

Coming Events

ECC Public Meetings in September and Oct. 1 will be at Pocock Rowing Center, 3320 Fuhrman Avenue East (by south end of University Bridge).

Public Meeting on I-5 Noise and the North Gateway Wed., Sept. 11, 7-9 p.m. at Pocock Rowing Center. See article, p. 4

ECC Fall Celebration Thurs., Sept. 12, 5:30-8 p.m. at Don Eduardo's Mexican Restaurant, 1823 Eastlake Ave. E. Have fun and meet your neighbors at the Eastlake Community Council's twice-annual celebration. Free appetizers, \$5 wines, \$4 beers, and/or order off the restaurant menu or in the Tequila Lounge. Low-fat and vegan options available.

Public meeting on the history and biology of Lake Union Tues., Sept. 17, 7-9 p.m. at Pocock Rowing Center. Roundtable and visuals by local experts. See article, p. 6

Public meeting on public safety and emergency preparedness Mon., Sept. 23, 7 p.m. at Pocock Rowing Center. See article, p. 6

City of Seattle public meeting to accept public comment about proposed microhousing project at 2719 Yale Terrace East Wed., Sept. 25, 7 p.m. at Pocock Rowing Center, See articles, p 14

ECC host public forum on homelessness Oct. 15

Please join us Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. for a public forum on homelessness. Participants will include social service agencies, housing providers, the Police Department, and residents with and without homes. See the accompanying article on page 2 for some resources available for those in need.

People who are homeless are as much a part of our community as anyone with a home. In recent years, more homeless people are noticeable in or near the Eastlake neighborhood. In part this is because of the economic downturn, and in part because of efforts to discourage them downtown and in the South Lake Union area.

According to the City, about half of the families served by Seattle shelters in 2012 had permanent addresses outside Seattle. Yet other cities and the county have not stepped up to offer their share of shelter beds and social services. The City is working to convince cities, King County, and the state to pay their fair share for the homeless who, because of Seattle's generosity, come to us from these jurisdictions

What can the Eastlake community do to help those who are homeless, and to discourage illegal or disruptive behavior engaged in by a fraction of the homeless population? What other issues and opportunities are posed by homelessness in Eastlake? Please join us at the Oct. 15 forum. And whether or not you can come, please send ECC your ideas and questions, to info@eastakeseattle.org.

ECC annual elections meeting Tues., Oct. 1, 6:30 - 9:15 p.m. at. Pocock Rowing Center Debates among candidates for City and Schools offices, pro and con on state and local ballot measures, and ECC elections. See article, p. 8

Public forum on Homelessness in Eastlake Tues., Oct. 15, 7-9 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. See articles, p. 1 and 2

Election Day. Tues., Nov. 5. Vote as if your neighborhood depends on it. To register: http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections.

Public meeting on Eastlake projects, needs, and issues Wed., Nov. 6, 7-9 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. See article, p. 8

Public meeting to defend and improve Eastlake bus service, and organize a bus riders coalition. Tues., Nov. 19, TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. 7-9 p.m. See article, p. 8

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Resources for the homeless

Following are some nearby resources for those who are homeless and/or in poverty.

University District Food Bank 1413 NE 50th Street (udistrictfoodbank.org, 206-523-7060). Serves residents of zip codes 98102, 98103, 98105, 98112, 98115, or 98125. Users may receive groceries once per week and are asked (waived for homeless persons) to show a photo I.D. and current proof of address (mail received at the address within the past 30 days, rent receipt, utility bill, cable bill, etc.).

University District Urban Rest Stop 1415 43rd Ave. NE (urbanreststop.org). Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. A clean, safe and welcoming facility where individuals and families can use restrooms, shower and laundry facilities. Services are provided at no cost to patrons. A larger facility with expanded hours is downtown at 1924 Ninth Avenue.

University Friends Meeting Homeless Ministry, 4001 9th Avenue NE (scn. org/friends/ufm). The Religious Society of Friends (also known as Quakers) contracts with SHARE (Seattle Housing and Resource Effort, a self-managed program operating shelters throughout greater Seattle) for up to 20 men to sleep nightly in the Worship Room and use an outdoor snacking/smoking area. Residents use the downstairs restrooms and have storage for mats and blankets. They arrive after 8 p.m. and depart by 8 a.m. SHARE screens all residents, provides sleeping mats and blankets, and enforces rules of conduct that include no drugs, alcohol or weapons

UFM reports being enriched by opportunities for fellowship with shelter participants including Thanksgiving Day breakfasts and dinners and other potluck meals, Sunday worship services, community work parties, and on-campus retreats. Friends have knitted winter caps, provide goody-filled gift bags for the holidays, and hold fundraisers for SHARE including a music concert, a movie series on

homeless issues and a bake sale and dance. UFM members work to help group participants move on from the shelter for employment and more permanent housing opportunities.

1811 Eastlake Ave (http://www.desc. org/1811) Operated by the Downtown Emergency Services Center, providing supportive housing to 75 formally homeless men and women with chronic alcohol addiction; residents are allowed to drink in their rooms, and research suggests that their alcohol consumption is less than when they are homeless. (Note that addresses in our Eastlake neighborhood have "East" at the end, whereas 1811 Eastlake Avenue is a downtown address that is more than a mile south, near where Eastlake Avenue terminates at Stewart Street).

For more information:

Dial 211 hotline (8 a.m.-6 p.m. M-F) for services such as for emergency shelter or emotional or mental health issues.

24-hour crisis line -- 206-461-3222 or 1-866-427-4747. Operated by the Crisis Clinic.

1-888-4FOOD-WA (1-888-436-6392) -- to find a nearby free meal site.

Crisisclinic.org -- click on Community Resources On Line.

ParentHelp123.org (1-800-322-2588) Helps Washington families find services, food assistance programs, assistance in applying for health insurance, health information for pregnant women, children and families, and more.

University District Conversation on Homelessness. A monthly gathering of social service agencies, businesses, UW representatives. The web site, https:// sites.google.com/site/conversationsonhomelessness includes meeting announcements and minutes, and lists of social services agencies and food assistance opportunities.

