matthew Stubbs, co-chair of ECC land use committee

The last issue of the Eastlake News featured an extensive article regarding development within Eastlake, and the efforts that the Eastlake Community Council's Land Use Committee undertakes to ensure that developments are kept within the bounds of the zoning code. In particular, the article and we as a committee have focused on one especially egregious example of developers pushing the boundaries set by the zoning code, the project at 2622 Yale Avenue East.

A quick update since the publishing of that article, which requested comment and solicited donations: We have received significant positive feedback encouraging the Eastlake Community Council to move forward with the appeal. At our Sept. 20 public meeting that focused on land use issues, approximately 30 people attended and listened to two presentations by developers, as well as participated in an hour-long discussion of how we as a community should proceed about the 2622 Yale Avenue development.

I would like to thank and acknowledge all of those individuals who attended the public meeting; who have voiced their concern and offered encouragement to ECC both at the meeting and in writing; and especially those who have donated money to address this problem. ECC appreciates your support and confidence in our efforts.

On November 9th the City of Seattle released its "Analysis and Decision of the Director of the Department of Planning and Development" for the project at 2622 Yale Avenue East, approving the significant departures, as outlined in the last issue's article, and granting the master use permit for this project. Due to the significant public concern, we moved forward and (as authorized by the board) filed an appeal on behalf of the Eastlake Community Council and its member residents of Eastlake, on November 22nd, the last day for submission. We expect that a hearing will be concluded in mid-January.

We hope that everyone who was compelled by this issue and the questions of land use as a whole will attend the upcoming public meeting on February 12th (see notice elsewhere in this issue). For questions: matthew_stubbs@comcast.net.

GRAFFITI RANGERS NEEDED

Quick removal of graffiti is the best way to discourage taggers, and City laws require private landowners to remove it promptly. On both private and public property, you can offer a gentle reminder or help in removal. The City graffiti hotline is 684-7587 #2. Be sure to describe the location accurately (address, cross streets, side of street, etc.). Volunteers are needed to report and/or paint out graffiti. Contact Eastlake's graffiti-buster, lizzieknudsen@hotmail.com or 324-2436. .

PARKS STEWARDSHIP

The parks of our neighborhood thrive only with the care of volunteers. If there's a park that needs love, we can connect you with its stewardship group, or help you get one started. Generally at work parties, we provide tools, but you bring gloves.

A new stewardship group has emerged for Colonnade—our biggest park, and a great place in the winter because I-5 provides shelter from the rain! The next Saturday work party is Saturday, April 7; come anytime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., at the northwest corner of the park (just below Lakeview Blvd., between Newton and Howe streets). Leader is Dan Kelley-Petersen, manager of the Eastlake Starbucks (which provides fresh coffee and pastries). We are spreading mulch on weeded areas and saving trees from the smothering ivy and clematis. For questions or to be added to the notification list: kellersen@comcast.net or 318-7050 ext. 303448.

At the Lake Union southeast shoreline restoration project, volunteers continue to remove invasive blackberries, ivy, clematis, scotch broom, and knotweed, and they spread soil and install native plants on this reclaimed shoreline with its gravel pathway. The beavers devastated a favorite apple tree, so we redoubled our efforts to protect the remaining trees with wire. The next Sunday work parties are Feb.11, and March 11, from 10 a.m. to 1. Meet at 1609 Fairview Ave. E. Questions or to be added to notification list: cleman@oo.net or 322-5463. Also, a volunteer is sought to share in the coordination. And let us know if your company or school could help on a different date.

Other parks scheduling work parties this spring include Good Turn Park (Tricia Rendina, 261-4271; and Fairview Park (Mary Kay Gillespie, 328-2161). Parks that still need a coordinator include Rogers Playfield and North Gateway Park (under I-5 where Harvard and Eastlake intersect). If you are interested, please contact Chris Leman, cleman@oo.net, (206) 322-5463.

