

# The Eastlake News

Winter 2015/2016

## Coming Events

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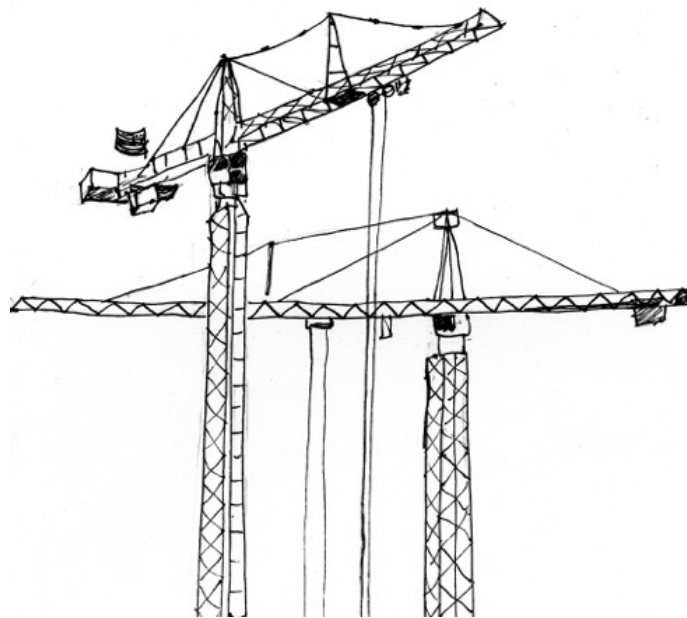
Dec. 1-17. Collection barrels at Lake Union Mail, Pete's Super, and Washington State Employees Credit Union. Checks and on-line donations also welcome. See article on p. 7.

**Holiday cruise on the Islander** Wed., Dec. 23. To Union Bay and Portage Bay and then the grand finale concert in Lake Union. Tickets at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) (password: Eastlake) are \$35, including dinner, salad, and dessert. *Limited to those who live or work in Eastlake and their invited guests.*

**Public meeting as SDOT presents and invites comment on the Roosevelt to Downtown High-Capacity Transit Study (possible exclusive bus and bicycle lanes on Eastlake Avenue); and proposed 15-month closure of the Fairview Avenue bridge for reconstruction.** Tues., Jan. 12 at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. See article, p. 12-13

**Public meeting on the City's draft proposals for major changes in the City's Comprehensive Plan and their possible impacts on Eastlake.** Tues., Feb. 9, 7-9 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School. See article on this page.

**Public meeting on free or low-cost resources to help renters, elders, or the disabled stay and thrive in Eastlake** Tuesday, March 8, 7 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. See article, p. 16



## Feb. 9 public meeting examines potentially ruinous Comprehensive Plan changes

ECC's public meeting Tues., Feb. 9, 7-9 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School will examine the City's draft proposals for major changes in the City's Comprehensive Plan and their possible impacts on Eastlake. See background below, and for more detail see the Comprehensive Plan page of ECC's web site ([eastlakeseatle.org](http://eastlakeseatle.org)), which has links to the Eastlake Community Council's 12-page comment letter on the City proposals and longer comments by the City Neighborhood Council, an official advisory body.

The City's proposed deletions, changes, and additions would (1) eliminate current protections for affordable housing and neighborhood character; (2) eliminate current obstacles to unlimited increases in building heights; (3) allow wholesale upzones without regard for local conditions and preferences; (4) virtually eliminate the Comp Plan's neighborhood focus and its support for neighborhood planning; (5) remove current expectations for yards, landscaping, and trees; and

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Masthead artwork sketch by Victor Steinbrueck. Other artwork sketches by Karen Berry.

**Feb. 9 public meeting** cont. from page 1

(6) eliminates any balance in parking policies, making it impossible to restore on-site parking requirements for new buildings. The overall effect would be to unleash unmitigated new construction upon neighborhoods like Eastlake.

