



Eastlake News

January / February 2009

Upcoming events

Jan. 29 — City meeting on regulating townhouse designs 5:30-6:30 p.m., in City Hall, 601 5th Ave. Info: (206) 684-3586

Feb. 18 — ECC board meeting 7:00-9:00 p.m., TOPS @ Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave.. The ECC Board meets monthly. If you have an item that you would like to add to the agenda please email president@eastlakeseattle.org

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To learn about more upcoming events, go to the ECC calendar at www.eastlakeseattle.org.

“Demine Valentine”: Eastlake Community Event to Support Landmine Relief in Cambodia

by Carla Fowler

I am an Eastlake renter, which could make me sort of a transient in the neighborhood — except that I’m not. I have moved four times over the past four years, but have stayed within a five block radius for the entire time. I originally came to Eastlake for my graduate work at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and since that time, it has become the first real neighborhood of my adult life. I love walking along the water to work and having Seattle’s natural beauty right outside my window. I appreciate the familiarity of local businesses and enjoy conducting my daily activities on foot. The youthfulness that permeates Roger’s Playfield during TOPS recess makes it a favorite stretching spot on my runs.

To summarize, there are many things about living in this community that make me take every chance I can to walk though the neighborhood and be with the other people who live here — people meeting friends in Louisa’s, doing work at Voxx, or getting food at Pete’s Grocery. Even though I don’t know many people personally, and recognize only a handful more, I feel a sense of connection with my neighbors. Their presence makes Eastlake feel like my community.

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Lake Union Gets Boeing Going

by Paul Spitzer

In the fall of 1916, a small note appeared in a local newspaper that William Boeing’s little airplane company with its flight operations on Lake Union had flown a new design. The new design had been completed five months after the company’s first airplane, the B&W, and before the potential of that airplane had been explored. In fact, efforts to sell the B&W had hardly gotten underway.

Only two B&Ws would be built, and they failed to sell. The fact that they were largely copies of Mr. Boeing’s Martin seaplane (although better built) made marketing them awkward. This would not be the case with the unconventional Model C.

The C was definitely not some other company’s design. Just whose design it was, however, would be a lingering question. Like the B&W it was a “school machine”, a two place, open cockpit, single engine, biplane trainer. The two

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From Eastlake to Cambodia

Our freedom to experience our community safely is amazing gift. I am strongly reminded of that when I hear stories about the life experience of people who do not have this freedom. A good friend recently told me about her trip to Cambodia and her experience visiting the Cambodian Landmine Museum. This museum tells the history of the Cambodian people and the impact that war has had on their communities. Its founder, a man named Aki Ra, lost his parents at the age of 10, and then spent the next two decades fighting for each of the various factions in the Khmer Rouge Revolution. During this time, Aki Ra became well-trained in the art of laying landmines and booby traps. The revolution and its genocide, which resulted in the displacement and deaths of thousands, finally ended in 1994 with the establishment of the United Nations Transitional Authority of Cambodia (UNTAC). While working with UNTAC, Aki Ra received training in demining. When UNTAC transferred security to the Government of Cambodia, Aki Ra continued to visit communities in areas of past fighting to clear mines and make villages safe for the people who had returned to them. Soon, villagers from around the country began requesting his services, and Aki Ra has been working to help clear mines ever since. He eventually

"Demine Valentine": Eastlake Community Event to support Landmine Relief in Cambodia

Date: February 10th, 2009
Location: Eastlake Bar and Grill
Event Details and RSVP at:
www.NWDemine.org
Direct Questions to:
cfow@u.washington.edu

founded the Landmine Museum to display his growing collection of decommissioned mines as a memorial to those who died during the war as well as a reminder to all people of the horrible consequences of war.

Aki Ra's mission is not unique. Various groups have been working on the issue of landmines in Cambodia. Despite clean-up efforts, however, it is widely assumed that there are still millions of landmines scattered across the country, so many that it could take close to 50 years to clear them all. Landmines are a terribly efficient tool of war as the production of one landmine costs as little as \$1, but once in the ground can cost more than \$1,000 to find and dismantle. Without committed support for the cleanup of landmines, many communities in Cambodia will continue to face violence and limitation in their daily lives.

