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Coming Events

City Council public hearing on proposed changes in the tree protection ordinance– Wed., Sept 5 9:30 a.m. at Seattle City Hall, 601 Fifth Avenue. See article, p. 8

Floating Homes Association Tour of Eclectic Eastlake – Sun., Sept. 9 Noon to 5 p.m. Tickets (\$55) at http://www.brownpapertickets.com/ event/3575887.

Public meeting on tree protection in Seattle – Tues., Sept. 11 7 p.m. at Pocock Rowing Center, 3320 Fuhrman Avenue E. See article, p. 8

Shoreline restoration work party -- Thurs., Sept. 13 9 a.m. to noon. Meet in front of Lake Union Drydock, 1515 Fairview Ave. E. See article, p. 13

Open house for stewardship of the Blaine and Howe St. stairs and for a sidewalk between them on Lakeview Blvd. – Sun., Sept. 16 2-4 p.m. at Streissguth Gardens (halfway up the Blaine St. stairs). See article, p. 14

Work party in the Colonnade open space under I-5 -- Thurs., Sept. 20 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at the park's west entrance near corner of Franklin Ave. E. and E. Blaine St., by north end of the off-leash area. See article, p. 14

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Remembering Terry Pettus: An Eastlake Legend

John de Graaf

When I moved to Seattle in 1979, I'd made only one television documentary. As an activist in the so-called "New Left," I'd grown disillusioned by its drift into irrelevance, complete with a mindless adulation of foreign revolutionaries including China's Chairman Mao and even the Albanian lunatic Inver Hoxha. With guidance from some Minnesota friends, I'd gotten interested in our own homegrown progressive history, including movements like North Dakota's Non-Partisan League of the early 20th Century, and Minnesota's depression-era Farmer-Labor Party. I'd heard there

was a similar history in Washington State, and hoped to bring some of it to the television screen. I thought a biography might be a good way to do that and asked local historians who might tell the story best. Several mentioned a man named Terry Pettus.

I reached Terry by phone and was soon visiting with him in his Lake Union houseboat. He was a tall, thin man, then in his late seventies, with signs of emphysema from a life of smoking, but with a remarkable memory and ability to tell a good story. He had lost none of the passion

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Clean up and celebrate at Good Turn Park-- Friday, Sept. 21 10 a.m. to noon (Martin street end, 3149 Fairview Ave. E.). See article, p. x

50th anniversary celebration of Seattle's Freeway Revolt – Sun., Sept. 23 3-6 p.m. at the Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th Ave. S., Seattle. See article, p. 20

Open house for stewardship of the Blaine and Howe St. stairs and for a sidewalk between them on Lakeview Blvd. – Sat., Sept. 29 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Streissguth Gardens (halfway up the Blaine St. stairs). See article, p. 14

ECC annual elections meeting --Tues., Oct. 2 at the Agora Conference Center, 1551 Eastlake Avenue. ECC annual meeting and elections at 6:30 p.m. From 7 to 9:30 p.m.: pro and con on state and local ballot measures and debates between candidates. See article, p. 4

ECC Fall Celebration -- Tues., Oct. 9 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Cicchetti, 121 E. Boston St. Have fun and meet your neighbors.

Public meeting on Eastlake transportation issues: buses, bikes, parking, and [your concern here] -- Tues., Oct. 16 7 p.m. at Pocock Rowing Center, 3320 Fuhrman Avenue E.

Election Day -- Tues., Nov. 6 Vote as if your neighborhood depends on it. To register: http://www.kingcounty. gov/elections.

Public meeting on land use issues in Eastlake – Thurs., Nov. 8 7 p.m. at Pocock Rowing Center, 3320 Fuhrman Avenue E.

Note: Because meeting space is not available in public schools early in the school year, ECC's fall public meetings are at the Pocock Rowing Center and the Agora Conference Center. ECC is grateful to the Pocock Rowing Foundation and Alexandria Real Estate Equities for donating use of these magnificent facilities.

Sketch of Pocock Rowing building by Karen Berry





About the Eastlake Community Council and how to donate and volunteer

Have you ever lived in a small town? You do, you know. It's here, Eastlake, a community with a heart and a conscience, its own tiny budget, town meetings, and a growing number of volunteers who are willing to stand each year and say, "We care; we'll give a few hours a month to the neighborhood; count on us."

Founded in 1971, the Eastlake Community Council is allvolunteer and is among the City's most active neighborhood associations. Its official purposes include to foster a sense of community among people who live and work in Eastlake, to preserve the history and charm of Eastlake, and enhance public access to and enjoyment of the shoreline. ECC membership is open to all who live, work, or own property in Eastlake. Anyone may volunteer, whether or not they pay the annual dues.

Thousands who live or work in Eastlake have volunteered for one or more of ECC's many activities. Hundreds have worked on ECC efforts to clean up public spaces, plant trees, etc. More than 40 hand-deliver the quarterly *Eastlake News* to every doorstep and business in the neighborhood.

Those who have served on ECC's board of directors include attorneys, doctors, engineers, artists, musicians, architects, university professors and students, small business owners, journalists, an inventor, a race car driver, a lineworker and civil rights leader, an FBI agent, and a labor union leader (who in 1990 wrote the first paragraph in this article).

Some of the best-known former members of the ECC board were Victor Steinbrueck (co-designer of the Space Needle) and Marjorie Nelson (stage and movie actress), a couple who helped save the Pike Place Market from destruction. Other notables: historian Walt Crowley; preservation architect Susan Boyle; and Seattle Displacement Coalition co-founder John Fox.

To join, donate, or just offer your volunteer time or ideas, you may do so online at http://eastlakeseattle.org; use the coupon on this newsletter's back page; or contact ECC c/o Lake Union Mail, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102-3278, info@eastlakeseattle.org. Particularly welcome are ideas or projects that have not yet been tried in Eastlake.





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General election and ECC annual meeting highlight Oct. 2 public meeting

Come hear debates pro and con over ballot measures and between state legislative and other candidates at the Eastlake Community Council's general election forum. The event is Tues., Oct. 2, 7–9:30 p.m. at the Agora Conference Center, 1551 Eastlake Avenue E. (just north of the Washington State Employees Credit Union, and across Fairview Avenue E. from Lake Union Drydock).