It is important for members of the public to write to City officials on this issue. Mayor Murray is now considering revisions in the draft before formally submitting a final proposal to the City Council by March 2016. Your e-mails to both can help persuade the Mayor to rethink and rebalance what he actually proposes to the City Council. The addresses are listed on page 3. Please send in your comment today—your neighborhood's future depends on it!

Since its adoption by City Council action in 1994, Seattle's Comprehensive Plan has designated 37 neighborhoods as urban villages, distinguishing among them three categories based roughly on level of density, with the least dense being the residential urban villages (examples are Eastlake and Wallingford). Other categories of urban villages are the hub urban villages (examples are Fremont, Ballard, and Lake City) and the urban centers (examples are the University District, South Lake Union, and Capitol Hill).

The proposed "update" for the Comprehensive Plan would add major new growth expectations for all of these urban villages while removing protections that currently ensure them village-like livability. Officially terming these neighborhoods as "urban villages," as the Comprehensive Plan has done since 1994, was a promise that while growth would come, it would be no more than is consistent with the intimacy and charm of a village. The commitment was that growth would only be such that the qualities of a village would be maintained; that urban problems like crime, noise, traffic danger, etc.

would not be worsened by growth; that public investments would bring amenities like parks, sidewalks, etc.; and that the growth expectations for urban villages would be scaled back if livability would otherwise be sacrificed by growth.

But with the "update," the Comprehensive Plan would now deny to Eastlake and other urban villages the balancing protections for village-like livability that they now enjoy. The "urban village strategy" thus would become an all-purpose excuse for growth and density without limits. Many if not most of Comprehensive Plan's current provisions that now protect sustainability, livability, and public participation would be either weakened or entirely deleted.

Washington state law (the Growth Management Act) requires cities and counties each to have a Comprehensive Plan, to obey it, to amend it only once a year, and to do so in accordance with City laws and resolutions. Enforcement action can be imposed by the Washington State Growth Management Hearings Board and the state courts.

The proposal to remove many policies and goals from the Comprehensive Plan would, for these policies and goals, deny the public the protections that it currently enjoys under state law, and would immeasurably increase the Mayor and agencies' discretion to ignore or change these policies and goals at will, freed of the state requirements that apply to the Comprehensive Plan.

Much background about these issues, including links to the Comprehensive Plan portions of the City web site, can be found on the Comprehensive Plan page of ECC's web site (eastlakeseattle.org). If you write to the Mayor and City Council, please cc the Eastlake Community Council at info@eastlakeseattle.org, so we can keep you in the loop as this debate heats up in 2016.

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Whatever your views on the various issues addressed in this newsletter, it is important to exercise your rights as a citizen by communicating with our elected Mayor and City Councilmembers. (And please consider sending a copy to the Eastlake Community Council at info@eastlakeseattle.org. Doing so alerts ECC to your concerns so we can keep you informed and involved about follow-up.)

Mayor Ed Murray does not accept comments from the public by e-mail, requiring electronic communication via a web site, <http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/get-involved/contact-the-mayor>; the system will reject any message of more than about 500 words.

You can also reach Mayor Murray by letter at 600 Fourth Avenue, 7th floor, P.O. Box 94749, Seattle, WA 98124-4749, or by fax at 206-684-5360.

Be sure to communicate with the nine City Councilmembers individually, rather than by a group e-mail (which is far less likely to be heeded). Until January the City Council e-mail addresses are as follows:

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In January, Godden, Licata, and Rasmussen leave the council to be replaced by rob.

johnson@seattle.gov, debora.juarez@seattle.gov, and lisa.herbold@seattle.gov.

You can also reach the City Councilmembers by letter at 600 Fourth Avenue, 2nd floor, P.O. Box 34025, Seattle, WA 98124-4025, or by fax at 206-684-8587



## Colonnade plan proposes additional uses, better access, and other improvements

Thank you to the hundreds of people who contributed ideas in the Colonnade planning and design study! To conclude in January, the study was initiated and led by the Eastlake Community Council under a \$24,525 contract with the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods.