It is within the context of this huge challenge that the extreme efficiency of Aki Ra's operation shines! Aki Ra trains a team made up entirely of Cambodians to travel to villages and clear their areas. He calls his team the "Cambodian Self-Help Demining Organization". Their knowledge of the



Many village areas in Cambodia are littered with landmines

landscape, connections with villagers, and lack of the high overhead costs and international salaries of larger organizations allow the Self-Help demining organization to clear a whole village for as little as \$5,000.

How the Eastlake Community Can Make a Difference

I got involved in learning about Aki Ra and his work because I was totally amazed by the fact that \$5,000 is all it takes to remove the traces of war from a village. It is such a small price to pay for such a tangible outcome of peace. I feel empowered that this result could take place without requiring agreement of political leaders or a cooperative economy. Watching the Cambodian people come together to actively participate in creating a more peaceful future for their communities inspires me. It also led me to wonder what would be possible if our community was empowered alongside them? What could we accomplish if we ignored our doubts and refused to be intimidated by the magnitude of “problems” in the world? I think we would see that our community has the power to take an active role in transforming the world. The Eastlake Community could provide support to demine an entire village, allowing children to play freely and adults to work in the surrounding lands and expect to return home safely at the end of the day. Our community could take past violence out of another community’s future.

To realize this possibility, I would like to personally invite you to participate in an Eastlake Community project called “DEMINE VALENTINE”. This project is an opportunity for our neighborhood to gather at Eastlake Bar and Grill on the evening of **Tuesday, February 10th**. We will share food and each other’s company, learn about landmine relief in Cambodia and gather support to demine an entire village! Eastlake Bar and Grill and Georgetown Brewing Co. have generously agreed to donate a portion of the food and drink proceeds towards Aki Ra’s Self-Help Demining Team. We will also have a raffle and special Valentines available for people who choose to give additional donations in honor of a loved-one for Valentine’s Day. Information about the event and how to RSVP will be posted soon at www.NWdemine.org.

More information about the Cambodian Self-Help Demining Organization can be found at www.cambodianselfhelpdemining.org. Other questions can be directed to me at cfow@u.washington.edu. Please pass the word along to your friends and neighbors. I hope to see you there!

Act Now to Save NOAA on Lake Union

The NOAA Pacific Marine Center, located at 1801 Fairview Avenue E., is an icon for the neighborhood. Yet Eastlake and Seattle may lose the historic facility to Newport, Oregon or to the hard-charging Port of Bellingham. These and other competing sites are salt water (not fresh water like Lake Union) and thus are harder on those big research ships. Plus, the Eastlake site is unmatched in its integration with local NOAA and UW scientists.

For more than a century, Seattle has been the U.S. government’s principal ship base in the Pacific Ocean and the center for marine charting and oceanographic research operations from Alaska down to California and Hawaii.

Just try to imagine Lake Union without those big, white ships! Then e-mail or post a thoughtful and committed message to our senators (especially Cantwell, who’s on the committee that deals with NOAA), and to the NOAA administrator. Emphasize NOAA’s importance to the community and economy (and to you), and advantages of the Lake Union site such as fresh water, no tides, and closeness to the labs at NOAA and UW, the maritime yards and suppliers, and the homes of NOAA employees (many are our neighbors and dedicated volunteers in community activities). You can make a difference!

Sen. Maria Cantwell and Sen. Patty Murray receive mail at: Jackson Federal Building, 915 2nd Ave., Seattle 98174, e-mail at www.cantwell.senate.gov/contact/index.cfm and www.murray.senate.gov/email.index.cfm, fax to Cantwell at (206) 220-6404 and to Murray at (206) 553-0891.

Address of the NOAA Administrator is Room 6217, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230 or conrad.c.lautenbacher@noaa.gov.



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Lake Union Gets Boeing Going ...

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designs filled the same market niche. There seemed to be no need for so similar a plane and even today the Model C is a largely unexplained airplane.

