



# The Eastlake News

Summer 2019



## City Council Candidates Debate

by Steve Dunphy

The Seattle City Council race in District 4, which includes the Eastlake neighborhood, is one of the most crowded in the city with 10 candidates - only District 6, which stretches from Green Lake to Golden Gardens, has more with 14 in that race.

The District 4 race became heated after Councilmember Rob Johnson was the first City Council member to announce that he would not seek re-election. In late March, he said he would resign early to take a job with the new National Hockey League franchise in the city.

In late April, the City Council appointed Abel Pacheco, Jr., a University of Washington Evans School graduate and advocate for mathematics, engineering and science achievement, to fill Johnson's seat. Originally a potential eleventh candidate for the open seat, Pacheco will not be running.

A May 14 forum sponsored by the Eastlake Community Council brought nine of the 10 District 4 candidates together. One candidate, **Beth Mountsier**, had a family emergency that prevented her from arriving until just after the debate. She will be submitting written answers to a

questionnaire sent to all the candidates.

The nine candidates filled a long table as more than 50 Eastlake residents listened to them respond to a series of important neighborhood issues excellently framed by ECC board member Chris Leman during the two-hour forum at the Agora Conference Center.

The Eastlake area is like a small appendage on District 4. Most of District 4 is north of the Ship Canal and includes Wallingford, the University District, Laurelhurst, Ravenna, Roosevelt, Wedgwood, View Ridge and Sand Point.

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## Coming Events

**Public meeting with Seattle Police Dept. on crime and safety in Eastlake, -- Thurs., June 13** 6:30 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. See article, p. 23

**Clean-up after the fireworks and crowds -- Wed., July 5,** 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Meet at Louisa street-end park on Fairview Ave. E. for empty trash bags and to drop off full ones. See article, p. 20

**Eastlake free outdoor movie, "The Lion King" -- Sat., July 13** in Rogers Playground. Fun and picnics begin at 7:30 p.m., movie at 8:30. See p. 18

**Tour of the Recology recycling center in South Seattle -- Thurs., July 18,** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Need to register: <https://www.recology.com/recology-cleans-capes/seattle/tours/#/info>. See article and carpooling info, p. 19

**Seattle Night Out Tues., Aug. 6.** Free of the normal permits and insurance requirements, have a street party for fun and preparedness. See article, p. 23

**General election debate (City Council District 4 and other offices; ballot measures) -- Tues., Oct. 1** 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Agora Conference Center, 1551 Eastlake Avenue E. This is also the ECC annual meeting. See article, p. 18

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

Founded in 1971, the Eastlake Community Council is among the City's most active neighborhood associations. ECC's official purposes include to foster a sense of community among people who live and work in Eastlake, to preserve Eastlake's history and livability, and to promote public access to and enjoyment of Lake Union and its shoreline.

Among the ways to volunteer (and there are many, see the back page for suggestions) is to serve on ECC's board of directors. The board has the important trusteeship responsibility of managing ECC's affairs such as by organizing public events, commenting on a wide variety of government policies and programs, taking legal action, publishing the *Eastlake News*, raising and spending money, and so on.

ECC's board is elected by those who are members as of 15 days before the annual meeting (held on the first Tuesday in October). Under the bylaws (available on the web site), the board and officer candidates placed on the ballot are determined by the board

after considering recommendations from its nominating committee.

**ECC's nominating committee is now seeking volunteers to serve in board and officer positions.** Attendance at the monthly board meetings is critical, and in addition each member is encouraged to contribute time to a particular interest or skill area.

ECC's bylaws require that members, board members and officers reside, work, own property or do business in Eastlake, and that they be "persons whose background, experience, and interest indicate that they will support the purposes of the Council."

The Eastlake Community Council invites you to step forward to serve on the board of directors, and/or encourage someone else to do so. Please volunteer, suggest someone else, or pose any questions, to the ECC nominating committee at [info@eastlakeseattle.org](mailto:info@eastlakeseattle.org) or c/o Lake Union Mail PMB #1, 117 E. Louisa Street, Seattle, WA 98102. Background information is always welcome.

