

The Eastlake News

Winter 2019-2020



The Borders of Eastlake: The south border is usually considered to be around the historic Lake Union Steam Plant building, seen here with its current updating construction project under way and the cranes for the Fairview bridge replacement in the background. Read more on the newsletter's border project pages 3 and 11.

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Eastlake Community Council President's Letter

Dear Eastlake,

As the 2019-2020 Eastlake Community Council board begins its term, we would like to confirm that we will continue the Eastlake tradition of building community. Eastlake has offered leadership on many issues over the years and we have a long list of projects for the future.

We thank all the board members who have served so well over the years and hope that they will remain active and engaged. A special thank you to last year's board members who stepped down after long service: Ann Prezyna served as ECC president for the last two years and as an at-large member for years before that; Lynn Poser served as treasurer for many years and had also been on the board for many years; Timmy Bendis served as secretary; and a special thank you to Chris Leman, who has served in many roles for decades, for his dedication to the issues affecting Eastlake.

The new and returning board volunteers (see board bios on pg. 12) have started work on updating the by-laws, creating a board job description and board norms, and creating new financial documents to clarify our financial activities. We also held a community social at Son of a Butcher.

The cover of this edition of the *Eastlake News* mirrors where we are – under major construction but looking forward to seeing results. You will continue to see changes during 2020. We are building a work plan for the next 12 months which identifies needed committees and task forces for everything from parks to transportation and land use, as well as public meetings and workshops. You will hear much more as our plans unfold.

A healthy community is one that has many participants working toward common goals. We want to involve more of you more often. There is a great deal of talent in Eastlake and we



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would like to utilize all of it. It is a great time to become an ECC member. Watch for member events on our website.

We are launching a new effort to increase donations. We received a challenge grant to seed our fundraising campaign, "Eastlake Future's Fund." See the back page for details. Our wonderful sketch artist, Karen Berry, developed logos for it. Board Secretary and Membership Coordinator, Joyce Lane, will be overseeing the campaign.

If you want to lead a committee on a topic you are passionate about, such as building our local business community, improving a local park, running an event – we are here for you. Contact us at info@eastlakeseattle.org.

Please consider becoming a member of the ECC and making a donation either on line or by using the form on the back page.

There are many ways to get involved and make your community connection stronger. You have already started when you visit your favorite coffee shop, walk or ride your bike along the lake front, greet new faces as well as those you recognize, give a friendly pat to one of the many dogs out for a walk, stop in the evening for dinner or a drink in a neighborhood restaurant – what could be better? These are the things that bring a sense of place and belonging to our daily lives.

The board and I are excited to be active in our community and we hope you will join us.

Detra Segar – President
Eastlake Community Council

About the cover

When Matt Maberry contacted the *Eastlake News* about doing some photography, I had an immediate assignment for him. Someone had recently alerted me to the fact that the ECC and the *Eastlake News* were about to turn 50 years old. (Actually, it's in 2021.) Looking back at the first issue of the *Eastlake News*, one of the first things talked about were the borders of Eastlake, and that was what I suggested to Matt. He ran with it. We both agreed that the southern border would be a good start because the historic steam plant is one of the oldest and most beautiful buildings in Eastlake and because there is so much activity there, which while not so enticing is emblematic of our times. Matt's story on his subject can be found on Page 11. More photos of the site and information about Matt's work can be found online at Lake Union Watershed. The next border topic is yet to be determined and with any luck won't be a construction zone. – Judy Smith

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Rapid Ride J Line open house draws large crowd

ECC Board votes to oppose project

by Steve Dunphy

More than 100 people turned out for a late October meeting at TOPS School to hear the latest from the Seattle Department of Transportation on the proposed Rapid Ride Roosevelt plan, now called the Rapid Ride J Line.

Attendance was much higher than SDOT staff expected – they ran out of sign-in sheets and comment cards. SDOT officials provided an update on the project and responded to questions from the audience. Several residents who attended the meeting expressed disappointment with the answers, indicating that SDOT had little new to add to the project other than the new name.

“It was a good night for those who support thriving urban neighborhood transportation in its many forms over an unneeded monopolistic commuter bus line used to justify arterial bike lanes,” one attendee said. Most of the attendees opposed the project.

However, the opposition was not unanimous. Another attendee commented that he “along with several others, want to see the Rapid Ride J implemented - including the removal of parking on Eastlake.” Another expressed support for the project, seeing it as improving transportation.