The I-5 Colonnade Open Space (its official name, although it is often known informally as Colonnade) is located very close to the geographic center and population center of Seattle, under and next to Interstate 5 south of E. Newton Street. It is managed by the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department under a lease with the Washington State Department of Transportation, which owns most of the land. After a long campaign by ECC and other groups, Colonnade opened in 2005 in an area once marked “no trespassing”. It is ranked by the internationally regarded CityLab web site as among the world’s nine “cool parks under freeway overpasses.”

For its current 7.5 acres, the original \$1.7 million cost was very low, and Colonnade was somewhat underbuilt, with parts of it unprogrammed and other parts deserving of improvement. It was a natural for a Colonnade 2.0 effort ten years on. ECC’s planning/design process included a public tour, three public workshops, two outdoor open houses in Colonnade, five community meetings and five meetings of a governing Steering Committee of stakeholders, with public agencies always invited. The community design liaison contractor was Art Tuftee, and the planning and design consultant was the J.A. Brennan and Associates landscape architecture firm

The long-range schematic plan was being completed at this writing. It includes more stairways; a north-south commuter/connector bike and pedestrian trail; better connections east and west through Colonnade, to the Eastlake neighborhood, and to the south; accessibility

improvements for those in wheelchairs; mountain bike improvements; off-leash area improvements; a skateboard feature; a parkour feature; a bouldering/climbing area; an outdoor gym; a walking labyrinth; more lighting; sidewalks where they’re missing on Howe, Franklin, Franklin Place, Harvard Ave., and Lakeview Blvd.; better parking; drinking fountains; and proposed site for a future public restroom.

Although the long-range schematic plan is nearly done, it is not too late to send your suggestions to ECC at [info@eastlakeseattle.org](mailto:info@eastlakeseattle.org), or by U.S. mail at ECC, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102, or by phone at 206-322-5463.

Pictured above: photos from 2012 when Cornish dancers put on an outdoor performance at Colonnade Park



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The Nov. 10 public meeting had a large turnout for its earthquake preparedness discussion, including local TV coverage.

## Join your neighbors in getting ready for the Big One

Eastlake residents and businesses resolved to get ready after sobering presentations about earthquake risk and preparedness from a UW seismologist and a City official at the Eastlake Community Council's Nov. 10 public meeting (see photo), which also attracted coverage by local TV channel 13.

Although earthquakes may be more frequent in California, it turns out that our Big One will be bigger, and is overdue. (For the scary science on what could hit

Washington and how to prepare, see Kathryn Schulz's July 20 and 28, 2015 *New Yorker* web articles, "The Really Big One" and "How to Stay Safe When the Big One Comes").

Please help make your home and neighborhood safe from disasters and emergencies. To get involved, contact ECC at [info@eastlakeseattle.org](mailto:info@eastlakeseattle.org). Every household and business should stockpile some emergency supplies (see web sites below for suggestions), and discuss preparations with neighbors. We especially hope to hear from anyone with a ham radio or satellite phone, and from doctors, nurses, and paramedics for a confidential list to be contacted during a neighborhood-wide emergency (Rogers Playfield has been designated as the gathering and helping place of last resort).

Great background, pointers, and signups for free trainings are available from the Seattle Police Department's Emergency Management Division. The web site can be found by searching for "Seattle emergency management" (phone number is 206-233-7123). If you've taken one of these trainings or plan to, please let ECC know at [info@eastlakeseattle.org](mailto:info@eastlakeseattle.org), so you're in the loop on preparedness efforts in the neighborhood.

Just across I-5 is Seattle Fire Station 22, definitely a center in any disaster. Please drop by their open house, tentative scheduled for Sat., Feb. 13, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 901 E. Roanoke St. (check the ECC web site for confirmation). And for more info and links and to get involved, see the emergency preparedness section of the ECC web site. Or contact ECC at [info@eastlakeseattle.org](mailto:info@eastlakeseattle.org) or at 206-322-5463.