ChangeHomelessness.com A project of The United Way to promote community discussion and understanding of homelessness. Available for download on the web site is a 15-minute video, "A Time to Listen," which profiles six people who are homeless. A study guide is also available.





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Public Meetings Public meeting Sept. 11 on I-5 noise & rights of way

This Wednesday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m. meeting offers dialogue with neighbors, businesses, and state officials about noise-reduction needs; and about reviving the blighted areas under and next to I-5 at Eastlake's north and south ends. ECC thanks our meeting host, 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 treasured parts of our neighborhood. And as environmental laws didn't exist then, we have more noise than if the design were done today--and more in prospect as the expanded SR-520 bridge brings more I-5 traffic.

A 20-year ECC campaign brought noise walls to parts of Boylston Ave., but WSDOT has no plans for completing them (once among its highest priorities for noise reduction), and no backup plan after the failure of its test of noise insulation on the bridge. ECC is now asking our state legislators and WSDOT to reduce noise from the Ship Canal Bridge with the following operations changes:

(a) close the express lanes by 10 p.m. rather than the current 11 p.m.

(b) open the express lanes at 6 a.m. rather than the current 5 a.m.(c) reduce express lane speeds on the bridge before 7 a.m. and after 9 p.m. to 40 miles per hour

(d) exclude trucks and motorcycles from the bridge express lanes before 7 a.m. and after 9 p.m.

And ECC is asking the legislature and WSDOT to budget and engineer for completing these noise walls:

On the south approach to the bridge, a noise wall in the gap between the express lanes and the general purpose lanes on the west side of I-5 along Franklin Ave. E. If electric ventilation is required, we urge that its possible additional cost no longer be allowed to excuse WSDOT from planning, designing, and engineering a wall that would address the extreme noise at this location.

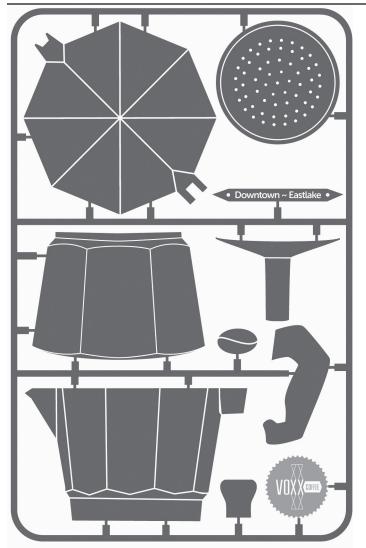
On the west side of I-5 along Boylston Ave. E., install a noise wall from the existing noise wall that is near Hamlin St., north to the Ship Canal Bridge. WSDOT has stopped studying this site because of a fragile City of Seattle water main. We ask our state legislators to work with WSDOT and the City of Seattle to ensure that whatever improvements in this water main are made so that it no longer precludes engineering and construction of this short and urgently needed noise wall.

ECC is working with other neighborhoods, which seek the following noise walls in their areas:

(a) On the south approach to the Ship Canal Bridge, a noise wall in the gap between the express lanes and the general purpose lanes on the east side of I-5 along Harvard Ave. E. (Roanoke Park neighborhood).

(b) On the west side of I-5 along 4th Avenue NE, a noise wall from the Ship Canal Bridge (roughly 44th) north to 45th (Wallingford neighborhood)

(c) On the east side of I-5 along 7th Avenue NE, a noise wall from the Ship Canal Bridge (roughly 44th) north to 45th (Uni-



versity District).

To the Sept. 11 public meeting, ECC has invited WSDOT and our 43rd district Sen. Ed Murray and Reps. Frank Chopp and Jamie Pedersen. Please write them on these proposals, and please send ECC a copy: edward.murray@leg.wa.gov; frank.chopp@ leg.wa.gov; jamie.pedersen@leg.wa.gov. Please also write to their colleague who chairs the House Transportation Committee: judy.clibborn@leg.wa.gov; and to WA Secretary of Transportation Lynn Peterson, lynnp@wsdot.wa.gov.

The meeting's second half focuses on blighted parts of the I-5 right of way that deserve better. At Eastlake's south end, Colonnade Park is a triumph (listed by the Atlantic Cities web site as among the world's ten "coolest parks under a freeway"). But Colonnade needs expansion south to provide better bicycle and pedestrian recreation and commuting. And at Eastlake's north end, the impassable area west of I-5 has been used even to dispose of bodies, and should be opened up for more positive use with trails and stairs.

And under the I-5 Ship Canal bridge, the North Gateway triangle at the corner of Eastlake and Harvard avenues is partly paved and has some landscaping but could be so much more. Our community could turn it into a space for markets and fairs, to be used for parking at other times (like at University Heights). Also, SDOT should consider it for one of its new bike sharing



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Public meeting Sept. 11 on I-5 noise & rights of way continued

stations. In many parts the city, the stations will take up space that was previously used for parking. With parking increasingly scarce in Eastlake, ECC has written to suggest that Eastlake's bike share station be located in the North Gateway, near important bicycle routes.

Your thoughts and offers to help on reducing I-5 noise and making better use of blighted parts of the right of way are welcome and needed: info@eastlakeseattle.org, or c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102-3278 or (206) 322-5463.

A century ago, much of the area west of the current intersection of Eastlake Avenue and Fairview Avenue was a large marsh, soon to be filled in to create these streets and the current Lake Union shoreline. This great blue heron recently dropped by for a sneak preview of the tiny marsh that, with encouragement from Lake Union Drydock, ECC volunteers are rebuilding just north of the shipyard's main driveway.



Public meeting on Lake Union history and science is Sept. 17

Few cities around the world are so fortunate as to have a lake at their geographic and population center. Lake Union has importantly shaped the history of Eastlake, and today it makes commerce, recreation, and nature central to our lives. ECC's Tues., Sept. 17 public meeting at Pocock Rowing Center, 3320 Fuhrman Ave., brings experts for discussions and visuals about the history and science of Lake Union. First, Vaun Raymond will head a roundtable on Lake Union history. He is curator of the Lake Union Virtual Museum (http://www.lakeunionhistory.org), a web site with many videos about Lake Union's past and current life. Then Craig MacGowan will lead a discussion about the science of Lake Union. MacGowan is an award-winning science teacher now retired from Seattle schools, and author of Mac's Field Guides, which are sold all over the world. Please bring your history and science questions and discoveries to share at the meeting.

