July / August 2009

#### **Upcoming events**

#### June 29 — Eastlake Land **Use Committee**

**Meeting.** All are welcome as ECCs land use committee discusses land use projects and code changes affecting Eastlake, 7:00 p.m. in the north courtyard TOPS-Seward School library, 2500 Franklin Ave. E.

#### Aug 4 — "Night Out": Eastlake Neighborhood

**Block Parties.** Once a year on the first Tuesday in August (this year, August 4), the City allows neighborhood block parties in the street-free, without a permit. "Night Out" is a national event to increase neighborhood efforts at crime prevention (see article on page 3).

#### Aug 29 — 2nd Annual **Eastlake Outdoor**

Movie Night. Come to Rogers Playfield August 29th at sundown for movie night with friends and neighbors. Contact info@eastlakeseattle.org for more information.

## What to Expect in Eastlake During the July 4 Crunch

Adapted by Chris Leman with permission from Curt Milton, author of the Eastlake neighborhood blog eastlakeave.neighborlogs.com.

wo Seattle Police officers told an Eastlake Community Council public ■ meeting audience on June 8 that the department is adding extra personnel and resources to deal with what is expected to be the largest Lake Union July 4 crowd ever. When Ivar's announced in April that it was canceling its Elliot Bay fireworks display, the Chase Family 4th on Lake Union became the only fireworks event in Seattle. Neighborhoods around the lake are preparing for a holiday crush of fireworks fans.

"Some are saying we could see an increase of 30 percent," Lt. Deanna Nollette, second watch commander and events commander at the Seattle Police Department's East Precinct, told the meeting at TOPS-Seward School. "I feel it could be quite a bit higher." Accompanying Nollette was officer Mark Wong who has worked 14 of the last 16 July 4ths in Eastlake. He provided details on how the police intend to deal with traffic and crowds in Eastlake.

One key question: If you have guests coming for the fireworks (which usually begin just after 10:00), when should they be here? "I'd get down here before 6:00 p.m.," Wong said. After that, restrictions on access to neighborhood streets will make it difficult if not impossible to get in and find a continued on page 2

## Lake Union Flight School

by Paul G. Spitzer

flight school, one of William Boeing's original intentions, goes unmentioned Ain histories of the company. The incorporation papers in 1916 list a dozen businesses the firm might engage in of which aviation is the central interest. But what aspect of aviation Boeing would specialize in was a question left somewhat open.

Once planes became a great success, of course, histories only described a resolute founder with a clear vision of building better airplanes. All the other possibilities have since been forgotten and most were not viewed seriously at the time. The one exception was the flight school which grew from his desire to promote aviation. It was something Boeing especially hoped to see succeed.

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#### What to Expect in Eastlake During the July 4 Crunch ...

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place to park. They won't be requiring people to have written invitations from a resident to enter the neighborhood, he said.

Some highlights from the two officers' presentation:

- In anticipation of the bigger crowds, there will be 70 officers on duty in Eastlake for the fireworks, up from 63 last year. These are in addition to the usual contingent of officers working the neighborhood. More officers can be called in if they are needed for a major problem.
- Seven officers and one sergeant will be out on bikes stating at 1:30 p.m. to monitor crowds and "set the tone," Wong said, letting people know the police are there and watching for those shifts in mood that indicate a scene may turn ugly.
- Parking enforcement officers (four times as many as last year) will be out starting around 2 to 3 p.m., ticketing and impounding cars that are improperly parked. They will have tow trucks in the neighborhood.
- If people are trying to drive in to the streets west of Eastlake Ave., officers will ask if they have a place to park and warn them that they will be ticketed and impounded if they park illegally.
- Around 6:30 p.m., you'll see officers at orange barriers along Eastlake Avenue. Between 7:30 and 8 p.m., they will start to assess the traffic situation on streets west of Eastlake Ave. and around 8:30 they'll close those streets to cars (but you can always walk or bike any streets in the neighborhood).
- The Lakeview Blvd. overpass that goes over I-5 to Eastlake Avenue will be closed to everyone at some point during the evening.
- During the fireworks show, officers will move the street closures from the west side of Eastlake Ave. to the streets on the east side. By the

end of the fireworks, the two blocks of E. Lynn between Eastlake Ave. and Boylston will be converted into a one-way street heading east. If you're in the left lane, you'll have to go north at Boylston; right lane and you'll have to head south. The idea is that people will have to go either north or south on Eastlake Ave. or up Lynn to get on the freeway.

