



The Eastlake News

Coming Events

Spring 2019

Public meeting with open mic to discuss Eastlake priorities -- Tues., March 12 6:30 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E.

Eastlake public meeting on City's proposed RapidRide bus/bike project on Eastlake Ave. -- Wed., April 3 6:30 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. See article, p. 1

Eastlake Egg Hunt and Fun Run -- Sat., April 20 Hunt is at 11 a.m., and Run follows. Rogers Playfield. See article, p. 14

Earth Week shoreline cleanup -- Thurs., April 25 9:30 a.m. to noon. Meet in front of Lake Union Drydock, 1515 Fairview Ave. E. See article, p. 17

Eastlake tree walk led by Arthur Lee Jacobson -- Sat., April 27 10 a.m. to noon (refreshments at 9:30 a.m.). See article, p. 10

ECC Spring Celebration -- Wed., May 1 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Eastlake Zoo, 2301 Eastlake Ave. E. See article, p. 19

City Council Candidates debate (District 4) -- Tues., May 14 6:30 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. See article, p. 11

All-city Emergency HUB Drill, Sat., June 1 9 to noon, Rogers Playfield. See article p. 10

Public meeting with Seattle Police Dept. Thurs., June 13 6:30 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. See article, p. 15

RapidRide on Eastlake Ave: April 3 public meeting on bus service, bikeways, pedestrians, and parking

The Eastlake Community Council public meeting on Wed., April 3, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. is your opportunity to discuss with government officials and your neighbors the Roosevelt RapidRide bus line, protected bicycle lanes, and on-street parking prohibitions that the Seattle Department of Transportation is proposing for Eastlake Avenue. The meeting will also address other bus, bicycle, pedestrian, and parking issues.

SDOT's Roosevelt RapidRide web page (use that title to search with your browser) has important SDOT documents, among them (1) the project map; (2) presenta-

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Two "missing links" need your on-line vote either pro or con in April and May

The Seattle Department of Transportation's selection of projects for the Neighborhood Street Fund occurs just once every three years. This year only one of the projects being considered is in Eastlake, and one other is close to Eastlake. Both projects are "missing links" where a pedestrian/bicycle connection is being proposed.

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Photo shows the unimproved Edgar street-end facing NW and fenced off private marina property to the right. Lake-side access along Fairview Avenue is blocked here, between Edgar and Hamlin Streets, meaning pedestrians and bicyclists must climb steep hills and use alleyways to reconnect with the Fairview Ave. path of the Cheshaihud Loop Trail. An on-line Seattle survey of city "missing links" will determine if there is enough public support to connect this one.

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

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The proposal in Eastlake is to connect the gap in the Lake Union shoreline walking and bicycling path between the E. Edgar and E. Hamlin street-ends. The proposal just outside Eastlake is across Interstate 5 on Lakeview Blvd., where there is no sidewalk between the Blaine and Howe Street steps. Background on both is below.

Although the two proposals are in different City Council districts, you may cast an on-line vote for or against each one. They are not really competing with each other, but rather with the other projects proposed in their district.

The on-line rating process in January and February drew many Eastlake participants. In April and May, SDOT will conduct further on-line voting on the projects. The final decision will be made by SDOT and its levy oversight advisory committee.

Please be ready in April or May to cast your on-line vote pro or con regarding these two “missing link” connection proposals. To vote, navigate to either <http://nsf.consider.it> or to <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/neighborhood-street-fund>. More about the on-line voting process is at the project web links below.

District 4: Reconnecting the Lake Union “missing link.”

Native American pathways originally encircled Lake Union. The settlers improved the pathway and included bicycle access. But bicycle and pedestrian access along the shoreline between the Edgar and Hamlin street-ends was terminated in 1957 with construction of an apartment building at 100 E. Edgar St. and with SDOT’s issuance to the apartment owners of a permit for a private marina located largely on the land and water portions of the adjacent City-owned Edgar and Fairview rights of way.

Soon realizing its mistake, the city government began in the 1970s an effort that continues to this day to try to reopen the shoreline pathway

connection between the Edgar and Hamlin street-ends. Re-establishing this pedestrian and bicycle shoreline connection is a priority in at least three official City plans, including the Cheshiahud Lake Union Loop Master Plan, the Bicycle Master Plan, and the Eastlake Neighborhood Plan.

A 1996 public survey filled out by 402 individuals as part of the Eastlake Neighborhood Plan found that of those expressing an opinion, over 90% wanted to re-establish the pedestrian/bicycle shoreline connection between the Edgar and Hamlin street-ends, while only 6.2% were either “somewhat” or “strongly” opposed.

Strong opposition continues from residents near the proposed project, who fully used SDOT’s on-line system to vote and comment against the proposal. One wrote: “Our privacy would be annihilated. Our living room, bathroom, master and 2nd BR would all be fewer than 50 feet from a public trail with all manner of noise at all hours of the day and night. Our security, peace of mind, and the value of our home for 25 years would be destroyed forever. ... Mallard Cove residents don’t want to lose their privacy and view protections that would be primarily for the benefit of CONSUMERS of city funds. i.e., expensive public trail designs for a limited few.” Another: “Numerous residents live on the Mallard Cove shoreline either on land or in floating homes. Most if not all are resistant to sacrificing their home-life, privacy, and ownership values for the occasional recreation of public trail users.” And another: “Eastlake Ave. already has plans for improved bike route, use \$ for other projects.”