The Model C wasn't the design of the man who had adapted the B&W from the Martin design — Boeing's close friend, engineer Conrad Westervelt, who had had to leave. He turned over the detail engineering to his assistant, James C. Foley, but it is unclear what Foley contributed to the Model C. Although Foley studied flight with some long distance help from MIT, Boeing would not have entrusted a wholly new design to him.

Maybe someone on the staff of the aero department at MIT drew up the C's general arrangement. Whoever it was, the plane is described as the "first Boeing design." No one copied its basic design from another manufacturer. Its detail design, as distinguished from the general arrangement, definitely came from someone at a drafting table set up in Boeing's downtown office.

That person was Wong Tsu, the 23-year-old Chinese national and MIT student just hired as the company's first engineer. But the basic arrangement probably would not have been entrusted to him since MIT did not recommend him for "original development work." Besides, Wong Tsu arrived in Seattle in July, only about four months before the first flight on November 15th.

The flight was less than a success. Taking off from Lake Union, it would have been headed south into the prevailing autumn wind when its radical features became all too apparent. The wing configuration, optimized to provide the stability one would desire in a trainer, had been way overdone. In the horsey words actually used, it was "very strong headed."

The plane resisted turning or doing anything but flying in a straight line.

Somehow test pilot Herb Munter managed to bring the C down on the lake safely. After finishing a harrowing flight, he absolutely refused to fly it again until the problems were corrected. Vision, the company's authorized history, says that Wong Tsu tried to argue with him, but was unsuccessful. The company put the plane into winter storage. In spring, improvements made by Wong Tsu resulted in a plane with good flying qualities and despite a poor engine, it made an excellent impression on the Navy. It was also much lighter and less costly than the B&W.

Development of the Model C must have made Lake Union a very busy place in the summer of 1917. The C, in all likelihood, is the second and last plane to go through development on the lake. Boeing built parts at his Duwamish plant and trucked them to the lake where they were assembled. The short lake and working in the constricted hangar at the foot of Roanoke Street resulted in the decision to move all activities to the Boeing's Duwamish yard. The fifty production Model Cs ordered subsequently by the Navy took shape without ever seeing Lake Union.

The Model C was a great success for the company, making Boeing one of the few firms to actually sell airplanes to the government during World War One. The C development work marked the high point of Boeing's operations on Lake Union. That small order, sizeable by Boeing standards of the time, is the real beginning of the company, not the building of the commercially unsuccessful B&W. In a popular expression of the time, the Model C pitchforked the company into the ranks of serious competitors for large contracts.

There is an interesting backstory to what happened. When Boeing and Westervelt hired Wong Tsu, they were concerned how he would be received given the strong prejudice against the

Chinese in Seattle and they went out of their way to make sure that he was treated well. This, however, did not change Foley's mind who asked that a white man be hired when Wong Tsu left in 1917 to return to China. There may have been also more than flying involved in the arguments between Wong Tsu and test pilot Herb Munter.



Wong Tsu's role in Boeing's Model C is memorialized in a plaque at the Museum of Flight. Born in 1893 in Beijing, he was sent by his government to study in Britain and then America, and returned to China in 1917 where he rose to high positions in the military and in the aircraft and airline industries. He died in Taiwan in 1965.



William Boeing, in his usual flight overalls, with his own Model C next to the ramp of the Lake Union hangar at the foot of Roanoke Street. His plane was the last one built and identical to the Navy's down to its military paint scheme. Although Boeing flew often in the plane, he flew with an experienced pilot (not seen in picture).

And the fifty Model C seaplanes? They weren't actually flown and, in fact, still sat uncrated on the beach near San Diego when the war ended.

Paul G. Spitzer formerly was the Corporate Historian at Boeing, a university professor and Curator at the Museum of History and Industry. The photos are courtesy of the Boeing Archives.

NOAA Retires Historic Wooden Vessel, The John N. Cobb

In a cost-cutting move, NOAA has retired the *John N. Cobb*, the oldest and the only wooden-hull ship in its fleet. Named after the first dean of the UW School of Fisheries, it was built in Tacoma and was 93 feet long and built to the lines of a West coast purse-seiner. In 58 years of service, the Cobb conducted fisheries and oceanographic research throughout the Northern Pacific for NOAA as well as for the Navy, the Army Corps of Engineers, and every West Coast university's fisheries or oceanographic program. It also delivered mail and supplies to remote research stations that were accessible only by sea or air. The Cobb was a frequent participant in the SEAFAIR Special People's Christmas Cruises. The old vessel will be surplused, and it is hoped that local marine heritage groups will be able to retain it in public use.