- They'll try to hold off opening the University Bridge until 11:30 p.m.
- The parts of Franklin and Yale avenues that have only one traffic lane will briefly be made one-way to aid motorists in leaving after the fireworks.
- After the fireworks, Harvard between Roanoke and Eastlake avenues will be one-way going north.
- The State Patrol closes the I-5 ramps (Mercer, Boylston and Roanoke) and is committed to opening them as fast as possible after the fireworks, starting with Mercer.
- There is no parking on Newton west of Eastlake Ave. on July 4.

Wong said police simply don't have enough personnel to close streets on both sides of Eastlake Ave. all evening. "And it would cause gridlock if they did," he added.

Call 9-1-1 if you see people parking illegally, Nollette and Wong said. Describe what the problem is, give a good description of the vehicle and a location.

What about illegal fireworks? Nollette said the police will be doing an education program in conjunction with the fire department, reminding people that fireworks are illegal in the city. "We don't typically respond to reports of fireworks," she said, "because we just don't have the bodies." But, if people are shooting off fireworks in ways that might cause a fire, she added, you should call 9-1-1.

While Nollette said she can't guarantee there won't be problems, "I feel confident in this plan." If you have questions or concerns, you can e-mail Nollette at deanna.nollette@seattle.gov.

The Eastlake Community Council welcomes your comments and suggestions about planning for traffic, crowds, and security on July 4. Write to info@eastlakeseattle.org or call (206) 322-5463.

## Where You Won't Be Able to Park on July 4

There will be temporary no-parking zones along the following streets on the 4th of July.

- Eastlake Avenue East, both sides, East Newton Street to East Hamlin Street
- Eastlake Avenue East, east side (northbound curb lane), East Hamlin Street to Harvard Avenue East
- East Lynn Street, both sides, Eastlake Avenue East to Boylston Avenue East
- East Newton Street, both sides, Fairview Avenue East to Eastlake Avenue East

Also, starting around 6 to 6:30 p.m., officers will begin staffing "fixed traffic posts" around Eastlake, letting only residents and guests with off-street parking arrangements into the area:

- West of Eastlake from Fuhrman Avenue East to the north, and East Newton Street to the south.
- North on Yale from Eastlake (north side of Azteca)
- North at Fairview Avenue East/East Newton Street

# The Eastlake P-Patch is Growing!

Your friendly community garden, the Eastlake P-Patch, is beginning an expansion project! The Eastlake P-Patch is a community garden located at 2900 Fairview Ave E. The garden currently has 27 plots, and the expansion project will add 20 more. The P-Patch provides a space for organic, pesticide-free gardening of vegetables, fruits, and flowers.

If you want to help but can't make it to the work party on June 27, don't worry! There will be more work parties, and the dates will be announced as soon as possible.

The P-Patch is also in need of materials, so if you or someone you know would like to donate rebar, plumbing supplies, concrete, cash, food for volunteers, or plants (especially blueberry bushes), please contact Rebecca and Bryan Partington at rebeccaapartington@gmail.com or (206) 601-3453.

For information about the existing plots, contact Sandy Pernitz at Sandy.Pernitz@seattle.gov.

For general info about the Eastlake P-Patch, visit www.seattle.gov/Neighborhoods/ppatch/locations/12.htm.

# August 4 Night Out — Hold a Free Block Party and Start a Block Watch

Once a year, on the first Tuesday in August (this year, August 4), the City allows neighborhood block parties in the street-free, without a permit. "Night Out" is a national event to increase neighborhood efforts at crime prevention. Why not organize your block to have a party and get a "block watch" started? Individual blocks are responsible for providing barricades, but a street closure sign can be downloaded from this website. All of the registered Night Out events are shared with the police and fire departments. As time allows, personnel who work in your neighborhood will drop by.