Discuss crime prevention at Sept. 23 public meeting

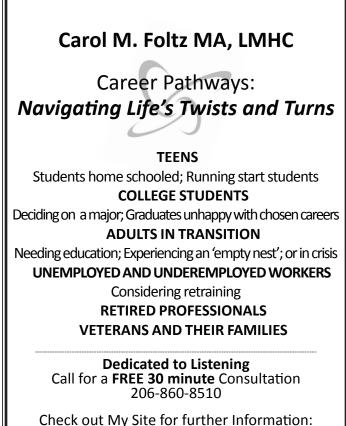
Join Seattle Police Department (SPD) officers and your neighbors to discuss recent car thefts, break-ins, and disorderly behavior at ECC's public meeting on public safety and emergency preparedness Mon., Sept. 23, 7 p.m. at the Pocock Rowing Center, 3320 Fuhrman Avenue East (by south end of University Bridge).

911 and (206) 625-5011. See the ECC web site, http:// eastlakeseattle.org for best practices for crime prevention and emergency preparedness and for hot lines and web sites where you can report a wide variety of infractions or problems. Most importantly, SPD urges a call to 911 right away if you see any law-breaking or expect it to occur imminently. Police can't

respond if you don't alert them, and are more likely to patrol our neighborhood if there is a pattern of past calls to 911. Nothing is too small to report, and a crime need not have been committed. The 911 system has plenty of capacity, so you won't compete with another call that you fear could be more urgent. An alternative to 911 is the Police Department's "non-emergency" number, (206) 625-5011 (dial 2 and then 8 to reach a dispatcher). This is for questions about something suspicious occurring in your neighborhood, and you are not sure it is criminal activity; to report a non-emergency crime that did not just occur, and the suspects are not in the immediate area; or to report a nuisance, such as a noise or parking complaint. Please call one or the other number when you see suspected or actual law-breaking.

Neighbor-to-neighbor cooperation. Eastlake is safest if neighbors exchange phone numbers, e-mail addresses, Twitter and Facebook accounts, and make the effort to know one another. Please take the initiative with your neighbors on mutual alerts and problem-solving about suspicious or risky situations. For advice on crime prevention: http://www.seattle.gov/police/ programs/Blockwatch/default.htm. "Blockwatch" doesn't have to involve a whole block; there is safety also in cooperation of several residences or businesses, a houseboat dock, or even within a single apartment, condo, or office building.

A potluck or cookout is a great way to meet your neighbors and discuss how to be alert for crime and how to prepare for emergencies. On the first Tuesday of each August if you register first, the City allows a side street to be closed off, free of the normal permits and onerous insurance requirements, for your block to have a street party for fun, crime prevention and emergency preparedness. "Night Out" is a national event to



Check out My Site for further Information: www.seattlecareercounselingcoach.com help neighbors meet each other, toward starting a block watch and preparedness team; if you want, Police and Fire officers can also drop by. At ECC's encouragement, more of these events are being held than ever before, and they needn't be in the street, or in August. In someone's driveway, yard, or living room, you can do it anytime of the year. Funds are available from the City or from ECC, which can also help with publicity. Contact ECC at info@eastlakeseattle.org.

Report graffiti. Quick removal of graffiti discourages taggers. The City requires landowners to remove it promptly, and promises immediate action on public property. Report graffiti (and water pollution and illegal dumping) at (206) 684-7587; or at http://www.seattle.gov/util/index.htm. To join ECC's effort against graffiti: frisky1@mindspring.com.

Contact ECC. The Eastlake Community Council has liaisons to both police precincts that cover our neighborhood, and can help with any questions or concerns. ECC wants to hear your ideas and questions about crime issues and prevention. Please contact us at eastlakesafety@gmail.com and info@eastlakeseattle.org or by U.S. mail at 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle, WA 98102-3278.

This year's "Night Out" at 2600 Franklin Avenue was a success with at least 60 attendees overall and 40 consistently throughout the night. At least two other "Night Outs" were held (2300 Franklin and 2200 Minor).





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Ballot measures, candidates debate at Oct. 1 elections meeting

Hear from and question candidates for Mayor, City Council, School Board, and from the pro and con campaigns on state and local ballot measures--Tues., Oct. 1, 6:30 - 9:15 p.m. at Pocock Rowing Center, 3320 Fuhrman Ave. E. This always-popular public forum serves as the Eastlake Community Council's annual meeting, when board members and officers are also elected.

Public meeting on projects and needs is Nov. 6

The Eastlake Community Council regularly hosts public meetings about ongoing neighborhood projects and needs, some stemming from the City-adopted 1998 Eastlake Neighborhood plan. Please come Wed., Nov. 6, 7 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. to discuss existing or proposed projects such as for traffic, pedestrians, bicycles, buses, parks, drainage, arts, streetlights, land use projects, book or running clubs, kids' activities, or (fill in this blank!). We also welcome suggestions toward a more Sustainable Eastlake (see that section of ECC's web site, http://eastlakeseattle.org). Whether or not you can come Nov. 6, please write to ECC at info@eastlakeseattle.org

Among the current projects ECC is considering are sidewalks that are missing on Allison and Hamlin streets between Eastlake Ave. and Fairview E.; landscape and make safer the median islands at the intersection of Eastlake Ave. and Fairview Ave. N.; install a walkway along the line of maple trees in the parking lot just west of Fairview Ave. E. between Roanoke and Louisa streets; and various improvements under I-5 in and near Colonnade Park in Eastlake's south end and west of I-5 just south of Fuhrman Ave. E.