Garth Merrill, Director of the J Line project, said the new transit line is needed because:

- More people and more jobs are moving to Belltown, South Lake Union, Eastlake, University District, and Roosevelt, while the way people move through the City is changing.
- Existing bus service cannot support this growth. Improving transit travel time, reliability, and capacity increases transit ridership, which allows more people to travel to and within these neighborhoods.
- Transportation is a leading contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in Seattle, and reducing those emissions is a key goal as Seattle works to address climate change. Growing transit ridership and reducing single occupant driving are critical to meeting Seattle’s climate change goals.
- The safety of all users in the corridor is important. Between 2012 and 2017, there were 39 reported collisions involving people riding bicycles along Eastlake Avenue East, most of which resulted in injury.

But many in Eastlake see the Rapid Ride project as a threat to the community. Small businesses on Eastlake Avenue are concerned that removing parking on Eastlake will affect their ability to stay in business. Others do not feel that SDOT is listening or knows the community well enough to plan the project.

For example, loading zones on Eastlake Avenue will be moved to side streets. But one analysis of the proposed loading zones done by an Eastlake resident pointed out the most were on the hilly streets that go east and west from Eastlake, often at significant grades. Others would

be problematic for people with disabilities. SDOT said it would add many new ramps on street corners to assist those in wheelchairs or walkers.

In a related development, the Eastlake Community Council board voted in September to oppose the Rapid Ride project as presently configured. In a letter to Mayor Jenny Durkan, the Seattle City Council and the Federal Transit Authority, Detra Segar, board president, said the community is experiencing rapid growth and understands the need for improved transportation.

“If you lived in Eastlake or owned a business here, you would have questions about how the Rapid Ride J Line project was going to benefit the community or your business,” Segar said.

Segar said one issue is the sense that the department is not taking the community’s concerns seriously. “There were no noticeable changes to the plan that was presented to the neighborhood at other public meetings,” Segar said in the letter. “We were told to trust that our concerns would be addressed as much as possible. Considering our past experience, would this reassure you if you lived in Eastlake?”

“We shared our concerns in detail in past communications with the Seattle Department of Transportation. We would gladly send them again if requested. We know our neighborhood will not be exactly as it was 10 years ago. We are simply asking for more partnership with the City to make this major change in our neighborhood produce the best result for all of us.

“The ECC board took a majority vote at its September meeting to formally oppose the project as it is currently configured. We did not come to this decision easily. We would appreciate the opportunity to work with the other stakeholders and reach a better outcome for our neighbors.

“Mr. Merrill and his SDOT team are the traffic experts, we are the people who live here. It is vital that we work with the traffic experts to get the best possible system for all concerned. We respectfully request that you assign a SDOT representative to discuss critical design issues in working sessions with the ECC board,” Segar said.

At the TOPS meeting, Merrill did have one piece of good news: Eastlake Avenue will have a full repaving regardless of the J Line. He said the department is looking at whether the repaving project could begin in advance of the transit plan.

The project is expected to be completed and begin in 2024.

Correction: In the last issue of the Eastlake News, in an article about dogs, the authors said, “It’s why dogs are not allowed in most if not all of the land in parks like Rogers Playground and Fairview Park.”

An astute reader noted dogs on leash are allowed at Fairview Park.

We regret not catching that error.

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 Sorntag 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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Beavers: A small terror for our parks, but terrific for our shores

by Judy Smith

As we were walking along Fairview Avenue in early November, a woman at the Louisa street-end park called out to me and Tom. She was juggling rolls of something and my immediate thought was solicitation (it was election time) or maybe some sign-up petition for the park?

It was neither. The rolls were wire fencing. She needed help getting them open (the fencing was wrapped by a wire that was proving difficult to get off) and around a bouquet of vine maple trees on the edge of the boules playfield that were at risk of being attacked by beavers.

She pointed out to us two sites of trees just across the path that had already been chomped down. They worked fast, in the middle of the night, she said. (“How did they work?” Tom later asked me. *Like beavers!*)

Dana Baran had noticed the damaged trees a couple of days ago. The day we met her, she told us, one tree was down from the stand she was now trying to save. “The tree was laying across the path. It got stuck, and the beavers left it.”

Dana hauled it down to the lake for them, tossing it near the shore. That’s when she decided to run over to Home Depot and get a barrier – bringing it straight to the park.

Finally, with some prying by a key, the wire came undone. Dana and Tom wrapped the stand of trees, but the fencing was a bit short. Fortunately, Dana had bought another roll. By this time her hand was bleeding. I offered her a Kleenex.

“Do you take care of this park?” I asked at one point. She said, no, she just felt moved to do something; waiting for the city would be too late.

“They’re such pretty trees,” she said. “It’d be a shame to lose them.”

When we were done, we thanked her. She thanked us. We thanked her again.