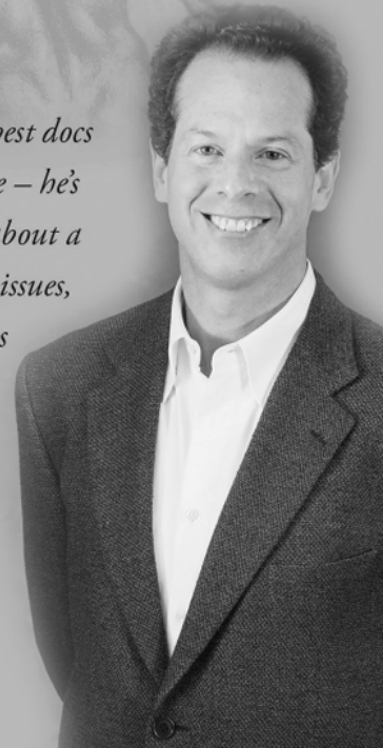
In response to *Seattle Times* reporter Stuart Eskenazi's excellent August 14 article about the *Cobb* and its retirement, Jack Swenson, who sailed many times on the vessel doing research on marine mammals, wrote to the *Times* as follows: "Having plied as many miles as she did, and carried so many crew, officers and researchers safely and comfortably for so many years, you can bet there are many other readers out there whose lives were also touched by the Cobb, and by this story. Like a good writer, Eskenazi found the heart of the story-and the heart of the charm of that ship-when he told of its chief steward, William 'Bill' Lamoureux, and the old, oil-fired stove in the galley where Bill created delicious, hardy meals three times a day, every day, year after year. The meals were always good, and his soups renown, but it was Bill's smile, wit, and charm that always had me coming back for more. I hope Bill knows that the ship's bell they gave to him carries so much more than just that dear ship's name. If he holds it up to his ear and listens, he'll hear the sound of distant applause from many, many people, perhaps miles away, yet lasting a long, long time."

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The Seattle-based video collective **Team Juicebox** filmed its "Apples to Oranges" partly at the **Eastlake Zoo Tavern**. On the web site (<http://teamjuicebox.com/contact.html>), the award-winning production team lists among its four partners not only the Eastlake Zoo, but also **Pete's Super** and **Louisa's Bakery**. ... The **Early Music Guild** (2366 Eastlake Ave. E. #325, emg@EarlyMusicGuild.org) has made Seattle one of the world's centers for this historic genre. The impressive concert schedule can be found at www.EarlyMusicGuild.org.

The Seattle P-I recently featured **Patrick's Fly Shop** (2237 Eastlake Ave., 206-325-8988, patricksflyshop.com) as a successful small business. Founded in 1946, it offers training, equipment and advice for the beginner right up to the most experienced professional, and sells flies to the highest-end manufacturers. There is a perfect match between the business and its owner Jimmy LeMert, who purchased Patrick's Fly Shop when he was 22 (in 1987).

Darold Andersen, owner of **Mort's Cabin** (2241 Eastlake Avenue, 206-323-6678, www.mortscabin.com), designed and crafted the stunning period lampshades in the renovation of Mount Rainier National Park's historic Paradise Inn. Andersen also drives Metro Route 73, and recently, at rush hour, a stray dog boarded the bus. Rather than put the dog back on the street for an uncertain fate, he arranged for commuters to take turns holding the dog (for three hours!) until his shift ended, when he filled out lost-and-found paperwork. Anderson took his "four-legged passenger" back to the Northgate area for an unsuccessful search for its home, and on to the Seattle

Animal Shelter, where a grateful owner turned up to reclaim the dog.