Public meeting Nov. 19 on bus service and organizing riders

Eastlake's various Metro bus lines, already crowded with riders, are threatened by state and county budget cuts. At the Tues., Nov. 19 public meeting (7 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E.), we've invited Metro to discuss the condition of Eastlake's bus service. We'll also discuss how to revive the now-dormant Eastlake Bus Riders Coalition. Eastlake bus riders need to be organized. We lost our earlier spark plug who moved out of state to a new job.

Most Metro buses that use Eastlake Avenue never actually stop on Eastlake Avenue, seeing the Eastlake and South Lake Union neighborhoods as a corridor for zipping passengers between downtown and the University District. Better transit service would make it easier to dine, shop, work or reside in Eastlake, and to commute to jobs outside the neighborhood. The Eastlake Neighborhood Plan, hundreds of petition signatures and many letters have long called on Metro to establish for each express bus just a few stops (as with the 66 express) on Eastlake Avenue, respecting Eastlake and South Lake Union as the transit destinations that City legislation says they are.

Whether or not you can come Nov. 19, please send ECC your suggestions for ECC bus routes, stops or shelters, and let us know if you would like to become a part of the Eastlake Bus Riders Coalition.



Posted on a utility pole near Rogers Playfield was this goodhearted notice, "Take what you need," encouraging passersby to take home such things as Hope, Forgiveness, Freedom, Peace, Strength, and Healing... What might have been the ones already taken?



Some years ago, an artist carved this ghost face in the bark of a tree that is just south of the play area in Roanoke Park (the park on the east side of I-5). It is about 15 feet high, facing northwest. Can anyone fill us in about its history?



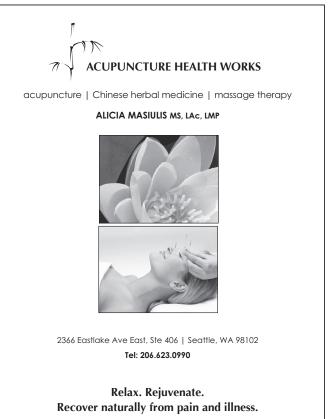
You can now find Eastlake Community Council on Facebook. Find out the latest news about the ECC and become a fan by clicking Like on our Page. Stop light at last for Eastlake Allison intersection; which others are needed?



The narrow geography of the Eastlake neighborhood makes crossing of Eastlake Avenue particularly critical to livability and to the success of the Eastlake neighborhood's business district. The stoplights on Eastlake Avenue that are at Roanoke, Louisa, Boston, and Garfield streets resulted from long campaigns by the Eastlake Community Council.

No traffic signal has taken longer (20 years and counting since ECC first proposed it, later supported by more than 250 petition signatures and priority in the Eastlake Neighborhood Plan) than the one soon to be at the intersection of Eastlake Ave. and Allison Street (see photo). Freeway noise is unusually high at this intersection, making it difficult for pedestrians to detect oncoming motor vehicles.

The Eastlake Neighborhood Plan also calls for a traffic signal to cross Eastlake Ave. at Blaine and Howe streets, natural corridors connecting Lake Union to and from the stairways that climb Capitol Hill. Your thoughts are welcome as to which traffic signals should be ECC's highest priority, to info@eastlakeseatte.org.



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$\underbrace{\text{Little Free Libraries}}_{\text{Open }24/7 \text{ -- Never closed}}$

by Judy Smith

If you're driving down Franklin Avenue between Roanoke and Edgar Streets, you might catch sight of what looks like a large doll house or bird house on a post in the parking strip. There's something even more eyecatching about it, sort of a déjà vu feeling, but you're not quite sure what it is as you pass quickly by. Next time you'll investigate, you tell yourself, and you'll solve this mystery.

Finally, approach on foot and you find it's a little house full of books, a little free library, part of an international phenomenon and the second one in Eastlake. It appeared in June just shortly after the Christina Choi Little Free Library was discovered on the north side of Louisa's Restaurant on Eastlake Avenue this past spring.

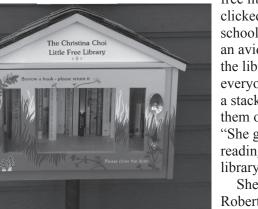
This new little library too is a memorial for a beloved, that person being the mother, Pat Jeanne Roberts, of Delight Roberts who lives in the house just above and behind the little library. Her house just happens to



There's something very familiar about this little house.

at the books that are taken and the books that appear.

So what was the impetus? After her mother died Delight wanted to do something. She heard of the little



Christina Choi Little Free Library

look a lot like the little library, which explains that déjà vu feeling.

When I met Delight she was coming down the steps of her house with an armload of books to replenish the library. As she put the books inside, she said she's always surprised free library movement and that clicked. Her mother had taught school for 35 years and was an avid reader. "She took us to the library most Saturdays with everyone returning home with a stack of books and reading them on her bed," said Delight. "She gave me a lifelong love reading." So the little free library seemed most fitting.

She told her brother, Pasha Roberts, about the idea. Pasha, a licensed pipe-fitter, is also a

skilled carpenter. The idea to do a replica of Delight's house, actually a triplex, that she and her husband, Tom Im, remodeled from a single family home, was her brother's idea.

Little free libraries can take any shape or form says the official Little Free Libraries website (www. littlefreelibraries.org), where people are encouraged to build them and register them as part of a GPS tracking system. Seattle has dozens. But despite Seattle's reputation as a bookish city, the idea didn't start here. It started in Wisconsin.

The website also offers tips on how to build them – like weatherproofing, to ensure that books stay dry. "Wisconsin winters can be very hard on any building," writes the anonymous founder, "but I am proud to report that during last winter's three-foot snow storms, libraries I built were dry and open for business when all other public buildings were closed."

Eastlake's little libraries have not yet seen a Seattle winter, but they've experienced plenty of rain and seem to be holding up just fine. They're both finely and lovingly crafted.

Christina Choi's library was established by her friends with her family's permission, says Jules James, owner of Lake Union Mail, a shop

just a few feet from Choi's library. Jules helped to get the landlord's permission to install it, but that's all he can say. "The project leaders have asked to remain entirely anonymous," he wrote in an email. "Thanks to them is borrowing a book. I marvel at the changing titles -- the selections turn over much faster than I would have guessed."

