



The Eastlake News

Coming Events

Summer 2017

Public meeting with Police Dept. about Eastlake's public safety priorities; July 4; and emergency prep Tues., June 13, 7 p.m. at TOPS-Seward, 2500 Franklin Ave. East. See article, pp. 6 and 16

Work party to save Colonnade's redwoods from invasives Thurs., June 22, 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at west entrance near corner of Franklin and Blaine streets, near north end of the off-leash area. See article, p. 17



Clean-up after the fireworks and crowds Wed., July 5, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30. Meet at Louisa

street-end park on Fairview Ave. E. for empty trash bags and to drop off full ones. See article, p. 7

Barbara Heather Memorial Sun., July 9, 11:30 a.m. at Unitverity Unitarian Church, 6556 35th Ave. NE

Eastlake Cruise on The Islander Thurs., July 13, 1611 Fairview Ave. E. Tickets \$20 at BrownPaperTickets.com. See photo and caption, p. 20

Eastlake free outdoor movie, "Shaun the Sheep Movie" Sat., July 15 in Rogers Playfield. Fun and picnics begin at 7:30 p.m., movie at 8:35. See article, p. 5

Primary election forum to hear candidates for Mayor and for City Council position 8 Tues., July 18, 7–9:30 p.m. at Pocock Rowing Center, 3320 Fuhrman Ave. E. Sponsored by ECC. See article, p. 20

Seattle Night Out Tues., Aug. 1. Free of the normal permits and insurance requirements, have a street party for fun and preparedness. See article, p. 16

Urgent! Comment to city on increasing building heights and restoring yards, trees, and other livability protections in Eastlake

Unless Eastlakers speak up soon, our neighborhood's affordability and livability could be lost forever. Below is background, and then where to contact our elected officials and how to file a comment on-line. Whatever your views, please express them soon to the City.

Adopted by ordinance in 1994, the citywide Comprehensive Plan ordinance designated as an "urban village" Eastlake and each of 30 other neighborhoods (all with mainly multi-family zoning, such as apartments and condos). Eastlake falls into the Residential Urban Village category like Wallingford, Green Lake, and Columbia City (for the list of categories and neighborhoods, see page 5). The notion of an urban village reflected a commitment to balance growth with human scale and livability (yards and trees, parks and schools, sidewalks and parking). The City committed to partnering with each urban village on a neighborhood plan for growth and livability; and, once an urban village's housing targets were met, to a special review as to whether more housing would be sustainable or should be redirected elsewhere.

Within a few years Eastlake met its housing targets, but even by then,

the City had repealed the requirement for a special review as whether to increase housing targets or to redirect growth elsewhere, and the City has steadily increased the housing targets for each urban village without such special review—a serious breach of faith.

Eastlake's is the most detailed of the 31 neighborhood plans, and in adopting it in 1999, the Mayor and City Council unanimously praised it for unexcelled public outreach. The plan (available on the web sites of the City and of ECC) seeks to preserve the neighborhood's scale, character, and diversity; encourages re-use of existing structures rather than demolish them; and calls for many more large trees.

The neighborhood plans had barely been adopted when the Mayor and City Council started to amend land use laws with citywide changes that ignored these plans and local conditions. Sometimes for the urban villages or sometimes for all multifamily zoned land, the changes increased allowable building size; eliminated yard requirements needed to protect or plant trees; zeroed out required parking in new construction; and erased

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rights to public review and appeal. The resulting construction is eating up Eastlake's most affordable units, its older apartments; eliminating yards and trees; blocking views; and overwhelming the available on-street parking.

As these changes in the Land Use Code were contrary to many goals and policies in the Comprehensive Plan, the Mayor and City Council began to repeal those goals and policies they found inconvenient, culminating in 2016 in a vast, unanalyzed, and secretive repeal of about two-thirds of the Plan. Without any real explanation or notice, most protections for the livability of urban villages and other multifamily zoned areas were deleted, including those discouraging demolition and displacement, requiring yards and trees, promoting urban wildlife and sunlight access, and ensuring public involvement in zoning and rezoning decisions. Mentions of the neighborhood plans were almost entirely repealed.

The table was being set for the great developers' banquet of HALA, the Housing "Affordability" and "Livability" Agenda. With only the most negative consequences for livability, and many drawbacks for affordability, the Mayor proposes for City Council adoption in 2017 a massive and unprecedented citywide rezone -- a 10 to 20 foot height increase in all multi-family and commercial areas (that's almost all land in Eastlake--see http://hala.consider.it/?tab=draft_zoning_changes).

In secret, Mayor Murray struck a July 2015 "grand bargain" with large private and non-profit developers, with no notice to or consultation with anyone else, such as neighborhood leaders or smaller developers. The deal (see it now on ECC's web site) as now embodied in the Mayor's 2017 legislation, includes a paper promise for each new building to have one or more units subsidized for the poorest (those below 60 percent of the median

income), but with developers allowed by fee to buy out of that requirement. And the resulting buildings are not required to have any units affordable to those equally squeezed who are above 60 percent of the median income but not high enough to afford a market rate rent.

The proposed fee would be charged whether or not the new building maxes out the allowable space, thus incentivizing developers to use up every square inch of any new development capacity. The fee revenue would go to non-profit housing developers (who co-signed the secret "grand bargain"). They would use it to build subsidized housing, but which is highly unlikely to be built in Eastlake, as they have built none here in the past. Subsidized housing projects depend also on county, state, and federal money that is conditioned on keeping per-unit construction costs far lower than feasible with Eastlake's high property values that would be boosted further by the HALA upzone.

In the tsunami of additional construction that the Mayor's proposed HALA upzone would unleash, Eastlake's remaining moderately affordable rentals would fall to up-scale development. HALA would worsen, not improve, our neighborhood's affordability. Eastlake would become a sacrifice area and a cash cow to fund subsidized housing elsewhere.