Congratulations to Dave Ross, one of radio's most distinguished and enduring producers of local content. He recently marked his 30th year with KIRO-AM/710, and the Dave Ross show will soon move permanently to KIRO's sister station KBSG-FM/97.3. Both studios are located at 1820 Eastlake Ave., and we are proud that Ross styles his show as the "Eastlake Avenue Crusaders for Common Sense." It is difficult to overstate the positive contribution to our region's civic life from his penetrating interviews and incisive and often amusing commentary. The August 7 *Seattle P-I* quotes Ross as saying, "It doesn't actually seem like that long. Every day is as interesting as the first. Every day I try to figure out what works ... I have demonstrated a remarkable inability to get fired."

The Dec. 19 *Seattle P-I* featured **Lake Union Mail** (117 E. Louisa St., lakeunionmail.com, 329-1468), reporting that owner Jules James is "a master of what some would say is the fading business of customer service." Lake Union Mail "began about 20 years ago, after residents were surveyed about what retail businesses they needed in Eastlake. The results: a bakery, a coin-operated laundry and a post office. Today the business has the feel of a small rural post office where customers stop by just to see what is happening in the community or to chat with the likeable owner."

And speaking of the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* itself, Eastlakers are wringing their hands at the recent news that it could close or dramatically downsize. It was founded in 1867, predating Eastlake's founding by 30 years, but the newspaper and the neighborhood grew up together. Countless stories and even editorials in the *P-I* have featured Eastlake citizens, businesses, or events. Eastlake would not be the same without a *P-I* delivered to our doors. We hope that the reporters and editorialists can remain at their task, and wish them all the best if that does not come to pass.

A Nov. 21 *International Herald Tribune* article (www.iht.com:80/articles/2008/11/21/travel/23hours.php) on must-sees when in Seattle for 36 hours features not only the **Olympia Sculpture Park**, **Olympic Hotel**, **Pike Place Market**, and downtown **Public Library**, but of course also the "mosaic-dotted" **Lynn Street Park** and the fine wines at **Pete's Super** (58 East Lynn Street, 206-322-2660).

Kristos (3218 Eastlake Ave.), in the award-winning Union Bay Lofts building, is sleekly modern with a Mediterranean fusion menu. Owner is Chris Kyrko, a restaurant industry veteran. ... Next door is **Napolitano Spa/Boutique/Salon** (3212 Harvard Ave. E., [ww.napolitanospa.com](http://www.napolitanospa.com), 206-838-4700) which offers salon services, spa packages, electrolysis, waxing and services for hair, skin, nails, and the body.

The user review web site **Yelp.com** has no less than 39 customer reviews of the **Eastlake Zoo** (2301 Eastlake Ave., 206-329-3277, www.eastlakezoo.com), almost all of which celebrate its quirky charm. One back-handed example: "I went here with a (bad) date a long time ago but that's what sticks out in my mind. However the good thing is that the Zoo contains a plentiful supply of random things to point at and make comments about. It helps fill awkward spots in the conversation when you really want to run away but want to be polite. ... Just make sure your date doesn't follow you home and start stalking you."

Eastlaker **Neil Peterson** is founder of the **Edge Foundation** (www.edgefoundation.org, 206-910-7515), which provides professional coaches for young students with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Peterson, who along with Olympic megachampion Michael Phelps and many others was a childhood sufferer of ADHD, founded Flexcar (now Zipcar), and before that headed the transit agencies in Seattle, Oakland, and Los Angeles. He has just published *Embracing the Edge: Stories of Tenacity and Personal Power*, which draws life lessons from how he overcame challenges such as his ADHD and dyslexia, losing an eye, and his family's brush with a potentially fatal disaster while on an outing on the wild Pacific Coast. The book is available on Amazon and from the University Book Store, and other bookstores.

Hamlin Market and Deli (2729 Eastlake Ave., 206-324-0067) offers fresh sandwiches, salads, soups, espresso, and many well-chosen grocery items. Eastlake neighbor John Phillips told us the following about Hamlin Market sandwiches: "The BLT was better than other delis on Eastlake. I went back for another sandwich after a few days to try another one, the Eastlake Club. This sandwich is really tasty and darn good. I'm hooked on this place."

