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Public Meeting on I-5 Noise and the North Gateway Thurs., Sept. 13, 7-9 p.m. at Pocock Rowing Center, 3320 Fuhrman Avenue East. See related article, p. 19.

ECC Fall Celebration Thurs., Sept. 27, 5-7:30 p.m. at Siam on Eastlake, 1629 Eastlake Ave. Small bites at no charge, \$5 wines, \$4 beers, \$5 well drinks (and/or order off the menu for dinner or other beverages).

ECC annual elections meeting Tues., Oct. 2, 6:30 – 9:15 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. Debates among candidates for state offices and judgeships, pro and con on state and local ballot measures, and ECC elections. See related article, p. 20.

Public meeting on Trees Tues., Oct. 16, TOPS-Seward School. Slide-illustrated talk by Arthur Lee Jacobson, author of *Trees of Seattle*. See related article, p. 6.

The Anhalt in Eastlake



by Judy Smith

It's one of the most significant buildings in Eastlake according to the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, yet it is easily overlooked, lost amidst the newer, larger buildings surrounding it.

But I remember riding in the car as a child with my parents and always wondering if the bridge we were crossing over would be the one with the castle at the end of it. Sometimes it was. And the building at the south end of the University Bridge appeared like something out of a fairy tale. As we sped by, I strained to get a good look at it. Even back then I wondered about the stories behind it. Turns out there are a lot of them.

The building at the corner of Eastlake and Fuhrman, formerly Romio's Pizza and now Borsalino's, has stories to tell of bankruptcy, illegal activity, a mysterious death, rock 'n roll legends and those are just the things that made it into the local newspapers.

It's been known by the businesses that occupy the ground floor: Rapunzel's Tavern, Scoundrel's Lair, Romio's. It's never had a common name. The condos above it are known as the Martello.

But the real story behind this building is the man who built it, or rather continued on page 2

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remodeled what was once a single family house in 1928. The builder, Frederick Anhalt, was a self-educated developer and architect who went on to build many of the castle-like apartment buildings on Capitol Hill like the well-loved ones at 730 and 750 Belmont and 1005 and 1014 E. Roy, the latter two, registered historic landmarks.

The owner of one of Anhalt's apartment buildings was so taken with his style that she interviewed him for a book, *Built by Anhalt*. In it, Anhalt describes how he came up with his designs:

"I started looking around for ideas as to the style I would use," he said. "While I was doing this, I met a young girl who was selling books and I asked her to find any books she could on beautiful apartments. She came back several days later and told me that she couldn't find anything like that, all she had was a book about English castles. Well, I took one look at that book and I knew I'd found my style of building. I went through that book and picked a window I liked here, a door there, and something else over there."

The building in Eastlake (the only Anhalt Eastlake has) is a bit of an anomaly, not brick but stucco-clad and with no courtyard, which was another popular feature of his buildings. It was also the result of a bit of a mishap.

Anhalt had taken a break from developing to get his thoughts in order, he said, so he had his crew put up the Del-Teet furniture store on Broadway, the building is still there today by the way – Broadway video. But there was such a hurry to open the furniture store that Skewes, the store manager, moved the merchandise in too soon,



left and right: detail views of the Anhalt on Eastlake Ave.

the minute the plasterers left. "And that got me another job," Anhalt says.

"In all the humidity of that wet plaster, everything mildewed. Skewes was fired and decided to open his own store in an old house he'd found down by the University Bridge. I must have felt a little responsible for his problem, because I agreed to remodel it for him, which wasn't something I would usually do. It's a lot easier to build a new building than to remodel an old one. Especially one that's fifty years old like that one was. I must have done a good job on it though, because it's still there today."

The building is still here, fortunately for Eastlake, but not the furniture store. Skewes-Rudolph Furniture Cor., Inc, went through a long bankruptcy in the early 1930s if the liquidations ads of the time are any indication.

According to further news reports in the Seattle Times about the building, a man was arrested for having a slot machine there in 1935, "charged with having gambling paraphernalia and released on \$40 bail." In 1936 "a well-known restaurant" called The Town House made the news due to a change in lease. In the 1940's floor lamps were offered for sale in the display room. In 1966, almost as a testament to the times, a tenant, Raymond Paul McCarthy, 26, was charged with 2nd degree burglary for robbing a pharmacy and taking "a variety of drugs." He had the misfortune of being seen by police as he was running away.

