



# Eastlake News

September / October 2008

## Upcoming events

**Sep. 13 — Grand opening of the mountain bike portions of Colonnade park** 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

(under I-5 between Newton and Garfield streets). See (or do) bicycle tricks. Lots of booths and free prize drawings and barbecue.

**Oct. 7 — ECC annual elections meeting and forum** — candidates for City Council and School Board will debate and field your questions, 7:00-9:00 p.m., TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. See article on page 3.

**Nov. 12 — ECC board meeting** 7:00-9:00 p.m., TOPS @ Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. The Eastlake Community Council Board meets the second Wednesday of each month. We gather in the Eastlake Room. If you would like to attend or have an agenda item that you would like to add please contact Matthew Stubbs at [President@eastlakeseattle.org](mailto:President@eastlakeseattle.org).

To learn about more upcoming events, go to the ECC calendar at [www.eastlakeseattle.org](http://www.eastlakeseattle.org).

## The Squirrelman of Eastlake

by Janet Yoder

During the summer of 2006, we at the north end of Eastlake neighborhood heard pounding in the evening and into the night. It was hard to pinpoint the source of the pounding because we live under the roar of the freeway bridge. But we knew someone was building something nearby. A fall windstorm blew enough leaves off the trees in the green belt below the freeway to reveal the new project — a treehouse. We admired it. We were curious. We chatted with neighbors about it. Then we met the builder — Dave Csaky.

The treehouse Dave built was not a child's treehouse, nor an architect's dream; more like a dilapidated carousel perched in a tree. Dave's treehouse was a chaotic, organic, non-square construction of plywood on two-by-fours on beams bolted into the strongest strategic branches of a maple and two linden trees on a hillside below the I-5 ship canal bridge. Dave's view was a realtor's rhapsody. Sunset. Olympic Mountain peaks. Lake Union. Kayaks. Rowboats. Tugboats. Party boats. Dave's treehouse felt surprisingly solid under foot and

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## Navy Cadets and Early Aviation on Union Bay

by Paul Spitzer

During World War One, Lake Union yielded a large swath of its waterfront to the U.S. Navy.

While it was a busy time on the lake following the opening of the Chittenden Locks, the Lake Washington Ship Canal and the Panama Canal, the Navy's interest in this teapot-sized lake wasn't as a port, but rather so that sailors could go to school at the University. From Capitol Hill one saw long ranks of tents housing the recruits as if viewing a scene from the Civil War. Their encampment stood on a huge parcel of University of Washington shoreline which now includes the health sciences, hospital, oceanography, fisheries and stadium properties, or what the UW Daily at the time described as "all the waterfront on the southern and eastern sides" of campus. Moreover, the University considered giving away the property to the Navy a major triumph.

The triumph, fortunately for the school, was short-lived. The Navy would decide it was not going to make the long-term investment that University president Henry Suzzallo worked so hard to arrange. The most visible part of its presence was the aviation component. Suzzallo and his close friend

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#### The Squirrel Man of Eastlake ...

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only swayed slightly in significant winds. Dave's treehouse was topped by a big brown tarp, nailed in place with lathe board. It reached up to a central tree trunk, like a circus tent. Wind blew through Dave's treehouse because it was open, except for his camp tent, which held his single bunk and cages for: his ferret, Rainbow; his pet rat, Lucky; and his balance-impaired squirrel, Tilt.

Dave Csaky had been homeless for nearly a year. He built a shelter on the ground on the west side of Harvard Avenue. It got bulldozed. Then he camped in the green belt below the freeway between Eastlake and Fairview. But, as he said, "It was damp, dirty and full of brambles." So he nailed a piece of plywood to a couple of tree branches, climbed up, and slept on it. From that small platform, Dave began building a treehouse to call home. He called it home for nearly two years. He got to know his neighbors, invited us up to tour his arboreal home and meet his adopted animals. My husband Robby Rudine donated a Tui Tui mailbox that Dave nailed to his tree to receive mail from neighbors and friends. Jim Ross gave Dave a block and tackle to so Dave could more easily get his scrap lumber up into the tree. Others helped Dave with kerosene lamps, hand warmers, paint, used furniture, flannel sheets, even ferret food. In turn, night owl Dave kept an eye on the area when most of us were sleeping. Dave confronted junkies

and drove off troublemakers. In other words he was a good, if quirky, neighbor.

But Dave's treehouse was on city property, specifically the City Light right-of-Way. On Monday, April 7, the city posted a notice for Dave to vacate in 48 hours. Dave was devastated and sought my help. I contacted Josh Trujillo, Post-Intelligencer photographer. Josh was a former Eastlake resident and had already met and photographed Dave. Josh came with reporter Mike Lewis to interview Dave, the neighbors, and get the story out.

The *Seattle PI* published the story April 8. Photographs of Dave and his treehouse flew around the Internet. Local TV news crews showed up to interview Dave. His story went national on CNN and Fox. KIRO talk radio recorded a show in Dave's treehouse. Because Dave had rescued an injured squirrel and because he fed all the squirrels that visited his treehouse, Dave became known to the world as squirrelman. All the media attention



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got him a small reprieve: The city posted a new notice to vacate, giving Dave 10 days instead of 48 hours.

Neighbors rallied. Legally Dave had no choice but to move. We decided to try to find a used RV for Dave. Brandon Ferrante and Maria Bolander searched craigslist for possibilities. One stood out: Tim and Amy Custer had a used RV for sale and they agreed to a "squirrelman discount." I went to the bank to get enough cash to pay for it, knowing others would chip in. When Tim and Amy showed up in their RV and met Dave, toured his treehouse, saw the support for him, they sold him the RV for a penny.

The next challenge was finding a place for Dave to live in his RV. People who read the news story e-mailed me with suggestions and a couple of offers. Documentary filmmaker Kevin Heutink and I gathered the offers and discussed them with Dave. Two sounded viable. So off we went to check them out. One ended up being just right and that is where Dave Csaky now lives, on 80 acres in Skagit County where he helps with the care of animals in exchange for a place to live in his RV. He moved there on April 20. The woman who owns the property is happy with the arrangement; so is Dave.