Eastlake Yoga (2501 Eastlake Ave., 206-355-4154, www.eastlakeyoga.com) has classes for different skills ranging from beginners to the experienced, and offers separate classes geared to those over 50. ... Eastlake-based and -owned, **Delicious Planet** (206-720-7017, www.delicious-planet.com) has been rated Seattle's #1 gourmet home delivery by Citysearch. Offered are entrees, "grab and go," sandwiches, kids' meals, deli sides, soup, salad, breakfast, baked goods, and dessert.

ZymoGenetics (1201 Eastlake Avenue, www.zymogenetics.com) is seeking an offsite business to operate its full service deli (1206 square feet, seating for 40), quick service deli

(373 square feet), and light catering operation. Interested parties should contact Patty Vandenburg, Associate Director, Administrative Services (206-442-6622 or vandenbp@zgi.com).

UW graduate student **Vaun Raymond** (206-324-3490, vaun@u.washington.edu) has created the Lake Union Virtual Museum Project, not to be missed at www.lakeunionhistory.org. His wonderful web site combines historic photos and accounts, video interviews, and scenes on video and in stills. The interviewees include the Center for Wooden Boats' Dick Wagner, Richard Haag (designer of Gas Works Park), and Jacqueline Swanson, descendant of Lake Union's last Native American resident John Cheshiahud, after whom the loop trail is named. On the web site are opportunities to comment — please do so, as Mr. Raymond deserves every ounce of praise and help we can give him!

Despite the collapse in housing prices, the King County Tax Assessor is increasing the assessed value (and thus the property taxes) of most properties. You may appeal that decision to the King County Board of Equalization, but you must do so within 60 days of the mail date of the notice. For appeal forms, go to www.kingcounty.gov/property/PropertyTaxAppeals.aspx.

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Neighbor-to-Neighbor Bulletin Board

- Congratulations to ECC President **Matthew Stubbs** on his engagement to **Sarah McDonald**, a masters student in social work studying at UW. Their wedding is scheduled for July 4th in Seward, Alaska.
- Congratulations to former ECC Treasurer **Charlie Walsh** and his wife **Tyra** on the recent birth of their first child **Beckett Walsh**. Charlie also deserves congratulations for the sale of his ISSI Data company to the Media Recovery Group, a transaction that was reported in Forbes on September 24th.
- Best wishes to **Dick Arnold**, prominent actor and union leader who served on the ECC board and frequently officiated at our pet parades and auctions. Dick has sold his apartment house on Franklin, married Lora Lee Salisbury, and joined her in Redmond. No one could better have summed up the ECC's mission than when Dick wrote for a past newsletter: "Have you ever lived in a small town? You do, you know. Oh, it's not incorporated, and no road signs announce the town borders. But it's here, Eastlake, a community with a heart

and a conscience, its own tiny budget, town meetings, and a growing number of volunteers who are willing to stand each year and say, 'We care; we'll give a few hours a month to the neighborhood; count on us.'" Thanks, Dick, for all you did for this community.

- **Barbara Heather** (who served in 1971 as the first Secretary of the Eastlake Community Council) is looking for others who would like to play bridge. Also, she is a cellist, and welcomes other instrumentalists who would like to play chamber music. You can contact her at barbaraheather@hotmail.com or (206) 329-5824.

This column can be used by anyone to propose a group activity or connect to one that is already active. A very active Eastlake **book group** was started with a mention in the Eastlake News, and additional book groups could easily be established. **Writing groups** (one of which practices timed writing) are also meeting and would welcome attendees; contact is **Jack Remick** at jackremick@gmail.com or (206) 525-8361.

Eastlake Toy Drive for Children a Smashing Success!

A tremendous THANK YOU to the generous Eastlake community, for making the 2008 holiday season brighter for local foster children!

Through December, the Eastlake Community Council, in cooperation with Lake Union Mail, held a toy donation drive to benefit foster children at Treehouse for Kids. A full 5' barrel was filled to the brim with toys and clothes for children in the Seattle community.

Thank you to Lake Union Mail for its generous donation of space for the toy drop-off, and for raising awareness about this campaign. A special thanks to ECC volunteers who braved the snow to post toy drive information throughout the community, and pounded the pavement to spread the word about Treehouse and this great event!