It gets worse. Although that "L" stands for "livability", HALA would be the death knell for Eastlake's livability. On-street parking would become ever scarcer. Formerly sunny sidewalks would be shaded. Public views would be privatized. Trees in Eastlake still on private land would be wiped away as boxy new buildings take over, with no room for new trees. Livability is no frill, it's a human right. Scientific research and everyday experience tell us that trees, landscaping, urban wildlife and open space and light around residences promote psychological and physical health.

To bring some honesty to its treatment of "livability," HALA must reverse its otherwise destructive

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Eastlake's Emerald City Classic!



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impact. A major step would be pro-livability amendments to the Comprehensive Plan (and ultimately the Land Use Code) such as these now before the City Council (City Clerk file #320265, also available at <http://eastlakeseattle.org/?page=HALA>): Amendment #13 to restore the former requirements for yards and trees in multifamily areas; Amendment #14 to reinstate the former special review process that, once housing targets are met, considers whether or not they should be increased further; Amendment #15 to reinstate the former policy to discourage the demolition of residences and displacement of residents; Amendment #16 to ensure that zoning, rezones and conditional uses are done with public notice, outreach, and inclusiveness; and with a regard for local conditions, community preferences and neighborhood plans.

Regarding the Mayor's HALA proposals, and these related Comprehensive Plan amendments, please write to the City Councilmembers (for contacts, see below). Please also file a comment on-line at http://hala.consider.it/?tab=Draft_zoning_changes (scroll down to Eastlake), where there is ample advocacy for the Mayor's point of view. To comment, you need to establish an account—and if you don't, our neighborhood's future will be determined by a small group that don't live or work here but are gaming the system to speak on-line for residents and employees who haven't taken the time to comment.

The Mayor's "public comment" system hampers comment by requiring that you establish an account and then log in; it's multiple choice, with writing out comments made difficult. Don't let it stop you from engaging on matters so important to Eastlake's future! There are bothersome questions (photo? age? race? type of

residence?) but no notice that they're optional. You need to enter only (1) a name or pseudonym; (2) a password; (3) a zip code; and (4) your agreement to use only one account and not to "attack or mock others" (hmmm; some elected officials don't obey that one).

The on-line poll asks you to vote on the spectrum from "agree" to "disagree" regarding the following key questions: (1) Height and scale that would be allowed by the draft zoning for commercial areas is reasonable and appropriate as a way to implement MHA in Eastlake; (2) The location and placement of the commercial zones is reasonable and appropriate as a way to implement MHA in Eastlake; (3) The location and placement of the multi-family zones is reasonable and appropriate as a way to implement MHA in Eastlake; and (4) The height and scale that would be allowed by the draft zoning for multi-family areas is reasonable and appropriate as a way to implement MHA in Eastlake. The gamers have stuffed the ballot box with their maxed-out "yes" to these questions, and actual Eastlake residents and employees need to weigh in.

Whatever your views, City officials need to hear from you, via the on-line poll and in messages to the City Councilmembers. Our neighborhood's future is in the balance. ECC also welcomes your thoughts, to info@eastlakeseattle.org.

How to contact the Mayor and Council

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 send 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 that electronic communica-

URBAN VILLAGES AS DESIGNATED BY SEATTLE'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Urban centers (6)

1. Downtown Seattle
2. First Hill/Capitol Hill
3. Uptown Queen Anne
4. University Community
5. Northgate
6. South Lake Union

Hub urban villages (6)

1. Lake City
2. North Rainier
3. Bitter Lake Village
4. Ballard
5. West Seattle Junction
6. Fremont

Residential urban villages (18)

1. Crown Hill
2. 23rd Avenue S @ S Jackson – Union
3. Madison-Miller
4. Wallingford
5. Eastlake
6. MLK@Holly Street
7. South Park
8. Upper Queen Anne
9. Roosevelt
10. Aurora-Licton
11. Green Lake
12. Rainier Beach
13. Morgan Junction
14. Admiral
15. North Beacon Hill
16. Greenwood/Phinney Ridge
17. Columbia City
18. Westwood/Highland Park

tion be 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 (which can be longer!) at 600 Fourth Avenue, 7th floor, P.O. Box 94749, Seattle, WA 98124-4749, or by fax at 206-684-5360. The Mayor's reception phone is 206-684-4000.

Be sure to communicate with the

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Contact the Mayor and Council cont.

nine City Councilmembers individually, rather than by a group e-mail or letter (which is far less likely to be heeded). The City Council e-mail addresses are as follows:

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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. Each Councilmember also has a voice mail number listed at <http://www.seattle.gov/council> or by calling 206-684-8888.



Seattle is truly a city of neighborhoods. Our neighborhoods in Eastlake and Northeast Seattle – from Gas Works Park to Magauson Park – are like treasures to explore each month when we just explore outside our front door.

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- 1 fun activity to enjoy, and
- 1 neighborhood issue to engage.



Alex Pedersen, former City Council Legislative Analyst and family in Ravenna Park

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Free outdoor movie Sat., July 15 in the park

Watch the stop-motion animated movie, "Shaun the Sheep" under the stars in Rogers Playground, 2500 Eastlake Ave., Sat., July 15. The hilarious and touching 2015 award-winner appeals to kids and adults alike—and all without any dialogue! A sheep takes the day off to have some fun, but gets mixed up in a big-city adventure instead. For more, see <http://shaunthesheep.com/movie>; the trailer is also on YouTube.

Fun and picnics begin at 7:30, movie at 8:35 p.m. Bring a blanket or low chair to sit on, and a jacket to keep warm. The outdoor movie is free and happens just once a year, so don't miss it! Brought to you by the Eastlake Community Council with the generous sponsorship of local businesses. For information or to donate: info@eastlakeseattle.org or (206) 322-5463. See you at the movie in the park, on the lawn, under the stars!!