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Christian Lint, captain and owner of the historic tugboat Chief, is helping the Fairview shoreline restoration project tow to Lake Union and install some donated cedar logs along the shore side of the new pathway



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That unsightly piece of asphalt at Louisa Street End is gone! What we have now is a public gathering place with fabulous views from its bench and rocks; easy access to the lake for kayakers and others; and a pétanque court - with scoreboard and rules posted. 'Cutting the ribbon'



Merci beaucoup! to the individuals and organizations that made the transformation possible: the Department of Neighborhoods (for a \$15K Small and Simple Matching Fund grant); SDOT; the Seattle Mariners; Cedar Grove Composting; the 'friends of Evelyn Debaste'; An Urban Company, Rubicon LLC, and the many, many folks who volunteered their time and labor including: Barbara Donnette, Jim Donnette, Barbara Zegar, Ben Shoop, Carsten Stinn, Chris Leman, Conrad Watne, David Quasha, Enzo Stinn, Anthony, Erica Smith, Gabriel Hajiani, Gary Tiffany, Giff Jones, Jennie Crowe, Jim Kuijper, Johnathan Ezekiel, Molly Cadranell, Katie, Kelly Early, Kevin Wilson, Leslie Silverman, Linda Furney, Mathew Stubbs, Steven Kosak, Svend Lee, Theo Ianuly, Tina Fellin, Tom Early, Tom Naylor, John Eskelin, Usch Engelmann, Val Burgess, William Sweet, Mike Reilly ...and others!

Everyone who helped with the park had a lot of fun doing it – and we found that folks will work *really* hard for something that they know will benefit everyone. We learned that our friends and neighbors have a huge array of skills and knowledge that they are willing to volunteer: operating machinery, design, drafting, landscaping, project management, masonry, communications, writing, hard physical labor, providing great snacks at lunchtime, on and on!

We did have a specific plan when we started - funding and permits were obtained beforehand – so our expectations were pretty clear. But what was actually accomplished far exceeded our expectations! The way the park looks, and the sense of pride that all the volunteers feel when we see people enjoying it is a tremendous feeling! Neighbors watched it being built – they talked to us on site as we worked - and sent us messages and emails saying how much they appreciate this new little park. The Bouledrome is a place where neighbors and friends can meet and have fun – that's what it's all about!

There are other projects in our neighborhood (Louisa Arborway, ECC Arts Committee projects) that need the help and enthusiasm of a volunteer crew to make them reality. Contact the ECC to find out about them, or tell us about your ideas.

EVELYN DEBASTE

"Evelyn Debaste loved the houseboats. We loved Evelyn (1920-2005)": so states the dedication on the bench at the new Louisa Street-end park. Although not a houseboat resident, Evelyn always seized the opportunity to houseboat-sit for Julie and Mike Weisbach, Claire Tangvald and Jim Mason, and Annette Brigham. After retiring from her nursing position at the University of Washington Medical Center, Evelyn, who had many family ties in France, fulfilled a lifelong ambition to live there. She resided in Paris and the Loire Valley for ten years.. (She once even facilitated a house-houseboat swap for French relatives). In 1990 Evelyn returned to Seattle and lived in Ballard until her death last year.

On one of his morning strolls, Mike Weisbach saw a work party at the Louisa Street-end park and learned about the Bouledrome. He knew immediately that this would be a perfect place for a memorial for Francophile Evelyn! Steve Debaste, Evelyn's son, has many childhood memories of watching Petanque games with his Mom during their summer visits to France. He and his family join Evelyn's friends in thanking the Eastlake community for providing the perfect location for a memorial bench.



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Some advice gleaned from the web site: Decide with those you live with the safe place in each room of your house, should there be an earthquake. Safe places include under a sturdy table or desk, or beside a sofa or bed. Practice dropping under or beside something sturdy and taller than you are; cover the back of your head and your neck with one arm. Hold on, in case the thing you're under or beside moves; close your eyes.

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