Dave got a volunteer crew to help dismantle his treehouse. A City Light crew came to clear away the discarded lumber and to trim the branches. The city also posted signs saying no trespassing or loitering.

On June 21, Dave and his landlady hosted a barbecue at his Skagit County home for some of his Eastlake neighbors. In addition to working with animals, former Eagle Scout Dave is now a part-time ranger at a Boy Scout Camp. Dave sends greetings to all the folks he knows in Eastlake. Though he misses his treehouse and the Eastlake neighborhood, Dave is thriving in his new home.

## Help Debate Ballot Issues and Candidates At Oct. 7 ECC Annual Meeting

ECC's Tuesday, Oct. 7 annual meeting (7:00-9:00 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School) features debates between state legislative and other candidates, and between the "pro" and "con" sides of important state and local ballot measures. Please send in your suggested questions, to [info@eastlakeseattle.org](mailto:info@eastlakeseattle.org), or drop them by or mail them to ECC, 117 E. Louisa #1. The meeting begins with the ECC annual meeting and elections. (And it's not too late to volunteer yourself or a friend for nomination to the ECC board of directors, to the addresses above.)

## Comments Urgent On Changes to Residential Parking Zone

The Seattle Department of Transportation is considering major changes in the Residential Parking Zone Program: (1) Fees would increase substantially from the current \$35/two years; (2) the UW subsidy for permits north of Roanoke Street would be eliminated; (3) Eastlake's Zone 8 would no longer allow unlimited permits, with each household limited to two; and (4) the guest permit program would be changed from one permit good all the time, to multiple permits, each good for one day (thus allowing multiple guests), with a "low" fee for the first few packages, and higher fees for subsequent packages, and each household allowed no more than 100 days of guest permits per year.

The City needs your comments on these proposed changes (and please also send a copy to the Eastlake Community Council at 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102, or [info@eastlakeseattle.org](mailto:info@eastlakeseattle.org)). The comment deadline is October 20. To read the proposals, comment, or fill out a questionnaire: [www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/rpz\\_policy\\_review.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/rpz_policy_review.htm). Written comments may also go to Mary Catherine Snyder at SDOT, P.O. Box 34996, Seattle, WA 98124-4996 or [marycatherine.snyder@seattle.gov](mailto:marycatherine.snyder@seattle.gov).

## Help the Squirrelman Get Wheels for Work

Dave Csaky, of treehouse fame, needs a serviceable car to get to his handyman jobs. Some of his friends have purchased a vehicle for him but would appreciate any donations toward the \$700 + . Donations can be made to Squirrel Man Fund c/o Lake Union Mail, 117 E Louisa, Seattle WA, 98102-3279.

## Navy Cadets and Early Aviation On Union Bay ...

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William Boeing hoped to establish a cadet training program to work hand-in-hand with academic aeronautical courses on campus that were already partly realized at the start of the war.

In order to make the whole program go forward, Boeing had given the school a wind tunnel and a building to house it — the building still stands near the HUB. Other important supporters included Richard Coontz, commandant of the Puget Sound naval district and a member of Boeing's Lake Union based Aero Club of the Northwest; and Miller Freeman, publisher and commander of the state naval militia who first thought up the plan.

Aviation Prof. Frank McKone said the waters adjoining the University were as good for seaplanes as one could find anywhere and he particularly liked eliminating the commuting problems that would come from locating the airplanes off-campus. Students would easily participate in both aircraft ground school instruction and some college courses. McKone claimed that flying conditions in Seattle were good, conceding only the presence of a "slight mist." He and UW did not try to argue that an excess of rain would help provide training in wet conditions, as had once been cited in support of a proposal by the Bremerton naval yard.

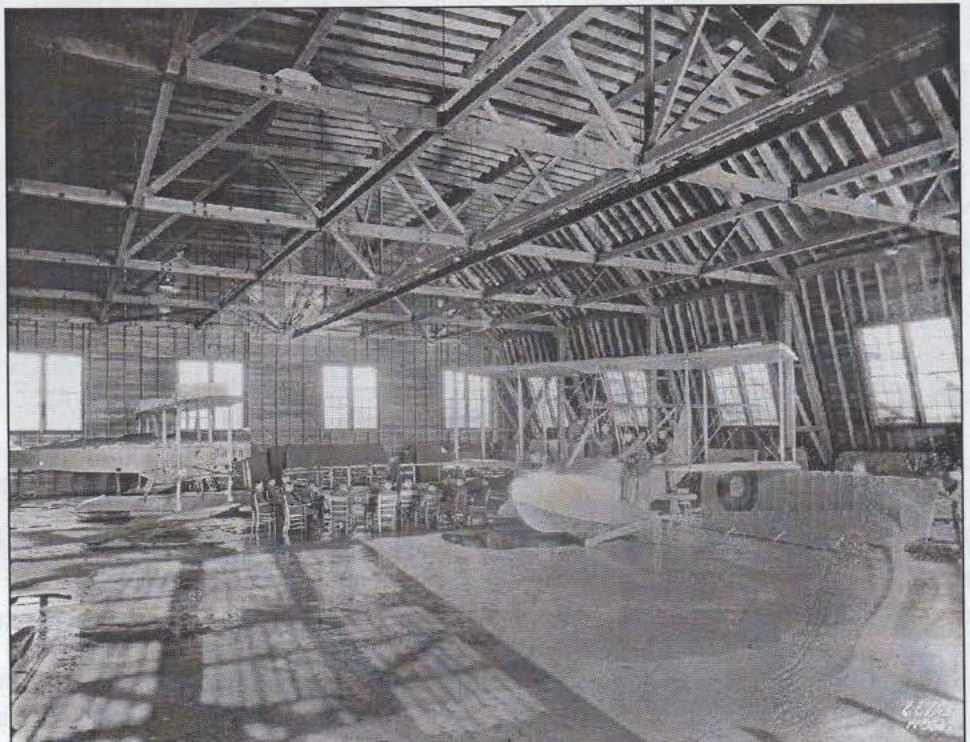
Midway through the war the Navy sent a review party from San Diego that included Lieutenant Earl Winfield Spencer, Jr., a man best remembered as the first husband of the Duchess of Windsor. That the party spent less than one day in Seattle was a clear indication of their lack of interest. California, New York and New Jersey were at the time the only states with naval flight training and the San Diego party may have wanted to retain its exclusive

position. There is also the possibility of a strain with Boeing, whose Model C seaplanes were then in production. The planes would sit out the war still unpacked in their shipping crates on the beach near San Diego because Lieut. Spencer never liked them.