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July 4 traffic, parking, and law enforcement—and July 5 clean-up

When this newsletter went to press, following is the best information the Eastlake Community Council had about traffic, parking, and law enforcement plans for Tues., July 4, and a volunteer opportunity to help clean up the neighborhood on July 5. For the latest, attend the Tues., June 13 public meeting with the Police Dept. (7 p.m. at TOPS-Seward, 2500 Franklin Ave. E.); or check the ECC web site, eastlakeseattle.org.

Public fireworks: The SeaFair fireworks over Lake Union start at 10:15 p.m. and end at about 10:30.

Cell phones: Amidst large crowds, the system gets overloaded. Except for true emergencies, avoid making voice calls on your cell phone that night. Text messages burden the system less and get through more easily.

Buses: Metro buses and Sound Transit will be on a holiday schedule (same as Sundays).

Parking: As July 4 is an official holiday, Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) stickers and guest passes aren't required. However, some streets will be posted for no parking, and parking tickets will be issued. Likely on July 4 from 11 a.m. to midnight will be: no parking on both sides of Eastlake from Hamlin St. south to Newton St. from on the Fourth; and no parking on the east side of Eastlake Ave. north of Hamlin St. All day July 4, parking is likely to be prohibited on both sides of E. Newton St. between Fairview Ave. E. and Eastlake Ave.

Off-ramp and Lakeview closures: Between 9 p.m. and 11, the Mercer, Boylston and Roanoke off-ramps from I-5 will be closed; and the Lakeview overpass will be closed to all motor vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

Street closures and police checkpoints: Guests from outside the neighborhood would best arrive well before 7 p.m., because about then, police officers restrict motor vehicle entry to the areas west of Eastlake Ave. except to residents and those with proof that a resident has invited them. There will be police checkpoints heading west from Eastlake Ave. at the following streets: Fuhrman, Allison, Hamlin, Edgar, Roanoke, Louisa, Lynn, Boston, Newton, and Howell; and at the corner of Fairview Ave. E. and E. Newton St.

For guests who arrive after 7 p.m. You may hope that the police officers will honor an invitation or e-mail from you that your guests show at the checkpoint; however, this is not required of the police, who know that this paperwork is sometimes abused. To be sure that your guests are admitted, you may need to visit at a checkpoint to show the officers your ID indicating an Eastlake address, and provide a list of guests who you wish to be let through. This approach will be simpler if you instruct your guests all to enter at just one of the checkpoint streets.

Traffic during and after the show: Leaving by car from the Eastlake neighborhood just after the fireworks is always difficult, but again this year will be eased by some streets being temporarily one-way. The two blocks of Lynn St. from Eastlake Ave. to Boylston Ave. E. are likely again to be one-way heading east. To head south on I-5, be in the right lane; to head north on I-5, be in the left lane. After the fireworks, Harvard Ave. E. from Roanoke St. to Eastlake Ave. will (except for buses and bicycles) also temporarily be one-way heading north.

Private fireworks: Without a permit, the possession, manufacture, storage, sale, handling or use of fireworks are prohibited in Seattle, punishable by up to one year in jail and/or a \$5,000 fine. Private fireworks are spreading. They risk fire, property damage, injury and death. Skyrockets can land on roofs or vegetation or go through windows. Pets are traumatized or lost. On July 5 the Seattle Animal Shelter takes in twice as many lost pets as normal. Birds scared by fireworks are known to pull their own feathers out. Please be considerate of your neighbors and the animal kingdom and do not use private fireworks.

When to call 911 on July 4: Always call 911 about any observed or suspected crimes or life-threatening emergencies. However, that evening the 911 centers can become overloaded with non-emergencies, blocking life-threatening emergency calls. Illegal parking is at its highest on July 4 and can be life-threatening because of blockage of emergency routes. Do call 911 anytime if private fireworks cause an emergency requiring immediate help from police, fire or medics; or if someone is parking by a fire hydrant. For other fireworks and parking infractions on July 4, please call the Seattle Police non-emergency number at (206) 625-5011, then dial 2, then 8 to reach a dispatcher. Also, July 4 is the best day of the year (especially after 7 p.m.) to find on the streets a patrol or parking enforcement officer who, even if not able to leave his or her post, will be able to report the problem by radio, reducing the 911 load.

July 5 clean-up: Between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30, join other volunteers in cleaning up our streets and shores after

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A big thank you to **Blue Ribbon Cooking School** (2501 Fairview Ave E, blueribboncooking.com) for donating refreshments to the April 1 Eastlake Tree Walk led by author Arthur Lee Jacobson. ... The April 15 **Eastlake Egg Hunt and Fun Run** (see elsewhere in this issue for photos) was made possible by in-kind donations from **G&H Printing** (posters) and **Fleet Feet** (egg race sponsor). Volunteers were also key, with special thanks to coordinator **Christy Elton** for organizing the egg hunt, and **Heather Elton Clark** and **Dave Clark** for organizing the fun run. The Eastlake Community Council was sponsor. For events in Rogers Playground like the egg hunt, fun run, and movie, ECC purchases the required permits, provides the required liability insurance, and pays any expenses not covered by other donors. ... Fun ECC events coming up (see articles elsewhere in this issue) include the July 13 **Eastlake summer cruise** on the Spirit of 76; and the July 15 free movie under the stars, "Shaun the Sheep Movie." These events, too, wouldn't be possible without the generous support of local businesses.