Unlike the public survey which was hand-delivered to all addresses in Eastlake, SDOT’s on-line process requires participants to navigate to where they can vote and comment. It remains to be seen whether those who support the reconnection will take the time to act. Among the commenters so far: “This is the only Missing

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HINES PUBLIC MARKET



14 Carrot Gold

The 14 Carrot Cafe nests in the historical Hines Public Market building on the Eastside of Lake Union. Commercial vernacular buildings were built along major streetcar routes to provide nearby residents with groceries and other daily needs.

Eastlake Avenue was an important streetcar route, connecting downtown to the University District, first over the old Latona Bridge and later over the University Bridge.

This small commercial building has been an Eastlake fixture since 1923.

For years it housed a grocery and meat market; Carr's Fine Foods, owned by Arlyn Carr, and a meat market owned by Val Sonntag were here for more than fifteen years from the 1930s until the 1950s. At that time the sign said "Carr's Fine Foods".

There has also traditionally been a tavern here, starting with The Beer Parlor ran by Joseph Carroll in 1938, Mack's Tavern in 1952, the It'll Do Tavern in 1966 and now the Eastlake Zoo Tavern as well as the 14 Carrot Cafe which has been cracking eggs for over 40 years now.

The 14 Carrot Cafe opened its doors in 1977 by first owner Julia Miller who then sold it to Greek immigrant Eletheria "Terry" Proios in 1992.

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Link for walk/bike access around Lake Union,” “Replaces confusing, dangerous alley, hills, heavy traffic & no walking/biking route. Restores public ROW shut off by private use. Opens beautiful Edgar street end to public use.” “Access to one of our city’s nicest assets should be a priority. The current path up a steep hill and through an alley is terrible.” “Would provide a safer alternative for cyclists and pedestrians who are now forced to climb a hill and cut through an alley. When cycling or running this section of the Cheshiahud Lake Union Loop it forces the rider, runner or walker to decide whether to divert to the busier, less safe Eastlake Avenue East.” and “This is the best bike route through Eastlake and could avoid putting bike lanes on Eastlake Ave. E. which would lose much needed parking for neighborhood businesses.”

For further background on the Lake Union shoreline connection proposal, and instructions on how to find the online site for voting in April and May, see the ECC web site at <http://eastlakeseattle.org/?page=shorelinewa> lkwaygap.

District 3: Filling in the missing sidewalk on Lakeview Blvd. This



Where the sidewalk ends. Another missing link, this one is the lack of sidewalk on Lakeview Avenue. between Howe and Blaine staircases.

sidewalk connection proposal has received very little opposition, and apparently none from nearby residents. The E. Blaine and E. Howe Street public staircases, just one block apart, are among the longest and most heavily used in Seattle. At their lower end (on the east side of Lakeview Blvd.) there is no sidewalk to connect them.

The missing sidewalk is a risk and barrier for the many pedestrians from throughout Seattle and beyond who use this area for commuting, exercise, sight-seeing, or to reach homes, businesses, schools, parks, or transit. Some enjoy these two staircases as a recreational circuit.

Lakeview Blvd. is a principal arterial and a major walking and bicycling route to downtown via

Melrose Avenue or the Lakeview overpass and to the University District via either Eastlake Ave. or Harvard and 10th Aves. It offers access to points north, south, east, and west. All the rest of Lakeview Blvd. has sidewalks on both sides.

To traverse the east side of this block, pedestrians must either walk in the traffic lanes on the roadway’s east side, or make two crossings of Lakeview to use the sidewalk on its west side. Either way, they encounter fast-moving arterial traffic, including from the I-5 northbound off-ramp.

For further background on the Lakeview Blvd. sidewalk proposal, and instructions on how to find the online site for voting in April and May, see the ECC web site at <http://eastlakeseattle.org/?page=lakeviewsidewalk>.

The Eastlake Community Council board of directors has voted to endorse both of the above proposals. To comment or volunteer, please contact ECC at info@eastlakeseattle.org.

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tions at recent open houses and public meetings; (3) analysis of impacts from removing on-street parking from Eastlake; (4) analysis of bicycle route alternatives through Eastlake; (5) the August 2017 project report and various supporting documents including a detailed summary of public comments. Other documents regard SDOT's ongoing review to determine whether an environmental impact statement is needed. For this review, SDOT is the lead local agency and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is the lead federal agency.

The web site also includes some information from a January SDOT "workshop" on parking. The agency outlined its findings so far and invited community members to provide feedback.

At the meeting, SDOT was challenged as to why they have not done a more complete parking survey. The agency still refuses to do on-street parking utilization studies of all blocks in Eastlake. Such studies were not included in the Oct. 2018 Curb Space Management Study, which therefore is faulty and should be redone.

The ECC also noted in a January 2018 letter that "the on-site parking utilization studies that SDOT has conducted in Eastlake have been limited to just a fraction of the available block faces—as if those seeking parking that is no longer on Eastlake Avenue will not go to the other block faces in search of a parking space. "

At the January meeting, an Eastlake community group also presented its own parking survey, looking at the number of spots and the zone signage throughout the neighborhood. The survey found 2,143 parking spaces on 183 block faces. The plan to remove parking on Eastlake Avenue East would remove 20 percent of the total parking places in the neighborhood, the survey found.

SDOT officials said they would compile the public comments made at the parking workshop and add them to the RapidRide web site.

ECC's web page, <http://eastlakeseattle.org/?page=corridor>, has the key SDOT links and also provides background, including a series of five letters that ECC has sent to SDOT on the project.