Whether or not you can come, please send to ECC your

suggested questions for the campaigns, to info@eastlakeseattle.org. To register to vote: http://www.kingcounty. gov/depts/elections/how-to-vote/register-to-vote.aspx.

The Oct. 2 candidate forum is preceded at 6:30 p.m. at the same location by the Eastlake Community Council's annual meeting and board elections, which are also open to the public.

Nominees for the Eastlake Community Council board of directors

Membership in the Eastlake Community Council is open to anyone who lives, works, or owns property in the Eastlake neighborhood and has paid the annual dues. Each year on the first Tuesday in October, the members elect a board of directors, including officers, to govern ECC. At ECC's Oct. 2, 2018 annual elections meeting (see adjoining article), the coming year's board members and officers will be elected from among those nominated in accordance with the ECC bylaws, which are posted at http://eastlakeseattle.org/?page=ECCbylaws. Following are biographies and photos of the nominees as of press time.

Candidate for president: Ann Prezyna (Fairview Ave. E.) is the current ECC president. She is an environmental attorney at Lane Powell where she co-founded the Animal and Earth Advocacy Practice Group.



Ann formerly worked as General Counsel for the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, Deputy Regional Counsel for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, assistant attorney general for the Alaska Attorney General's Office, and in-house counsel environmental counsel for BP/Sohio in Alaska. Last year she undertook a code interpretation fight with the

City of Seattle that she won. In her spare time, Ann enjoys time at her Arizona ranch (which is a wildlife reserve), hiking, yoga, birding, and cleaning up trash in public spaces.

Candidate for vice president: Steve Dunphy (Franklin Ave. E.) is a current ECC board member. A homeowner, he has lived in the Eastlake community for 50 years, both on a houseboat and on land. Steve worked at the *Seattle*

Times for 37 years, retiring in 2004. After the Times, he



After the *Times*, he led communications for the Cascade Land Conservancy (now Forterra) for five years. He continues to write occasionally on business and economic issues, most recently in Seattle Business Magazine, and is board secretary of the Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra. Steve is married with

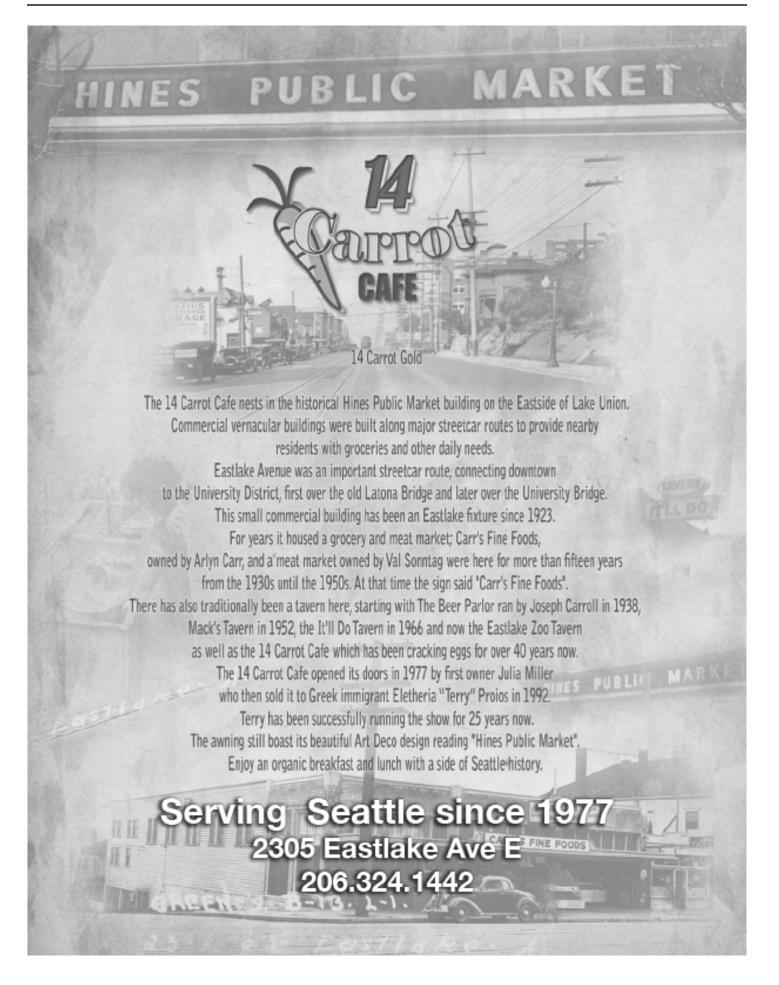
two grown children and frequently can be seen pedaling his bike on Eastlake Avenue.

Candidate for treasurer: Lynn Poser (Franklin Ave. E.) is currently ECC Treasurer, and also served on the board in 1989-91, one year as Vice President. A homeowner, she was involved in a series of Eastlake neighborhood plan-



ning efforts as well as the Cornerstones and Dreamboats art installations, North Gateway project, Franklin Avenue Green Street and Rogers Playfield improvements, and adoption of the Residential Parking Zone. Lynn retired from UW Medicine in 2011. She also volunteers at the University District Food Bank, the Volun-

teer Park Conservatory, the Assistance League of Seattle, the Center for Wooden Boats, and with Global Volunteers. She enjoys yoga, scuba diving, and travel.



Candidate for secretary: **Timmy Bendiš** (Yale Ave. E.) is currently ECC Secretary. A renter in Eastlake since



2014 and recently married, he represents ECC on the City University Community Advisory Committee, which advises UW and the City on campus planning and related issues. He substituted for editor Judy Smith by editing the fall 2017 Eastlake News. Timmy has training in civil engineering and a B.A. in political science from the University of Washington. He managed the successful

primary campaign of a City Council candidate in 2017.