The Sunday Business section of the *New York Times* has some of the nation's most-viewed real estate listings. In the past year, two local Realtors (**Linda Alexander** and **Melissa Ahlers**) each scored one of these extremely rare placements. ... The **speculative land rush in Eastlake** is causing many property owners to be deluged with would-be buyers, some beyond the point of harassment and dishonesty. They can send more than a dozen letters, and falsely claim to being a neighbor and wanting to live in the house they want to buy. All, of course, want a solitary deal, not acknowledging that if someone wants to get top dollar, he or she should put the property on the open market. Harassment and dishonesty can be addressed with the employer; or if by a Realtor, with a complaint to the King County Association of Realtors or to the Washington State Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division. Send us your own suggestions for how to discourage over-aggressive buyers.

The May 3 *Seattle Weekly* article, "Carless in Seattle" features several practitioners including ECC board member **Zach Williams**, who "can often be spotted riding a tandem bike all over Seattle and Puget Sound with his wife, Caitlin." When the author asks Williams about the rain and cold, he "intones an old Norwegian adage for my benefit: 'There's no bad weather, just bad clothes.'"

Eastlake artist Chris Lux has designed unique multi-colored maps of Seattle and Portland, showing all of the neighborhoods. **D&L Screen Printing** in Ballard did the printing, with six separate paint layers aligned to produce a sharp textured print that is best appreciated if not covered

with glass or plastic. Available over the counter at **Mort's Cabin** (2241 Eastlake Avenue) as well as at **Metsker Maps** in Pike Place and at **Frame Central** and **Museum Quality Framing** shops throughout the city. "Recently, I expanded to the e-commerce world and have posters available for sale through Amazon Prime anywhere in the country. Please patronize Mort's Cabin or other shops in the area first to support them and consider sharing the Amazon links (just search for Graphic Design by Lux) for people out of town who might like a copy."

A thank you to *Seattle Times* transportation reporter **Mike Lindblom** for a touching January obituary of longtime Eastlake/Portage Bay resident **Peter Sherwin**, whose activism had a huge impact on Seattle transportation debates and "was marked by strategic tips garnished by profanities. ... He met his beloved partner, Belinda Moutray ... at a monorail event at Seattle Glassblowing Studio, while a cellist played and she sipped wine. 'This is like a Fellini movie, and you're adding another dimension,' Moutray remembers him saying. Mr. Sherwin's sentimental side showed when he toppled a nest of baby birds while pruning branches, Moutray recalled. He cried, 'I killed them!' but the couple managed to tie the nest with twine and remount it."

Please help the **Eastlake Community Council** make and keep this neighborhood a wonderful place to live, work, or play. See our web site at <http://eastlakeseattle.org> for background and for opportunities to volunteer or to donate needed cash or in-kind items.

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.



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the fireworks and crowds. Meet at Louisa street-end park (2401 Fairview Ave. E.) to pick up empty bags and drop off full ones on Fairview Avenue E., a block south of Roanoke Street; we may also have some extra gloves. Sign up (not required) at http://www.pugetsoundkeeper.org/th_event/seattle-summer-sweep-fireworks-cleanup, where you can also find info about cleanup efforts over water. A picnic lunch will be provided at Lake Union Park following the cleanup. Sponsored by the Eastlake Community Council, Puget SoundKeeper, and SeaFair.

Let ECC know: If you have a question or anything to add to the above, please contact the Eastlake Community Council at info@eastlakeseattle.org. And afterwards, please write us about how well the City handled the event and with any of your problems or suggestions, as ECC works with the City on any needed improvements for the next July 4 in Eastlake.




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Parking Goofus




How are runs and other events affecting Fairview Ave. E.?

The City is permitting growing numbers and sizes of runs and other events on the full length of Fairview Ave. E., occasioning traffic and parking restrictions. How do these restrictions affect you, is notification sufficient, and what are your recommendations for next year? As reported on the ECC web site's page on Special Events Impacts and Solutions, ECC is working to minimize and mitigate the neighborhood impacts, and welcomes your comments and suggestions, to info@eastlakeseattle.org or by U.S. mail to ECC at 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle, WA 98102. If possible, please be specific about events and dates.

Wanted Graphic Designer for the Newsletter

This is a volunteer position with the Eastlake Community Council. Design and reinvent the Eastlake News and/or create a web version based on material provided -- ads, stories, sketches and photos. Must know InDesign. Please contact ECC with statement of interest and qualifications: info@eastlakeseattle.org




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Eastlake Gothic



Congratulations to the Eastlake Zoo (2301 Eastlake Ave. E, 206-329-3277, eastlakezoo.com), on its 43rd anniversary (May 13). One of Seattle's most popular dive bars, the Zoo hasn't changed since well before filming there of the great 1992 movie American Heart starring Jeff Bridges. For a 360-degree tour, see the web site-- or better, just go and drink in the atmosphere. In this recent photo, manager Howard Brown and his wife Dawn strike an American Gothic pose just after she had planted some flowers along its Lynn Street frontage—a longtime Zoo tradition that we all appreciate.

Below is a photo of the unique Eastlake Zoo jigsaw puzzle, based on a painting by local artist Jerry Steffen.



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Eastlake's Own Seattle Chess School Reinvigorates, Inspires Community

by Elizabeth Berg

Many people walk by, stop and do a double take. There are young people sitting at tables, looking serious, deep in thought. In front of them is a chess board: an unusual sight in the era of smart phones and virtual reality, but a welcoming one nonetheless.

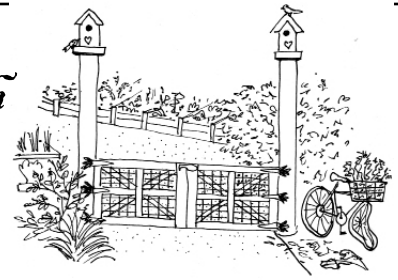
When Steve Ryan and Bill Schill opened the Seattle Chess School at Vybe Communications Hub, 2226 Eastlake Avenue, in July 2016, it was a culmination of their many years teaching students in the Seattle area and their passion for chess. Finally, they had a centralized location to teach students young and old, and have a meeting place in the community for all ages of chess players to gather and learn.