# Please donate in-kind items and/or funds to the University District Food Bank



toilet paper, safety razors, shaving cream, etc.), reusable shopping bags, and pet food.

For 30 years, the Food Bank has provided free and nutritious food to anyone who is hungry and resides in Eastlake’s zip code, 98102, or in the other northeast Seattle zip codes (98103, 98105, 98112, 98115, 98125). It is located in the University Christian Church at 1413 NE 50th Street (on NE 50th just downhill from the corner of 15th Avenue NE) and is open Monday through Friday. “Fight Hunger, Build Hope” is the University District Food Bank’s capital campaign to expand from its cramped 800 square feet basement to a more visible location near the corner of NE Roosevelt Way and 50th St. NE. Please donate on-line at [www.udistrictfoodbank.org](http://www.udistrictfoodbank.org). Checks made out to UDFC/Capital Campaign may also be hand delivered or mailed to ECC c/o Lake Union Mail, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle, WA 98102-3278. For questions: [info@eastlakeseattle.org](mailto:info@eastlakeseattle.org). Thanks for helping the less fortunate!

Photo left to right: Lynn Poser, ECC Treasurer and Food Bank volunteer, Kaylyn Mooney, FB staff, Brenda Humphrey, FB volunteer

The Eastlake Community Council is again sponsoring a holiday drive for the University District Food Bank. Collection barrels will be available Dec. 1-17 at Lake Union Mail (117 E. Louisa St.), Pete’s Super (58 E. Lynn St.), and the Washington State Employees Credit Union (1500 Fairview Avenue East). Donations are also being collected on board the Dec. 23 Eastlake Holiday Cruise. In addition to food and funds (see below about how to donate funds), also needed are toiletries (bar soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo,



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## ECC Board Members Karen Murray and Amy O'Donnell

The vitality of the Eastlake Community Council depends on its volunteer board, which is fortunate to have two talented and engaged new board members.

Karen Murray (pictured below) serves as ECC's alternate



representative on the West Precinct Advisory Council. She is a Supervising Senior Attorney with the King County Department of Public Defense, and serves on the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission, which the State Supreme Court Justices appoint to address racial

bias and disproportionality within the courts. For her public defense work and volunteerism, Karen received the 2013 Public Service Award from the Washington State

Bar Association. She also likes to read, travel, write, walk the neighborhoods, cook for family and friends, and spend as much time as possible with her daughter and grandchildren.

Amy O'Donnell (pictured right) represents ECC on HUB CAP, a citywide network of neighborhoods for preparedness, and is leading ECC's efforts to strengthen our neighborhood's emergency planning. She is the Director of Member Services for the



Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants. Amy's volunteer work includes serving as President for the Jump\$tart Washington Coalition, which focuses on financial education. She enjoys hiking, yoga, road trips and wine tasting.

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## A reprieve this year, but lake levels could still be dangerously low

by Ed Waddington

By last August, the Lake Washington – Lake Union system was already at its normal winter low level of 20 feet above sea level--about one foot below its traditional level for August. This situation had been reached due to low winter snowpack and a very dry early summer. Ongoing warm summer weather also was expected to cause significant evaporation loss from the lakes, with further loss of water because the Army Corps of Engineers, which controls the outflow at the Chittenden Locks, was required by federal law to use water for the fish ladders, and for commercial-vessel use of the locks. The Corps was predicting that the level could fall to as low as 19 feet above sea level (one foot below the normal low water level).

Owners of floating homes, marinas, and other lakeshore properties were facing possible damage from mismatched levels of floating structures attached to fixed docks, including stressed utility connections for electricity, water, sewer and gas. Owners of several dozen floating homes in shallow water near the shore also faced possibly going aground and developing severe tilts, with significant structural damage.