Beginning in July 1967, Llahnguelhyn, a coffee and live jazz joint occupied the corner of Eastlake and Furhman.

The Short Galleries opened in October 1969 (when phone numbers were still letters as in EA3-9830, the gallery's number) with an exhibi-

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tion of seven Northwest artists. John Voorhees the art critic for the *Seattle Times* gave the gallery many glowing reviews.

Then in 1975 it became Rapunzel's and the following year the building became notorious for a fire that made the front page of the *Times* and took the life of an unidentified woman whose body was found in the gables. Rapunzel's Tavern rebuilt and recovered from that to last another ten years.

In 1986 it became Scoundrel's Lair and one of the focal points of Seattle's emerging grunge music scene.

Writing about how early Seattle rock bands never really expected fame and were going to universities for their day job credentials, Charles R. Cross, former editor of The Rocket, notes how much things had changed in ten years. In a 1996 series of articles, "Schoolhouse Rock" for the UW alumni magazine he wrote, "With so many successful bands in the Northwest in the past decade, more aspiring rockers think of music as an actual career. A decade ago, most of the Seattle scene bands all started off thinking they were going to have day jobs instead of music careers--and education at universities played a role in that. Today, when superstardom seems ordinary, fewer bands in the area seem to have ties to the University because many young musicians expect (sometimes wrongly) that they will be able to make a living from playing music."

But, "the history books remind us of a time when you could see Nirvana at the HUB for a buck, when Soundgarden was playing just up the street at the Rainbow Tavern, and when KCMU was the only station worth punching in on your car radio. It was an era of innocence when the measure of success was determined by playing a show at the Scoundrel's Lair (now a pizza place, across from the Red Robin on Eastlake, and a longtime UW hangout) to 20 of your friends and fellow students."

The building at the corner of Eastlake and Fuhrman, (it really needs a permanent name) has lost its edginess since the 1980s but hasn't physically changed much except for new windows.

"Old buildings and towns are



Above: A view of the two Anhalts off Broadway on Roy St. Right: Courtyard view of one of the Roy St. buildings and detail of a tower. Anhalt's buildings were renowned for multiple and unique entrances.

valued because they are intrinsically beautiful or because they have a scarcity value," the Seattle Historic Preservation web site reminds us. "In a world of rapid change, visible and tangible evidence of the past may also be valued for the sense of place and continuity it conveys."

Perhaps the residents living in the Martello, who are lucky enough to own a piece of this Seattle history, will consider nominating it for historic preservation, to ensure that future generations can enjoy spotting it as they drive by and wondering about its story.



Above: Note the small tower to the left of the photo above; it is the entranceway to the underground parking garage. Most of Anhalt's buildings were built with discarded, i.e. recycled, charred brick seconds that were still good. They give his building that distinctive, valuable rustic look.





Left and below: Courtyard views of the Belmont buildings. Anhalt knew he couldn't always guarantee a Seattle view. "Somebody else could always put another building between you and your view," he said. So he built his apartments around a view that he could create with landscaping. "I could make things look the way I wanted them to that way, which is hard to do when you're dealing with a view of Mount Rainer or Puget Sound."

In fact his buildings are hard to photograph today due to the lush landscaping the envelopes them.





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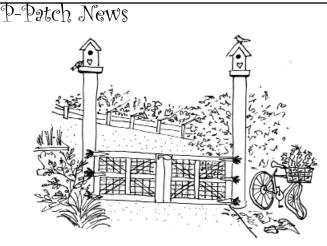
Public meeting on I-5 noise & North Gateway, Sept. 13, at Pocock Rowing Center

This Tues., Sept. 13, 7 p.m. meeting offers dialogue with neighbors, businesses, and state officials about noise-reduction needs; the last half hour is about reviving the park like area under the I-5 ship canal bridge. Location is the Pocock Rowing Center, 3320 Fuhrman Avenue East (by south end of University Bridge).

I-5 and its interchange with SR-520 in the early 1960s destroyed or compartmentalized part of the neighborhood. And as environmental laws didn't exist then, we have more ongoing noise than if the design were done today. A 20-year ECC campaign brought noise walls to Boylston Ave. E, but they should extend north of Hamlin St. to the bridge, including that noisy gap where the express lanes emerge. WSDOT has no plans for completing the noise walls (which once were among its highest priorities for noise reduction), and no backup plan after the failure of its test of noise insulation on the bridge.