Comments to SDOT should be sent to RapidRide@seattle.gov or by U.S. mail to Sandra Gurkewitz, Senior Environmental Planner, Seattle Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 34996, Seattle, WA 98124-4996.

More importantly, comments should be sent to Seattle's elected Mayor and City Council who are ultimately responsible for how RapidRide will affect Eastlake. Their contact information is available on page 20 or this newsletter. Please also send a bcc or paper copy to the Eastlake Community Council at info@eastlakeseattle.org or c/o Lake Union Mail, 117 E. Louisa St. # 1, Seattle, WA 98102.

ECC encourages you to attend its April 3 public meeting and in any case welcomes your comments or suggestions.

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Exhibit by Eastlake Artist Richard Morhous

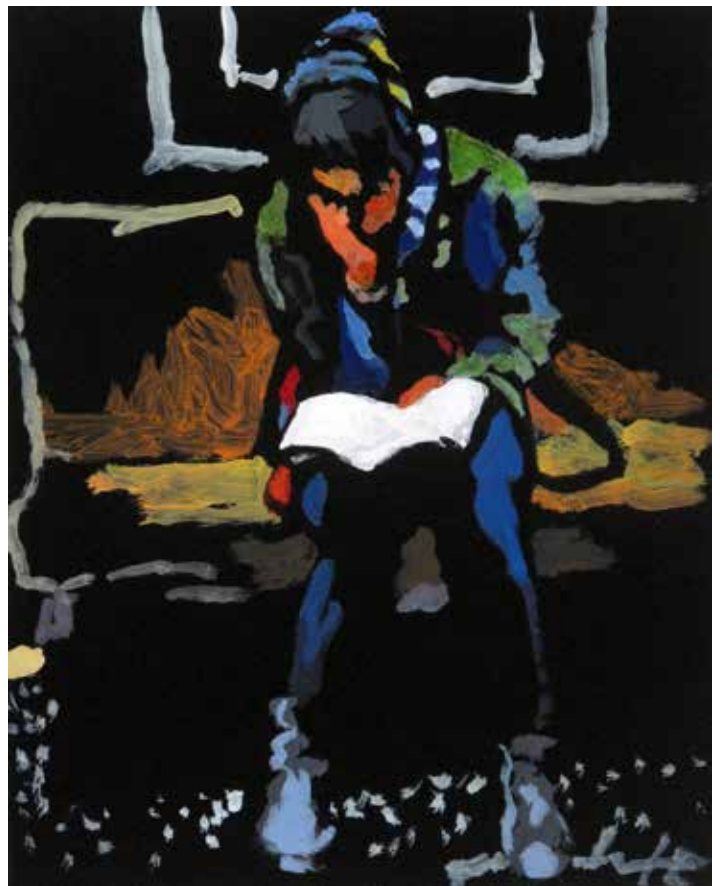
Artist Richard Morhous is featured in an exhibition called “The Color of Light,” a new body of his paintings at The Harris-Harvey Gallery (1915 First Avenue...near the Pike Place Market), March 7-31. The Opening Reception is on First Thursday, March 7, 6-8 p.m. Gallery’s regular hours are Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mr. Morhous began his career as an artist in 1979, and has lived in Eastlake since 1986. He has a Bachelor of Fine

Arts from the University of Washington and also taught art in Melbourne, Australia.

The Harris-Harvey Gallery writes: “Emphasizing painterly qualities and expressionistic color, Morhous creates tangible, new worlds of pictorial space. His paintings depict evolving and dynamic cityscapes, still life, and landscapes, creating eye-popping transformations of everyday subjects. ... A testament to the power of color and his ability to render dynamic light, the artist’s newest works are explorations of urban spaces and geometric forms which balance on the cusp of abstraction and minimalism.”

Images of some of Mr. Morhous’ paintings can be seen on Instagram and on the gallery web site, harrisharveygallery.com. His work is found in many public and private collections including those of Microsoft, University of Washington Medical Center, and the city governments of Portland and Seattle.



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A centerpiece development for Eastlake is receiving a lot of excitement and pushback from the community. It will replace two buildings at the corner of Louisa St. and Eastlake Ave., the strip mall that houses Mammoth and the retro SPRAG office structure to the north (not pictured). There's excitement for the new potential landmark design that the architect Hewitt is known for delivering and for street level activity with retail and housing that will come. The pushback comes from how tall the new construction will be, blocking views from Rogers Playfield and the Green Street, and how

affordable the housing will be.

The developers are open to public feedback. A February 28 open house introduced developers, Washington Holdings + Pollard (they built the 1616 Eastlake Avenue structure, as well as many other structures around the city) and architect to the community with photos of past work. Preliminary concepts were also on view with a timeline. Demolition is expected next summer with a new building opening Summer 2022.

More opportunities for public feedback will be forthcoming.

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Comment now on city's plan for massive upzone

The City Council could vote as early as March 18 on the Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) ordinance, which would result in a massive upzone of property in Eastlake as well as 27 other neighborhoods around the city. Almost all property in Eastlake is zoned commercial or multi-family so the ordinance would have a far-reaching impact here. In exchange for an increase in the allowable heights, private developers would be required to include affordable units in their project or pay an "in-lieu fee," which nonprofit developers would use to build subsidized housing elsewhere.

Little affordable housing is expected to be developed in the Eastlake area. That's because developers would most likely focus on high-end housing to compensate for the high land costs here and pay the "in-lieu" fees. The in-lieu fees can only be spent on housing for the lowest incomes, abandoning the "missing middle" that would be displaced by redevelopment without any alternative but to move away. Subsidized housing for the poorest is unlikely in Eastlake, a neighborhood which non-profit housing developers have always avoided because land costs are so high.