Ryan and Schill have been teaching students for ten years now, in local schools such as the Bush School, Seattle Prep and TOPS. Soon parents were seeking them out and opening up their living rooms for small tournaments. This grassroots effort to educate students in chess is still apparent in the brick and mortar space they now call their own. Having a place people can step in and inquire, meet and learn has given a tangible space for their organization. Although they mostly teach youth, people of all ages come in asking to learn chess and hone their skills.

They use a tournament model, or Tournament Success Course to teach their youth. "Chess is a very individualistic activity... there is a little bit of a team concept at tournaments but it is ad hoc, kids are compared with other ones at other schools... anytime you add team competition, it is socially binding and therefore the games matter more [to the kids]", Ryan says. The local tournaments have anywhere between 150-300 children competing for trophies and titles, Washington being a well-known area of chess interest. Ryan and Schill believe this healthy competition motivates children to learn and enjoy chess. Although they do private lessons, Ryan believes the value lies in this model: "...doing a small focus class from top kids from different schools, and they can compete for fun with each other is more valuable than just private lessons". According to Ryan, children also gain verbal skills, social skills, as well as the ability to think more logically. Of course, these benefits aren't just isolated to children. And of course, adults benefit too!

For Ryan, the long-term goal for The Seattle Chess School is "... to elevate chess in the whole area. We are chess lovers; we think chess is a game which has numerous benefits. It is fun to play, and compelling to play it... you can begin at age six and still be interested

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at age 80 to play it. It is social at all phases of life, and the game itself is a physical object". Indeed, chess is a timeless activity. The community of Eastlake has surely embraced it as well. There has been a push to fix the public chess board on the Franklin Green Street (between TOPS and Rogers Playground) that was vandalized a few years ago. In addition, there was a regular Meetup group that met at Louisa's before it closed. There is certainly an interest in the neighborhood. The Seattle Chess School may be the venue that is needed to foster this desire in the community.

For those who do not know how to play but are interested, Ryan says: "It is executive functioning in a game... you learn how to set a goal, the steps it takes to get to the goal, and how to adapt to changing circumstances... these are fundamental life skills. When people invest in learning the game... they gain a clarity and honed life skills that is applicable to life goals. People from all ages can benefit from it." Eastlake has welcomed The Seattle Chess School eagerly – and looks forward to the additional community events and education it is and will offer.

Check out The Seattle Chess School website at seattlechessschool.org or drop in to say hi!



With the help of a grant from the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, the twenty-year-old lower beds of the Eastlake P-Patch were rebuilt over the last few months. It was a collaborative effort with hundreds of hours of volunteer labor. Special kudos to Mark Sanderson (pictured above) for leading the construction team through the wettest, coldest winter in years. Many participated but without Mark's leadership and tenacity the project would not have been completed in time for the gardening season. The gardeners invite their neighbors to enjoy the revitalized garden with its more spacious paths, and bounty of beautiful flowers, fruits and vegetables. It is truly a special place.



Dick Wagner, 1933-2017

by Chris Leman

Eastlake and Lake Union lost a dear friend and great champion with the April 20 death of Dick Wagner. The Seattle Times obituary by Claudia Rowe tells how it all started: Wagner grew up in New Jersey and was trained as an architect. “But during the mid-1950s, en route to a summer job in San Francisco, he stopped in Seattle. That sudden change of plans would alter the trajectory of his life and affect thousands of others. He fell in love with the city, found a floating home to live in on the shores of Lake Union and eventually married one of his neighbors, the former Colleen Luebke.”

Dick and Colleen came to the lake when wooden boats were no longer dominant, and as the skills and commitment to build, maintain, and operate them were waning. With genius and unstoppable verve, they threw themselves into preservation and promotion, founding the Center for Wooden Boats as a living museum where people of all levels of skill or income level could experience another era’s legacy aboard handmade wooden craft. As Caren Crandell, first assistant director at the Center recalls in a tribute on its web site, “The goal was always to get a tool, an oar, a tiller, or a mainsheet in someone’s hand, so they could feel the wood, the water, or the wind as they discovered with

amazement what they could do.”

Although Wagner was not an Eastlake resident (the family’s houseboat, the Old Boathouse, is in the shadow of the Aurora Bridge), he was important to Eastlake’s survival as a human-scaled neighborhood. In the 1960s for the Floating Homes Association, Dick did drawings for parks at Eastlake’s shoreline street-ends—many of which became reality in the ensuing decades (a few still remain to be accomplished). He also did drawings for traffic calming and greening of Fairview Avenue East, the earliest step toward the City’s 1998 designation of part of Fairview as a “neighborhood green street,” and the street design concept plan that the City is now reviewing.

Dick Wagner was a popular speaker at Eastlake Community Council meetings, as with a 2012 talk on “Mysteries of Lake Union,” based in part on his 2008 book, *Legends of the Lake*. As ECC wrote in endorsement of grant funding for the Center for Wooden Boats, “No organization is better suited...to uncover Lake Union’s history and tell [its] story. We regard CWB as the best organization of its kind anywhere. The construction, restoration, and operation of a wooden boat require great care and an ability to tell its story. In just that way, everything else that the Center for Wooden Boats does is equally well-planned, professionally produced, historically grounded, and effective at reaching a broader audience.”

ECC offers condolences to Dick Wagner’s wife, sister, two sons and grandchild. At his request, no public service was held. But surely he would have been pleased that on May 21 a flotilla of historic wooden boats including the Virginia V, M/V Lotus, Tordenskjold, and hundreds of other smaller vessels sailed in tribute, between the Center for Wooden Boats and the Wagners’ Old Boathouse.