Candidates for nine at-large board positions:

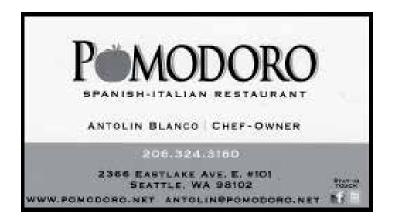
Joyce Lane (Boylston Ave. E.) is a current board member. She has rented in Eastlake since 1978, and helps manage



two Eastlake apartment buildings. Her employers have included the Pacific Northwest Ballet, Northwest Harvest, and PlantAmnesty. During a previous stint as an ECC board member, she helped create the tree inventory forms still available on the ECC web site for volunteers who wish to help in a survey of Eastlake's

trees. Later as contractor, she did the measurements and drawings to produce parking survey forms for each block on the neighborhood that volunteers use in parking surveys. She has long volunteered in distributing *Eastlake News* issues to her block.

Barry Langer (Eastlake Avenue E.) has rented in Eastlake for the past year and a half. He is a member of the Microsoft Political Action Committee and Democrats at Microsoft, where he works on instructional design and program management for training content for Microsoft Azure. He



came to Microsoft from a job as education coordinator for



Cascadia Now, a bioregional activism nonprofit. Before moving from Atlanta, Barry served on the alumni board of VOX ATL, a youth development nonprofit. He recently received his MSEd in Learning Design & Technology from Purdue University and is excited for the opportunity to dig deeper

into the local community as a member of the ECC Board.



Chris Leman (Yale Ave. E.) is a current board member who previously served as ECC secretary and president. An Eastlake resident and homeowner since 1987, he has been active in ECC projects for parks, shorelines, pathways, transit, traffic, parking, Fairview Green Street, neighborhood planning, liaison with the Seattle Police Department, and in organizing ECC public meet-

ings and events like cruises, celebrations, and the outdoor movie. He manages ECC's web site and coordinates delivery by 40+ volunteers of the quarterly *Eastlake News*.

Allison Peryea (E. Lynn Street) has been an Eastlake resident for nine years. She is attorney/co-owner at Leahy McLean Fjelstad, a law firm that specializes in the needs of homeowner and condominium associations. Allison is or has been a columnist, editor or writer for many le-

gal periodicals, and also served as a legal intern with the *Seattle Times* in covering state government. She currently serves on a social committee at the Washington Athletic Club and also on the communications



committee for the Washington State Community Association Institute, which produces WSCAI's trade magazine. **Margaret Sanders (**Fairview Ave. E.) currently is Captain of the Eastlake Emergency Communications Hub. She and her husband moved to Eastlake last year from Florida to be nearer family in the Pacific NW. She is retired after nearly 40 years of working with not-for-profits in all aspects of



their business side, including serving on and training boards. Her last position was with the Donors Forum of Central Florida. She also developed leadership programming and networking opportunities for young nonprofit professionals. Margaret's community involvement in Florida included serving as a parent advocate in a large school district, on a city planning and zoning commission, and on her neighborhood association board.

Detra Segar (Minor Ave. E.) currently volunteers as the advertising coordinator for the *Eastlake News*. She is active with the Downtown Seattle Association and has served on retail association boards in Chicago, Dallas and Manhattan. She was a retail executive for many years and is currently a retail consultant specializing in manager and client development. Detra was an active member of PONCHO (Patrons of Northwest Civic, Cultural,



and Charitable Organizations) for seven years. She moved to Eastlake in 2009 and is a homeowner here. She has two children, one residing in Chicago and one in Singapore.

Austin Shipman (Eastlake Ave. E.) has rented in Eastlake



for the past five years. She currently serves as a Program Operations Specialist with UW's WWAMI Institute for Simulation in Healthcare. She has had prior assignments with the Puget Sound Air Quality Agency and the King County Office of Emergency Management. In 2015 Austin served as a teaching assistant and field photographer in a sociocultural anthropological field school documenting the Central American migrant transit experience through

Mexico. Her volunteer activities have included disaster relief in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, tutoring with YouthCare and East African Community Service, and teaching at the National Geographic Youth Photo Camp in Arizona.

Dennis Tevlin (Fairview Ave. E.) has lived in Eastlake on a houseboat since 1999 and in Seattle since 1992. Originally from New York City, he moved to the west coast in 1978 to receive a BA in Economics from the University of

Oregon. He also has lived in San Francisco, Amsterdam, Brussels, and Paris. With an MBA from Cornell University and an International Business Diploma from Nyenrode University (the Netherlands), he is an active investor and entrepreneur who formerly was with Microsoft, Trumba, and Fullplay Media Systems. Also co-owner of Cafe Racer in the University District, Dennis is a musician, record-



ing engineer and music producer with a long list of media credits. He owns and operates the Seattle Houseboat Studio where he records local artists and teaches music. He is a longtime volunteer and organizer of local youth music education programs and organized team sports.



Ben Wildman (Franklin Ave. E) is a current board member. He was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri and has lived in Seattle since 1978 and in Eastlake since 2012. Trained as a chemical engineer, he retired in 2016 after a career in government and as a consultant. He and his wife own, live in and manage a small apartment building. Other family members include two adult step-sons, an adult

daughter, adult son, four grandchildren and a dog. He has led ECC work parties to help maintain the I-5 Colonnade Open Space.



Will City Council strengthen or weaken tree protection? Sept. 5 public hearing and Sept. 11 ECC public meeting may tell

A ten-year effort to strengthen Seattle's tree protection is at its final stage, and the Eastlake Community Council is part of a pro-tree coalition of neighborhood and environmental organizations.

The Coalition coordinator Steve Zemke will be the featured speaker at an ECC public meeting on tree protection Tues., Sept. 11, 7 p.m. at the Pocock Rowing Center, 3320 Fuhrman Avenue E. Before that, there is a City Council public hearing on proposed revisions for the tree ordinance Wed., Sept 5, 9:30 a.m. at Seattle City Hall, 601 Fifth Avenue. City Council may decide the issue in late September.

Eastlake once had a profusion of large trees in private yards and along the streets. But in recent decades, many of our largest trees have been cut down without protection or a chance of being replaced.

The current tree protection provisions of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC 25.11) are mostly weak, and the strong parts are poorly enforced. In 2017 the City's own internal Tree Regulations Research Project Report warned: "We are losing exceptional trees and groves." And: "Development and hardscape increase tree loss. Conifers and large trees are coming out with deciduous and dwarf species coming in."