Three key state legislators will be at the meeting: Our 43rd district Reps. Frank Chopp and Jamie Pedersen, and their colleague from Bellevue/Issaquah: Rep. Judy Clibborn, chair of the Transportation Committee. These three plus our senator need to need to hear from you on the important of funding a solution now: Sen. Ed Murray, edward.murray@leg.wa.gov, 206-729-3200; Rep. Frank Chopp, frank.chopp@leg.wa.gov, 206-729-3223; Rep. Jamie Pedersen, jamie.pedersen@leg.wa.gov, 206-729-3206; and Rep. Judy Clibborn, judy.clibborn@leg.wa.gov, 360-786-7926. And please volunteer your time or ideas to ECC at info@eastlakeseattle.org or (206) 322-5463.

The meeting's last half hour focuses on the North Gateway, the triangle under I-5 at the corner of Eastlake and Harvard avenues. We'll discuss a possible space for markets and fairs, to be used for parking at other times (like at University Heights); and a possible diner and bicycle shop in a trailer, converted storage container, and/ or vintage streetcar (portables are easier to permit under I-5 than permanent buildings). And what about large models of boats and of Boeing's first airplane, and LED lighting (like the park at the corner of Queen Anne Avenue and E. Roy Street)? Your thoughts are welcome and needed: info@eastlakeseattle.org, or c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102-3278, or (206) 419-1578.





S lug races were among the many activities at the second annual Eastlake P-Patch Summer Solstice Celebration on June 21. The first slug race we know of at the site was during a

1989 summer street party to save the P-Patch and adjoining property from redevelopment into a movie theater, office, and condo complex. A years-long campaign led by ECC and the Olmsted-Fairview Park Commission assembled the state, county, and city funds that bought the property to create Fairview Park and make the P-Patch permanent.

Sustainable Eastlake

How sustainable is Eastlake and how can it be moreso? The Eastlake Community Council invites your suggestions and involvement. Since its founding in 1971, ECC has pursued official purposes to enhance the neighborhood's welfare and environment and to build community among those who live or work here.

A coordinated vision for a sustainable Eastlake emerged in the 1998 Eastlake Neighborhood Plan (done under contract with the City government, and available on our web site at http://eastlakeseattle.org). The plan has occasioned countless neighborhood-enhancing improvements, among them safer street crossings, new and renovated parks and pathways, and freeway noise walls.

In recent years, ECC has added opportunities for community such as frequent public meetings; promoting mutual assistance for public safety and emergency preparedness; and organizing fun activities such as fairs, celebrations, cruises, and an annual outdoor movie.

But we can always do better. What more can we do to reach out to involve and help our neighbors? What more can our neighborhood do to have a net positive impact on the world environment? Toward sustaining Eastlake as a place worth calling home, please send your ideas and/or offer of volunteer assistance. Contact us at info@eastlakeseattle.org or c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102, or (206) 322-5463. To volunteer, go to our web site at http://eastlakeseattle.org.



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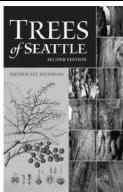
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Slideshow talk and public meeting on trees of Seattle Oct. 16

Did you know that no city worldwide has more different kinds of trees than Seattle? Over 1400 named kinds grow here, not even including those in Washington Park Arboretum. Why so many? The lucky combination of location, climate, topography, history, and human initiative. ECC's public meeting Tues., Oct. 16, 7 p.m. at



TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Avenue East features a lively slide talk on Seattle's trees. Speaker is plant expert Arthur Lee Jacobson (http://www.arthurleej.com) who is passionate and knowledgeable about both wild and cultivated greenery. Bring your curiosity, tree questions, and any copies of his books if they lack his unique illustrated autograph.

Trees: what have we got?

"Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone." Just as in the Joni Mitchell song, so with Eastlake's trees. ECC needs your help in compiling an inventory. Let's find out the diversity, quantity, and condition of trees growing in the neighborhood before we lose them.

It is so easy to take trees for granted. Yet they provide habitat for birds and other creatures, clean air, slope stability, shade, beauty, and noise insulation. Trees grace our public spaces, and can greatly increase the value of private property.

Agencies are less likely to remove trees on public property if the neighborhood is aware and organized. Property owners are more likely to keep a tree if they know more about it. Locations lacking trees can be identified for an appropriate addition.