Delight says she had no knowledge of the Choi library until she read about it in the spring issue of the Eastlake News, just as they were building their own library. She and her family went right down to visit it. They had been fans of Choi's Eastlake restaurant Nettletown and were acquainted with her family.

The two little libraries have loose ties to each other but they also have something very much in common -- a spirit of generosity, whimsy and community.

People are encouraged to take books, return them, and put out books that they love and have broad appeal

although Delight is always amazed by some of the books that disappear that she thought no one would be interested in. She checks the library nearly every day. Do the books come back? Sometimes and sometimes not. but other people also contribute books. She doesn't care. "I'd rather put books out here than take them to half price books or the Goodwill," she says with a shrug.

"If this were just about providing free books on a shelf," the official website notes, "the whole idea might disappear after a few months. Little Free Libraries have a unique, personal touch and there is an understanding that real people are sharing their favorite books with their community. These aren't just any old books, this is a carefully curated collection and the library itself is a piece of neighborhood art!"

The one on Franklin St. even has a solar panel to provide lighting for evening browsing.

From her home, Delight can

sometimes see people checking out the little library, taking pictures of it, milling about, curious, and as she sees them she thinks, "Oh, please take a book!"

Postscript: Just as this newsletter was going to press a third little free library opened in Eastlake in a shady grove of trees at the corner of Hamlin and Boylston, dedicated to "Celebrating Healthier Neighborhoods."

Some books recently seen at the little free libraries.

Persuasion by Jane Austen The Girl Who Played with Fire by Stieg Larson The John McPhee Reader Prairie Nocturne by Ivan Doig Mr. Sammler's Planet by Saul Bellow Dicken's Selected Short Fiction A Confederacy of Dunces by John Kennedy Toole *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury Two novels for kids and parents by Eastlake author Michael de Guzman, Growing up Rita and Beekman's Big Deal

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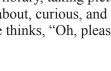
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SDOT to engage public in "Eastlake corridor transit and street improvements" study

Long delayed study of the Eastlake's traffic, bus, pedestrian, bicycle, and parking conditions and needs will now begin as a result of Ordinance # 124222, which passed the City Council unanimously on July 15. Its Attachment D authorizes SDOT to spend up to \$2 million (\$300,000 in 2013, \$1.2 million in 2014, and \$500,000 in 2016) for study and improvements of the Eastlake corridor (defined as extending from 65th Street to downtown).

As passed by the City Council, the ordinance directs that SDOT develop and implement a range of transit and street improvements in the Eastlake Avenue corridor connecting the University District, Eastlake and South Lake Union neighborhoods between Downtown and the Roosevelt Link light rail transit station area. ... This project will identify, prioritize, design and construct the highest priority 'speed and reliability' improvements to existing bus service without excluding the potential for longer-term implementation of High Capacity Transit options. The project will also consider an improved right of way profile to best accommodate the corridor's multi- modal demands, along with the recommendations reflected in each of the City's adopted modal transportation plans and the respective neighborhood plans.

The Eastlake Community Council played a key role in

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making this study possible. Initially, without consultation with ECC, the Mayor had proposed in October and again in April a similar amount of money to be spent only on studying Eastlake Avenue for "high capacity transit" (HCT--a streetcar or a special bus service with its own lanes and fewer stops). ECC wrote to the City Council in October and again in May (letters posted on the ECC web site, http://eastlakeseattle.org) stating that "as presently proposed, the High Capacity Transit study for Eastlake Avenue will continue SDOT's failure to consider Eastlake Avenue as a whole. An HCT study would be 'silo' thinking. ... We are not opposed to studying HCT, but are concerned that the proposed study will duplicate SDOT's previous studies of streetcar service on Eastlake Avenue, seems to be overpriced, and will too narrowly look at HCT. We urge that if the study is to go ahead, it be recast to (1) consider improvements in the bus service that now uses Eastlake Avenue--improvements that would cost dramatically less than any rail or bus high capacity transit system; and (2) consider Eastlake Avenue as a whole, including its role as a bicycle corridor, a pedestrian corridor, a place for pedestrian crossings, a place for local motor vehicle traffic, and a neighborhood business district."

The ECC's May 2013 letter to the City Council also stated:

"For many years, the City has failed to carry out mul-

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timodal studies about or make improvements in Eastlake Avenue that are important priorities in the 1998 Eastlake Neighborhood Plan. Instead, the City has conducted single-mode studies such as the Transit Master Plan and Bicycle Master Plan. Eastlake Avenue is indeed one of the City's most important bus and bike corridors. But it is also our neighborhood's main street and business district, and it is an important corridor and crossing for pedestrians. The Eastlake neighborhood is geographically long and narrow, squeezed as it is between Lake Union and I-5, a condition which makes Eastlake Avenue especially important as a focus for our community; for pedestrians to get around and across; and for parking needed by our retail and restaurant businesses."

The May 2013 ECC letter requested that the City Council rename the SDOT study and broaden its scope:

"High capacity city transit will of course be studied, but so should much more affordable improvements in our existing bus service, including the possibility of a few bus stops in Eastlake and South Lake Union by the express buses that currently speed between the University District and downtown (the majority of the Metro buses that use Eastlake Avenue do not make a single stop on Eastlake Avenue, in either Eastlake or South Lake Union!). The addition of a few stops would leave these currently nonstop routes still as express buses, just as the popular route 66 (with its five stops along Eastlake Avenue between Stewart Street and the University Bridge) remains an express."

In order to facilitate dialogue, ECC reached out to SDOT, hosting key officials at its public meetings April 25

A longtime employee in Eastlake and a former resident was lost to us when Jerry Shafer was killed June 22 on the road near Woodinville. He was at the time leading a team ride when the bicycle he was riding collided with a car. Shafer was an accountant who for nearly 40 years had worked alongside his brother at John's accounting firm at 2331 Eastlake Avenue Av. E. Jerry served in the Vietnam conflict as an infantry sergeant, the recipient of two purple hearts for being wounded in action. Due to those injuries he was considered a disabled veteran.