President Suzzallo had been careful not to step on any Navy toes, and instead of asking for a program to create pilots, he asked for a ground school that would train cadets in engines, airplane rigging, gunnery and repairs. William Boeing showed the San Diego team the University's equipment and his company's plant on the Duwamish River because Suzzallo was away. The Lake Union flying station at Roanoke Street where Boeing airplanes went through their test flights would certainly have been included on the tour. The proposal emphasized how close the University

was to Boeing's flying station. It suggested that a vital company and a willing university were both enriched by the fact they were nearly neighbors, less than two miles by boat. Cadets and officers would have the advantage of moving back and forth between schoolroom and company hangar entirely by water.

While no one is likely to have actually gone by water, the Boeing firm and the UW had close ties. There was the expensive wind tunnel, one of less than a handful in American schools. When the Boeing company entered production, it had to search the region for used shop machinery and received the loan of a milling machine from the university. In order to get hands-on ground training, Navy cadets were happy to act as "beach mules" at the Roanoke hangar ramp for Boeing. And to earn their Navy flying allowance, the



Although posed, this rare picture from World War One shows a dozen cadets in classroom instruction and a half dozen more attending to a flying boat. The plane is a Curtiss-designed HS-2L, probably one of 25 which Boeing built. The seaplane on the left is the Martin biplane which Boeing bought before starting the building his own designs. The floor is noticeably wet, probably because the cadets have just finished instruction in how to maintain a plane.

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corps' two pilots hitched rides on Boeing aircraft. William Boeing also hired one professor and offered Prof. McKone summer employment. Their relationship was symbiotic and very close.

When World War I ended, it took just a few months for the naval cadet training school to be closed. Few would remember that for several months in 1918, "white-capped tars" in blue trousers and puttees were everywhere on the UW campus. Squads of aviation cadets spent many hours learning to march and how to carry a rifle. They built odd chicken coop-like buildings that may have been test cells in which to run engines. Several dozen young men went to San Diego to get more experience accompanied by Herb Munter, Boeing's first test pilot. But while most paper records on the program disappeared over time, there remains one obvious reminder of what occurred — the UW canoe house.

The canoe house sitting right next to the ship canal near Husky stadium is a building known to almost everyone in Seattle. It is also one of the oldest aviation facilities in the nation. Architects at the Puget Sound Naval Yard in Bremerton designed it in 1918. Its original purpose is clearly evident from its shape, size and huge rolling doors that open up on to a steep ramp leading straight into the ship canal. That no airplane flew from the hangar is almost certain. And the unsuitable location may suggest that its original placement was intended to be temporary.

The aviation profs had hoped to fill in Union Bay to use as a landing fielding. That and other ambitious plans ended with the Allied victory in November, 1918. The navy soon abandoned its hangar and all the university property it occupied. About that same time, William

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Boeing leased to other parties the Roanoke Street hangar after concluding that the future of airplanes rested on wheels, not pontoons.

Creating the UW's "Aviation Detachment" was a large undertaking with financial motives that would have served the school and city of Seattle. William Boeing and his associates are undoubtedly referenced in a 1917 letter from the Suzzallo office to the Chamber of Commerce declaring, "It is the belief of those best informed that if this auxiliary training station will be established as a war emergency measure, it will influence the Navy to increase its expansion in this vicinity, especially with reference to a permanent auxiliary training base" nearby. Defense contractors today call the enticement process "getting the customer pregnant." The Navy listened to the sweet talk and clearly went a little further, yet it never went all the way. Suzzallo, the disappointed suitor, would later complain about having done so much and gotten so little in return. What the school did get was a pretty good canoe house.

UW's relationship with Boeing continued, beginning with the resignation of chief engineer John Miller at Boeing following the end of the war to return to his post as a professor. With company help through the sparse postwar era, the University was able to maintain its program in aeronautics. As long as the Navy hangar next to Husky Stadium stands — the Roanoke Street hangar does not — no one needs to resort to archaeology to find Boeing's presence on Lake Union.

Paul G. Spitzer formerly was the Corporate Historian at Boeing, a university professor and Curator at the Museum of History and Industry. The photo is courtesy of the PEMCO collection at the Museum of History and Industry.

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by Kate Dulemba

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Well look no further! Visit City Hardware for all of your hardware needs! Locally owned and operated since Fall 2007, City Hardware not only has whatever tool you are looking for, they also offer top-notch customer service. Service specialists are friendly, resourceful, and knowledgeable. (Tough to find at some other hardware stores sometimes!)

This pet friendly hardware store carries over 65,000 different high quality items, from Ace Hardware to

Benjamin Moore paints, as well as over 75 environmentally safe products. They also carry stainless steel parts that are useful on boats and houseboats — perfect for our Eastlake community.

City Hardware is located at 901 Harrison Street — right off the new streetcar route along South Lake Union. They also offer free parking in the lot next door; hours are M-Fri 8-8, Sat 8-6, and Sun 9-5.

Visit their web site at [www.cityhardwareseattle.com](http://www.cityhardwareseattle.com) or e-mail [comments@cityhardwareseattle.com](mailto:comments@cityhardwareseattle.com) with questions. You may also call (206)262-9440 for more information.

We hope you visit City Hardware soon for all of your household needs!

## Eastlake Community Land Trust

Founded in 1990, ECLT exists to protect the interests of renters and to preserve and reclaim Eastlake's historic economic diversity. The Land Trust is seeking an apartment property to be operated with permanently affordable rents. In Eastlake's hot housing market, properties often sell soon after (or even before!) being listed. Thus the Land Trust appreciates the opportunity to make an offer before a property goes on the open market. As ECLT is tax-exempt, the donor of properties can realize significant tax advantages.