Please help inventory the trees on your property or on your block. Visit the ECC web site at http://eastlakeseattle. org to obtain the tree inventory form and instructions. Fill it out and send along with any photos to info@eastlakeseattle.org. For questions (e.g., if you are having trouble identifying the species), or to help the inventory effort in other ways, contact ECC at the same address. Thanks, and happy tree inventorying!

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Colonnade off-leash area: improvements made, others on the way

The off leash area under I-5 just off Franklin Avenue E. is one of the few nationwide that is protected from the rain, and designed to be "flushed" so that it is truly sustainable. When built in 2005, it started with river rock that some dogs didn't find paw-friendly. The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department has been working with Citizens for Off Leash Areas (COLA) and the Eastlake Community Council to remove that rock and replace it with paw-friendly "granolithic" (crushed granite). The south end is done, and while we're working on the north end, there's a pile of crushed granite where your dog will love to play "king-ofthe-hill."

COLA steward Patrick Jones has been instrumental in these and all other improvements in the park--even providing poop bags and emptying endless buckets of the stuff. The off-leash area today is visited regularly by more dogs and their owners than ever before, and the whole area is safer and looks better. As he says, "When a community makes just a little adjustment and we get to know each other, then the magic starts." Thanks, Patrick!

With COLA's support and making use of suggestions in response to an earlier Eastlake News article, ECC is applying for Parks Opportunity Funds for the following improvements (further suggestions are welcome): construct a gentle grade path/inviting entrance at E. Blaine Street leading up from Franklin Ave. to the north end of the off-leash area and points east; convert about six feet of the eastern edge of the off-leash area into an ADA-accessible path allowing passage by the public between the north and south ends of the park without having to enter the offleash area; add a dog agility course and dog-themed art; and install a dog-themed gateway at the south end of the off-leash area near the intersection of Franklin Ave. and E. Garfield St.

For more information or to get involved with the Colonnade off-leash area, contact COLA at patrickjones321@gmail.com/(206) 913-7261 and ECC at info@eastlakeseattle.org/(206) 322-5463.



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Eastlake, Seward School, TOPS, and Community



Eastlake became a neighborhood with the 1893 opening of Seward School, and they grew up together. The school was Eastlake's pride and its focus for community, and many families moved here so their children could attend.



Seward School is one of Eastlake's most notable architectural features. The 1893 wooden building on Louisa Street is Seattle's oldest continuously operating school building, and along with the wooden 1905 building, the brick 1917 building, and the 2000 addition of a brick gym and a glassed-in library, they are Washington's most notable assemblage of different styles of school architecture.

In the 1920s, a mothers' choir melodiously opened each meeting of Seward's Parent/Teacher/Student Association. Between 1932 and 1963, it was Seattle's demonstration school, with rows of young teachers

brought in to see the best teachers at work. In the 1960s, Seward parents were among the first in the city to offer classes. On Fridays, students could learn from an expert such varied skills as baking, basketball, and building model airplanes.

The Eastlake Community Council worked with other groups to thwart a series of proposals to close Seward School. A letter signed by hundreds in 1973 stressed that "Seward School is one of the last unifying factors in an area severed by a huge freeway." The April 1988 Eastlake News observed that Seward School "attracts parents who value a school located in an area with older, affordable homes, proximity to jobs and adult education, and a quality in-city environment."

The Seward building is particularly important within Eastlake because it is the neighborhood's only public facility. We have no public library, no community center, no neighborhood service center, or other public building in which to hold the public meetings and other events that are so essential to building community.

Neighborhood support for Seward School. To create more play space for school and neighborhood kids alike, local residents supported the closure of part of Franklin Avenue E. between the school and Rogers Playfield in the 1940s, and full closure in 2000 even though this reduced parking that is already scarce in the neighborhood. This "Franklin Green Street" has received a series of improvements planned jointly by the Eastlake Community Council and the school and funded by the City government. And in Spring 2002, a \$300,000 playscape project in the adjacent Rogers Playfield, primarily led and fundraised by neighbors, was opened with the full understanding that school kids would be the primary users.

The Eastlake Community Council has endorsed the public school bond issues and levies, and Eastlake residents have voted for them with some of the biggest margins in the city. In 1987, ECC and the Floating Homes Association obtained from Seattle City Light a grant of \$11,000 for

Seward School to remove asbestos and PCBs. After a 1990 blizzard left students and staff stranded overnight with no power or heat, the principal wrote an open letter of thanks to "Eastlake Neighbors:" "Many of you made several trips through the night bringing blankets and food, even hot holiday bread fresh from the oven early in the morning. Your thoughtfulness warmed our hearts."