In August 2018, Eastlake's District 4 Councilmember Rob Johnson issued a first and second draft of a revised Seattle tree ordinance. (These and related documents are available at http://friends.urbanforests. org.) The proposals incorporate a number of positions urged by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission and numerous other organizations, like tree permits for all trees at or above 6" diameter at breast height (DBH); and fees in all zones to replace trees that are removed.

But the proposed ordinance also removes major tree

protections that are in the current ordinance, and without displaying and striking out the repealed language. Reading the bill by itself, it appears to be a good draft until you realize what has been changed or removed:

added – requires permits for removing trees greater than 6" DBH in all land use zones

added – requires tree replacement if the canopy falls below the Urban Forestry Management Plan's canopy goal for the zone in which the lot is located added – requires an in-lieu fee (for replacement elsewhere) if trees cannot be replaced on site added – tree care providers must certify that they have read and are familiar with tree regulations added – increases penalties for illegal tree removal added in first draft but removed in second draft – onsite posting required for proposed removal BUT:

major change – **go**es from a concept of tree removal to canopy removal. Canopy is a much less precise measurement— not a tree cover analysis but really a vegetation cover analysis that is measured by LI-DAR (Light Detection and Ranging, a remote sensing method that uses light in the form of a pulsed laser). Seattle's 2016 LIDAR survey defined canopy as short as eight feet which can include a lot of shrubs. And while a tree's trunk is usually all on one lot, its canopy can actually be on two or more lots, making canopy regulation infeasible. The city should stick with regulating tree removal, not canopy removal which crosses lot lines.

changed – Seattle Municipal Code section 25.11.090 currently requires developers to replace all trees over 24" DBH and that are exceptional. The proposed



While it is wonderful to see the increased bicycle use occasioned by Seattle's new bikeshare program, the shared bikes are often illegally parked such as by fire hydrants, across sidewalks, and in disability parking zones (see photos). Strangely, the City's parking enforcement officers are not issuing tickets, on the claim that bicycles do not have license plates. But the bikeshare companies are actually contractors

to the City, which is responsible for their abuses and has the leverage to end them. The parking enforcement officers should be specifically mandated to ticket the companies when their bikes are illegally parked. See the contact list of City officials on page 17 if you would like to weigh in about this issue.



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ordinance would replace it with a requirement that developers and property owners replace all trees over 6" DBH but only up to the canopy goal in that zone. This change would result in a net loss of trees where the original canopy is greater than the average for the zone. This is because the canopy goal in a zone is an average of all the canopy in a zone.

removed - under current law, exceptional trees which are among the City's largest of a species are designated and protected; developers and property owners are prohibited from removing them unless they are hazardous. By removing this language, the proposed ordinance would significantly reduce protection for large trees.

removed - under current law, tree groves are protected as exceptional. The proposed ordinance would remove this protection.

removed – current law prohibits the removal of more than three trees per year per lot that are over 6" DBH but not exceptional. The proposed ordinance would repeal this limit.

removed - current law prohibits the cutting down of any tree over 6" DBH on an undeveloped lot. The proposed ordinance would allow a fully treed lot to have its canopy reduced significantly without requiring tree replacement above the canopy goal for that zone. Reduction of 100% canopy cover to 20% in the multifamily zone would thus be allowed with no replacement required.

Although it would make some improvements in the current tree ordinance, the proposed ordinance would on balance significantly reduce protection for existing large trees and would allow canopy coverage to decrease. Every tree removed is a loss to the existing canopy coverage and only over a long period of time can it be replaced. Not all trees replaced will survive.

To compound the mystery caused by the proposed new tree ordinance not showing the parts of the current ordinance that would be removed, the City Council apparently will act on the proposals without requiring an environmental impact statement (requiring analysis, public notice, outreach, and comment) to analyze the proposed changes in the tree ordinance.

Whether or not you can comment at the Sept. 5 public hearing or come to ECC's Sept. 11 public meeting, and whatever your views on the tree ordinance, it is important to convey them to Mayor Durkan and the Seattle City Council, whose contact information is shown on page 17. For the latest, see http://friends. urbanforests.org

This article is adapted from information provided by the Coalition for a Stronger Tree Ordinance, a joint campaign of the Friends of Seattle's Urban Forest and TreePAC.

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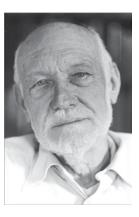
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Remembering Terry Pettus: An Eastlake Legend continued from front page

and fire that had made him a radical leader half a century earlier. My Seattle colleagues, David Frankel and Gail Whittaker, and I decided that Terry was ideal for the story we wanted to tell. Our documentary, SUBVERSIVE? THE LIFE AND TIMES OF TERRY PETTUS premiered on KCTS-TV in 1983.

Born in Terre Haute, Indiana, where he'd picked up the nickname Terry, Pettus (pictured below) was the son of a Christian socialist minister. As a boy he listened to the fiery speeches of Terre Haute's most famous citizen, Socialist leader Eugene Debs. He became a reporter and



moved west to Seattle in 1927 with his wife Berta, and worked on a series of newspapers, eventually founding the Pacific Northwest Newspaper Guild and helping lead the first successful strike against the Hearst empire—the 1936 Seattle P-I campaign for union recognition. The Great Depression radicalized Pettus. It didn't make sense to him that in so rich a country, thousands stood in breadlines or lived in shacks in "Hoovervilles" like the

one where the Seattle sports stadiums stand now. He was energized by labor battles in Tacoma and on the Seattle waterfront, where, he said, he always managed to wind up in the middle of the tear gas. He engaged in struggles to fight evictions and foreclosures, win unemployment insurance and old age pensions, and joined a new organization, the Washington Commonwealth Federation (WCF), that hoped to move the state's Democratic Party to the Left. Soon, he was editing the Federation's newspaper, *The New Dealer*.

During World War II, Pettus tried to enlist in the military, but was refused on the grounds that he was "essential to the war industry as editor of the WCF paper." By then, Pettus had also joined the Communist Party, which was a part of the Federation. His work, and that of his associates, paid off. By the early 40s, the WCF controlled much of the Democratic Party and was electing public officials, including Seattle Congressman Hugh De Lacy.