If you have or know of a candidate property, please contact Paul Hanson, [paul.kari@mac.com](mailto:paul.kari@mac.com), 971-5610.

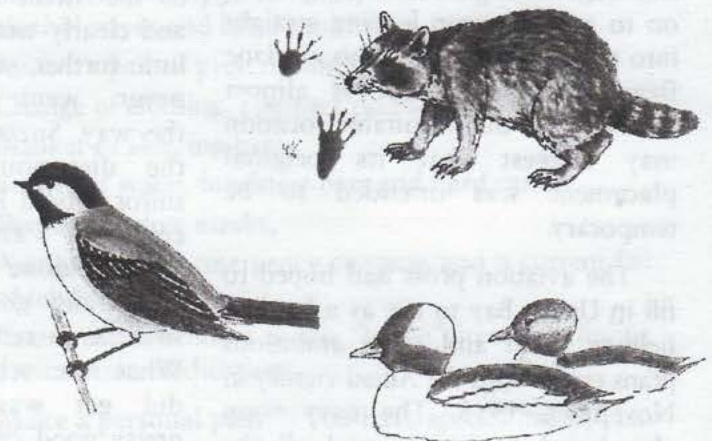
## Help Fight Graffiti

Quick removal of graffiti is the best way to discourage taggers. City laws require private landowners to remove it promptly, and the City's promise is for immediate action on public property. The City graffiti hotline is (206) 684-7587. Be sure to describe the location accurately (address, cross street, side of street, etc.). Volunteers are needed to report and/or paint out graffiti. To help, send an e-mail to all three of Eastlake's graffiti coordinators: [lizzieknudsen@hotmail.com](mailto:lizzieknudsen@hotmail.com), [erintoraya@gmail.com](mailto:erintoraya@gmail.com), and [frisky1@mindspring.com](mailto:frisky1@mindspring.com).

## Contribute To the Eastlake Field Guide!

Help create a comprehensive Eastlake field guide of all the wonderful critters in our community! Send your report of birds, mammals, reptiles, fish, etc, that you have personally observed in our community, over the last two years. Email your sightings to Craig MacGowan at [cmacgowan@comcast.net](mailto:cmacgowan@comcast.net), and include the name of the animal and location of sighting(s) in your message. Please be as specific and detailed as possible. Send your submissions in today!

Questions? please contact Kate Dulemba at [kathyndulemba@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyndulemba@yahoo.com)



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Singer-songwriter Andie Francoeur has released her new album, "Morning Light," to our knowledge the first to be recorded in the Eastlake neighborhood. A collaboration with producer/auteur Jazno (from Mercymachine), the album features eight of Francoeur's wonderful songs, performed on an American Standard Telecaster and vintage Kremlin Bros. upright piano. The album was mastered by Grammy award winner Bob Katz at Digital Domain. "Morning Light" is now available for purchase electronically at CDBaby.com and at iTunes, where a sample can be heard. For booking or more information go to [www.andiefrancoeur.com](http://www.andiefrancoeur.com) or call (206) 697-6814.

Congratulations to the Floating Homes Association on their revamped web site, [www.seattlefloating-homes.org](http://www.seattlefloating-homes.org). In addition to beautiful graphics and information on merchandise, there is excellent information on crime prevention.

Eastlake resident Becki Chandler has relocated her business, Kitchen & Bath Commodities to 4038 Stone Way North, Suite 101 (547.3000), featuring a boutique-style showroom, open to everyone, by appointment, giving each client a more personalized experience with their visit. Offered are custom cabinetry, tile, interior doors, countertops and other interior architectural products, as well as space planning and interior design services.

Seattle Caviar Company (2922 Eastlake Ave., 323-3005) and its co-owners Betsy and Dale Sherrow had a great spread in the March 14-20 *Puget Sound Business Journal*. The article talks about the changing caviar market and how Eastlake Avenue is changing as a business street. It also reports how the company helped the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service catch poachers whose smuggling was devastating fish stocks. Seattle Caviar Co. had the vision to obtain in 1993 the now much-sought-after web address of [www.caviar.com](http://www.caviar.com), which now allows the company to do about 40 percent of its sales on-line. That address is one of the company's most valuable assets, and one it is frequently asked to sell: "The Sherrows have declined every offer because they say they are having too much fun."

Local resident (and Eastlake News delivery volunteer) Bob Margulis is running for re-election to the board

of the Group Health Cooperative. If you are a member and have any questions about his positions on issues, feel free to contact him at [bobmargulis@hotmail.com](mailto:bobmargulis@hotmail.com).

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## Mort's Cabin Lights Up Eastlake

As you walk past the intersection of Lynn and Eastlake, you can't miss the large window full of peculiar and colorful artifacts sandwiched between Voxx Coffee and Patrick's Fly Shop. That's Mort's Cabin, a unique store celebrated for its blend of antique collectibles, Northwest art, and rustic lamps. Mort's Cabin recently relocated from the north end of Eastlake Ave to its new digs in the heart of Eastlake.

We caught up with Darold Anderson, owner of Mort's Cabin, and asked him a few questions about his distinctive boutique and new location.

**EN:** *What was the inspiration for opening your store?*

**DA:** I've always had an admiration for national parks and lodges. My family has a cabin near Mount Rainier National Park, which was a huge influence on me growing up. I named the store after my father.

Long before I opened the store I was an avid collector. I used to set up booths at antique malls: I started at Antiques in Fremont, then to another antique mall in Capitol Hill, and eventually on to Pike Market. Then, five years ago, Daphne Larson gave me my break and I opened the

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store in the Larson Building in Eastlake. I can't believe what my collection has evolved into. Now that I think of it, the first step in this whole process probably started with a simple yard sale!