# 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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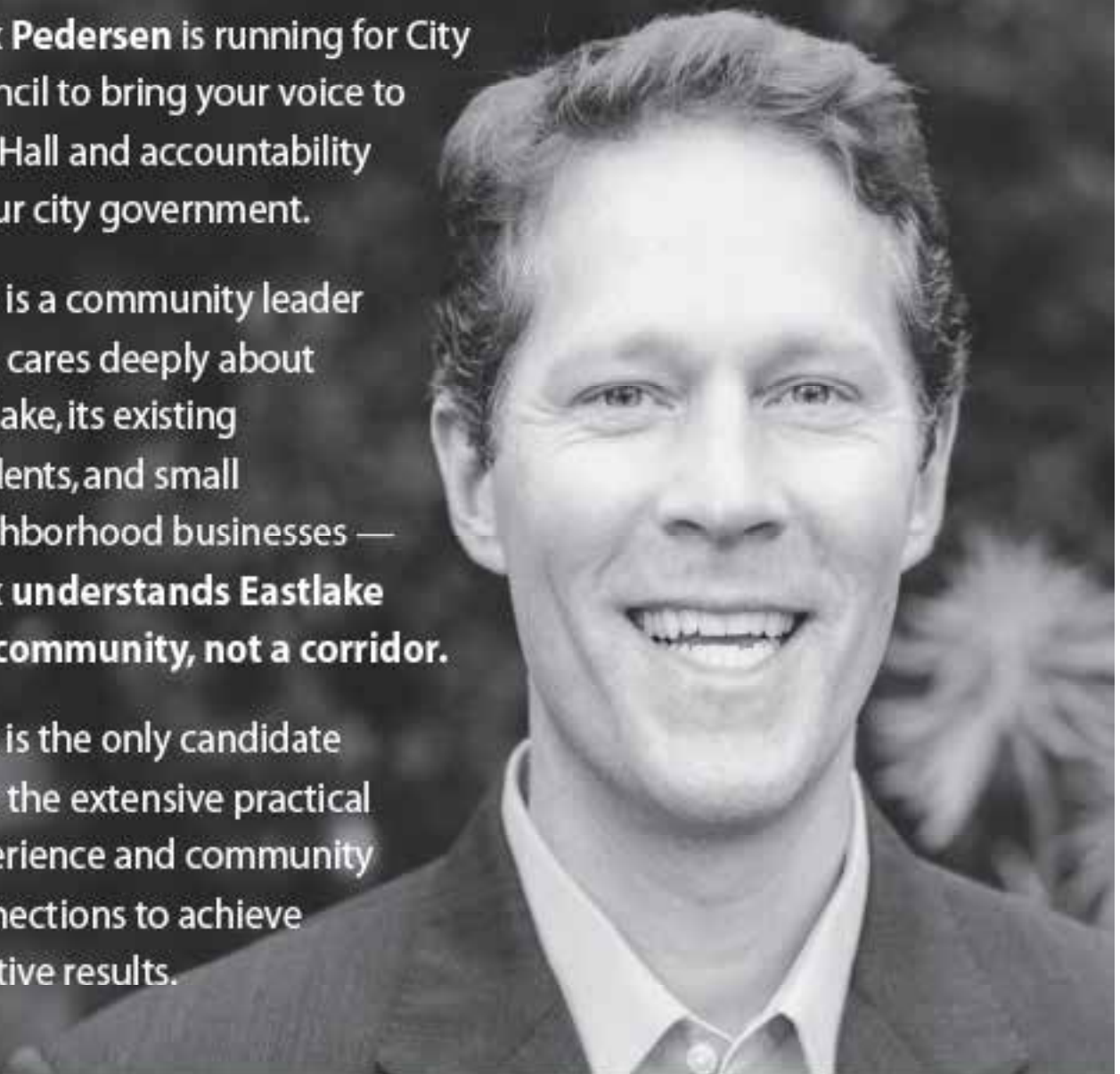
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# Roosevelt Rapid Ride Update

By Steve Dunphy

The Roosevelt RapidRide project remains a controversial issue in the Eastlake neighborhood.

At an open meeting in early April, more than 50 residents gathered at the TOPS/Seward School to meet with Seattle Department of Transportation officials who are leading the project. The new express bus line would likely replace the current Metro bus route #70 and as currently proposed would involve one-way bicycle lanes on each side of Eastlake Avenue, causing the removal of all on-street parking on Eastlake Avenue - about one fifth of the Eastlake neighborhood's on-street parking.

Most of the comments at the meeting revolved around the parking issue. Speakers said that eliminating parking on Eastlake would be detrimental to businesses, many of which depend on parking for their livelihood.

In a show of hands, a large majority of those at the meeting indicated that they oppose the project as it is now planned. About a half dozen indicated that they support the plan while three or four were neutral on the plan.