But after the War, amid charges of Communist influence and election defeats, the WCF disbanded. During the McCarthy Era, Pettus (then editor of the Party's paper, *The People's World*) was charged, tried and convicted (with six other Seattle-area Communists) with advocating the violent overthrow of the US government, but his conviction was later overturned. Terry told me that two Seattle icons, then-Congressman Warren Magnuson and seafood magnate Ivar Haglund, both contributed to his legal expenses, surreptitiously of course.

Pettus left the Communist Party in 1958 after violence

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broke out at a *People's World* picnic. Before he died in 1984, he showed me his 1200-page FBI file. In it, the FBI gleefully took credit for initiating the violence at the picnic. Pettus rebuked those who suggested he apologize for his Communist activities. "For what?" he said to me. "We fought for old age pensions, for welfare and unemployment insurance, against racism. Apologize for that? Hell no!"

Though he was free, his trial left Pettus a marked man who could not find a job. He moved to what was then the cheapest housing in town, a Lake Union houseboat, and earned a small income by writing crime novels under a pen name.

In the 1960s Pettus went from pariah to hero. When Seattle officials wanted to ban houseboats from Lake Union for dumping sewage into the lake, Pettus organized his fellow boaters. Though other sources were also contributing to the pollution, Pettus convinced the new Floating Homes Association to tax its members and create a sewage system. He became an environmental champion. "Lake Union is Seattle's gift from the Ice Age," he said. "We have to save it for future generations." He then led the fight for a Shoreline Management Act to protect all of Washington's waters. By the time I met him, kids were diving off his dock to swim in the cleaned-up lake.

In 1982, Mayor Charles Royer declared March 7 "Terry Pettus Day" in Seattle and hundreds of prominent citizens came out to honor a man the city had once reviled. After Pettus died in 1984, the city named a small park on Lake Union just south of the Fairview Avenue houseboat docks for him. But 30 years later, the park was overgrown and in disrepair. That's when an old friend of Terry's and former houseboat owner, Dixie Pintler, decided to try to do something. Persuasive and persistent, she convinced the city's Park Department to begin a renovation of the park and used her own funds to have a stone with a plaque honoring Pettus placed at the park. When the plaque was unveiled this past June, about fifty people came to pay respects to the old radical.

But the work remains unfinished. Many parks in Seattle have interpretive exhibits, explaining their history or biology. While small, there is enough room in Terry Pettus Park for a set of interpretive signs telling a bit of Terry's story and that of the Lake Union houseboats and clean-up at the same time. Let's make it happen! Terry Pettus' life connected with much of Seattle's most significant history and many of its most memorable personalities. He was certainly among the most remarkable people I've ever met, and Seattle's Eastlake community should be proud of him.

John de Graaf produced documentaries at KCTS for 31 years and wrote about Terry Pettus in Crosscut: https://crosscut. com/2018/05/dont-forget-man-who-saved-seattles-houseboats. His film *SUBVERSIVE?* about Terry Pettus can be found on YouTube. He can be contacted at jodg@comcast.net.



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To close opportunity gaps in Seattle Public Schools, business and individual donations are needed

by Janice L. Clifton, Alliance for Education

To help eliminate opportunity gaps for kids in Seattle public schools, the Alliance for Education invites businesses and individuals to donate auction items and/or to purchase tickets for our Black and Orange Gala, to be held Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Fairmont Olympic Hotel.

Last year, one of the most successful packages was "Date Nights in Seattle," with gift cards to favorite Seattle restaurants, including Eastlake's Sushi Kappo Tamura. As a more than 25-year resident of Eastlake, I am hoping to expand the number of our neighborhood's restaurants or their customers donating a gift certificate for the auction. (Of course, cash donations are also welcome, and like donated items they are tax deductible.)

The Oct. 13 auction will primarily support the Seattle Teacher Residency (STR), the Alliance's partnership with the Seattle School District, University of Washington College of Education and Seattle Education Association to stabilize high poverty schools and accelerate student achievement through the preparation, support, and retention of exceptional teachers who reflect the rich diversity of the student population.

A new cohort of 20-30 carefully selected STR participants begins the 14-month program each year, making a 5-year commitment to teach in Seattle Public Schools in high need environments. Over the last three years, STR graduates have made up 25-30% of elementary teacher hires in Seattle public schools identified under the federal Title I program as having the highest level of poverty in their student body.

The need is great and urgent. If you are an Eastlake business or one of its customers, please consider donating a gift certificate for the Oct. 13 Alliance for Education auction, and/or purchase a ticket for the event. To participate or for questions, please contact me at clifton.j@ghc.org or phone/text at 206-802-8737. Thank you.



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Eastlake volunteers are putting together an emergency communications Hub to aid residents, businesses, and anyone else who is in our neighborhood when disaster strikes. Once activated in a major emergency, the Rogers Playground Hub (2500 Eastlake Avenue E.) will be in radio communication with the City's Office of Emergency Management and other neighborhood Hubs. Staffing will be by volunteers including a radio operator.

In a major emergency, we are likely to lose electric power and service from cell phones, land lines, and the internet. Those needing or offering help should report to the Rogers Playground Hub, where bulletin boards will have status reports, offers of assistance and requests for help. Hubs do not have any supplies such as water or food, and information about where to find them will be limited.

Full preparedness is possible only if every individual, family, and business is ready. For residents, that includes a "kit" of necessities for a 10-14 day period plus a personal or family plan. For businesses and institutions, it means a continuity plan.

The City of Seattle's web site at http://www.seattle.gov/ emergency-management is a great source regarding hazards, plans and how individuals, families, and businesses can prepare. There you can also sign up for free online and classroom trainings, or request a training session for 20 or more people where you live or work.

The Eastlake Emergency Hub team includes Amy O'Donnell, Klaudia Keller, Jess Levine, Lucy Mohl, Katy Withrow, Kathi Woods, K.C. McNeil, Cara Leopard and Margaret Sanders, and we thank Matt Upton at US Seafoods for support of our work. To learn more, to let us know of emergency training you have received or relevant skills you can offer in an emergency, or to join the organizing team, please contact us at eastlake.hub@gmail.com. Let's get prepared!

Restore the shoreline at Sept. 13 work party

With City maintenance budgets dropping, Eastlake residents, businesses, and employees have increasingly pitched in to protect and enhance the neighborhood's public spaces. Public lands along the Lake Union shoreline that are largely not in City parks are in particular need of help, as they are the responsibility of agencies like the Seattle Department of Transportation that have few staff or resources for maintaining unpaved areas.