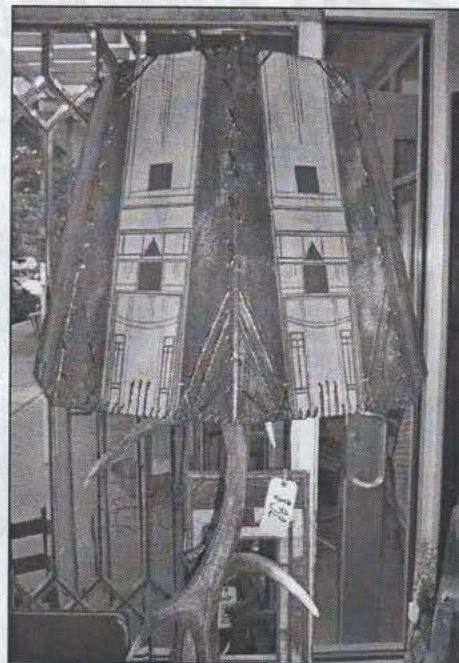
The whole time I was building my collection and slowly building my business, I was supporting myself by working for Metro Transit. It's been an ideal job for allowing me to grow my business on the side. You'd be amazed at how many Metro Transit employees are artists, writers, entrepreneurs — all working part time or full time to support their dreams.

**EN:** *Where do you find items for your collection?*

**DA:** Some come from my personal collection, some come from auctions, and a small amount are new, as opposed to the antique items. I'm very selective of what comes into my store, as I cater to very selective, very savvy shoppers.

**EN:** *What are the big sellers?*

**DA:** My handmade lamps are by far the biggest draw. I make the lampshades and commission artists to create the lamp bases. When I started out, I couldn't find any artists who made the parchment paper shades I was looking for, so I taught myself.



On top of the lamps, my collection of Northwest art is also very popular. I've found a nice balance of affordable art for people who want something really nice. I've also added pottery art, which includes some of the top contemporary pottery artists in the country.

**EN:** *How are you settling into your new location?*

**DA:** You really can't beat this location, and I'm so happy about the store's new design, modeled after a rustic cabin. Express Construction did a great job with the build-out, and Anne Fisher, an Eastlake resident, provided the spatial design. She set me up with architect Christopher Day, who did an amazing job. Mort's Cabin has really been a community effort.

**EN:** *We're curious: what kind of décor is in your own home — does it look like Mort's Cabin?*

**DA:** (Laughs) Yes, my house is full of collectibles. I'm always bringing in items from home to the store.





# Serafina

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September 2008

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Eastlake, through all its growing pains, continues to hold on to its values - the same values that I hold near & dear to my heart. We are a community of people that love sharing ideas, conversations, & generosity; all around a table that provides nourishment for our hearts & stomachs.

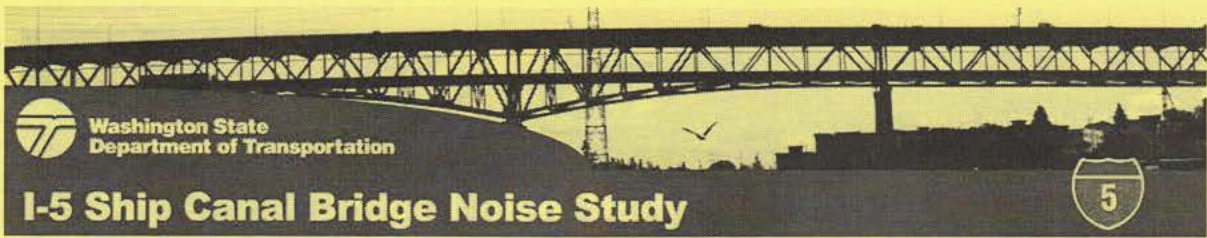
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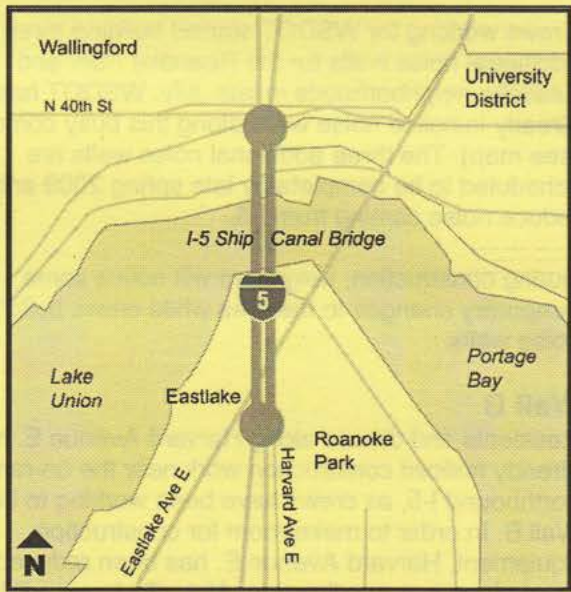
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## I-5 Ship Canal Bridge Noise Study Update

WSDOT has been working to evaluate freeway traffic noise in neighborhoods surrounding the I-5 Ship Canal Bridge. Earlier this year, WSDOT hosted a workshop with acoustics experts to review new and innovative strategies for reducing freeway noise from the bridge. These experts recommended three options for reducing noise in this area:

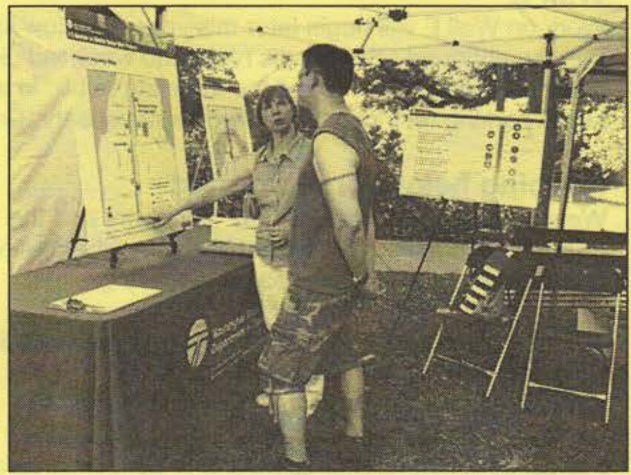
- For reverberant and/or reflective noise: Install noise-absorptive materials on the ceiling above the I-5 express lanes.
- To reduce noise at the source: Replace or rehabilitate the pavement.
- To reduce noise near the source: Modify bridge barriers to block/absorb pavement noise.