Even existing housing will become less affordable from the increases in rent and property taxes caused by the upzone's boost in the land's development potential. Eastlake has already seen a huge increase in construction and the MHA ordinance would only increase that trend, putting additional pressure on parking, tree canopy and livability. For how the MHA rezones and upzones would affect your street or property, see the maps, links, and explanations assembled on the ECC web site at <http://eastlakeseattle.org/?page=HALA>.

Several parts of Eastlake face unusually large increases including the proposed increase to 65 feet in allowable building height on Eastlake Avenue. Many fear the result will be a canyon radically at odds with the Seattle Comprehensive Plan's designation of Eastlake as a "residential urban village."

There is also concern about impact on the public realm on the 2500 block of Eastlake Avenue (between Roanoke and Louisa streets). Just uphill is the Seward School campus, Rogers Playground, and the Franklin Green Street that connects them. From these public spaces, 65-foot buildings on Eastlake Avenue would block views of Lake Union, the Aurora Bridge, Queen Anne, and the Olympic Mountains, and late summer evenings the playfield would be in shadow.

The expected new heights already are attracting interest. A joint development by Pollard Entities and Washington Holdings would use state employee pension funds to redevelop the southern two-thirds of the 2500 block of Eastlake Avenue north from E. Louisa Street, replacing the building that houses Mammoth and the SPRAG office

building just north of it. The result would be one of the largest buildings in Eastlake with about 200 apartments and retail space at street level. In the summer Eastlake News there will be more about this project and how to participate in its review.

Another concern is the last-minute proposal for further increase in height via a new midrise classification, allowing buildings up to 80 feet on all seven blocks of Boylston Avenue East, plus the east side of the one block of Franklin Avenue East between East Hamlin and Shelby Streets. Most of Eastlake's remaining affordable housing is concentrated on Boylston. Properties not bought out by developers would face increases in rent and property taxes caused by the increased land value resulting from the huge upzone.

None of this was in the MHA legislation until, without prior notice, District 4 Councilmember Rob Johnson unveiled the amendment 4-18 on Jan. 14 and arranged in committee on Feb. 8 for it to be folded into a "consent package" which then was approved in committee on Feb. 25.

The same legislation relieved some areas in other neighborhoods from the growth being demanded of them. Eastlake, of course, has already grown faster than almost any other neighborhood, far beyond the growth targets the City had adopted for it.

Since amendments and final enactment could occur as soon as March 18, e-mails, letters, and calls to all nine City Councilmembers are urgent if you wish to make a difference. See back page of this newsletter for how to contact the City Council, and the web site address listed above for the status of legislation as ECC understands it.

Super Heroes (and others) rally for March 30 TOPS auction

TOPS-Seward School is issuing a call for super heroes to attend the central fundraiser for the year, the TOPS spring auction! Much of what makes this Seattle School District alternative school special (music, books, equity & enrichment, teaching aides, trips...) is funded by parents and community donations, and volunteerism.

The biggest single source of funds is the annual auction, this year on Sat. March 30, at St. Demetrios Church, 2100 Boyer Ave. E. in Seattle. Doors open at 5 pm. Come as your favorite hero of choice. To purchase or sponsor tickets, and how to donate an auction item: <http://topsk8.ejoinme.org/tickets>. Please unleash your superpowers, join us and help every child get the educational experience they deserve.

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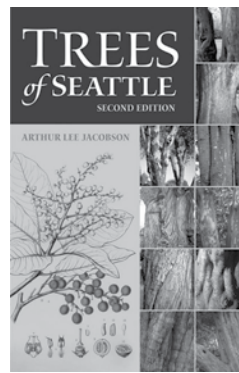
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Eastlake Tree Walk to be led by Arthur Lee Jacobson on Sat., April 27

The Eastlake Community Council has engaged the renowned Arthur Lee Jacobson, author of *Trees of Seattle* and many other books, for another ever-popular Tree Walk. Not to be missed, it will be Sat., April 27, 10 a.m. to noon, begin-

ning at Roanoke Street-end Park (corner of Fairview Ave. E. and E. Roanoke St.). Refreshments (donated again by Blue Ribbon Cooking School) begin at 9:30 a.m.

To describe Jacobson merely as a tree expert or tree writer is like saying a redwood is just a tree. He knows everything about trees, shrubs, and other plants and communicates about (and with?) them magically. And he walks (and bikes) his talk, having planted trees all over the city, including in Eastlake. If you want Jacobson's quick take on identification or diagnosis, he encourages you to bring a twig or photo. We take a different route every year, and suggestions are welcome beforehand, to info@eastlakeseattle.org.