Help clean up and restore some of Eastlake's treasured shoreline on Thurs., Sept. 13, anytime between 9 a.m. and noon. Remove trash and exotic weeds and plant more native plants. Meet in front of Lake Union Drydock, 1551 Fairview Ave. E. Tools and gloves will be provided, but participants are encouraged to wear sturdy shoes and to bring their own gloves if possible.

Employers are encouraged to authorize employees to spend part of that morning "on the clock" at this fun and worthwhile event. While pre-registration is not required, we would be grateful to hear from businesses that are participating and their estimates of numbers. For questions or to contact the Eastlake Community Council: info@eastlakeseattle.org or 206-322-5463.

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Volunteers and businesses needed at Sept. 20 Colonnade work party

Invasive vines and brush are overwhelming the Park Department's I-5 Colonnade Open Space, including the grand California redwoods. Volunteers are needed at a work party Thurs., Sept. 20, anytime between 9 a.m. and noon. We'll meet at the park's west entrance near the corner of Franklin Ave. E. and E. Blaine Street, by the north end of the off-leash area.

Employers are encouraged to authorize employees to spend part of that work day "on the clock" restoring



some of the tallest trees in Seattle. While preregistration 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.



Sept. 16 and Sept. 29 open houses for stewardship of the Blaine and Howe Street stairs and a missing sidewalk between them on Lakeview Blvd.

The E. Blaine St. and E. Howe St. public staircases--just one block apart--are among the longest and most heavily used in Seattle, attracting users from throughout the region for commuting, exercise, sight-seeing, and to reach homes, businesses, bus lines, and nearby parks. Unfortunately, there is no sidewalk connecting their lower ends on the east side of Lakeview Blvd.

The public is invited to open houses about these stairs and the possibility of a Lakeview Blvd. sidewalk between them on Sun., Sept. 16, between 2-4 p.m.; and Sat., Sept. 29, between 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. These drop-in events will be at Streissguth Gardens (halfway up the Blaine St. stairs), cosponsor with the Eastlake Community Council of the open houses.

For historical and other background about the Blaine and Howe St. stairs (and about Streissguth Gardens), see https://www.streissguthgardens.com/stairs. For photos and analysis about the missing sidewalk and what it would take to build one, see http://eastlakeseattle. org/?page=lakeviewsidewalk.

Along Lakeview Blvd. there is about 340 feet of slowly moving steep slope that has slumped over the curb and brought invasive plants into the roadway. These conditions pose a risk for cars, bikes, and especially pedestrians who are forced into the path of oncoming cars and lack a safe walking route.

SDOT has studied installing a six-foot sidewalk with concrete curb, gutter, and retaining wall (a wall is needed with or without the proposed sidewalk). The City has not funded engineering or construction of this needed project, but it may happen if users of the Blaine and Howe St. stairs speak up. Volunteers are needed to reach out to stair users and to help with a web site, e-mail list, Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, publicity, and liaison with SDOT and elected officials.

Please attend one of the open houses (Sept. 16 or Sept. 29) listed above. Whether or not you can come, be sure to contact the Eastlake Community Council at info@east-lakeseattle.org or phone/text 206-322-5463 to be included in updates and notices of future events, for questions or to volunteer.

Where To Find The Eastlake News

The Eastlake Community Council, an all-volunteer neighborhood association, publishes the quarterly Eastlake News both in paper form and on-line. The current issue and all previous issues going back to the first in 1971 are available at http://eastlakeseattle.org. A network of more than 40 volunteers delivers the paper version to all households and businesses in Eastlake. If a copy was not delivered to you, or if you would like to help with delivery, please contact ECC at info@eastlakeseattle.org.

When each issue comes out, many businesses have copies for the public to pick up. ECC thanks them as well as the following businesses that have also committed to keep a stack available for three months until the next issue comes out (please contact ECC at info@eastlakeseattle.org if your business wishes to be added to this list):

Armistice Coffee Roaster (2201 Eastlake Ave. E. Ste. A) Dad's Diner-a-go-go (2236 Eastlake Ave. E.) Eastlake Specialty Market (1540 Eastlake Ave. E.) G&H Printing (2370 Eastlake Ave. E.) Great Northwest Soup Co. (1201 Eastlake Ave. E.) Hamlin Market (2729 Eastlake Ave. E.) Lake Union Mail (117 E. Louisa St.). Pete's Super and Wines (58 E. Lynn St.) 20 OZ Tea (1823 Eastlake Ave. E.) Voxx Coffee (2245 Eastlake Ave. E.) Washington State Employees Credit Union (1500 Fairview Ave. E.)





When board member Joyce Lane represented the Eastlake Community Council at a Washington State Credit Union stakeholder event, she did not expect to win a drawing for a basket full of deli items. Her luck was so good, maybe she even had a chance to win the cruise ship behind her.



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The Eastlake Community Council thanks **Champagne Cruises** with its historic ferry the Islander for co-sponsoring with us the July 13 Eastlake summer cruise which raised funds for neighborhood projects. ... And ECC thanks **G&H Printing**, **Live Oak Audio Visual**, **Merrill Gardens**, **Northwest Administrators**, **Seattle Models Guild**, and **Washington State Employees Credit Union** for generous donations that made possible our July 15 free movie under the stars in Rogers Playground. The outdoor movie is ECC's most expensive event every year, with costs that include park permit, liability insurance, movie license, publicity, projection, and sound. Next summer's movie is likely to be Shaun the Sheep Movie: Farmageddon. ...

And ECC thanks **Cicchetti** (121 E. Boston, http://cicchettiseattle.com) for hosting ECC's upcoming Tues., Oct. 9 (5:30-7 p.m.) fall celebration (open to all--see calendar, p. 2). Thanks also to **Le Messe** (1823 Eastlake Avenue E., http://lemesseseattle.com) for hosting ECC's May 1 spring celebration; and to **Eastlake Bar and Grill**, 14 **Carrot Café, Little Water Cantina, Mammoth, Otter Bar and Burger, Pazzo's, Pecado Bueno, Pomodoro, Sebi's Bistro**, and **Siam on Eastlake** for previously hosting the event. At the popular twice-annual celebration, ECC purchases "small bites" for the public, the restaurant offers extended "happy hour" prices, and dining continues off the regular menu. ECC welcomes inquiries from other restaurants to host its upcoming celebrations.