One speaker said that bike safety is important. If anything were done, he said, work should be concentrated at the two ends of Eastlake – at East Fuhrman Street and at East Garfield Street.

The Eastlake Community Council, at its April meeting, decided to offer draft letter templates about RapidRide from different points of view that could be of use to residents considering a letter to SDOT. A letter template that is opposed to the Roosevelt RapidRide project is available on the ECC web site (eastlakeseattle.org). A letter conditionally supportive of the project proposal is in preparation and will be posted there as soon as it is available.

The letter opposing the project reminds SDOT that the Eastlake neighborhood is one of the oldest in the city and

yet it is one of the most overlooked communities, often seen as a corridor rather than community.

“The Roosevelt RapidRide project is another example,” the letter states. “The neighborhood again is seen as a corridor not a community.” While the neighborhood acknowledges the efforts of SDOT to respond to the neighborhood - the April 3 meeting and the “parking workshop” that was held in January – officials at the April 3 meeting did not seem to have much new information.

The ECC has been involved with the project for a number of years and has called for a more extensive environmental review of the project. In a January 2018 letter, the council said:

“ECC supports a format for Eastlake Avenue that makes buses more frequent, reliable, and swift; makes bicycling safer with protected lanes; does not widen the roadway (preserves or expands sidewalks); and continues and expands the current planted medians and center turn lanes, allowing left turns to all side streets. We recognize that the combination of these steps is likely to sacrifice most or all of the on-street parking on Eastlake Avenue. But we cannot support the removal of this parking unless SDOT fully and fairly analyzes the impacts of the loss of this parking upon neighborhood residents and businesses, and unless the Mayor and City Council take steps to restore on-street and on-site parking elsewhere in Eastlake, thus helping to mitigate the expected loss of this parking on Eastlake Avenue that would result from the Roosevelt RapidRide proposals.”

Others in the neighborhood see the project as crippling to the many small businesses along Eastlake Avenue East and call for the project to be dropped. They also see the

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## Before and After at the corner of Eastlake and Boston Sketches by Karen Berry.



Before was Aloha Cleaners and adjacent parking.



After, the Waterton Apartments; Aloha Cleaners relocated to the new building's north end.

## City Council Debates cont. from pg. 1

The nine candidates at the Eastlake forum alphabetically were:

**Sasha Anderson, Roosevelt**, works in public service, currently directing a high school mentoring program. She said she is running “because I have a deep commitment to our city’s future, and want to bring your voice to our City Council.”

**Ethan Hunter, University District**, works as a line/prep cook at a South Lake Union restaurant. Identifying himself as the youngest candidate, he said “the city needs to look to the future, not the past,” and the council needs representation from someone his age who will be most affected by climate change.

**Frank Krueger, small business owner in the district for the past 15 years**, said the council could use the expertise of an engineer/businessman. He said he was an optimist who believes the city “can improve without giving up anything.”

**Emily Myers, University District**, a scientist doing research into Parkinson’s disease. She said she would bring evidence-based policy to the city and as a board member of a University of Washington union, she would fight for workers’ rights and progressive issues.

**Joshua Newman, Ravenna**, Boeing engineer, said he was drawn to run by a desire to serve and to put his expertise in data analysis and systems collaboration into something that really matters to all of us – our city.

**Alex Pedersen, University District**, small businessman and former City Council aide, said accountability, listening to constituents and transparency are what’s needed at the City Council and that Eastlake is a community not a corridor.

**Shaun Scott, Eastlake**, free-lance journalist and historian, said he wants to bring leadership to the council and make the city more inclusive. He also wants to address the needs of the city’s most vulnerable citizens.

**Heidi Stuber, Ravenna**, strategic director for small business, said City Hall is disconnected from its citizens. She said it needs new leadership and her advocacy, education and business expertise in organizational change can bring that new leadership to the city.

**Cathy Tuttle, Wallingford**, urbanist and former city employee in Parks and Planning Depts., said that if Ethan Hunter was the youngest candidate, she was the oldest. She wants to bring her years of experience in the city to make the hard decisions that are ahead.

One of the key questions in the Eastlake area is the impact of the Mandatory Housing Affordability ordinance and the resulting upzone of most of the property in Eastlake. Many of the candidates said they supported MHA, though Hunter said he thought in lieu developer fees were too low.

Scott, who is calling for a Green New Deal, said affordable housing should be constructed using LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards. He also said the classism and racism “cooked into the books” should be eliminated. “I don’t want Eastlake to

look like the rest of the city,” he said.