Bringing TOPS to Seward. When in 1988 the School District closed Seward's regular program, the Eastlake Community Council in April of that year reached out to TOPS (The Option Program at Stevens, a well-regarded alternative school then in cramped quarters). ECC officers, along with the head of the Seward School PTSA, gave TOPS staff and parents their first tour of the Seward building and urged them to relocate.

ECC worked over a period of years to convince the School District to approve TOPS' 1991 Seward move, which when announced was temporary, and then (with continuing ECC support) became permanent. ECC also supported TOPS-Seward's expansion with the addition of three upper grades to become a K-8 program. ECC also supported funding for the 2000 renovation, and the City's waiver of land use and other requirements that otherwise would have prevented expansion of the Seward complex.

The City School approach. The May 9, 1988 lefter to the School Board in which the TOPS parents requested the move to Seward singled out its appropriateness for "the City School focus of TOPS' activities," and for its "continuity with community resources." The September 1990 TOPS parent orientation packet stated,

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city to make children comfortable in, and aware of the urban environment. In order to reinforce and enrich classroom instruction, students participate in field trips to points of interest throughout the city. Each spring, as a culmination of these urban studies, the children literally make the city their classroom during City School week, [giving] students an opportunity to use the urban survival skills taught in class throughout the year.

This theme was repeated in TOPS' 1996 mission statement, "encouraging the use and enjoyment of the urban environment as a rich, diverse resource and as an extension of the classroom." Reflecting this philosophy, the TOPS Site Council has always had a community position designated by the ECC. For two years in the 1990s with a city grant and TOPS' waiver of rental fees, ECC operated an Eastlake Community School that on evenings and weekends offered classes on many topics to members of the public.

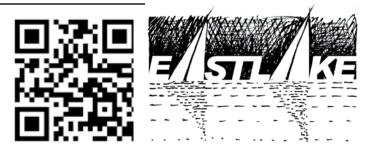
Losing the community-based mission. By 2001, the "City School" and urban environmental emphasis had been almost completely dropped from TOPS' official purposes, replaced by emphasis on an "anti-bias, multicultural approach." In the February 2005 TOPS News, a parent challenged this shift in direction as having been introduced top-down by the principal at the time, without transparency or full parental or staff involvement.

TOPS' change in philosophy was reflected in its student assignment policies. In the early years after the move, Eastlake children were always admitted, but by the late 1990s, assignment was (excepting preference for siblings of TOPS students) by lottery, with no geographic priority. They had little more chance of getting in than did children from any other part of Seattle. A generation of Eastlake children missed their chance to attend this school that was so close to their homes. Some young families moved to neighborhoods offering better access to a local school.

For a decade, ECC worked to re-establish Eastlake children's access to TOPS, a key recommendation in the 1998 Eastlake Neighborhood Plan. Early in 2011 (and supported by a majority of the parent representatives in the TOPS Site Council), the School Board restored geographic preference for Eastlake children in TOPS assignment. We believe that not only Eastlake, but TOPS itself, will benefit from the return to TOPS classrooms of children who live in the very neighborhood which welcome the program into our midst.

Restoring the City School approach. ECC welcomed TOPS' new principal, Chris Scott. Jointly with the Site Council, this fall he will begin a reassessment and possible reorientation of the school's mission. ECC suggests that TOPS restore its emphasis on the urban environment and its identity as a City School.

As one of the few neighborhoods with equal numbers of people who live here or who work here, Eastlake is a wonderfully rich context for education. We stand ready to assist in TOPS' reaffirmation of its community ties as central to the "hidden curriculum" that teaches students to care about, and not ignore, those living or working nearby, and to understand and participate in the local community life. The outstanding academic program at TOPS can only get better as a result.





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"aPodments" and the need to improve the Land Use Code

This summer, the Eastlake neighborhood learned about a proposal for a 39-studio "aPodment" building to replace a classic home at 2371 Franklin Avenue E. Seattle's Dept. of Planning and Development (DPD) accepted the developer's claim that there are technically only six units--below the number required for the project to fill out an environmental checklist (giving citizens the right to appeal) or even have the project announced by a sign inviting public comments. The grounds are that that up to eight studios will share each of the five kitchens. In a July 28 letter, ECC objected to DPD, whose August 2 response was disappointing (both are on the ECC web site, http://eastlakeseattle.org).