Study area

Based on the experts' recommendations, and the available funding, we plan to install a 1,000 foot long test section of noise-absorptive ceiling treatment above the I-5 express lanes on the south concrete approach to the Ship Canal Bridge. The design team is determining the exact configuration and location of the ceiling treatment test section, and plans to begin installation in fall 2009. The design team will also continue to evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of other options proposed by the expert panel.

To learn more please visit the project Web page at: [www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/ShipCanalBridge](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/ShipCanalBridge)



WSDOT staff shares noise study information with neighbor at the Lake Union SummerFest in August 2008.



# I-5 Boston to Shelby Noise Wall Project



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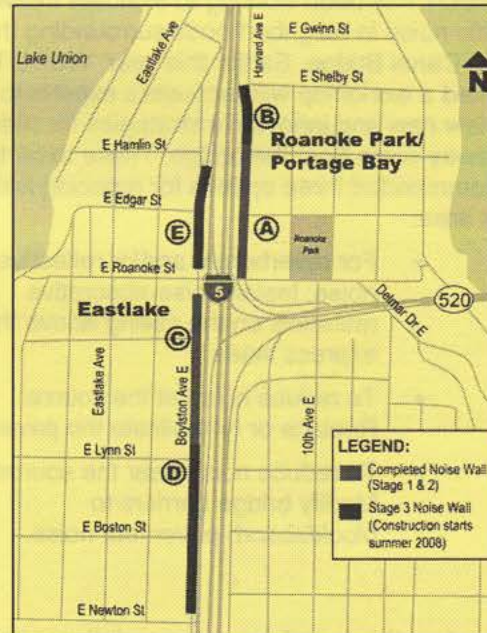
## Crews start work on noise wall project

Crews working for WSDOT started building three additional noise walls for the Roanoke Park and Eastlake neighborhoods in late July. WSDOT has already installed noise walls along this busy corridor (see map). The three additional noise walls are scheduled to be complete by late spring 2009 and will reduce noise coming from I-5.

During construction, neighbors will notice some temporary changes to the area while crews build these noise walls.

### Wall B

Residents and drivers along Harvard Avenue E. have already noticed construction work near the on-ramp to northbound I-5, as crews have been working to build Wall B. In order to make room for construction equipment, Harvard Avenue E. has been reduced to one lane in each direction. All traffic lanes will be restored when work on Wall B is complete – scheduled for completion by early 2009.



Project map

### Wall D

Starting the week of Sept. 15, crews will begin work to prepare for the construction of Wall D along Boylston Avenue E. Temporary changes during this work will include street parking restrictions to make room for construction equipment while allowing traffic in both directions on Boylston Avenue E., traffic signal changes at E. Lynn Street, modifications to bus stops for Metro's route 25, and some increased noise and light due to machinery and trucks moving in and out of the construction area. Wall D is scheduled to be complete in spring 2009.

### Wall E

Work on Wall E will begin later this year. To allow space for construction activities near the off-ramp from southbound I-5, periodic night and weekend closures of the ramp will be required. WSDOT will notify nearby neighbors and the traveling public in advance of planned closures. Some temporary street parking restrictions will also be necessary. Crews plan to finish work on Wall E by spring 2009.

### Keeping neighbors informed

We will continue to keep nearby neighbors and the traveling public informed of construction activities through maintaining our project Web site, distributing fliers to nearby neighbors, and providing briefings to neighbors or area community groups.

To learn more about what the noise walls will look like, how they will benefit neighbors, and the schedule for construction activities, please visit the project Web site at: [www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/roanokeNoiseWall](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/roanokeNoiseWall)

For construction-related questions or concerns, please call our construction hotline at 206-819-7230.

## "We Are One Family" — Remembering Johnny Gouveia

*Help honor Johnny with a memorial bench*

*by Carsten Stinn*

Johnny Gouveia was a longtime Eastlake resident who first lived on Boston, and later on Minor Avenue. Johnny was born on Madeira, grew up on farm in Taunton, Mass, then moved to New York. He lived on Long Island and worked in Manhattan, served in the armed forces in WWII in Guam, and studied at the Royal Academy of Art in Stockholm where he met his wife Elsa. The couple then moved to Seattle, raised Elsa's two children, and spent summers at their cabin on Orcas Island.



Johnny and former Eastlake resident and Eastlake News Editor Usch Engelmann

Johnny's openness, wit, and love for life made him a unique focal point in our neighborhood. Many of us spent wonderful times in his kitchen drinking martinis and philosophizing about life and our connections with each other. Johnny is terribly missed by his friends and neighbors who loved him.

All of us who miss Johnny want to commemorate him. Our plan is to place a memorial bench to Johnny at the Louisa Street End, where he liked to stop, smoke his pipe, and watch the Lake on his daily walks. Please consider a contribution in memory of Johnny to make this possible. A donation jar will be placed at Pete's Supermarket, or send/drop off a check payable to "Eastlake Community Council: Johnny's Bench" to 2355 Minor Ave E, Seattle, 98102.

If you would like more information about the memorial bench, contact [teamenzo@hotmail.com](mailto:teamenzo@hotmail.com).

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## Eye on Eastlake



In what has become an April tradition of service in Eastlake, students from Seattle Prep spent a morning of weeding, pruning, and cleaning — this time in Fairview Park. They did a great job, and it was badly needed. Thanks!



Chewbacca, a Jack Russell terrier owned by local resident Janet Larkin, is featured on the label of Jones Soda root beer.



The late, lamented topiary violinist at Hamlin Street-end Park. Died after being moved during a City sewer project, and then replanted. The Eastlake Community Council has the permit under which the park was built, and the responsibility for maintaining the park. Unfortunately, the City never contacted ECC about the project, and we learned about it only afterwards.