Pedersen said MHA was an example of the lack of accountability by the City Council, with council members asking for input on the proposal and then ignoring it. The last-minute rezone of Boylston Avenue East (heights were raised to more than 80 feet) was another example, he said. Stuber said the MHA process was imperfect and seemed to be more developer focused

When asked about the Roosevelt RapidRide proposal, again most of the candidates said they agreed with it. However Pedersen said the Seattle Department of Transportation did not “do its homework” on the project and more data should have been looked at, including parking and the value of the No. 70 Metro bus line. One of the impacts of the Rapid Ride project would be the elimination of parking on Eastlake Avenue East. Several said that the parking should be studied more – Tuttle said a study should be done to determine who is parking on Eastlake.

All the candidates were supportive of restoring the missing street connection on Fairview Avenue East, as well as the Fairview Green Street proposal. Other topics discussed included the homeless problem, police presence, bike safety and park improvements. When asked about current City Council processes (emails are erased after 45 days, for example) the candidates said government should be open, transparent and accountable. Stuber said the council needs new leadership, adding that she was “fed up with the narrow ideological agenda.”

With so many candidates, the format did not allow for very extensive answers. One minute was allowed for each candidate introduction, for each candidate response to a question and for each closing statement.

A follow-up debate will occur Tues., Oct. 1, along with ECC Board elections; see page 9.

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project as driven by federal dollars vs. community need.

They have also asked why the project is moving forward while light rail stations will soon be open within the projected bus line. And they feel the elimination of the Metro #70 bus would deprive the neighborhood of transit access to the University of Washington and U. District.



The local 70 bus would be replaced with RapidRide.



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## Donations needed for appealing upzones for neighborhoods

By Chris Leman

Despite a noble effort by Eastlake renters, homeowners, and landlords - and similar coalitions throughout Seattle - the City Council in March adopted the Mandatory Housing Affordability program (MHA). It imposes rezones and upzones to allow taller and bulkier new buildings on multi-family and commercial zoned properties in exchange for claimed improvements in affordable housing.

Except for the houseboats, there is no single-family zoning in Eastlake. Because all properties are zoned either multifamily or commercial, virtually all of Eastlake was thus upzoned in March. Every block will be affected, but of particular concern - the new 65-foot (six stories) height on Eastlake Avenue, 80-foot height for Boylston Avenue East and the failure to step down heights on Yale, Minor, and Fairview to respect the shoreline.

ECC is a founding member of the Seattle Coalition for Affordability, Livability, and Equity (SCALE) which in November 2017 appealed to the Seattle Hearing Examiner the environmental impact statement (EIS) upon which the City Council based its upzones. The EIS appears to violate the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) by missing how the resulting upscale development will displace low and middle income people, destroy trees and historic structures, cause traffic and parking problems, and overwhelm facilities and services.

In November 2018, the Hearing Examiner released a 38-page decision that criticized the City's EIS for failing to describe impacts on individual neighborhoods, including Eastlake, but ruled it as "adequate" under SEPA and the Seattle Municipal Code. The only exception was ordering the City to redo its historic analysis. It went so far as to hold that "economic displacement is not required to be analyzed in an EIS." Experienced attorneys regard this as a blatantly

incorrect interpretation of SEPA.

It was necessary to appeal at the city level in order to go on to the Washington State Growth Management Hearings Board, which hopefully will be more receptive. With ECC's support, SCALE has decided to appeal the case to this state board by the June 3 deadline.

Unlike at the City level, a state-level appeal can challenge Seattle's compliance with the Growth Management Act, not just with the State Environmental Policy Act. SCALE is hopeful that the state board will remand the EIS or the entire upzone ordinance back to the City planners to complete a true EIS that is transparent and includes neighborhood engagement for impacts and mitigations.

During the course of the City appeal, SCALE raised more than \$200,000 for attorneys and expert witnesses. The Eastlake Community Council contributed \$4,000, some of it from donations by people in Eastlake specifically for that purpose. Other Eastlakers donated \$2,835 directly to SCALE. The Eastlake Community Council and SCALE deeply appreciate these donations, without which the appeal to the Hearing Examiner could not have been undertaken.

In order to take this case to the Washington State Growth Management Hearings Board, donations are urgently needed. Checks made out to the Eastlake Community Council (note in memo line "MHA-EIS appeal") may be mailed to or dropped off at Lake Union Mail, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102-3278. On-line donations may be made at <http://eastlakeseattle.org/?page=member-donate>. To make donations directly to SCALE go to <http://www.scaleseattle.org/donate.html>. Thank you for anything you can give!