Franklin Ave E. already has a tight parking situation; adding a 39-unit building with no parking will make the situation worse. ECC doubts claims by the developer and DPD that few of the new building's residents would have cars. Most of the buses that use Eastlake Avenue are expresses that don't actually stop here. ECC is also concerned that under current rules (one for every four "units") only two bicycle parking spaces would be required. Given that these studios will be about 500 square feet, storing a bike indoors will not be very practical.

This building was made possible by some changes that the City Council made in the Land Use Code in recent years--changes that ECC fought hard against. The changes allow larger apartment and condo buildings and exempt them from required on-site parking, thus making the buildings cheaper to construct. Higher-end condos and rentals will always be constructed with some on-site parking, but the aPodment developers hope that their renters won't expect such parking.

Our neighborhood grew up around the Eastlake Avenue and Harvard Avenue streetcar lines (closed in 1941) and the early apartment buildings also had little parking. When zoning was first established in 1927, Eastlake's residential zoning was entirely multifamily, and with the exception of the houseboats, it has remained so.

Eastlake has always had more renters than homeowners. For much of our history, the rents were low, although condo conversions and the demolition of older apartments to construct upscale buildings brought higher rents. In principle, some new buildings with affordable rents are a good thing, but this goal should not be achieved with projects that overshadow older buildings and overwhelm neighborhood streets with parking demand.

Changes in the Land Use Code are needed to make aPodments and other new buildings better neighbors. The loopholes must be closed that allow such a large building not to have sufficient bicycle parking and to escape public comment and environmental review. Also, at least some on-site parking should be required; otherwise, the neighborhood streets will be overwhelmed. Requirements could be reintroduced via the Multifamily Tax Exemption, a rental subsidy program used by some developers. Please volunteer to help ECC's efforts, and let us know about any other ordinance changes that are needed. Write to us at info@eastlakeseattle.org or c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa St., Seattle 98102-3278.



Paige Pann plants and waters a native wildflower on the Lake Union shoreline just north of Lake Union Drydock.

Eastlake Families Connect

The Eastlake Families electronic forum and bulletin board is an all-volunteer community resource to support families in Seattle's Eastlake neighborhood. Our goal is for Eastlake neighbors who are parenting children of any age to support one another as parents and as neighbors. Members use the group to:

- exchange news and information about kid-focused events and services
- connect our kids, of all ages, for informal play dates, bike rides, playground/park meet ups
- seek, sell and swap baby gear: strollers, cribs, carriers, toys, clothes, sleds and skis, bikes, etc.
- reach out for help and support for various parenting issues
- discuss school and education issues
- start a babysitting co-op or nanny-share
- your idea here!

Parents who live or work in Seattle's Eastlake neighborhood and immediate surrounding areas are eligible to participate; more than fifty families have signed on to date. To keep spammers out, membership is approved by one of the moderators. To get involved, go to Yahoo Groups and type "Eastlake Families" in the keyword search box. Please include some information about yourself (where you live, something about your family, why you want to join, etc.) in the comments section of the sign-up form so we know you're a real person who is interested in being a part of the Eastlake Families community.

Your ideas and suggestions are welcome and needed. And please help us spread the word! Thank you!

Eastlake Families is dedicated to the memory of a gracious and loving Eastlake mom.





Fishing company purchases much of NOAA site

U.S. Seafoods (http://unitedstatesseafoods .com), a harvesting and marketing company, has purchased much of the former NOAA site at 1801 Fairview Avenue East. The company catches fish in the Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands, and Gulf of Alaska. It will bring the vessels and equipment to the Lake Union headquarters for haven, maintenance and resupply.

The purchase is a relief to defenders of Lake Union's heritage as a "working lake." Other purchasers might have sought bulky and parking-intensive offices and laboratories not allowed without a rezone away from the currently required industrial maritime use. (The far northern part of the site is under contract to the Ride the Ducks tour boat line, reportedly for entry and exit of their amphibious craft rather than for boarding of passengers--more on this in our next newsletter issue.). ECC has contacted U.S. Seafoods and looks forward to working with it on a range of local issues.

U.S. Seafoods started in 2001 with a single ship that had been sitting unwanted at Lake Union Drydock. It now has seven vessels that seek groundfish such as Pacific Cod, Rock Sole, Yellowfin Sole, Greenland Turbot, Rockfish, Pollock, Atka Mackerel and Pacific Ocean Perch. They are quick frozen on board after being gutted and their heads removed. The products are sold throughout the world.