Fortunately, several unseasonal rainstorms in late August and early September, cooler temperatures, and excellent water-conservation measures implemented at the locks by the Corps of Engineers, kept the lakes at or around the 20-foot level through August and September until the autumn rains began in October. As of mid-November, the lakes were back above 20 feet and on

the normal seasonal cycle, with excess rainwater once again being released at the locks. (The recent lake-level history can be found at <http://www.nwd-wc.usace.army.mil/nws/hh/www>.)

Although the danger from low water has passed for this year, the current El Nino weather pattern is expected to bring another relatively warm winter. Climate-change predictions also suggest that we will probably see warmer winters in the future, with some snowpack replaced by rain. Lower summer water levels in the Lake Washington system may become the new norm. (An interesting read is the UW Climate Impacts Group's *State of Knowledge Report: Climate Change in Puget Sound*, available at <https://cig.uw.edu/resources/special-reports/ps-sok>.)

Owners of near-shore floating homes continue to explore options including modified flotation, and the regulatory issues that could face their efforts. Recent and forthcoming sedimentation patterns and rates on the lake bottom are also a new concern.



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## School speed zone on Eastlake Avenue now enforced with automatic photo radar

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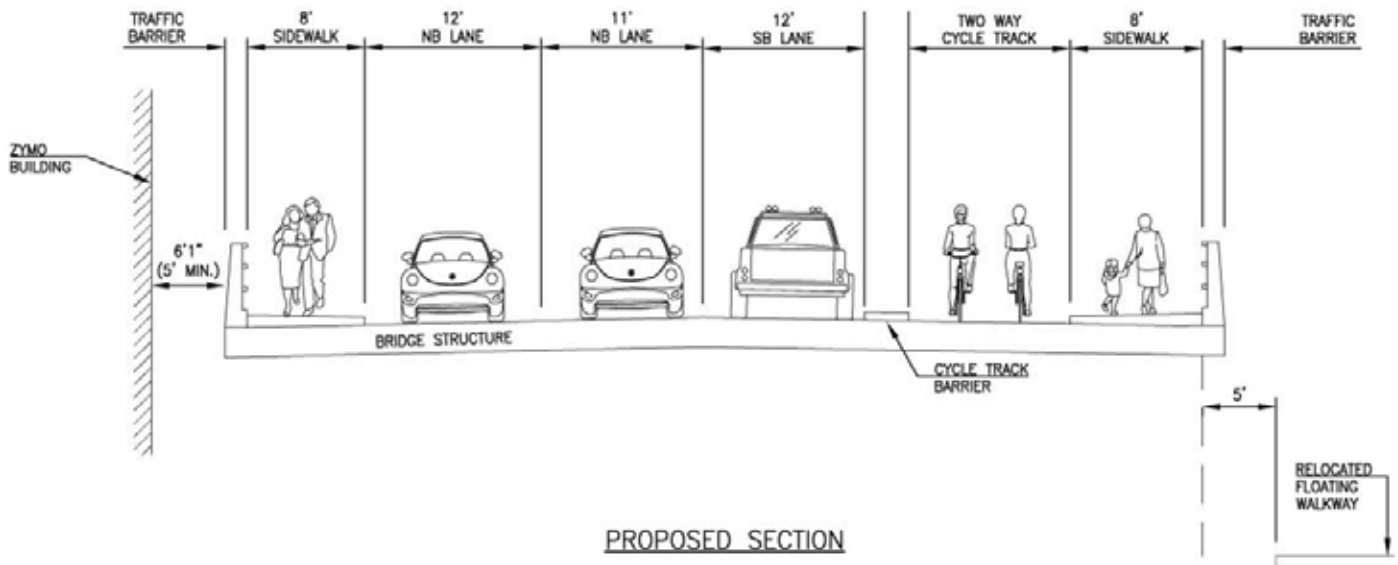
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## Jan. 12 public meeting to discuss SDOT's planning for Eastlake Avenue and its proposal to close the Fairview bridge