## Eastlake Movie Night A Success

by Kate Dulemba

Over 100 Eastlake friends and neighbors braved the inclement weather on Friday Aug 29, for the first Annual Eastlake Movie Night outdoors. The main feature was *The Princess Bride* and also included a brief thank you to Michael and Luise Mooney, of Louisa's Bakery, for all of their hard work and delicious food over the years. They have sold the bakery and promise to keep in touch with the residents of Eastlake.

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## "Neither Snow Nor Rain" — Volunteers Deliver This Newsletter

by Chris Leman

The most important single thing that the Eastlake Community Council does is publish this newsletter, and the most widely practiced neighborhood volunteer task is to deliver it. Every two months, Eastlake Community Council volunteers navigate stairs, docks, shrubbery, surprised pets, and uncertain weather to distribute more than 4,000 copies of the *Eastlake News* to neighboring homes and businesses. Since ECC's founding in 1971, they have delivered almost a million copies.

The *Eastlake News* helps tie the neighborhood together with news stories, issue alerts, public safety information, charitable appeals, event announcements, advertisements for local businesses, and listings of volunteer opportunities. Advertisements in the *Eastlake News* are essential to the success of many local businesses. Longtime residents and employees count on the newsletter's arrival, it is also the main way that newcomers to the neighborhood become aware of the Eastlake Community Council and its many activities. E-mail and the web will never adequately replace hand delivery.

ECC deeply appreciates its newsletter delivery volunteers, the most successful such network in Seattle.

We could never have afforded to mail these newsletters or pay someone to deliver them. But even if offered paid help, we would have wanted the delivery done by these volunteers. Every one of them is an ambassador on behalf of a caring community — an example of the volunteerism that is needed to make and keep Eastlake all it can be. I myself got involved as a volunteer in part from the example of Jules James (then ECC President) who delivered a newsletter to my house in 1987.

Coordinating this newsletter delivery network has been one of my most satisfying volunteer activities. On the ECC web site, you can find a list of every volunteer (more than 200) who, since ECC's founding in 1971, has at one time or another hand delivered an issue of the *Eastlake News* ([www.eastlakeseattle.org](http://www.eastlakeseattle.org)). (If you or anyone else is left off this honor roll, please let us know.) A few on this list are no longer alive, and some have moved away or shifted to other activities.

New volunteers are always needed, so if you would like to join this distinguished list, please write to *Eastlake News* Delivery Team, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102, [cleman@oo.net](mailto:cleman@oo.net), or (206) 322-5463.

## Eastlake Emergency Preparedness

Volunteers are needed to help our neighborhood prepare. We especially need someone to be coordinator of Eastlake's emergency preparedness, and others to help on the neighborhood's preparedness committee. This volunteer effort involves interesting contacts with the police and fire departments, TOPS-Seward School, the Hutch, and other local resources. To get involved: info@eastlakeseattle.org, (206) 322-5463, or write to ECC Preparedness, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102.

The City's Office of Emergency Management offers help and training, such as on how to organize your block or dock into a preparedness team. Actual courses are also available: Sept. 20 (\$10): Hands-on training in using fire extinguishers, and managing natural gas, electricity, and water lines if they are leaking or need to be re-started. Oct. 18 and 25 and Dec. 13 (\$35): Eight-hour class in disaster first aid. Nov. 1 and 22 (\$25): Search and rescue. For more information on the courses, or on how to organize a block or dock preparedness team, call the City at 233-7123.

## How to Plan Ahead to Meet Emergency Needs

By Pam McGaffin

If you're a longtime local, you may remember the Columbus Day Storm of 1962, otherwise known as "The Big Blow," or recall what you were doing when that 6.5-magnitude earthquake rocked Puget Sound in 1965.

How about the December 2007 floods?

Fact is you don't have to be an old-timer to know the kind of emergencies we face around here. If you've weathered just one Northwest winter, chances are you've experienced a power outage, flooding, or worse. Then there are those personal disasters — like fires and falls — that can happen anytime of the year.

Older adults can be particularly vulnerable when disaster strikes because of health, medical needs, and limited mobility.

That's why the Healthy Aging Partnership — a coalition of more than 35 Puget Sound-area organizations — urges seniors and caregivers to make preparedness a priority — even if they hope they'll never need it.

"Working with others makes emergency preparedness easier," says Carol Dunn, manager of the community disaster education program for the American Red Cross serving King and Kitsap counties. "I encourage everyone to discuss their individual needs with those around them; and to work with family, neighbors or individual caregivers."

If planning for every possible emergency still seems too overwhelming, try this simple, three-step approach advocated by the U.S. Administration on Aging in its Aging In Stride guide ([www.AgingInStride.org](http://www.AgingInStride.org)):

**1. Know the basics:** Learn the risks facing your community, your emergency phone numbers and where to tune in for Emergency Alert information (In King County, listen to 710-AM KIRO or watch KIRO 7 TV).

Get to know your neighbors and make a plan for connecting with loved ones. Finally, know where your gas, electricity and water shut-off valves are and how to use them.

**2. Have emergency supplies ready:** You will need two sets of supplies, one for home and one in case you need to evacuate. Your home supplies should include the following:

- Water (one gallon per person per day), non-perishable food for three to six days and a manual can opener;
- Flashlight, light sticks (a safe alternative to candles) and spare batteries;
- A three- to six-day supply of prescription medications, an updated list of your medications, and a first-aid kit;
- Portable radio;
- Cell phone and an emergency contact list;
- Some cash or travelers' checks

Your pre-packed travel bag should include:

- Basic personal hygiene items, including toilet paper, alcohol wipes and hand sanitizer;
- An extra pair of prescription glasses;
- Change of clothing, compact rain slicker and shoes;
- Blanket or sleeping bag;
- Bottles of water, breakfast bars and hard candy;
- Disposable dust masks;
- A copy of your emergency contacts and a current list of medications;
- Room to pack many of the "home" items, including prescription medications.