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EASTLAKE READY: Getting the Hub Box Together

The Eastlake Emergency Hub is delighted to report that our highest-priority shopping list to stock the Hub Box with needed supplies (zip ties, for example) and equipment (hard hats for example) was funded by a special grant from the **Eastlake Community Council**. Hub members will be purchasing the items to supplement the bare necessities provided by the city and donations from Hub volunteers. We are grateful for the generous support of the ECC and now look forward to fulfilling the rest of our action plan for 2019. In addition to promoting the Hub and disaster preparedness, we plan to offer at least one community education program and to participate in training opportunities including a city-wide practice drill for all neighborhood emergency hubs on June 1st. All practice drills for our Hub are held in Rogers Playground. We welcome new team members and neighbor participation in our practice drills. The Eastlake Emergency Hub is a grass-roots, neighbor-to-neighbor action group to facilitate communication and aid in the Eastlake community after a major disaster. While the Hub does not store food or water, we offer information for our neighbors to put together their own emergency kits. For more information eastlake.hub@gmail.com

Margaret Sanders
Eastlake Emergency Hub Captain

At May 14 forum, hear from District 4 candidates

With our current District 4 Councilmember Rob Johnson not running for re-election, this open seat is hotly contested by a large field of candidates as the August 6 primary draws near. Come hear them debate at the Eastlake Community Council's Primary Election forum Tues., May 14, 6:30–8:30 p.m. at the TOPS Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E.. And please send to ECC your suggested questions for the candidates, to info@eastlakeseattle.org. On how to register to vote: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/how-to-vote/register-to-vote.aspx>.



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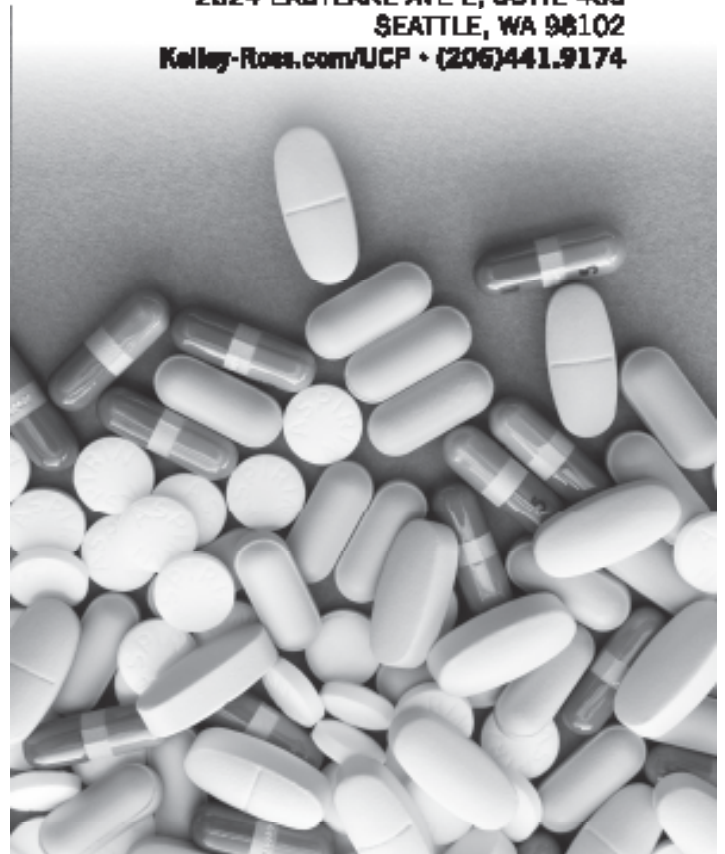
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History is the star at Eastlake ‘Conversation’

by Steve Dunphy

So where can you get a pictorial history of Seattle and participate in a sing-along of “Moon River” from the film *Breakfast at Tiffany’s*? At an Eastlake Community Council slide show and conversation meeting, of course.

Historians Paul Dorpat and Jean Sheppard drew some 30 people to the Agora Center in mid-January. They have a new book out – *Seattle Now and Then: The Historic Hundred* – which chronicles the 100 best Now and Then columns from Dorpat’s long-running column in the *Seattle Times*. (Documentary Media LLC, books@docbooks.com)

Here’s how it works. Dorpat finds historic photographs of Seattle from various archives and collections and then Sheppard tries to take a photo from the same vantage point to show what the area looks like today. For example, there was a photo of a crowd of people on the Aurora Avenue Bridge the day before it opened to cars. Sheppard used a 21-foot pole with his camera mounted on the top to capture the same location – trees and development had prevented him from reaching the exact original spot.

Sheppard and Dorpat continued a stream of humorous conversation as they went through dozens of slides on historic and current Seattle – for the most part they reversed the title of their book by showing the “then” photos first, followed by the “now” photos.

There were also various opportunities for the audience to participate. Dorpat challenged the group to identify vari-

ous photos from the past. For the most part, the collective knowledge in the room came up with the right answer.

Moon River?

There was one photo of modern downtown with the F5 building. It is at Fifth and James, shimmering glass with distinctive exterior support columns. The story, according to Sheppard, is that the developer, Kevin Daniels, was a fan of Audrey Hepburn, especially in her portrayal of Holly Golightly in *Breakfast at Tiffany’s*. The building’s unique shape is said to reflect Hepburn’s classic photo – legs, hip, long cigarette holder etc. So, of course, everyone sang along to the famous song from the film, Moon River.

Dorpat and Sheppard also showed several pairs of slides of the Eastlake neighborhood. One was the intersection of Harvard Avenue East and Eastlake Avenue East with a pharmacy/retail store on the corner. The intersection is now under the I-5 bridge near the ship canal. Dorpat pointed out a building across the street with a number of posters on the front – the original home for the *Helix*, an “underground” newspaper that began in 1967. Dorpat, now 82, worked there.

Dorpat’s first “Now and Then” column appeared in the *Seattle Times* magazine, now called *Pacific NW*, in January 1982. Since then more than 1,800 columns have

appeared. One element was evident at the meeting. The columns always include a well-researched story about the then-and-now scenes.

At the ECC-sponsored event, the stories were a wonderful part of the evening.



Above older houses and building in Eastlake that no longer exist.