Shafer was a formidable track competitor, winning or placing high in races around the world. He was a national cycling champion for his age group and held many records. His greatest fulfillment on the bike came from long, multihour training rides that gave him the opportunity to decompress and enjoy the scenery. The day of his death, Shafer had cycled from his home in Kent all the way to Kenmore (a distance of 33 miles) just

Jerry Shafer, 1947-2013



to reach the start of the team ride.

Jerry described competition as the consummate form of self-measurement and attributed his boundless energy and exuberance to the hobby that literally "kept him rolling." He was a constant presence at the Marymoor Velodrome, where fellow competitors knew him to be generous in victory or defeat. A friend said, "He always had a laugh and he always had a smile, and I don't know what I am going to do without it."

Jerry Shafer had raised tens of thousands of dollars for research, education, developing effective treatments, early diagnosis and awareness on retinoblastoma. It is a rare kind of eye cancer found predominantly in children; with effective treatment his grandson Lance (who was diagnosed at the age of 16 months) was able to beat the cancer. Information about how to donate, with photos and more background on Shafer and his grandson, see http://sharewithjerr.com, his web site which is being maintained now by friends.



Tom Eggleston and Marilee Fuller dismantling a fallen tree at the June 22 Good Turn Park work party

about bicycling and May 13 about Eastlake Avenue. These officials accepted the City Council's reorientation of the Eastlake corridor study, and will be leading the new planning and improvement efforts. ECC will work to ensure that the SDOT studies and outreach include Eastlake residents and businesses and issues such as parking, pedestrian and bicycle routes and conditions, and cut-through traffic on side streets that otherwise would not have received as much attention. ECC urges the public to watch for SDOT outreach and meetings and to participate fully in the next year. For questions or comments, contact ECC at info@ eastlakeseattle.org or (206) 322-5463.

Land use report

Land use code changes. As outlined in our summer issue (available on the ECC web site), recent years' changes in the land use code have increased the bulk and height of new apartment and condo buildings and virtually eliminated on-site parking requirements; changed interpretations have allowed microhousing projects to escape even minimal public review. ECC is developing proposals to restore some balance to the land use code, and welcomes your suggestions.

Public meetings about microhousing projects. The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) holds a public meeting about a proposed land use project if it receives a petition signed by at least 50 residents asking for one. This summer, ECC submitted two petitions asking for such meetings regarding two projects: 2719 Yale Terrace East (100+ signatures) and 2820 Eastlake Avenue (shown in photo) (175+ signatures). Thanks to Julie Shefts for drafting the petition for 2719 Yale Terrace East. And thanks to the many people who signed or circulated both petitions. You have already made a difference: The City's public meeting on this project will be held on Wed, Sept. 25, 7 p.m. at the Pocock Rowing Center, 3320 Fuhrman Ave. E. Please try to attend.

In submitting the petitions, ECC requested that the public meetings be held in the Eastlake neighborhood. Through a regulatory loophole described in our summer issue, the 2719 Yale Terrace East escaped design review, and so no public meetings were otherwise scheduled. The 2820 Eastlake Ave. E. project has had design review meetings, but they are being held at Seattle University, far away from our neighborhood (farther away, in fact, than downtown), on the other side of I-5 and the other side of Capitol Hill, and in areas where parking is very tight.

ECC has written to the Mayor, City Council, and DPD, objecting that design review meetings for Eastlake projects are being held so far away from our neighborhood. Such difficult locations dramatically reduce the members of our community who can attend. In the early years of design review, the meetings on Eastlake projects were always held in Eastlake, so that people could reach the meetings on foot and did not need to park. Eastlake and other neighborhoods are entitled to have the design review meetings, and other related public meetings, located near where the project is proposed.

Ride the Ducks. Your views are needed now by City officials, who otherwise may give a free pass to the Ride the Ducks application for a ramp next to Terry Pettus Park and the houseboats near Fairview Ave. E. at Newton St. In good weather, the Ducks would make hundreds of trips a day, just minutes apart. Please write to the City soon about these or other concerns, referring to MUP #3013612. (contact info below):

- The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) is ignoring that Ride the Ducks is an entertainment use not allowed in this industrial zone.
- In direct violation of Seattle Noise Ordinance (SMC 25.08.515), Ride the Ducks' amplified music and commentary are clearly audible 75 feet from the vehicle.



Why isn't the City enforcing the law? Given the ongoing violation, the City mustn't approve this application.

- Aside from the amplifiers, engine noise from the Ducks would become the predominant background noise for the park and locale, and shouldn't be allowed.
- The constant presence of the Ducks would produce localized diesel fumes, causing health concerns, and should not be allowed. Yet DPD is not considering local air pollution.
- Constant Duck traffic will be unsafe for Fairview Ave. E where the amphibious trucks would constantly cross pedestrian and bicycle routes.
- Ducks in the water off Terry Pettus Park will endanger swimmers, paddle boarders, and kayakers.

Contacting City officials. It is important for City officials to hear from you about the above topics and others. It is always best to write to each separately; group e-mails are less likely to be heeded. Mayor: mike.mcginn@seattle. gov; opposing Mayoral candidate Ed Murray: info@murray4mayor.com; DPD Director: diane.sugimura@seattle. gov; DPD staff: ben.perkowski@seattle.gov; DPD public resource center: prc@seattle.gov; SDOT Director: peter. hahn@seattle.gov; City Councilmembers: sally.bag-shaw@seattle.gov; tim.burgess@seattle.gov; sally.clark@seattle.gov; pruce.harrell@seattle.gov; nick.licata@se-attle.gov; mike.obrien@seattle.gov; and tom.rasmussen@seattle.gov.

Contacting ECC. For questions, comments, or to volunteer for any of the above topics, contact ECC at info@ eastlakeseattle.org or (206) 322-5463



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Citizens for Off-Leash Areas



NEW STEWARDSHIP OF THE I-5 COLONNADE DOG PARK



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Every member and steward of COLA is a volunteer, and we recognize sometimes we all will be able to dedicate more creativity to the job than at other times. The best way to help the off-leash area is to volunteer your time and energy.