Donations in memory to Dick Wagner may be made to The Center for Wooden Boats (1010 Valley St, Seattle, WA, 98109), online at cwb.org, or by phone at 206-382-2628. Please include “Dick Wagner Memorial” in the memo or notes line. ECC has made such a donation and encourages others to do so.





Jan Carlson, 1945-2017

Editor's Note: Jan Carlson was a dedicated volunteer for the Floating Homes Association and the Eastlake Community Council on environmental and parking issues, among others. We wish there were space to include all the tributes to her, but chose the following by her husband Tim, slightly adapted from remarks at the April 29 celebration of Jan's life.

by Tim Carlson

Jan came into this life on March 28, 1945 in Boise Idaho. Born to parents Melba, and Wendall Crandal, she was the middle child of seven and is survived by five siblings. Jan is the mother of one daughter and two stepdaughters and is grandmother to six grandchildren. In her time in this life Jan earned 2 college degrees and served for 30 years as a public school teacher and guidance counselor.

Jan and I met as colleagues at Lakes High School where she was the sole teacher of the "gifted program." We became friends and often ate lunch together. After moving to different work assignments we lost touch for several years. Then we miraculously met once again at a mutual friend's 50th birthday party. We were to be married two years later.

Jan told me early in our marriage that with our late start we needed to begin right away in building memories.

Her suggestion launched us into spending our first three summers traveling the US in our VW bus together with our two youngest daughters Jenny and Chrissy. From those trips we truly did build great memories. The next three summers we volunteered at Holden Village, with Jan as the village potter. We



continue to use the set of dishes she made while at Holden.

Jan and I lived for our first 20 years together in rural Port Orchard where Jan enjoyed nature and gardening. Then in 2004 we were attracted to a brand new lifestyle in our current floating home on Lake Union. Jan made many new friends and connections. We joined the Tenderfoot Adventures hiking group and hiked weekly in the Cascades and Olympics. Our location was perfect for kayaking off our back porch and biking the Gilman Trail. We frequented the Pacific Northwest Ballet and the culture of Seattle. We skied weekly during the winter season culminating in a week at Whistler/Blackcomb.

From the beginning of our relationship Jan and I shared a fascination for religion and spirituality. We joined a Lutheran Church while in Port Orchard and remained while our daughters grew up and finished school. We began looking for new and different ways to grow spiritually and ended up joining the Center for Spiritual Living on Sandpoint Way. We both grew immensely, in our understanding of God and its profits. It is with this faith and understanding that Jan knew what to expect in her next life and for me to know that someday I will join her.

In 1994 Jan was diagnosed with breast cancer. She refused the allopathic recommendation for chemotherapy because of her many allergies and sensitivity to drugs of any kind. Instead she chose to follow the ancient medicine of Ayurveda. A major commitment was for her to go to southern India to an Ayurvedic hospital. She flew to India by herself for a month of treatments over three consecutive years. In the process Jan became a great cook of Indian food and learned much about the workings of Ayurveda.

Our lives changed dramatically in September of 2008 when Jan suffered a hemorrhagic bleed (stroke) that she narrowly survived. While hiking with friends near Leavenworth she became unable to maintain her balance. Her friends took her to the small hospital in Leavenworth where they diagnosed her stroke using a CAT scan. She remained conscious and cogent for hours before being airlifted to Harborview.

Following Jan's release from the hospital she had to wear a bright blue helmet to protect her brain. With a large portion of her skull bone removed, her brain was unprotected without her helmet. You can imagine how relieved she was when her skull bone was replaced three months later and her intense headaches went away.

While Jan recovered to the point that most people wouldn't have suspected that she was disabled, little did they know that she suffered chronic pain over her entire left side. This disability created exhaustion, and the loss of all of the physical activities that she so cherished. There was to be no more hiking, skiing, foreign travel or even walking more than a couple blocks. Her life became one of self-care, making appointments (usually several a week) and doing research on alternative and naturopathic therapies.

I am convinced that Jan's determination to recover was so that she could be the best grandmother she could be to Lily and Henry. Jan spent two days every week caring for them since they were born. Since Lily and Henry will both be in school this fall. Jan can rest assured that her contribution to their lives has been invaluable in them becoming who they are and will become.

On March 3rd Jan passed away in the loving care of Harborview Medical Center staff. I can't say enough about the love and caring they all provided. I'm also eternally grateful to all of the wonderful friends who sat with Jenny, Chrissy, me and Jan as she prepared herself for the next life to come.

June 13 public meeting for dialogue with police on crime, fireworks, and emergencies. And on Aug. 1, the City makes it easy to get your block together

The Eastlake Community Council is committed to keeping our neighborhood safe from crime and disasters. Below are some highlights. See ECC's web site, <http://eastlakeseattle.org> for more on these topics, and please send your e-mail address to info@eastlakeseattle.org to be contacted about crime or emergency issues as they arise.

SPD priorities for Eastlake. Seattle Police Department resources are governed partly by neighborhood-level "micro community policing plans" which are regularly reviewed and revised based on dialogue with each neighborhood. The current priorities for Eastlake are at this end of this article. The next discussion with SPD about these priorities will be at ECC's June 13 public meeting, 7 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. Whether or not you can come, please send comments and revision suggestions to ECC at info@eastlakeseattle.org and to Community Police Team Officer Samuel.Cook@seattle.gov.

Data-based policing and the importance of 911. SPD has increased its reliance on data in deploying and evaluating its efforts. Twice-monthly reports that are posted on the web site use performance measures to weigh progress in meeting the micro community policing objectives. It is more important than ever to call 911 when you see or experience any law-breaking or if you expect it to occur imminently. Police can't respond or plan if you don't alert them, and are more likely to patrol a neighborhood with a pattern of past calls to 911. Nothing is too small to report, and a crime need not have been committed. Some brazen large-scale thefts have occurred in broad daylight because no one thought to call 911. Calls can be anonymous, but it's best to give your name (you can ask that it be withheld from public disclosure). There is a record made of each call; if you plan to request the record, ask the call-taker for the event number.