Opposite page: Eastlake Avenue East East Shelby Street looking north in 1938. Note the streetcar in the distance.

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EASTLAKE READY: Condo Preparedness

As many of you may recall, in July 2015, Kathryn Schulz of *The New Yorker* magazine wrote an article entitled “The Really Big One,” Ms. Schulz made a strong argument that the next major earthquake to rupture the Cascadia subduction zone where we all reside “will suffer the worst natural disaster in the history of North America.” In 2016, Ms. Schulz was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in feature writing for that article.

Shortly following that alarming article over 75 people from the Eastlake community attended a meeting at the Pocock Rowing Center where a seismologist from the University of Washington and a representative from Seattle’s Office of Emergency Management presented a realistic overview of the situation. It was sobering, if not outright scary.

As a result of that meeting, a number of us decided to form a committee to address that potential disaster. In the subsequent three and a half years, we have made substantial progress in developing the Eastlake Emergency Communications Hub. In our many committee discussions we realized that no matter how prepared we may become at the community level, ultimately it will come down to how prepared we are at the individual or building level.

As the president of a nine-unit condominium association, I raised the issue at one of our board meetings. Following thorough discussions, we came to realize how interdependent we are, which would be magnified exponentially at a time of crisis. Think for a moment how you have felt during the occasional power outages we have all experienced. How annoyance quickly turns to frustration and after a few hours thoughts of serious concern start to appear in your mind. Now imagine the feelings you would experience if that were to last for two weeks, which is the time the Seattle Office of Emergency Management is telling us we should expect in a major disaster.

Our condominium association decided over a year ago to become proactive. As result of going through a discernment process, we identified three stages of preparedness, rescue, repair and restore. Our association is working toward fulfilling the plans we made to address the three stages. Each association can make its own determination as to what essentials are required to be prepared. Both the Seattle Office of Emergency Management and the American Red Cross provide excellent guidelines.

The process of preparedness that our association has undertaken has had the effect of bringing us closer together, building an even stronger sense of community. There’s an old saying “It takes a village to overcome a disaster.” Okay, it may not be an old saying, but it is definitely a truism.

If you are interested in learning more about how your condominium association can become prepared, or you would like to become more involved in our community

effort, please contact the Eastlake Emergency Hub volunteers at eastlake.hub@gmail.com.

Jess Levine is a member of the Eastlake Emergency Communications Hub team.



Eastlake Egg Hunt and Fun Run are Sat., April 20

The Eastlake Community Council is again sponsoring an Egg Hunt and Fun Run at Rogers Playfield (2500 Eastlake Ave. E.), this year on Sat., April 20. The Hunt starts promptly at 11 a.m., and the Run follows. There will also be a photo booth to capture family memories. Thanks to Fleet Feet Sports Seattle for co-sponsoring the Run and to G&H Printing for help with publicity.

A cash or check donation is welcome (\$5 suggested) and can be mailed to ECC c/o Lake Union Mail, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102 or online at <http://eastlakeseattle.org/?page=other-payment>. Volunteers are needed to assist the Bunny in preparing and hiding eggs for kids to find that day. To help with either the Hunt or the Run, or if you have questions, call 206-715-8762 or e-mail coordinator Christy Elton at christyelton@gmail.com.

Prepare for disasters, crime, and the fireworks at June 13 public meeting

The Eastlake Community Council works to keep our neighborhood as safe as possible from crime and disasters, and to coordinate with the Seattle Police Department (SPD) on these topics as well as the unique challenge of crowds and traffic on July 4. For many years, one focus of these efforts has been to organize an early summer public meeting, which this year is Thursday, June 13, 6:30 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E.

ECC's web site, <http://eastlakeseattle.org> has several pages and many links on these topics. Following are some highlights. Please send your e-mail address to info@eastlakeseattle.org with questions, suggestions, or to volunteer.

SPD priorities for Eastlake. In 2015 SPD instituted a program to partner with neighborhoods on "micro community policing plans." The West Precinct now meets at least every six months with Eastlake stakeholders to develop and update law enforcement priorities. The current plan (posted on the ECC web site's public safety page, where you can also see the one for just east of I-5) lists these priorities: burglaries; car prowls/auto thefts; issues related to the homeless population (encampments, public intoxication, needles, etc.); and traffic (cut-through traffic, speeding around TOPS-Seward school). SPD welcomes suggestions regarding these priorities, and will discuss them at ECC's public meeting. Comments can be sent anytime to Community Police Team Officer Donald.Little@seattle.gov; please cc ECC at info@eastlakeseattle.org.

Data-based policing and the importance of calling 911. SPD's increased reliance on data in deployment makes it more important 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 911 calls. Nothing is too small to report, and a crime need not have been committed. Some brazen large-scale thefts have occurred in broad daylight, and some small thefts have been repeated because no one thought to call 911. These calls can be anonymous, but it's best to give your name (you can ask that it be withheld from public disclosure) so you can monitor the response. 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, dock, building, or business 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 liveaboards, or within an apartment, condo, or office building. For more: <http://www.seattle.gov/police/programs/Blockwatch/default.htm>. For advice on organizing, contact the West Precinct's crime prevention coordinator, Barbara.Biondo@seattle.gov.

Door-to-door solicitors. Have doubts about someone who has knocked on your door? Don't open it--but do let them hear you, 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 alert your neighbors in any way you can. Commercial sellers are required to have a license with the agent's name and the 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; call 911 if you think this is happening.

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: info@eastlakeseattle.org and frisky1@mindspring.com.