Eastlake welcomes three new businesses. Armistice Coffee Roasters (2201 Eastlake Ave., 206-708-7501, armisticecoffeeco.com) is a roastery café with imported coffees roasted on site by a 2-kilo Mill City Roasters machine. Espressos are prepared on a 3-group La Marzocco GB5 machine paired with a Eureka Olympus K grinder. Batch brew is by a 2-bay Fetco Extractor. Also offered are sandwiches and quiches. Hours are 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. ... Dad's Diner-a-go-go, a fixture in the town of Anacortes, chose Eastlake for its second location (2236 Eastlake Avenue E., 206-659-4167, dadsdineragogo@gmail.com and on Facebook). Open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, with all menu items (including the full service bar) available throughout the day. The slogan is "Down Home Cooking From Scratch." ... The Ride (112 E. Lynn St., ground floor of the building that also houses the Eastlake Zoo Tavern and 14 Carrot Café; http://therideseattle.com and on Facebook at TheRideSeattle): "A boutique indoor cycling studio. With stadium seating, state of the art sound, lighting timed to accentuate the energy of the music and the best bikes in the industry." The Ride's

instructor/founder is Aina Ifetayo Oyewole-Williams, who also has an impressive Spotify playlist.

Northwest Consumer Law Center (214 East Galer St., Suite 100, 206-805-0989, http://www.nwclc.org) promotes access to justice for low and moderate income clients, helping assert and defend their rights against unethical businesses or agencies and loan collectors. Offering reduced fees to those who qualify, NWCLC bridges the gap for those whose incomes are just above normal legal aid eligibility. The web site's Get Help section and Learning Center provide a wide range of resources and contacts that are useful to consumers no matter how low or high their income. Since its founding in 2011, NWCLC has aided thousands of consumers on a wide range of concerns such as student and car loans, credit reports, liens, and wage garnishment; saved hundreds of homes from foreclosure; and freed families from over \$10 million in debt through bankruptcy. It has also filed amicus briefs in successful legal appeals. "NWCLC may be available to do free educational presentations for the community - please call to discuss."

Lake Union Drydock Company (1515 Fairview Avenue E., 206-323-6400, http://www.ludd.com) is a full service shipyard founded in 1919. Its 150 employees include highly skilled welders, electricians, sheetmetal workers, pipefitters, painters, machinists, riggers, shipfitters, and shipwrights. Facilities for vessel repair or conversion (and historically the construction of many new vessels) include two submersible dry docks, one with a 6,000 ton capacity accommodating ships 420 feet in length and the second with a capacity of 1,200 tons accommodating ships 210 feet in length. On-site cranes can lift up to 25 tons, and larger floating cranes are readily available. Moorage is also offered.

Although Lake Union Drydock operates on eight acres of piers over Lake Union, on the east side of Fairview Avenue E. it also owns a wooden warehouse that was built in 1943 at the height of World War II, when it produced many wooden minesweepers. In the 1960s, the company began leasing the warehouse to small businesses, then in 2018 returned it to the original warehouse use. The three car service businesses that had been there are relocating as follows.

Lake Union Auto Body (206-328-1311) is in the process of establishing a new facility in the Sea-Tac area, and when details are available we will report them in a future column. ... Terry's Custom Auto Works (206-349-8936, terryscustomautoworks@gmail.com) has relocated to 1601 Eastlake Ave., just around the corner from its former location. Terry's offers a wide range of services: tune-ups, brakes, body work, bumper repairs, headlights and tail lights, door locks, windows, solving water issues, upholstery full restorations, and more. "Just call us; we can help you."

Ralli-Round (http://ralli-round.com, 206-323-8000) has relocated to the Totem Lake area of Kirkland at 11919

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120th Ave. NE, Unit C, adjacent to a Fred Meyer and accessible from I-405. "For those loyal customers who brave the 520 bridge, Ralli-Round will deduct the bridge tolls from your invoice." Owner Ben Howe (who first worked at Ralli-Round in 1979 while in high school) offers a range of services for foreign and domestic cars such as Honda, Audi, Subaru, VW, Toyota, Mazda, BMW, Alfa Romeo, and Ferrari. "Ralli-Round will continue to serve our customers with personal care and bring Car Talk to you, explaining the how and why of your repairs so you can make an informed and educated decision."

The Eastlake Community Council thanks **Ralli-Round** for its years of advertising in the *Eastlake News* and for storing and watering native plants in containers during two years of our shoreline planting effort along Fairview Avenue E. Ben recalls, "I watered the apple tree across the street until it grew strong enough to stand on its own. I will miss seeing it grow. I truly miss the quiet street with the lake right outside my door. I enjoyed seeing all of the people walking and riding past my shop. Some of the best blackberries in all of Seattle grew beside our building."

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: info@eastlakeseattle.org) or c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102, or phone/text (206) 322-5463.



From 1965 to 2018 (53 years), Ralli-Round was at 1512 Fairview Avenue East. See column above for its new address in Kirkland.

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 blind 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 Jenny Durkan accepts comments from the public by e-mail (jenny.durkan@seattle.gov). You can also reach her by letter 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, where you can also leave a voice mail.

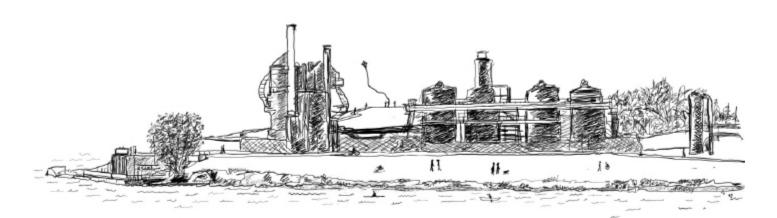
You can send a message to all nine City Councilmembers at once with this address: council@seattle.gov. However, it is always better to communicate with each City Councilmember individually (and not by one e-mail that uses all nine addresses!). The City Council e-mail addresses are as follows: rob.johnson@seattle.gov, sally. bagshaw@seattle.gov, teresa.mosqueda@seattle.gov, bruce.harrell@seattle.gov, lisa.herbold@seattle.gov, mike. obrien@seattle.gov, lorena.gonzalez@seattle.gov, debora. juarez@seattle.gov, and kshama.sawant@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. (A signed letter may actually be noticed more than an e-mail.) Each Councilmember also has a voice mail number listed at http://seattle.gov/council or by calling 206-684-8888.