To organize your block party, go to the City web site http://seattle.gov/police/nightout/default.htm which has the registration form (deadline is July 31), and guidelines, posters and invitations-even a "street closed" sign.

If your block isn't having a party this year, you can drop by the party on a nearby block.

A block watch involves exchanging e-mail addresses and phone numbers with your neighbors, to share information and warn one another about recent crimes, risky situations, possible intruders, and best practices. Block watch networking can also help in disaster preparedness (see separate article). For help in organizing a block watch, contact the Seattle Police Department's Crime Prevention Coordinators. West Precinct is south of Lynn Street, and the coordinator is Terrie Johnston (206) 684-4741 terrie.johnston@seattle.gov. East Precinct is north of Lynn Street, and the coordinator is Benjamin Kinlow (206) 684-7724, benjamin.kinlow@seattle.gov.

#### Lake Union Flight School ...

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William Boeing had earlier gone to California to learn to fly but didn't complete the course because another student damaged the school's airplane. Afterwards, he never tried to get a pilot's license and apparently never became a student at his own school. Nonetheless, he did think he could employ someone to give first-rate instruction in a formally organized school. The idea meshed nicely with using the two-place training planes he had just completed. Until the military purchased Boeing airplanes—still a year in the future—flight instruction, slightly aided by joy rides and charter flights, was the only business the company enjoyed.

Boeing wanted local pilot Herb Munter to give instruction as well as test his aircraft. Unfortunately Munter crashed twice about the time the firm was getting ready to start business. Although Boeing still had confidence in Munter as a test pilot, he worried that the crashes would ruin any prospects for the new school. Potential students, he felt certain, would not enroll in the school if they considered the instructor reckless. Pilots, in 1916, already had a dubious reputation as unnecessary risk takers.

Munter became aware of a reluctance on Boeing's part and he knew it had to do with the crashes. He didn't realize, however, that Boeing wasn't concerned about flying skill, only about the reputation of the

school. Boeing quickly decided to hire a second pilot, Knox Martin, to take charge of the school. Neither aviator liked having the other around or sharing the hangar, and their arguments continued until Martin finally left.

Boeing modeled his school on the one he had attended. The Seattle course was open "strictly for the benefit of bona fide students" (whatever that meant), used the most modern equipment and guaranteed students that they would graduate with a pilot's license. It only used seaplanes because it was located on Lake Union and was in direct competition with a one-year-old firm, the Aviation School. Boeing used far better equipment, but the Aviation School had a wonderful, long runway called Lake Washington. The weather placed both schools at a big disadvantage compared to California and, hence, they were unprofitable.

The \$400 tuition is roughly the price that flight students pay today. The real difference is that today's student can expect to spend ten times as many hours in the air. Would-be flyers of 1916 had to be serious, for they

devoted themselves to instruction six days a week. Five days a week, said Aerial Age Weekly, they spent on flying lessons and the sixth day on "mechanical construction" to learn about assembly and manufacturing. Students had to assist one another in order to become familiar with every part of the plane. One of the more adept students was Wong Tsu, the company's first engineer.

Even what were considered docile training airplanes back then would be considered dangerous now. They were underpowered, unstable, and had nasty stall characteristics. Getting caught in a spin was a death sentence. To these properties of the airplane, the unreliability of the engines added frequent drama. Despite the number and seriousness of the dangers, it is remarkable that students only needed five hours of actually flying. They accumulated their hours, a local newspaper said, taking short turns in the air of five to fifteen minutes at a time with their instructor. The speed was very slow, between 45 to 65 miles per hour most of the time.

While a license was easy to earn, coming by students wasn't because tuition was so expensive. Learning was hard to justify financially. Then with the war, the government trained thousands of young men for free. They returned from the front or military flight schools with no need of further instruction. By 1919 America



had many more aviators than it would ever use. Under these circumstances, the Lake Union Flight School did not need any accidents to fail. Though the school had been dear to him, Boeing closed it down and concentrated on building airplanes. Over at the Aviation School, the owner-pilot had already abandoned his planes to join the Army.