ECC's public meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 12 (7 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Avenue E.) will look at two Seattle Department of Transportation projects with great consequences for the Eastlake neighborhood. The meeting will begin with a presentation by SDOT about its Roosevelt to Downtown corridor project. A proposed "bus rapid transit" line and a barrier-separated cycle track could take as many as three traffic and parking lanes on Eastlake Avenue. Bus and bicycle conditions would greatly improve, while other consequences could also be significant. The existing center turn lanes that now provide refuge for pedestrians crossing Eastlake Avenue might be removed, and drivers' left turns might be prohibited, requiring residents and customers to take lengthy detours via adjoining streets. Much public parking might be lost. Drivers frustrated by increasing congestion on Eastlake Avenue might increase their cut-through traffic via adjoining streets. SDOT is aware of these and other potential negative impacts, but may not realize the breadth of neighborhood concern. Whether or not you can attend on Jan. 12, comments may be sent to SDOT at [RooseveltttoDowntown@seattle.gov](mailto:RooseveltttoDowntown@seattle.gov) and to the Mayor and City Councilmembers (addresses are on page 3); please also cc the Eastlake Community Council at [info@eastlakeseattle.org](mailto:info@eastlakeseattle.org).

At about 8 p.m., the second half of the Jan. 12 public meeting will examine SDOT's proposal to close the Fairview Avenue bridge during reconstruction. Fairview Avenue North crosses a part of Lake Union for about a block just west of the landmark City Light steam plant (now home of ZymoGenetics). SDOT originally planned to keep this part of Fairview operating by doing the rebuilding in two halves, with one half remaining open and then the other. Without any discernible public notice or discussion, SDOT began to plan for full closure (about 15 months). However, it is not clear that reasonable alternate routes are available for buses, trucks, fire and emergency vehicles, cars, bicycles, and pedestrians. Public comment could persuade SDOT to go back to keeping Fairview Avenue open during construction. For more on the project, see <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/fairviewbridge.htm>. E-mail comments can go to [FairviewBridge@seattle.gov](mailto:FairviewBridge@seattle.gov) and to the Mayor and City Council (addresses are on page 3); please also cc the Eastlake Community Council at [info@eastlakeseattle.org](mailto:info@eastlakeseattle.org).



Above: Schematic of the proposed new Fairview Avenue Bridge that will replace the current bridge (same width) that exists between Lake Union and the landmark steam plant building (now Zymogenetics). The bridge may be closed completely for construction see article on page 12. Additionally the floating sidewalk may not be rebuilt if permitting and funding cannot be obtained.

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And ECC thanks **Little Water Cantina** (2865 Eastlake Ave. E., 206-397-4940, [littlewatercantina.com](http://littlewatercantina.com)) for co-sponsoring our Oct. 15 celebration, and **Mammoth, Pomodoro, Sebi's Bistro, 14 Carrot Café, Siam on Eastlake, Louisa's**, and **Pazzo's** for previously hosting the event. At the popular twice-annual celebration, ECC purchases "small bites" for the public, the restaurant generously reduces beverage prices, and dining continues off the regular menu. ECC welcomes inquiries from other restaurants to host its upcoming celebrations.

Owner George Kingen bought **Pete's Super** (58 E. Lynn St., 206-322-2660, [peteswineshop.com](http://peteswineshop.com)) from founder Pete Omalanz in 1974, and opened a second location in 1991 in Bellevue and a third one in 2012 in Bothell. Although Pete's is now known worldwide for its wines, George is proud that the store "serves the locals with their daily shopping needs. With a fresh produce department, fresh meat department, service deli, and grocery items, Pete's has long been a friendly neighborhood store. Wine is the main focus of our store but the daily interaction with our neighbors keeps us in touch with a wide variety of tastes and interests." A new arrival is Matt as head of the deli and meat sections. A special feature are the handmade cards by Sue Kingen, George's wife.