We appreciate whatever commitments you are willing to make. Your contribution of volunteer labor, materials, professional services, or monetary donation will be greatly appreciated by our four-legged family members!

CONTACT US BY EMAIL:

We have tentative plans for an early-fall work day. Please contact Kevin Haywood and the Jet City Animal Clinic Team by email with your name, where you live, your interests and any suggestions, and how we can best reach you. I-5COLONNADE@EMAIL.COM

CITIZENS FOR OFF-LEASH AREAS (COLA) IS A 501(C)(3) NON-PROFIT THAT WAS FORMED TO OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN OFF-LEASH DOG EXERCISE AREAS IN SEATTLE. FOR OVER 10 YEARS, COLA HAS BEEN THE POINT OF CONTACT FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS, THE MEDIA, OTHER CITIES, COMMUNITY GROUPS, DOG OWNERS AND THE POPULATION AT LARGE ON OFF-LEASH AND OTHER DOG-RELATED ISSUES.

ABOUT THE I-5 COLONNADE DOG PARK

This park is located on a steep slope so the off-leash area is a unique design, covering 1.2 acres with several large areas on different levels connected by walkways and some stairs. It has a crushed gravel surface, several benches, and a potable water source at the north entrance. There are limited Mutt Mitt bags available, so we strongly encourage users to bring bags with them and clean up after their dogs! Since the park is located directly under I-5, there is protection from the rain, making it a wonderful all-weather experience!

JET CITY ANIMAL CLINIC, LOCATED IN CAPITOL HILL, TOOK OVER STEWARDSHIP OF THE I-5 COLONNADE PARK THIS SUMMER – HELP THEM IN THEIR EFFORTS OF MAINTAINING & IMPROVING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD DOG PARK.



Don Eduardo's Mexican Restaurant and Tequila

Lounge (1823 Eastlake Ave., 206-324-4941, www. doneduardosmexican.com) is hosting the Eastlake Community Council's fall celebration Thurs., Sept. 12 (5:30-8 p.m.; see calendar on front page). Named after the owner, Don Eduardo Alvarado, Don Eduardo's opened in January in the building formerly occupied by Azteca, Rattlers and Casa Lupita. At the popular events, ECC purchases "small bites" for the public, the restaurant offers reduced prices for beverages, and dining continues off the regular menu. ECC welcomes inquiries from other restaurants to host its upcoming celebrations.

Thanks to G&H Printing, Live Oak Audio Visual, National Frozen Foods, Northwest Administrators, Seattle Models Guild, and Washington State Employees Credit Union (WSECU) for donations that made possible ECC's free July 20 showing in Rogers Playfield of the Pixar classic, WALL•E. ECC expenses include the Parks permit, the license to show the movie, and the screen, audio, and projection equipment. WSECU also provided free soft drinks and popcorn for the estimated audience of 250, eas-



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ily our largest turnout ever. Suggestions are welcome and needed on which movie ECC will show next July. ... ECC is grateful to **Champagne Cruises** (http://www.champagnecruise.com) for its generous donation of the **Islander** for two fundraising cruises a year. This year's July 11 summer cruise boarded 130, the most we've had for a summer cruise. Watch for listing of our December winter cruise amidst the Christmas ships.

The special exhibit about Seattle's floating homes community at the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI, newly relocated to the historic Naval Reserve armory at the south end of Lake Union--and free on the first Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.) ends Nov. 3. Displays include photographs, video interviews, underwater film, and a scale model. ... Thanks to Total Health Events (2226 Eastlake Ave E. at Vybe Communications Hub, www. totalhealthevents.com, 206-499-1903) for sponsoring the Puget Soundkeeper vessel to clean up the debris left in Lake Union by the SeaFair July 4 fireworks. ... But on land, the mess on Eastlake's streets July 5 reflected Starbucks' decision not to continue its post-fireworks volunteer cleanup of recent years; if this decision sticks, would another business step forward to coordinate volunteer cleanup efforts next July 5?

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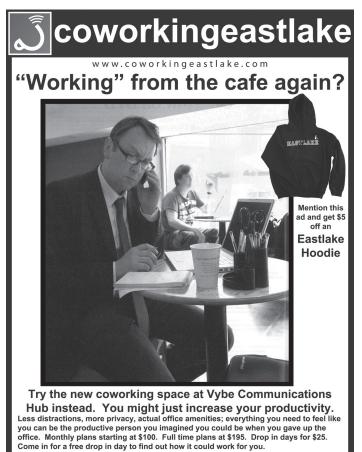


Eastlake's own **Ross Laboratories** (3138 Fairview Avenue E., 206-324-3950, rosslaboratories.com), with a 15,000 square foot manufacturing facility and a 75 foot research vessel, the "**Golden Dolphin**." It is particularly noted for producing systems small and affordable enough to be used by recreational boaters and commercial fishing vessels.

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Ross Laboratories' sonar and the accompanying software are ready to be sold after being tested (left) on the Golden Dolphin (above)

Jim Ross, company President, has received the Export Achievement Award from the Department of Commerce for efforts in promoting international sales.

ECC is working to bring to Eastlake more internet broadband providers, in hopes of adding more bandwidth, more choices, and lower prices beyond what is available from

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Comcast and **CenturyLink**. Our neighborhood is not yet in the immediate plans of new City franchisee **Gigabit Squared**, which is giving priority to South Lake Union, Capitol Hill, and the University District. We've told **Gigabit Squared** and a competitor, **Spectrum Networks** (spectrumnet.us) and its subsidiary **CondoInternet** (gigabitseattle.com) that Eastlake includes high-tech companies, small businesses, non-profits, and many residents who need and would pay for better internet service. Contact ECC to get involved in this effort to bring better broadband to Eastlake.

Congratulations to **Jim Francis** (below), recently retired after 45 years with **Lake Union Drydock** (1515 Fairview



Jim Francis with his Cadillac convertible, just retired from Lake Union Drydock

Ave. E.). A historical video tour of the company led by Jim is on-line at http://www.lakeunionhistory.org. Zoning of the 1500 and 1600 blocks of Fairview Avenue E. is entirely for businesses, and since ECC's founding in 1971 we have worked closely with Jim and Lake Union Drydock to make this area a good place to walk and bicycle as well as for business.