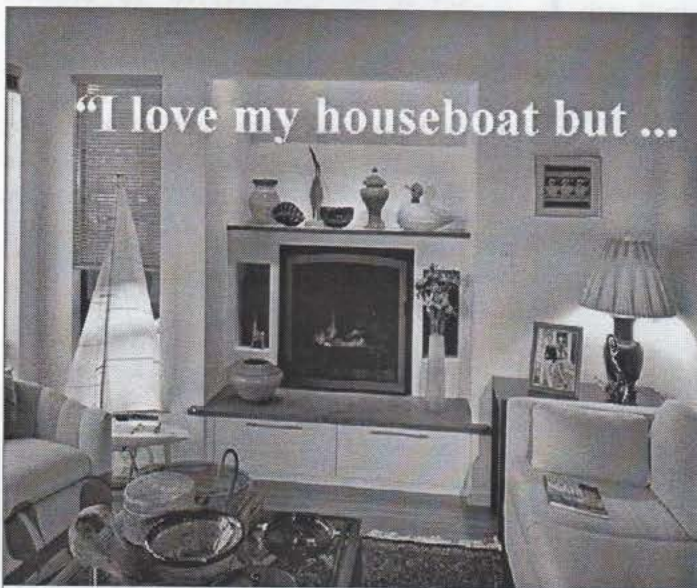
**3. Make a personal plan:** If you have special needs, plan ahead for meeting those in the event of an emergency. If you have limited mobility or are disabled, you can

register with your local fire department or office of emergency services for special help. Employ the buddy system to make sure there is someone to check in on you, and teach that person how to operate any necessary equipment. You can also work through a checklist with a family member or friend that addresses your needs, including mobility equipment for emergency use; back-up power if you depend on home dialysis or infusion equipment; and asking home health care providers or retirement-community staff about emergency planning and procedures.

For more information on emergency preparedness, visit the Web site for the American Red Cross serving King and Kitsap counties at [www.seattlredcross.org](http://www.seattlredcross.org).

For information on fall and fire prevention and other issues related to healthy aging, call 1-888-4ELDERS (1-888-435-3377) or visit the Healthy Aging Partnership Web site at [www.4elders.org](http://www.4elders.org). HAP is a coalition of more than 35 not-for-profit, government and community organizations in King and Pierce counties dedicated to serving older adults and their caregivers in the Puget Sound region.

*Pam McGaffin of Moore Ink. PR, writes articles about important health, family and community issues for non-profit organizations.*



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1. Care for a park, shoreline, street, alley, graffiti-marred area, or other corner of creation.
2. Join the land use committee and help review projects or traffic improvements.
3. Distribute the *Eastlake News* on your block or nearby.
4. Help organize an Eastlake auction, tour, art walk, cruise, neighborhood-wide day of yard sales-or invent something new!
5. Contribute photos and memories for the history of Eastlake. An ECC volunteer is compiling a video

history, so help us by telling your story or connecting us up with others who have a story to tell.

6. Organize a block or dock watch for crime prevention and disaster preparedness.
7. Help with filing in the Eastlake archives.
8. Enlarge, organize, and annotate ECC's digital photo archives.
9. Submit an article for the website or the *Eastlake News*.
10. Represent the ECC on the TOPS Site Council, an advisory body to the alternative school that is located in the Seward building.

Want to learn more? Visit [www.eastlakeseattle.org](http://www.eastlakeseattle.org) to learn about how to participate. Or write to ECC, 117 E. Louisa Street #1, Seattle 98102, [info@eastlakeseattle.org](mailto:info@eastlakeseattle.org) or phone 322-5463.



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## Skyscrapers for South Lake Union — Unless You Act

by Chris Leman

Eastlake's unmatched view of the Space Needle and downtown will be lost by a proposal for 300 and 400 foot towers in South Lake Union on land that is now vacant or where most buildings are under 40 feet. The Space Needle is just over 600 feet tall, so properties, parks, and the Lake Union Look could lose that view entirely, while the view of it that the rest of us have will be forever compromised. The Eastlake Community Council's board of directors has unanimously voted to oppose the towers. A coalition has formed to oppose the towers and proposed a neighborhood-friendly alternative; its web site is

<http://luoa.org>. Please send City Council members your views, with a copy to ECC at [info@eastlakeseattle.org](mailto:info@eastlakeseattle.org).

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526-2121	Poison emergency	684-8454 or 684-8917	Community police team (for area south of Lynn Street)
386-1800	Surface water flooding	684-7087	Park security
684-7400	City Light emergency	684-0330	Domestic violence
684-7587	Illegal dumping, litter	684-5086	Truck over legal load
386-1218	Street, sign, sidewalk repair	684-7587	Water pollution
205-4394	Nuisance rats	343-8800 or 425-649- 7000	Air pollution
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625-5011	Crime not requiring immediate response; parking enforcement	684-7717	Advice on setting up a block watch or emergency team (area north of Lynn Street)
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433- 5393	Noise complaints to SeaTac airport	684-7843 or 615-1760	Construction site and permanent equipment noise
205-5242	Noise complaints to Boeing Field	684-5011 or 911	Public nuisance noise (amplified sound, vehicles, watercraft, animals)
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### Editorial

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## ***SEPT. 27-28 & OCT. 11-12 – PLEASE HELP LANDSCAPE TWO GATEWAYS TO THE EASTLAKE NEIGHBORHOOD***

At our neighborhood's southern end, volunteers are needed to clean up and landscape two gateways—one at Lakeview Blvd., the other at Fairview Avenue East (dates and locations below). Those plants need to get in the ground in time for winter! We have picks, shovels, and gloves, and but bring your own if possible. Sponsored by the Eastlake Community Council. For questions: [cleman@oo.net](mailto:cleman@oo.net), (206) 322-5463. (And let us know if your company or school could help on a different date.)

Sept. 27-28 (Sat. and Sun.), 10 a.m. to 2 at the I-5 northbound off-ramp by Lakeview Blvd. Dig holes and plant ground cover and shrubs adjacent to the I-5 northbound off-ramp (east side of freeway) on the east edge of Colonnade Park.

Oct. 11-12 (Sat. and Sun.), 10 a.m. to 2 in the 1500 and 1600 blocks of Fairview Avenue E. (between NOAA and Lake Union Drydock) Remove trash and weeds and help spread soil for ground cover and shrubs.