Links to the MHA issue are on the ECC web page [eastlakeseattle.org](http://eastlakeseattle.org) under HALA.

# Lake Union Dry Dock Turns 100!



By Steve Dunphy

As you walk along near the south end of Fairview Avenue East, you will probably see any number of unusual ships moored to a Lake Union long pier. One might be a research vessel for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Another could be a large commercial fishing boat. Or a Coast Guard vessel. Or a Washington State ferry. What do they all have in common?

They are being worked on at Lake Union Drydock Co. The marine-oriented business has been at the same location on Lake Union for 100 years, celebrating a history filled with classic yachts, military minesweepers or, in the most recent years, an eclectic array of ships in the drydock for repair or refurbishment.

“The focus of our shipyard is on high-quality

workmanship and value to the customer,” the company says. “Lake Union Drydock Company employs highly skilled tradesmen including welders, shipfitters, electricians, sheetmetal workers, pipefitters, painters, machinists, riggers and shipwrights that enable us to build or repair just about anything marine.”

Founders of the company were connected to the Jones Act, the most notable and important

federal legislation protecting the shipbuilding industry. It prevents foreign-built ships from carrying goods or passengers between two U.S. ports. The law was introduced by U. S. Senator Wesley B. Jones from Washington. He was the father of Harry Jones, who helped start the original company in 1919, and was one of the founders of the current company. Lake Union Drydock was the first substantial boatyard on the lake after the completion of the ship canal.

The drydock still has its family roots. The Stebbins and Jones families have been part of the company since the beginning. Hobie Stebbins is the current president, the third generation leader of the company. Though it specializes now in repair, it has a past that is fantastically varied.

In the 1920s and '30s, the company built many large luxury yachts up to 135 feet. Besides custom designs, they

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built two classes of yachts called Lake Union Dreamboats. The yachts were completely fit out for eight people. An advertisement in the 1920s showed you could buy the yacht for \$5,000. Annual repairs and maintenance were estimated at \$100 – “compare this with the cost of operating a small car,” the ad said.

The company did not always focus on building ships. The business in the 1940s was much more diversified – it sold and serviced Steelcraft and Western Fairliner boats, conducted a sail and power charter service, maintained a lively used boat brokerage, built and sold lawn sprinkler systems and was the first manufacturer of water skis in the U.S.

Also built during the 1920s was the steam-powered *W. T. Preston*, an Army Corps of Engineers snag boat. It was the last sternwheeler to work in Puget Sound and is now on the National Historic register and on display at the Anacortes Maritime Heritage Center.

Because of its capacity, LUDD did more large commercial and military work than the other boat builders on the lake. During Prohibition the company had it both ways, building speedboats used by bootleggers and 15 fast Coast Guard cutters used to chase them, according to an article about the company on HistoryLink.

In World War II the company produced 16 wooden mine-sweepers for the U.S. Navy at the Lake Union facility, employing as many as 1,000 workers. At war’s end the company returned to its bread-and-butter business, building and repairing large commercial and government vessels. In 2002 the company did major repairs and renovations to the *Virginia V*, the last operating steamer of Puget Sound’s Mosquito Fleet. In 2013 the company helped in the effort to restore Lightship No. 83, also known as *Swiftsure*, working to remove and replace the ship’s rotted wooden deck and deckhouses.

Lake Union Drydock has long set a high standard in

its neighborhood involvement, working closely with the Floating Homes Association and the Eastlake Community Council on a range of issues. It was a favorite stop in the Eastlake Homes, Business, and Boat Tour that ECC organized in 1991 as a fundraiser. And when ECC proposed a shoreline pathway where there was none near Lake Union Drydock’s operations, the company did not oppose the idea, but found a design it could live with, and lent equipment and labor to help build the pathway.

In its 100-year history, Lake Union Drydock has shifted between boatbuilding, boat repair, shipbuilding and ship repair, but the common denominator in all

its endeavors over the years has been quality craftsmanship. And for the Eastlake community, the company has a legacy as a good and thoughtful neighbor.

Chris Leman also contributed to this report.

Photo opposite page: tug boat owned by Lake Union Drydock. This page: two NOAA ships to be maintained at the drydock.



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KC McNeil is an Eastlake HUB volunteer and resident



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**Eastlake Coffee and Café** is located at 2245 Eastlake in the former **VOXX** space. In addition to coffee, they will be serving wine and beer and be open until 6 PM on Monday-Friday. Join them for happy hour from 3-6 PM.