Fishing in these environments is strenuous and risky. The crews typically work 16 hours a day, seven days a week for three months or more at a time. Most rooms have four bunks. According to the web site, "Work conditions are cold, wet, and monotonous. The job requires physical endurance, repetitive lifting, agility, team work, and selfdiscipline."

Within the fishing business, U.S. Seafoods is regarded as innovative and relatively progressive. It helped negotiate and was the first company to sign Amendment 79, designed to reduce waste of ground fish species in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands. U.S. Seafoods also worked successfully to close some areas of the Aleutians to destructive bottom trawling. It shares royalties, jobs, training, and internships with residents of Alaska's remote Bering Sea coastal region.

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June Lynde, 1922- 2012

On June 15, Eastlake lost longtime resident June Lynde to a heart ailment just a few days short of her 90th birthday. Born in Seattle, raised in Wallingford, and a graduate of Tacoma's renowned Annie Wright School, June proudly enlisted in the Marine Corps from 1943 to 1945. After World War II she returned to Seattle to work in the insurance industry and to live in the brick apartment house at 2533 Yale Avenue East. That's about 65 years renting in the same building. June loved Eastlake and her view of Lake Union and would not move, even as it became more difficult for her to climb the stairs to her second floor apartment. She was a shy and kind person who will be greatly missed by friends and family.



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Word is that Jerry Kingen, former owner of the Red Robin restaurant chain and current co-owner of the Alki Grill, has plans for a new restaurant at 3272 Fuhrman Ave. E., the site of the original and historic Red Robin that closed in 2010. We are hoping to hear from Kingen before the next newsletter issue, and welcome any news you hear.

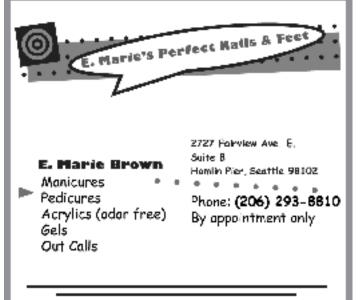
... Chloe & Dillon (2345 Eastlake Ave., 206-457-5086, http://www.chloeanddillon.com offers stylish women's and men's clothes and accessories from fashion houses and brands like Michael Stars, Michael Kors, John Varvatos, Hudson, AG Denim, and Joe's Jeans. ... Close to the north end of the University Bridge, thousands of new UW dormitory rooms are being opened, providing possible new customers for Eastlake's restaurants and shops if outreach is successful. Contact the author of this column if you'd like to join a UW tour of the new complex

In an August 8 special food feature about eleven of Seattle's best sweets, Stranger writer Ann Minard writes lyrically about the croissants at Le Fournil (3230 Eastlake Ave. E., 206-328-6523, http://le-fournil.com): "On Eastlake, there is a magic window through which you can see what appear to be blocks of butter the size of oldschool computer monitors, sitting on a long wooden table. That's exactly what they are: 50-pound butter bricks. The smell from the street: flour and butter and sugar, so sweet and rich it almost hurts. The window belongs to 15-year old bakery Le Fournil, and their pastry case contains all manner of croissants--plain, chocolate, almond, raisin, raspberry, peach, ham and Swiss--as well as tarts, éclairs, and other glistening pastries, each berry or slice of fruit in place, all resting 20 feet from the oven that baked them. I meet owner Nicolas Pare, who still makes every baguette himself, to find out how they make those luscious croissants. Originally from Nantes, France, Nick apprenticed as a baker at 14 and has been baking ever since. 'I can't do anything else,' he says, laughing. (His accent is *exactly* what you'd hope.) The croissant process takes nearly a week '

The **Musicians' Association of Seattle** (also known as Local 76-493 of the American Federation of Musicians) has started a **Fair Trade Music** campaign, explaining that most club musicians seldom make minimum wage, are often expected to bring a majority of fans, often through advertising at their own expense, and still must split the door with the club instead of receiving a negotiated fee. For more information: www.SeattleMusicians.org; 3209 Eastlake Ave. E., 206-441-7600.