**Pecado Bueno** (2352 Eastlake Avenue, 206-457-8837, [pecadobueno.com](http://pecadobueno.com)) opened in October. Owner James Schmidt has had his eye on this location for more than a decade. "Our concept is to take simple Taqueria food to a new level...hand-crafted using fresh, natural ingredients, organic when possible, using no preservatives, trans fats or lard. We always utilize sustainable seafood, hormone-free, organic-fed chicken, beef, pork, and eggs. ... We buy the best ingredients, make everything from scratch, and combine it with a full bar."

**Union Pilates** (2712 Eastlake Avenue E. 206-659-8563, <http://www.unionpilates.com>) is a studio that specializes in both private and small group sessions of this system of healthful stretching and exercise. Certified instructors offer equipment and mat classes as well as hybrid classes, at a range of beginner to intermediate/advanced levels. Prices range from \$15-35 depending on size. Parking is free. ... **Marinus Home** (2345 Eastlake Ave E, 206-414-9044, [marinushome.com](http://marinushome.com)) offers a mix of modern new and one-of-a-kind vintage furniture and other furnishings for the modern home. The web site includes photos of items featured in the store. The emphasis is on things that feel like "unique and relevant décor statements rather than dated antiquities from a bygone era." "We showcase our collection...by arranging our store like a beachfront home."

**Rogers and Ryan** (605 Eastlake Avenue East, 206-883-0858, [rogersandryan.com](http://rogersandryan.com)) owner Margaret Cunningham writes that her store is "named for my grandmothers – Evelyn Rogers and Nora Ryan. These women (and their sisters) each had very different styles, they were amazing hostesses, gift-givers and life-long inspirations to me. I have treasured memories and tangible treasures from them that I have kept with me. ... The shop is an eclectic array of home goods, décor and gifts. There are vintage and one-of-a-kind items mixed with unique, new items of exceptional quality. Selected with care, many of the artists and vendors are pursuing their life passions and are just as excited to share their beautiful goods with me as I am to share them with you."

The **Nepalese Student Association** at the University of Washington has asked ECC to remind you that Nepal is still struggling against the devastating impacts of the April 25 and May 12 earthquakes. Donations are still being accepted at <http://students.washington.edu/nepaluw>. The funds are going exclusively to relief such as medical care, tents, space blankets, food, water purifiers, and the beginnings of rebuilding. Please do consider a donation; unfortunately the funds that Nepal relief has received worldwide have, so far, fallen short of the need.

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# Resources for Living in Eastlake

## March 8 public meeting spotlights resources for renters, elders, and those with disabilities

ECC’s public meeting on Tuesday, March 8 (7 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E.) will focus on free and low-cost resources to help people stay and thrive in a community like Eastlake. The panel will include speakers from several organizations that, each in their own way, are dedicated to this purpose, among them:

First we’ll hear from two organizations that help elders and those with disabilities “stay put” for independent living in their own homes With a Little Help, Inc. (2021 Minor Avenue

E., 206-352-7399, withalittlehelp.com) is an Eastlake-based business that serves King and South Snohomish counties with vetted professionals to provide home care and care management. Wider Horizons: Central Seattle’s Village for Life (widerhorizonsvillage.org or 206-650-3586) is part of a national movement of grassroots nonprofit organization that seek to be “one-stop shops” for such aid as well as to help residents build community and network for free or low-cost minor home repair, pet care, computer assistance, rides (to supermarkets, medical

appointments etc.), and health advocacy.

The second half of the meeting will focus on the needs of younger Eastlakers, especially those who rent. We’ll hear from the Tenants Union of Washington State (5425 Rainier Ave S Suite B, Seattle, WA 98118 tenantsunion.org 206-723-0500) which provides information, counseling, and advocacy on such issues as rental agreements, moving out, deposits, credit and collections, repairs, privacy, roommates, and termination and eviction.

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