William Boeing, as a sideline, explored taking people up for sightseeing tours. What even then were called "joy rides" cost five dollars per person and lasted a few minutes. To document their rides, passengers received a nicely printed confirmation statement. The costs of operations were so high that sightseeing would never make money and even recouping expenses was questionable. Boeing also tried giving charter flights to remote beach and lake resorts. All the destinations, of course, had to be on the water in order to use seaplanes. To no avail was the publicity from "honeymoon flights," ending Boeing's honeymoon with charters.

Ultimately all of these ventures on Lake Union only demonstrated how difficult it was for the Boeing company to diversify its business. High costs ended every attempt to expand beyond manufacturing airplanes — which now usually had wheels under them and not pontoons. The firm had little need for Lake Union any more. Happy was the rower in his boat out on the lake, no longer having to worry about student pilots.

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Eastlake Nail and Spa (2501 Eastlake Avenue, 206-328-7283, www.enailspa.com) offers manicure, pedicure, gel and acrylic nails, and eye, lip, and chin waxing. ... Seattle Weekly editor Mike Seely writes in his new book, Seattle's Best Dive Bars (Ig publishing, 2009): "Anybody who thinks hunters and hippies can't harmoniously coexist needs to pay a visit to the Eastlake Zoo. ... 'I think you can still make money not serving hard alcohol,' says Zoo Manager Howard Brown. 'People come in to play games and socialize. There's something to be said about places where people are just drinking wine or beer. It's more leisurely.'"

Body Focus Massage Therapy, owned by Damon Vecci, LMP, is a new to our neighborhood. Check out his website, bodyfocusmassagetherapy.com to find his location, what modalities he utilizes, whether or not he accepts your insurance and also what specials he is offering during the months of July and August. ... BJS Endeavors (206.362.3895) offers light hauling, including moving, dump runs, and delivery. They have years experience and are customer oriented.

Eastlake has been the setting for many movies, most famously "American Heart", a gripping 1993 movie starring Jeff Bridges, with wonderful scenes filmed in the Eastlake Zoo (please let us know of Eastlake locations in other movies, so we can list them on the web site). Now our neighborhood is headquarters and studio for a nationally known film company, **Propadata Films** (2200 Franklin Ave E. #401 206-313-6760, www.propadatafilms.com). Owner Will Lemke reports that he's "done a bit of filming in the area for indie comedy shoots as well as capturing landscape shots for some of my commercial work. As I've been living and

working in Eastlake for a year now, I can easily say the area will be an influence from here on out."

Argo Strategies (2633 Eastlake Ave E #101/102, 206-325-5013, www.argostrategies.com) is a political consulting firm specializing in treasury and compliance work, websites and direct mail for candidates and issue campaigns. Its services include web-based databases such as online donation/credit card processing and HTML-based e-newsletters; fully integrated, interactive websites plus web hosting; state and federal compliance and reporting, direct mail and message consulting, and access to experienced campaign vendors and professionals. Clients include a wide variety of local and state candidates and elected officials. ... We were sorry to learn of the May 2 passing of Dick Stern, at the age of 96. A mechanical engineer, Dick moved from North Dakota to Seattle to work at Sandpoint Naval Air Station, and he later cofounded an engineering firm that was located at 1920 Eastlake Avenue. Even after the firm moved, he owned the property, which fronts on East Newton Street. Dick, the sidewalk and landscaping project on that block that is now complete might not have happened without your enthusiastic support. We will remember you; ECC's best wishes go out to your large family.

In an effort to promote local shopping and dining, the Capitol Hill Community Council has created "local currency," a discount coupon that can be honored by local businesses at their discretion. See www.capitolhillcommunitycouncil.org/forum/t-125515/capitol-hill-currency for the first printing, with its spectacular likeness of actress and former Seattleite Frances Farmer. Would someone volunteer to develop an "Eastlake currency", and will local businesses let us know if they think it is a good idea? Please write us.