The April 20 **Eastlake Egg Hunt and Fun Run** (see elsewhere in this issue for photos) was made possible by in-kind or cash donations from Heather Elton and Dave Clark, Fleet Feet, BNBuilders, G&H Printing, Gamut 360, Grand Central Bakery, the Mertel Family, and Northwest Administrators, Inc. ECC thanks all of these donors, along with a special thank you to **Christy Elton** for overall coordination.

The Eastlake Community Council thanks **Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.** for allowing use of its large and well-equipped Agora Conference Center for ECC's May 14 primary election forum, and for ECC's upcoming Oct. 1 general election forum. ... And thank you to **Blue Ribbon Cooking** (2501 Fairview Ave E, blueribboncooking.com) for donating refreshments for the April 27 Eastlake Tree Walk led by author Arthur Lee Jacobson; ECC pays Jacobson by the hour for this popular event. ... Another ECC event coming up is the July 13 **free movie under the stars**, "The Lion King." This event, too, wouldn't be possible without the generous support of local businesses.

Thank you to the **Eastlake Zoo Tavern** (2301 Eastlake Avenue E., <http://eastlakezoo.com>) for hosting ECC's May 1 spring celebration. ECC welcomes inquiries from other restaurants to host its upcoming celebrations. ECC purchases "small bites" for the public, the restaurant offers extended "happy hour" prices, and dining continues off the regular menu.

To submit news items, contact [info@eastlakeseattle.org](mailto:info@eastlakeseattle.org) or c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102, or (206) 322-5463.

Compiled by ECC newsletter writers.



# Protect native habitat by eradicating knotweed and other invasive plants

By Chris Leman

The songbirds, salmon, and other wildlife once common in Eastlake would be more numerous if there were more of the native ground cover, shrubs, and trees which they had evolved to depend on for food and shelter. But ongoing development is paving green spaces, and in those that remain, the native plants are being overcome by Himalayan blackberry, English ivy, Scotch broom, Chinese clematis, field bindweed (wild morning glory) and Japanese knotweed.

These invasive plants fill the soil with roots, and their thick foliage makes it all but impossible for native plants to survive. Vines in a single tree can weigh more than a ton, blocking sunlight, views, and habitat, and catching the wind to bring a tree down. Fortunately, vine control is possible simply by cutting the stems; please help by doing so on public lands. Private landowners are usually unaware of how vines are damaging their trees, and may be happy to give you permission to cut the stems.

Japanese knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*) is the worst, squeezing out all other shrubs and ground cover, and resisting normal control methods that can help it spread. Once deeply rooted, knotweed should not be dug up or pulled out by the roots, which will then resprout more strongly. Repeatedly cutting off the stems at ground level will eventually kill knotweed, but don't put the cuttings in with garden recycling or compost, as they will contaminate it with sprouts. A knotweed infestation can sometimes be eliminated by being covered with heavy black plastic. The most effective eradication is by injecting the stems with a mild herbicide.

Neglect by the King County Noxious Weed Board is worsening the problem, as reflected in this defeatist philosophy: "Knotweed is so widespread that it is only regulated in the upstream reaches of watersheds because control is difficult and funding is

limited. The issue is that if it became regulated on Lake Union, every property holder (public and private) would be financially responsible for dealing with it, which the county feels is an undue burden."

Regardless of whether required to do so, public and private landowners should aggressively control knotweed. Urgent action now can prevent a much larger problem later. Although most of Eastlake's knotweed is on public land managed by SDOT, the Parks Department, City Light, and the Washington State Department of Transportation,

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### Knotweed cont. from pg. 15



Knotweed is highly invasive and difficult to get rid of.

these agencies are doing almost nothing, allowing it to worsen on their own land and to spread to private land and by Lake Union throughout the shorelines. Japanese knotweed is beginning to appear on private land as well, where landowners should act quickly to avoid it becoming established.

For web links on controlling invasive plants

including Japanese knotweed, see the ECC web page on <http://eastlakeseattle.org/?page=invasives>. The Eastlake Community Council seeks volunteers to help in fighting this scourge. Please contact ECC at [info@eastlakeseattle.org](mailto:info@eastlakeseattle.org).



On May 17, two vessels at a boat service at 1609 Fairview Ave. E. caught fire. Above photo is of a burned vessel surrounded by firefighting foam and accompanied by the Seattle Fire Department's Chief Seattle fireboat. Below, boat service tenant Noel Povlsen is interviewed by TV news crews about what he had seen so far.