In our last issue we mentioned **Car2Go.com**, a business whose shared cars are tracked on the web and parked on City streets where they can be picked up and dropped off. Another car sharing business, **Zipcar.com/Seattle**, also lists a variety of vehicles throughout the City, including designated business locations along Eastlake Avenue at Martin St. (across from **Ship Canal Grill**); at Lynn St. (near **Eastlake Market**), and at Garfield Street (near **Puget Sound Blood Center**). Zipcar was formed by a merger with **Flexcar**, the nation's first car-sharing business which was co-founded by onetime Eastlake resident **Neil Peterson**. The 14 Carrot Taco Stand (2305 Eastlake Ave., www. facebook.com/14CarrotTacoStand) serves fresh, original tacos on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 6 to 11 p.m. or until the food runs out. Any customer who buys and eats a certain number of tacos (currently at 11) earns the right to rename any taco on the menu. In mid-August the taco choices were beef bulgogi, falafel, BBQ rib, chicken tikka masala, and Thai chicken. Next door, the Eastlake **Zoo** tavern allows purchasers of their favorite beverage to bring in and enjoy the tacos they have just purchased. ... 5 Lights Acupuncture (2311 Eastlake Ave E., 206-601-6290, www.5lightsacupuncture.com and on Facebook) has moved from Fremont to a space above Pazzo's, near the intersection of Eastlake Ave. and Lynn St. Practitioner Amber West specializes in the Five Element method. As in other forms of acupuncture, the needles are extremely thin and solid; they are much smaller and not hollow like the needles used at doctors' offices, as there is nothing being injected. The needles are made of stainless steel, and disposed of after one time use.

Eastlake artist **Patti Warashina** is honored with a 50+ vear career retrospective show, at the Bellevue Arts Museum (510 Bellevue Way NE in downtown Bellevue, bellevuearts.org). The Seattle Times reviewer comments that she "combines the venturesome spirit of a great artist with the down-to-earth charms of a screwball comedian." Her "extravagantly imagined" ceramic sculptures are in museums and private collections all over the world--and must be seen to be believed. The show ends Oct. 27--don't miss it. ... Eastlake cellist Paige Stockley Lerner has recorded August Ruins, a CD of solo cello music composed by Peter Vukmirovic Stevens. Released in May, the album has been in the top 100 of Amazon's Modern, 20th and 21st century classical sections. CDs and downloads are also available at Barnes and Noble, iTunes, Spotify and Pandora. Gavin Borchert of the Seattle Weekly comments: "This five-movement, 53-minute suite for solo cello is lush and uncompromisingly brooding. Paige Stockley plays it stunningly."

Eastlake resident River Burke (http://www.riversongjewelry.com, 206-829-9089) celebrates the natural world by designing and handcrafting jewelry based on horticulture, plant taxonomy, and the vivid journals of 19th century botanists. The **River Song** store is at 2816 East Madison Street in Seattle, and the web site lists many other stores across the U.S. and some in other countries that carry the unique jewelry. ... Roll Up The Rug & Dance! (http:// www.rolluptherug.com, 206-731-9172) is an Eastlake business that offers private, semi-private, and group dance classes and workshops around the world that are "designed to bring joy to your day, clarity to your step, understanding to your movement, connection to your partnering, and to greatly increase your enjoyment of dance." Principal Ari Levitt is a medical doctor who is also an award-winning dancer, teacher, and performer.

Having received complaints from residents about fastmoving **Health Sciences Express** buses cutting through on our side streets to avoid congestion on Eastlake Avenue and Lynn Street, ECC contacted the **University of Washington**. We received assurances from a manager who was already trying to discourage this practice by drivers, and wants us to let her know if anyone sees it continue. ... Congratulations to the **Roanoke Park** neighbors for raising the funds to treat the majestic elms on the planting strips around the park to prevent Dutch elm disease (the Park Dept. treats the elms within the park itself). It's a fitting memorial for **Erin O'Connor**, a volunteer who until her untimely death to cancer in November 2011 had led the elms protection effort. We--and the elms--will never forget you, Erin.

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Eastlake residents reach out to make friends in other lands

Many Eastlake residents are involved in promoting friendship across national borders. An example is Friendship Force International, a worldwide organization based in Atlanta that provides opportunities to explore new countries and cultures through the signature program of home hospitality.

Local hosts welcome international visitors into their culture, sharing meals, conversation, and the best sights and experiences of their region. The Seattle-Tacoma Friendship Force club organizes both domestic and international exchanges with counterpart clubs. Recently members visited two cities in Germany and in 2014 will visit in Mexico and Costa Rica. A domestic exchange was with Sarasota, Florida, whose residents visited Seattle for a week in August 2012, and local club members visited Sarasota in



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Caryl Keasler will soon be visiting Morocco with Friendship Force of New Hampshire Seacoast. The visit will include a day living with Berbers in a small village, as well as homestays in Azrou and Rabat. Sherry Elton has helped plan for and host international clubs visiting Seattle from Heredia, Costa Rica; Melbourne and Central Coast, Australia; Mt. Fuji, Japan; Moscow, Russia; and Karsiyaka Bay, Turkey, whose club recently invited the Seattle-Tacoma group for a return visit. She has toured Tasmania and Adelaide, Australia with a group from Eastern Washington/North Idaho, and visited Napier, New Zealand with a group from New Caledonia, a French island group in the Southwest Pacific Ocean.

To learn more about Friendship Force International, see the web site (http://thefriendshipforce.org) or e-mail to s.elto59@gmail.com or psma.bishop@frontier.com. The Eastlake News wants to hear from other Eastlakers who are involved in international friendship activities.



On July 6, Cathy and Jake Jaramillo (pictured at the lower right) led a well-received 2.3 mile tour of the Blaine and Howe Street steps and vicinity. Authors of *Seattle Stairway Walks: An Up-and-Down Guide to City Neighborhoods,* their web site is: www. seattlestairwaywalks.com

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