The Musicians' Association of Seattle (3209 Eastlake Ave. E. 206-441-7600, info@local76-493.org, www.local76-493.org) is a labor union affiliated with the American Federation of Musicians. Its hundreds of talented musicians offer an unlimited variety of styles and instruments. By website, e-mail, or phone, you can arrange for a performance or music lessons. The union owns its space as a condominium, having also owned its offices in Belltown, where it was located for 50 years before moving to Eastlake in March. Just two blocks away at 2900 Eastlake Ave., the neighborhood is also headquarters for other labor unions: the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Newspaper Guild, and Washington Alliance of Technology Workers.

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# **Emergency Preparedness Plan Comments and Volunteers Needed**

Live or work in Eastlake? You're needed for ECC's network of emergency preparedness volunteers to help organize your block or dock. If possible, please take one of the City's free 90-minute trainings: Thurs., Sept. 17, 6:30 at Ballard Branch Library; Tues., Sept. 29, 6:30 at Southwest Branch Library; Thurs., Oct. 8, 6:30 at downtown library; Sat., Oct. 17, 10:30 a.m. at Fremont Branch Library; Sat., Nov. 7, 10:30 a.m. at Capitol Hill Branch Library; or Sat., Nov. 14, 10:30 a.m. at Lake City Branch Library. Can't make it? Request training materials from Seattle's Emergency Management office at (206) 233-7123 or 233-5076 or www.seattle.gov/emergency.

Eastlake's emergency preparedness plan is, so far, as follows: (1) develop and communicate regularly with a network of volunteers who have gone through City training; (2) the emergency preparedness volunteers agree to work with residences and businesses on their block or dock to identify the supplies needed beforehand to best cope with an emergency, and what to do when emergency strikes, such as helping the most vulnerable;

(3) compile and provide the network of volunteers with a list of people who live or work in the neighborhood who have skills or equipment for health care or other emergency needs, and are willing to be contacted in an emergency; (4) establish an emergency preparedness section of the eastlakeseattle.org web site, and have regular articles in the Eastlake News; (5) coordinate with TOPS-Seward School, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, the State Patrol, Fire Station 22, and other offices in and near the neighborhood that have their own preparedness plans; and (6) coordinate with the Seattle Emergency Management office, which is located in the Police Department.

Comments for improving this plan are most welcome. Our greatest need right now is a volunteer to serve as coordinator of Eastlake's emergency preparedness efforts. This position involves many interesting relationships and the great satisfaction of helping Eastlake prepare. To get involved: info@eastlakeseattle.org, (206) 322-5463, or write to ECC Preparedness, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102.

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## Field Guid to Eastlake Characters: Jules James

by Diana Wurn

Unofficial Name: "Mayor of Eastlake"

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**Primary habitat:** Can usually be found behind counter of Lake Union Mail, always ready to answer a question, help an Eastlake neighbor or toss out a joke along with a package.

First Sighting: Jules originally moved here in 1981. He made the mistake of moving away for a couple of years and then realized he missed the lively atmosphere of the neighborhood and came back for good in 1983. He appreciates that most of the neighbors care and want to be involved. "This is an activist neighborhood," says Jules, "It is assumed that if you live here you will participate."

This is the 20th anniversary of Lake Union Mail on East Louisa. What is the story behind the shop? When Jules was vice president of the Eastlake Community Council he was in charge of tabulating a survey to find out what kinds of businesses the residents wanted to see. Number one on the list was a post office, followed by a bakery and then a Laundromat. Jules listened and by 1989 he opened Lake Union Mail. He kept listening and now has become one of the community's strongest advocates, doing a lot of behind the scenes work to facilitate communication and support for the neighborhood.



Natural enemy: The car horn. "This drives me crazy," says Jules. "Sometimes I have to leave the front of the store and go in the back. I don't think the people who are honking their horns are Eastlakian."

## **Eastlake Community Land Trust**

Pounded 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

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graffiti committee, contact the members: lizzieknudsen@hotmail.com, erintoraya@gmail.com, frisky1@mindspring.com, cleman@oo.net; and/or call 206-322-5463. For more information: www.paintout.org or

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