The building at 3240 Eastlake Ave. (main entrance and parking facing east, just off Fuhrman Avenue E.) is home to a variety of businesses: **Shine Clinical Skin Care** (www. shineskincare.net, 206-660-1871) states that "the health benefits of a facial far outweigh the beauty benefits, but healthy skin produces a happy, glowing complexion." The treatment menu includes Firm & Tone, microdermabrasion, microcurrent, dermoplaning, waxing, brow and lash tinting, brown shaping, aromatherapy, LED light therapy, pigment balancing treatment, micropeel. back treatment, Baby on

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Irwin's Neighborhood Bakery and Café (1201 Eastlake Ave., 206-623-1510, irwinsbakeryseattle.com) is in the historic City Light Hydro House. It offers baked goods, breakfast and lunch menus, and a deck overlooking Lake Union. The café is now showing exhibits of local art and photographs. If you would like to be an exhibitor, please send a proposal to ZymoGenetics at patty.vandenburgh@ bms.com, 206-442-6622). ... Former ECC board member (and longtime newspaper executive and Associated Press reporter) Frank Wetzel this year has published another book, Lizzie, in which, based on diaries from the early 1900s, he explores the true story of a young career woman's romantic adventure with a dapper young businessman in Bremerton, Washington and her premature death at age 25. On June 8 on KUOW's Weekday show, host Steve Scher interviewed Wetzel about the book.

Trying to find out about a local public service? The **City of Seattle's web site** (http://seattle.gov) has improved search abilities, so try typing in a brief inquiry. The web site of **City Council President Sally Clark** (http://seattle.gov/council/clark/links) has a useful set of links. Or phone (206) 386-1234 to reach the helpful folks at the City gov-ernment's **Customer Service Bureau**. Among the many topics covered in all three places: abandoned cars, animal control, construction and zoning, dumping, graffiti, noise, parking, postering rules, potholes, sewers and drainage,



Condolences to Janet Larkin, who in July lost her Jack Russell Terrier at the ripe old age of 14. Readers may remember photos of "Chewy" that have appeared in the Eastlake News over the years. street lights, and transit buses. For example, **court decisions and City laws allow posters to be taped or stapled to utility poles**. (And we'd be grateful for help in getting in touch with whomever is removing posters overnight on a few blocks of Eastlake Avenue. Posters are an important way for people to learn about public meetings and events.)

The City Council now has before it proposals from the Mayor for high-rise towers in the South Lake Union area. The **Lake Union Opportunity Alliance** (luoa.org) urges the public to contact the nine Councilmembers (addresses at seattle.gov/council) to oppose any towers near the lake; require that building heights be stepped down to protect views to and from the lake; and preserve the historic character of the Cascade neighborhood.

The July 28 Eastlake outdoor movie in Rogers Playfield had its largest turnout ever with a showing of Toy Story (please send us your suggestions for next year's movie!). The Eastlake Community Council deeply appreciates the generosity of the following business sponsors that made possible this free, family-style event in 2012: G&H Printing, Live Oak Audio Visual, Louisa's Café and Bakery, National Frozen Foods Corporation, Northwest Administrators, Ross Laboratories, Seattle Models Guild, and Washington State Employees Credit Union.

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Mention here does not imply endorsement by the ECC, writer (Chris Leman), or editor. To submit news items, for questions or to volunteer: info@eastlakeseattle.org) or c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102, or (206) 322-5463.

Draft Eastlake-specific design guidelines to go to City

Thanks to those who commented at meetings and in writing about the draft Eastlake-specific design guidelines that were printed in our last newsletter issue. ECC developed them based on the 1998 Neighborhood Plan and examples from other neighborhoods. We held a meeting in April to discuss these guidelines and they remain on the ECC website.

Soon, ECC will submit the draft guidelines for review by the Department of Planning and Development (DPD). Then with any changes it considers important, DPD will send them to City Council. The Council process will include a public hearing, and we hope that at that stage the guidelines will reflect the wishes of the neighborhood.

Once adopted by the City Council, the guidelines will be useful in directing prospective developers away from designs that the neighborhood doesn't want. ECC welcomes questions or comments about the draft guidelines and the remaining stages of the process, to info@eastlakeseattle. com.

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Ballot measures, candidates debate, and ECC Board Member elections at Oct. 2 meeting

Hear from and question candidates for state offices and for state and local judgeships, and from the pro and con campaigns on state and local ballot measures--Tues., Oct. 2, 6:30 - 9:15 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. This always-popular public forum serves as the Eastlake Community Council's annual meeting, when board members and officers are also elected. You must be a member of the Eastlake Community Council to vote; join today; see info below:

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