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.



Thank you to **Emerald City Cruises** and **Blue Ribbon Cooking School** for discounts that allowed ECC's Dec. 23 holiday cruise to be a successful fundraiser. Thank you also to **Blue Ribbon Cooking School** for donating refreshments to the upcoming April 24 Eastlake Tree Walk led by author Arthur Lee Jacobson (see article, p. 10). And thank you to **Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.** for use of its Agora Conference Center for ECC's Jan. 15 slide talk by historians Paul Dorpat and Jean Sherrard; and to our members and donors for enabling the honorarium we were able to pay Dorpat and Sherrard.

Thank you to the **Eastlake Zoo Tavern** for hosting ECC's upcoming May 1 spring celebration (see article, p. 19) and to **Cicchetti, Eastlake Bar and Grill, 14 Carrot Café, Le Messe, Mammoth, Otter Bar and Burger, Pazzo's, Pecado Bueno, Pomodoro, Sebi's Bistro, and Siam on Eastlake** for previously hosting ECC's fall or spring celebrations. At the popular twice-annual events, ECC purchases "small bites" for the public, the restaurant offers extended "happy hour" prices or further discounts, and dining continues off the regular menu.

Friends of TOPS raises funds to enhance education at **The Option Program at Seward**, a Seattle School District K-8 alternative school. Part of that fundraising has been in partnership with the following local restaurants, which have held fundraising events: **Dad's Diner a Go Go, Eastlake Bar and Grill, Grand Central Bakery, Mammoth, Pazzo's, and Pecado Bueno**. The Eastlake Community Council joins in thanking these businesses for their generosity to our local public school. If your restaurant would like to participate, please send a message to Puneet Dewan at puneetd@gmail.com.

On a sad note, **Dad's Diner a Go Go** closed earlier this year, writing on Facebook, "It's tough to leave and not be heartbroken ... but we failed. There is no one else to blame. Not our management, our staff or our landlord. Just us." Their restaurant in Anacortes continues to thrive, so Eastlakers can journey to find them there...

The upcoming April 20 **Eastlake Egg Hunt and Fun Run** (see article, p. 14) are made possible by in-kind donations from **G&H Printing** (posters) and **Fleet Feet** (fun run sponsor), among other businesses. Volunteers are also key, with special thanks to coordinator **Christy Elton**. Sponsor is the Eastlake Community Council. For events in Rogers Playground like the egg hunt, fun run, and summer movie, ECC purchases the required permits, provides the required

liability insurance, and pays any expenses not covered by other donors.

Great Northwest Soup Company (1201 Eastlake Ave., 206-582-3503, Mon-Fri 7am - 3pm, <http://greatnwsoup-company.com>) now has an even more spectacular Lake Union view (including the Space Needle) from its deck, with demolition of the adjoining building. In June, summer Barbeque Thursdays will return. Location is the historic Hydro House, beside the equally historic Steam Plant building.

Eastlake is home to one the Northwest's leading sellers of electronic musical instruments and components. **Patchwerks** (3107 Eastlake Ave. <http://www.patchwerks.com> and on Facebook) describes its mission as "Synthesizer sales, community, and education. We cater to the synthesizer enthusiast of all ages, including keyboard synths, noise-makers, and modular gear. We also stock drum machines, cables, power supplies, cases, gig bags, sound toys, USB and MIDI controllers, and more. Come visit us if you like using electricity to make sound!" Among its many product lines are the eurorack technology of modular synthesizers which are relatively compact and inexpensive compared to earlier generations of synthesizers. Patchwerks' web site has many links to its own how-to videos. Every other Wednesday, it hosts **Sound Circuits**, a meetup for anyone to work on their do-it-yourself music/instrument projects.

The Eastlake-based biotechnology company **Immune Design** (1616 Eastlake Avenue) is being purchased for \$300 million cash by the pharmaceutical giant **Merck**. **Immune Design** became a public company only in 2014, and describes itself as a "clinical-stage immunotherapy company with next-generation in vivo approaches designed to enable the body's immune system to fight disease. ... While our primary focus is immuno-oncology, we believe that our technology has therapeutic potential in infectious and allergic diseases, as well."

Have you seen the **Eastlake Rabbit**? It's said to be brown with a white tail. There have been sightings on Yale Ave. E., at night. If anyone has a photo, please send it to us for possible publication in the **Eastlake News**.

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 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.

Celebrate Earth Week at the April 25 shoreline cleanup

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.

To celebrate Earth Week, the Eastlake Community Council invites residents, businesses, and employees to help out at a large work party on Thursday, April 25. Please meet at 9 a.m. in front of Lake Union Drydock, 1515 Fairview Ave. E. SDOT provides the tools and gloves.

Businesses are encouraged to allow employees to participate “on the clock” in these public-spirited and fun events; and to contact ECC beforehand (although that is not a requirement—we have enough work and tools for everyone). For questions or more information, please contact ECC at info@eastlakeseattle.org.



Write for the Eastlake News

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



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It is not too late to comment on MHA ordinance

There never was a better time to write to Seattle’s elected officials about your Eastlake neighborhood than right now. And there never was a more important issue than the proposed Mandatory Housing Affordability ordinance that would increase building heights on virtually every residential and commercial land lot in Eastlake and other neighborhoods in exchange for claimed improvements in affordable housing.

See back page for a list of email and postal addresses for the Mayor and City Council and page 8 for more details on what is at stake.