# East Howe Stairs and Plaza Update



By Judy Smith

The new East Howe Stairs opened in late March between Eastlake Ave. and Fairview Ave., completing the final link in a grand stairway from Lake Union to the top of Capitol Hill.

But that is not all. Still to come is a public plaza that will be at the base of the stairway on Fairview Ave. where a parking lot now exists in city right of way.

The stairway and a public-park space have been a combined community goal for over ten years. Many months of community-led design teams came up with a public plaza garden concept that includes seating and lighting. In 2016 the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods granted the project \$100,000.

But the plaza was contingent on the new stairway being completed, and that couldn't happen until the private development, Alexandria Life Science building, to the south was finished.

When it was, the developers, as part the city's street improvement permit requirement, installed the new stairs and landscaping.

Now that that the stairs are complete, the project team is negotiating with the city to use the grant to fund the plaza's final design and permit fees.

"At this point we expect that plaza design and permitting work will be completed by this fall with construction starting shortly after final approvals are in hand," wrote Ron Endlich, a neighborhood lead for the project, in an email.

The owners of the 1910 Fairview property to the north of the stairs have committed via a memorandum of understanding \$500,000 to fund plaza construction.

With any luck the plaza should be open late this year or early next. It will connect to the Cheshiahud Loop Trail and, as its design name, "Front Porch," suggests, promises to be a great place to hang out, also a front door entry to Eastlake.

For more information, check out the project's Facebook page at East Howe Steps or contact the steering community via [easthowesteps@gmail.com](mailto:easthowesteps@gmail.com).

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## At Oct. 1 ECC forum, quiz the two remaining candidates for City Council District 4

Two of the Seattle City Council's nine positions are at large (representing the whole city). The other seven positions represent different districts, and Eastlake is in District 4 which is now open and hotly contested.

On May 14 the Eastlake Community Council hosted a debate among the contenders; see accompanying article p. 1 about what they said. Nine candidates were present, shortening the time available to each, so ECC encouraged them to submit written responses beyond what they were able to say at the forum; see these responses at <http://eastlakeseattle.org/?page=candidacies>. The August 6 primary will cut the large field down to two candidates.

ECC's general election debate is Tues., Oct. 1, 6:30–9 p.m. at the Agora Conference Center, 1551 Eastlake Ave. E. The main event will face off the two remaining district 4 City Council candidates. The forum will also include a few other races, including possibly some ballot measures. Please send to ECC your suggested questions, to [info@eastlakeseattle.org](mailto:info@eastlakeseattle.org). On how to register to vote: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/how-to-vote/register-to-vote.aspx>.

## Outdoor movie in the park, Sat., July 13, is The Lion King

Watch the animated classic The Lion King free under the stars in Rogers Playground, 2500 Eastlake Ave., on Saturday, July 13. Fun and picnics begin at 7:30, movie at 8:35 p.m. Bring a blanket or low chair to sit on, and a jacket to keep warm.

The outdoor movie is free and happens just once a year, so don't miss it! Brought to you by the Eastlake Community Council with the generous sponsorship of local businesses.

The Lion King is a 1994 Disney animated musical. Its original songs are by composer Elton John and lyricist Tim Rice, with score by Hans Zimmer. The voice cast includes Matthew Broderick, James Earl Jones, Nathan Lane, Whoopi Goldberg, Cheech Marin, and many others. The story takes place in a kingdom of lions in Africa and was influenced by Shakespeare's Hamlet.

Simba (the Swahili word for lion) is to succeed his father, Mufasa, as King. But after his uncle Scar murders Mufasa, Simba is manipulated into thinking he was responsible and flees into exile. As he matures, Simba is counseled by his childhood friend, Nala, and his shaman, Rafiki. He returns to challenge Scar to end his tyranny and take his place in the Circle of Life as the rightful King.

See you at the movie in the park, on the lawn, under the stars!!

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## Recycling plant tour July 18

By Olga Robinson

We Eastlakers live in one of the most vibrant neighborhoods in one of the most environmentally conscious cities in the U.S. The City of Seattle and most of the businesses espoused a determined approach on environmental responsibility years ago -- today you can hardly imagine a company that doesn't care about sustainability and the environment. Plastic bags are largely banned from stores. Compostable containers and utensils have been introduced in restaurants and cafes.