Write for the Eastlake News

Volunteer reporters sought to write for the Eastlake News. Send queries or submissions to info@eastlakeseattle.org.



Richard Haag, Champion and Designer of Gas Works Park, 1924-2018

Judy Smith

It wasn't supposed to be Gas Works Park. It was supposed to be Myrtle Edwards Park, named for a former city councilwoman, who served from 1955 to 1969 and who was a big supporter of turning industrial wastelands into parks. But Edwards' heirs were appalled when Richard Haag, the city's chosen designer for the park proposed in the early 1970s preserving the old Gas Works structure that was on the site. It was unheard of at the time. The expectation was that the old coal plant would be torn down.

Haag passed away May 9 at the age of 94 of natural causes. His family said he didn't want an obituary, so the



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He had an illustrious career, moving to Seattle in the late 1950s to work at the architecture department at UW and then founding the school's landscape architecture program. He was instrumental in transforming the Seattle Center from fairgrounds to park grounds. He designed Steinbrueck Park with its namesake, Victor Steinbrueck. He also designed the wonderland of Bloedel Reserve on Bainbridge Island. His firm, Richard Haag Associates, Inc., completed over 500 projects over the course of nearly 60 years.

Even before he got the north Lake Union park assignment, Haag had been enchanted with the Gas Works structure. In a phone interview, after a presentation to the Eastlake Community Council, he said, he'd come across the shuttered plant when he first moved to Seattle. That place is magic, he thought, I want to work with that site.

In another interview in 2014, about a year after the park was included on the National Register of Historic Places, Haag said, "I had no rock outcroppings and no sacred trees. Not much there except these wonderful iron totemic structures. The more I was around there, the more I bonded with those things. And I thought, 'Yup, I've got to save them.'"

And save them he did. He had an artist paint a rendering of what the park could look like and displayed it at a public meeting of over 700 people. Public opinion moved in his favor. The Edwards family withdrew their name for the park.

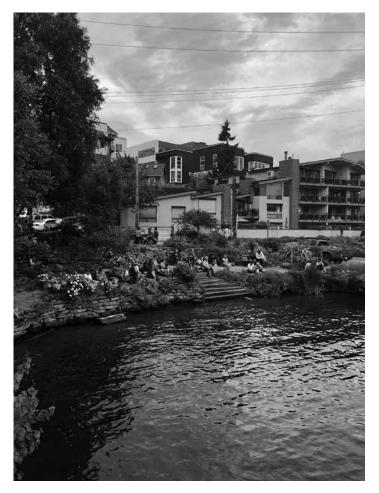
But it all worked out in the end. After all the controversy, Myrtle Edwards eventually got her park, a lovely one on Elliot Bay. And Gas Works Park couldn't be named anything else.

"It's is my magnum opus," Haag said. "It's the centerpiece of my life."

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Prior to the 1970s, none of the Seattle street-ends that enter bodies of water like Lake Union were improved as parks. When the Eastlake Community Council was founded in 1971, it was unusual among neighborhood associations in that one of its official purposes was (and remains) "To work to maximize public use and enjoyment of the inland waters and shorelines adjoining the Eastlake community." Toward that end, ECC has led (sometimes in partnership with the Floating Homes Association and other groups) in creating parks or parklike areas in most of our neighborhood's street-ends, and other neighborhoods and the City of Seattle have also taken up this effort elsewhere. Seattle's first street-end park was in Eastlake at the foot of E. Lynn Street, and its founding in 1971 and later improvements were celebrated at the remarkable 1976 event shown in the historic photos above .





The street-end park at E. Hamlin St. is one of those which the Eastlake Community Council founded through a street-use permit, City grant, and large volunteer effort. Below are two photos of the park, one taken during its 1991-92 construction, the other taken July 4, 2018 when, like Eastlake's other shoreline parks, Hamlin Street park was filled with visitors looking forward to that evening's fireworks. A condition of the 1990 permit and grant was a neighborhood commitment to maintain the park, and a part of the application was a written commitment from the Hamlin Shores Homeowners Association to organize semi-annual neighborhood work parties and to pick up litter and conduct minor landscaping and replanting. As can be seen in the 2018 photo, the Association's volunteers and others have performed wonderfully, and the park is beautiful.



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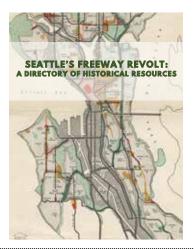
Sept. 23 Event To Celebrate Seattle's Freeway Revolt

A community-wide open house celebrating the 50th anniversary of Seattle's Freeway Revolt will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at the Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th Avenue South. That citywide grassroots movement helped quash plans for a dense network of freeways in Seattle. The Eastlake Community Council was a part of the movement which included many neighborhood organizations, the League of Women Voters and the Black Panthers.

Exhibits and handouts at the event will show the dense freeway grid that was planned as well as materials from the citizens' resistance, including maps, flyers, letters and more. At 3:30 there will be welcoming remarks and an "open mike" as former activists and others are invited to share their recollections and thoughts about the freeway revolt; and at 4:30 p.m. preview of a forthcoming documentary by filmmaker Minda Martin about the uprising.

Anti-freeway activists helped to defeat or dramatically reduce three planned freeways: the R.H. Thomson Expressway, a major north-south freeway parallel to I-5; the Bay Freeway, which would have connected I-5 to Seattle Center along South Lake Union; and a massive, 14-lane I-90 bridge (later downsized to 8-lanes with two earmarked for transit).

More information on the freeway revolt is available in an online publication, Seattle's Freeway Revolt: A Directory of Historical Resources, hosted on the Seattle Public Library's web site at http://cdm16118. contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/singleitem/ collection/p15015coll6/id/8732/rec/2. The directory was funded by a grant from 4Culture/King County Lodging Tax Fund.



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