For more information on Treehouse For Kids, and to read about other ways to help local foster children throughout the new year, please visit www.treehouseforkids.org/.

Vi Hilbert, 1918-2008

Eastlake and the world lost a true friend with the Dec. 19 death of Vi Hilbert, an Upper Skagit tribal elder who had played a central role in the preservation and revival of Lushootseed, the language originally spoken by the tribes of the Puget Salish area. Eastlake was honored to have Hilbert present to tell traditional stories at a 1989 block party that kicked off a ten-year campaign that led to the successful establishment of Fairview Park.



Vi Hilbert, age 16, 1934

Read a detailed biography of Vi Hilbert by local author Janet Yoder at the historylink site: www.historylink.com/index.cfm?DisplayPage=output.cfm&file_id=7130

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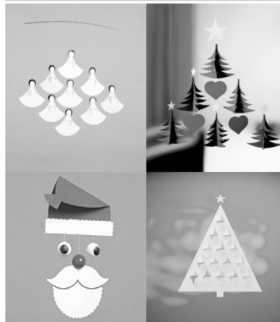


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The Fight Against Skyscrapers in South Lake Union

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 unanimously opposes the towers.

Those opposed to the skyscrapers have formed the Lake Union Opportunity Alliance, which accepts 240 foot high buildings along Denny Way, but insists on no more than 85 feet along Dexter, Aurora, Valley, and Fairview. About 80 people turned out for the November 19, 2008 City Scoping meeting on the proposed Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Of the 20 people who spoke, none supported the high-rise alternatives. Sixteen of the twenty specifically supported LUOA's alternative and its insistence that planning and public amenities be provided for the area before considering zoning changes.

The Space Needle Corporation wrote a great letter condemning the highrises as inconsistent with long term City policies and characterizing the City's proposal as creating a 'concrete hill of development' that would dwarf Queen Anne and Capitol Hill and damage the views to and from the Space Needle. They have launched a website, which can be found at www.KeepTheView.com. The Floating Homes Association submitted comments in support of the LUOA alternative, available at the web site www.seattlefloatinghomes.org/node/849. And the Washington State Department of Transportation's Aviation Division wrote a strong letter questioning the safety of these "tunnels of tall buildings."

The LUOA Board has a meeting scheduled with Mayor Nickels in late January, and expects the City to make their decision on the proposed EIS in early February. The City Council heard from many of you, and has made clear to the Mayor that the high-rise alternatives are dead on arrival. For background on LUOA or to get involved, the web site is www.luoa.org and the e-mail address is contact@luoa.org.

Volunteer Opportunities with the Eastlake Community Council

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. And most valuable to us are your skills and volunteer time. Here are some ways that you can get involved:

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. Attend and share what you learn from advisory committee meetings to the Police Department's East or West precincts that share responsibility for crime-fighting in Eastlake.

Want to learn more? Visit www.eastlakeseatle.org to learn about how to participate. Or write to ECC, 117 E. Louisa Street #1, Seattle 98102, info@eastlakeseatle.org or phone 322-5463.

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 board member Tom Im at tsi_@hotmail.com or (206) 240-0077.

Emergency and Enforcement Numbers (Area Code 206)

911	Crime, fire, health, or other emergency in progress	684-4370, 684-4373	Community police team and tyrone.davis@seattle.gov (for area north of Lynn Street)
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
386-7387	Animal Control	684-7587	Graffiti and illegal dumping
684-5740	Investigations of burglary and theft	684-5797	Narcotics investigations
684-4071	Harbor Police	684-7056	Street lights out or flickering
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)
684-8763	Illegally parked or abandoned vehicles	684-4741 or 684-7730	Advice on setting up a block watch or emergency team (area south of Lynn Street)
521-1800	Sexual assault/traumatic stress	461-3222	Crisis Clinic
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)
425-227- 1813	Noise complaints to FAA about any planes or helicopters	296-4783	Electromagnetic fields
386-1234	Seattle's Customer Service Bureau	1-866-363- 4276	Child and adult abuse reporting

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Donation | \$ _____ |

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Editorial

We welcome comments, articles or images for possible publication. Please submit documents to Nathan Hull at nathanhull@comcast.net.

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