A five-hour hearing on Feb. 21 before the Select Committee on Citywide Mandatory Housing Affordability (whose membership consists of all nine City Councilmembers) drew a huge turnout – both pro and con - on the legislation. The Eastlake Community Council is a member of SCALE, the citywide coalition for affordability, livability, and equity, that has been leading the battle to amend or delay the implementation.

The final vote on the ordinance is scheduled for Monday, March 18. Whatever your views on the issue, please write and let them know what Eastlake thinks about the ordinance.

One key objection that will still be effective: Object to the City Council taking final action on MHA at its March 18th meeting before the public comment period has ended. Notice published on January 22, 2019 lists the “end of comment period” as March 29, 2019.



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Construction to replace former pipe factory

There was a recent historic day in the Eastlake area, according to Jules James, an Eastlake resident who features old-time photos in posts on the Eastlake Social Club page.

The building on Fairview Avenue North, just east of the Lake Union Steam plant, once was the Kirsten Pipe Factory, James said.

Here's the history from the Kirsten Company website:

"It is by no means merely puffery to say that Professor Frederick K. Kirsten was a genuine American original. He first sailed to this country in 1902, as a cabin boy from Hamburg, Germany. After successfully rounding the Horn and eluding the shanghai gangs of the West Coast, he navigated the educational system at the University of Washington to become a Professor of Aeronautical Engineering.



"Here, his inventive spirit took wing. He created the world-famous Kirsten Wind Tunnel, Air-washing equipment for factories, an air-cooled Utopian Bed, and, most notably, a revolutionary propeller which enables boats to stop and turn on a dime. Today, in the same waters where he jumped ship almost 100 years ago, ocean-going vessels are landed by sturdy tugs driven by Kirsten cycloidal propellers, piloted by equally sturdy captains smoking cool Kirsten pipes.

"Rightly called the coolest pipe in the world, this latter innovation came about when a doctor advised Professor Kirsten to switch from cigarettes. He quickly dreamed up a way to trap the moisture, tars and tongue-biting acids, which attack the users of briar pipes. After 80 years and counting, Kirsten pipes are still produced by the Kirsten family, faithfully following the basic designs of this father of invention."

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ECC Spring Celebration is Wed., May 1, 5:30-7 p.m. at the Eastlake Zoo

Celebrate May Day and meet your neighbors at the Eastlake Community Council's spring celebration – Wed., May 1, 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the Eastlake Zoo Tavern (2301 Eastlake Avenue, <http://eastlakezoo.com>). Enjoy happy hour prices on beer and wine, a special discount on fresh-cooked dishes from the Zoo's new kitchen, and free use of the pool tables.

Voted one of the nation's best dive bars, the Eastlake Zoo was founded in 1974. The eclectic and historic décor is not to be missed. The Zoo has featured in several movies, including *American Heart*, starring Jeff Bridges. Its big framed movie poster of Bridges was donated by the ECC.



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When each issue comes out, many businesses keep extra copies. ECC thanks them as well as the following businesses that have also committed to keep a stack available for 3 months until the next issue comes out (please contact ECC if your business could be added to help in this way):

- Armistice Coffee Roaster (2201 Eastlake Ave. E.)
- East Howe Steps Apartments (1823 Eastlake Ave. E.)
- Eastlake Specialty Market (1540 Eastlake Ave. E.)
- Equinox Apartments (leasing ctr., 1524 Eastlake Ave. E.)
- Fred Hutch (Arnold Building dining hall, 1100 Fairview Ave. N.)
- G&H Printing (2370 Eastlake Ave. E.)
- Grand Central Baking Co. (1616 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.)
- Terry's Custom Auto Works (1601 Eastlake Ave. E.)
- 20 OZ Tea (1823 Eastlake Ave. E.)
- Voxx Coffee (2245 Eastlake Ave. E.)
- Vybe Hub (2226 Eastlake Ave. E.)
- Washington State Employees Credit Union (1500 Fairview Ave. E.)

How to contact the Mayor and Council

Here's how to contact the Mayor and Councilmembers. Please send a blind copy to the Eastlake Community Council at info@eastlakeseattle.org. It alerts ECC to your concerns so we can keep you informed and involved about follow-up.

Mayor Jenny Durkan; jenny.durkan@seattle.gov or by letter at 600 Fourth Avenue, 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.

All nine City Councilmembers can be reached at council@seattle.gov. However, it is always better to communicate with each City Councilmember individually. Individual e-mail addresses:

- sally.bagshaw@seattle.gov
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- kshama.sawant@seattle.gov



You can also reach the City Councilmembers by letter at 600 Fourth Avenue, P.O. Box 34025, Seattle, WA 98124-4025, or by fax at 206-684-8587. Each Councilmember also has a voicemail number listed at <http://seattle.gov/council> or by calling 206-684-8888.

The Eastlake Community Council is volunteer run, so dues and donations go a long way, and your involvement is welcome and needed.

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Please send this form with a check made out to ECC to: ECC, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle, WA 98102-3278

Or you may join and pay by credit or debit card or just volunteer at <http://eastlakeseattle.org>

For questions: info@eastlakeseattle.org or (206) 322-5463.

We invite you to check off one or more interests (need not be a member or donor to volunteer):

- Events and fundraising
- Help with web site, database, social media, or video
- Art walk or public art
- Parks and open spaces
- Traffic and parking issues
- Bus/transit service
- Review building proposals or legislation
- Crime prevention or emergency preparedness
- Neighborhood history or photography
- Door-to-door newsletter distribution

The Eastlake Community Council membership is open to all who live, work, or own property in Eastlake.