The 911 system has plenty of capacity, so don't worry about competing with another call that you fear is more urgent. The operators have the skill and technology to

refer your call. An alternative to 911 is the non-emergency number, (206) 625-5011 (dial 2 and then 8 to reach a dispatcher). It's for something suspicious but you're not sure it's criminal; for late reporting of a non-emergency crime with no suspects nearby; or to report noise or parking infractions. Don't leave any crime unreported, or Eastlake will lose out in SPD's increased reliance on data.

Neighbor-to-neighbor cooperation. Your block or dock will be safest by preparing together. Please share phone numbers, e-mail addresses, Twitter and Facebook accounts, and get to know one another for mutual alerts and problem-solving about suspicious or risky situations. Blockwatch can but doesn't have to involve a whole block; there's safety in cooperation of even a few residences or businesses, nearby houseboats or liveboards, or within an apartment, condo, or office building. For more: <http://www.seattle.gov/police/programs/Blockwatch/default.htm>.

Organize an August 1 street party. On the first Tuesday in August, block parties are free of the need for a paid permit or costly liability insurance. "Night Out" is a national event to help neighbors meet each other, toward starting a block watch and preparedness team. As time allows, police and fire officers drop by. To register: <http://seattle.gov/police/nightout> or on Facebook. For questions, contact ECC at info@eastlakeseattle.org or (206) 322-5463.

Door-to-door solicitors. Have doubts about someone who has knocked on your door? Don't open it--but let them know you're there, to avert a break-in. It's unlawful for solicitors to ignore a sign like "no agents," or "no solicitors," or refuse to leave immediately if requested. There are reputable solicitors, but others wish to gain illegal access, so be wary of requests to use the bathroom, phone or for a drink of water. Call 911 if you feel threatened, or if a suspicious solicitor has left who may jeopardize others. And pass along an alert via social media such as Facebook and NextDoor. Commercial sellers are required to have a license with the name of the agent and type of product or service sold; they must disclose their name, company, and what they're selling (these requirements don't apply to non-profit solicitors). It's unlawful to falsely claim to represent a business or non-profit group.

Lighting. Better lit streets and alleys will reduce car prowls and other crimes. Please contact ECC with your suggestions for the locations of any new street lights.

Report graffiti. Quick removal of graffiti discourages taggers. Seattle 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 <http://www.seattle.gov/util/index.htm>. To join ECC's effort against graffiti: frisky1@mindspring.com.

Emergency preparedness. Please join the neighbor-



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hood's efforts to prepare for emergencies, which will be discussed at the June 13 public meeting. For City info, videos and free trainings on emergency preparedness: www.seattle.gov/emergency or (206) 233-7123 (and please let ECC know if you've taken a training or can help create an emergency hub in Eastlake). ECC invites doctors, nurses, and paramedics to join our confidential list to be contacted during a neighborhood-wide emergency: (801) 243-2136 or jeremythueson@gmail.com and info@eastlakeseattle.org. Ham radio or satellite telephone operators are also asked to let ECC know how to reach them to help in a future emergency.

ECC wants to hear your ideas and questions about crime issues and prevention, and on emergency preparedness. Please contact us at info@eastlakeseattle.org or by U.S. mail at 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle, WA 98102-3278.

Seattle Police Department Priorities for Eastlake

The Police Dept.'s Eastlake Micro Community Policing Plan Summary as of 5/23/2017 (comments and revision suggestions requested; see above).

1. Burglaries: (a) increase public education and awareness about burglaries to help residents and businesses prevent crime and deter criminal and nuisance behavior; and (b) maintain vacant property owner contracts, vacant building trespass program, enforce based on vacant property contract; and (c) conduct more safety, security, and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessments for homes and businesses by the SPD Crime Prevention Coordinator and the Community policing team.
2. Car Prowls / Auto Theft: (a) increase public education and awareness about car prowls to help residents and businesses prevent crime and deter criminal and nuisance behavior; and (b) Conduct some targeted patrols in alleys and around carports and other parking structures (esp. in the very early mornings: 3 to 5 a.m.).
3. Homeless: (a) continue and increase outreach efforts to the homeless and other people in need in this area; and (b) continue to clean up camps in cooperation with social outreach workers and cooperating agencies.
4. Traffic Issues: Conduct some targeted traffic enforcement emphasis around the TOPS school and adjacent neighborhood.

Volunteers and businesses needed at June 22 Colonnade work party

ECC's April 20 shoreline work parties achieved a lot of nature restoration, with residents joined by many local employees whose time was donated by their employers. Again, all are welcome to a Thurs., June 22 work party (9 a.m. to noon—come for whichever part of that period you can). This time the location is the west side of the I-5 Colonnade Open Space, where the grand California redwoods need to be saved from invasive ivy, clematis, and blackberries. We'll meet at Colonnade's west entrance near the corner of Franklin Avenue E. and E. Blaine Street, near the north end of the off-leash area.

Employers are encouraged to authorize employees to spend part of that work day morning "on the clock" restoring some of the tallest trees in Seattle. While pre-registration is not required, ECC would be grateful to hear from employers who are participating and their estimates of numbers, so we can arrange enough tools for everybody. Participants are asked to bring drinking water, gloves and sturdy shoes—and if you have long-handled pruners or a saw, so much the better. To contact the Eastlake Community Council: info@eastlakeseattle.org or 206-322-5463.



At the April 20 shoreline work party, Fred Hutch employees carefully removed this large amount of Japanese knotweed -- so invasive that it cannot be composted and must be trashed.