Yet, with omnipresent recycling bins across the city, how much do we know about recycling and, more so, do we recycle what should be recycled in our daily lives? You can read about what to recycle in the leaflets sent every year by the city. But still we may scratch our head -- do I put this in trash, or will they recycle this plastic food container?



To be more responsible about nature and building a sustainable future for our children, we would like to invite you to learn more about recycling by joining an Eastlake neighbors educational tour of Recology, one of Seattle's main recycling facilities in South Seattle, on July 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you're interested send an email to [recycling.eastlake@gmail.com](mailto:recycling.eastlake@gmail.com) or call 206-667-6941. The location is hard to reach by bus or bike, so we are also looking at forming carpools. If you can share your car or need a ride, let us know. Hope to see you on July 18.

More information about Recology waste zero can be found at [www.recology.com](http://www.recology.com).

## Did you know?

For the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games to be held in Japan, the city of Tokyo aims to manufacture approximately 5,000 medals using recycled materials. Japan is involving its citizens in the collection of consumer electronics such as discarded mobile phones for the extraction of gold, silver, and bronze.

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## Fourth of July traffic, parking, and law enforcement—and July 5 clean-up

When this newsletter went to press, following is the best information the Eastlake Community Council had about traffic, parking, and law enforcement plans for Thurs., July 4, and our need for volunteers to help clean up the neighborhood on July 5. For the latest, attend the Thurs., June 13, public meeting with the Police Dept. (6:30 p.m. at TOPS-Seward, 2500 Franklin Ave. E.); or check the ECC web site, <http://eastlakeseattle.org>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**For guests who arrive after 7 p.m.** Police officers may honor an invitation or e-mail from you that your guests show at the checkpoint; however, the officers know that this paperwork is sometimes abused. To assure admittance

of your guests, you may need to visit at a checkpoint to show the officers your ID indicating an Eastlake address, and provide a list of guests whom you wish to be let through. This approach will be simpler if you instruct your guests all to enter at just one of the checkpoint streets.

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

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

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

**July 5 clean-up.** Between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., join other volunteers in cleaning up our streets and shores after the fireworks. Meet at Louisa street-end park (2401 Fairview Ave. E.) to pick up empty bags and drop off full ones. This is the shoreline park with the bouledrome, a block south of Roanoke Street.

Sign up (not required) will soon be available at <http://www.pugetsoundkeeper.org>, where you will also find info about cleanup efforts over water (some kayaks may be available to borrow). A free picnic lunch will be provided at Lake Union Park following the cleanup. Sponsored by the Eastlake Community Council, Puget SoundKeeper, and SeaFair.

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*Celebrating Spring*



Organizers of Eastlake's Annual Egg Hunt and Fun Run exhausted and exhilarated from this year's event pose for a photo above: Christy Elton Anders, pictured with her two sons Tyson Anders (standing) and Parker (seated) founded the annual Egg Hunt in 2013. The Fun Run was added in 2016. Christy's sister Heather Eaton (in sunglasses) and her husband David Clark coordinate the run. The family matriarch, Sherry Elton, helps as well and is holding this year's poster.

Top and right: other photos capturing the day.



## Meet Thurs., June 13, with Police Department about crime prevention and the 4th of July preparations – also “Night Out,” August 6

The Eastlake Community Council works to keep our neighborhood safe from crime and disasters. This year’s annual summer public meeting on Crime Prevention and 4th of July Preparations is Thursday, June 13, 6:30 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. (see also accompanying article about the 4th of July preparations and the July 5 cleanup, page 20).

And on Tuesday, August 6, block parties that register with the city are free of the need for a permit. It’s all part of national “Night Out” that helps neighbors meet each other. More of these events are being held than ever before and needn’t be in the street (could be in a yard or driveway). For more information and to register, see <http://www.seattle.gov/police/nightout/default.htm>. To connect with others in Eastlake who’ve organized one of these events in the past and could help you organize one contact: [info@eastlakeseattle.org](mailto:info@eastlakeseattle.org).

The ECC’s web site, [eastlakeseattle.org](http://eastlakeseattle.org), has many links on crime prevention.

## Fairview Ave. Bridge Closure Update

The schedule for replacement of the Fairview Avenue North bridge (adjacent to the historic steam plant building) is now set.

The bridge will close this fall.

Construction is planned to last about 19 months with the bridge reopening in spring 2021.

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- Fred Hutch (Arnold Building dining hall, 1100 Fairview Ave. N.)
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- 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.)
- Vybe Hub (2226 Eastlake Ave. E.)
- Washington State Employees Credit Union (1500 Fairview Ave. E.)

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

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