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Photos -- Left: Finder of the Golden Egg and winner of the balloon crown. Above: Kids get ready for the fun run. Below: On your mark, get set, go! Right: Finding eggs on and around the playground seaplane



Campaign proposes “Principles for a Responsible UW”

Community, labor, faith and service organizations organized into a Campaign for a Responsible University of Washington are proposing a set of principles as the City of Seattle prepares to review the UW Campus Master Plan (CMP). The contact person is David West, david@changeworksnw.org.

The campaign is asking the City, in reviewing the CMP, to look at the broad impacts of the UW on housing, employment and quality of life in Seattle, not just the physical impacts of the buildings the UW wants to add to its campus. The Eastlake Community Council invites public comment (to info@eastlakeseattle.org) on whether to endorse any of the following or to suggest any changes or additions. The campaign’s proposed key principles (May 25 version) include:

1. The CMP should use broad and widely-accepted measures of sustainability including environmental, social, and economic factors, such as equal opportunity, poverty alleviation, and societal well-being.
2. The CMP should include affordable housing, childcare and transit options for employees so that people who work at the UW can live in the city. This should include greater investments in affordable employee housing, child care subsidies and the UPASS program. Further incentives and infrastructure are also necessary to support walking and bicycling options.
3. The UW should respond to the homelessness crisis in the University District, which includes homeless UW students. The CMP should include health, hygiene, and shelter services and programs for homeless people, including accessible bathrooms and showers.
4. The UW should address long-standing workplace justice issues faced by its staff, faculty, and employees working for UW developers and contractors, both on campus and other UW properties, including the right to unionize without opposition or intimidation.
5. The UW should take stronger measures to address racial and social inequities in its practices and governance, including an inclusive and safe campus for immigrants, foreign workers and students.
6. The UW should create good jobs for local under-represented workers with priority hiring and training programs, and contract with firms offering prevailing wage and apprenticeship programs.
7. The UW’s Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should analyze its expansion impacts across the city, in areas such as housing, childcare and transportation, not only in the immediate campus area.
8. The UW needs to adequately address problems faced by small businesses near the campus, including the lack of democratic and broad-based representation in the U District Partnership.
9. The CMP needs to adequately address the U District’s deficit of open space, as required by Seattle’s Comprehensive Plan.

Please write to the Eastlake Community Council at info@eastlakeseattle.org regarding whether it should endorse any of the above proposed principles or suggest any changes or additions.

More from City Light about its pruning practices

Following ECC’s April 26 public meeting on the decline of Seattle’s tree canopy, we invited David Bayard, Vegetation Management Supervisor, Transmission and Distribution Operations, Seattle City Light, to supplement his presentation at that meeting. In the comments below, he further explains the work City Light does and the challenges the utility faces in balancing its responsibility to provide safe and reliable power with the needs and desires of the community, including concerns about the health of the urban forest.

“City Light’s objective relative to the distribution system (26kV and below) is now and has been to achieve 10 foot clearance off all primary wires. We employ directional pruning techniques to encourage the trees’ regrowth away from the lines rather than back towards them. We don’t use the terms “pre-pruning” or “post-pruning” but the goal is to get about 10 foot clearance at the time of pruning and then not prune again (unless needed) for the duration of our cycle. As we discussed, sometimes that’ll mean 8 foot clearance off a tree that will allow that (for example, a well-established Doug fir trunk) or 15 foot clearance off a tree when sound, arboricultural cuts can’t be made right at the 10 foot mark. The Transmission system has different requirements, as do other elements of our infrastructure (secondary wires, system neutral, poles, guy-wires, etc.)”

“Due to budget constraints, we’re looking at the feasibility of going to a 5-year cycle rather than a 4-year cycle, but that will not change our clearance objectives. Trees are living things, not ‘widgets’ that can be swapped in and out at will. We’ve been working with the trees to establish architecture based on a 10 foot clearance for years and are loath to change that for what might be a temporary change to the budget – once you cut a limb, you can’t un-cut it. The result will likely be that we’ll see more trees making contact with the conductors as they out-pace a change to our cycle but we’ll have to see how that plays out.”

Mr. Bayard also stated that his office at City Light would be happy to discuss any individual examples of trees that the community believes have been over-pruned.

Do right with Dog-doo!

Dogs are at record numbers in Eastlake. Unfortunately, so is discourtesy and health risk from the small minority who irresponsibly dispose of their dog’s waste. Landscaping in Eastlake is getting rarer, and shouldn’t be punished with dog-doo which, it turns out, is a feast for rats and, through runoff, is one of Lake Union’s worst pollutants.



And putting it in someone else’s garbage can without their permission is no solution—it’s rude and illegal. A sincere thank you to the vast majority of owners who bag dog waste and take it home. Many of us wish, “please let me be the kind of person my dog thinks I am.” Surely Fido

would not want us to impose his or her waste on others or in a way that endangers public health and the environment.

At July 18 forum, hear from and question the candidates for Mayor and City Council

With Mayor Murray and Council-member Burgess not running for re-election, their open seats are hotly contested by a large field of candidates as the August 1 primary draws near. Come hear them debate at the Eastlake Community Council's primary election forum Tues., July 18, 7-9:30 p.m. at the Pocock Rowing Center, 3320 Fuhrman Avenue East. And please send to ECC your suggested questions for the candidates, to info@eastlakeseattle.org. On how to register to vote: <http://www.king-county.gov/depts/elections/how-to-vote/register-to-vote.aspx>.



All are welcome to ECC's Thurs., July 13 cruise on The Islander. Boarding begins at 5:30 p.m. at 1611 Fairview Ave. E. Departs at 6:30 p.m. for Lake Washington; returns by 8:30 p.m. Tickets (\$20, including dinner, salad, dessert, and punch, with vegan options) at <http://brownpapertickets.com>.

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