As we were walking away though, she caught up with



us. But you know, she said, the trees are the beavers’ food source too. So maybe you could let people know if they have any Aspen branches (one of their favorite trees or any other deciduous tree branches), they could bring them to the shore for the beavers. Better yet, we should be improving the shoreline, she added. That should be the point of anything you write – the need to improve the shoreline to have a healthy enough ecosystem to support the beavers (so they won’t raid our parks).

So that is the point.

According to the South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group (spsseg.org), “Beavers can play a critical role in expansion of riparian areas, enhancing groundwater recharge, and providing habitat for insects, amphibians, fish and birds.”

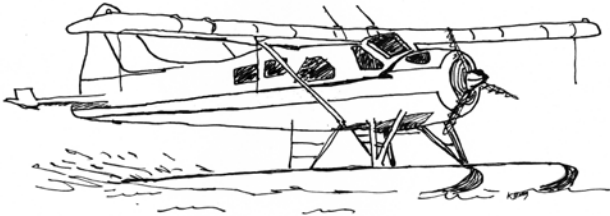
Beavers are a keystone species, meaning other species, such as salmon, rely on their presence for survival.

Most of the information on beavers and humans sharing space recommends people try to find a way to live with this most beneficial and busy critter.

If you’re interested in shoreline restoration contact the ECC, at info@eastlakeseattle.org. We’re looking for leaders and volunteers to take on this critical environmental work.

Photos: Top: Dana Baran with the stand of trees she protected with wire fencing; note the damage lower right where one tree had already been felled by beavers. Left: Tom unwraps the second roll of fencing needed to complete the job. Below the two stands of trees across the path that the beavers got to.





Seaplane issue takes off again

by Steve Dunphy

Seaplane flights on Lake Union, an issue that has been discussed for decades, is on the table again, after Kenmore Air sent a letter to the City apparently asking for a demarcated landing zone for seaplanes that would be policed by the Harbor Patrol.

The tone of the letter immediately raised concerns by communities around the lake affected by seaplane flights, including the Floating Homes Association and the Eastlake Community Council.

In an article in the Seattle Times, however, Kenmore said that the letter has been mischaracterized. Kenmore said it simply wants help with the growing fleet of paddle boarders and other recreational users who create a major safety hazard for seaplane pilots especially on summer weekends. In addition to Kenmore, Vancouver, B.C.-based Harbour Air also operates commercial flights, and Seattle Seaplanes offers scenic flights, charter and flight training.

The Seaplane Environmental Coalition has been reactivated. In 1989, the coalition, made up of seaplane companies, neighborhood groups, City officials and others, reached an agreement to change seaplane operations. For example, the agreement sets take off times – not before 8 a.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. on weekends.

The issue was discussed at the November board meeting of the ECC. While the council decided to seek more information about the issue, there was general agreement to support an inclusive public process such as the efforts of the Floating Homes Association and the SEC.

The FHA has said that it has no interest in eliminating seaplanes. However, the FHA sees it as a health and safety issue and wants to limit the expansion and dominance of seaplanes on Lake Union so that everyone can safely use the lake.

Among the issues to be discussed by the SEC are capping the number of flights per day, requiring quieter aircraft within 10 years, eliminating Beaver aircraft and not designating a runway down the middle of the lake.

For more background and more information, see “Seaplane issues” on our website at eastlakeseattle.org.

Election News

by Steve Dunphy

Change is on the horizon for Eastlake following the November election that saw Alex Pedersen winning the City Council District 4 seat and the longest serving member of the King County Council going down to defeat.

Pedersen, 50, a Ravenna resident, defeated Shaun Scott, 34, a Roosevelt resident, by about 1,400 votes. Like many of the City Council races, late voting especially by younger voters made the race much closer than it appeared on election night, when Pedersen held a nearly 10 percentage-point margin.

Pedersen is seen by many as a plus for the Eastlake neighborhood, often attending many of the neighborhood meetings on such contentious issues as the Rapid Ride Roosevelt project.

“I’m honored and humbled to be elected to represent Seattle’s District 4 - with its 100,000 residents and unique neighborhood business districts, including Eastlake Avenue,” Pedersen said in a statement to the Eastlake News. “Through our City Charter, the people adopted this district representation ‘to ensure members of the city council are closer to the people they represent and to enable voters to better know their Councilmembers,’ I knocked on the doors of every block - and every dock - of Eastlake and I heard loud and clear that Eastlake is a community, not a corridor. That’s why government transportation planners need to listen carefully to the knowledge and concerns of residents and small businesses. Yes, to more mass transit and buses - in a way that prevents disruption and displacement of customers, workers, and neighborhood businesses. I look forward to being a partner and advocate for Eastlake over the next four years.”

District 4 Councilmember Rob Johnson resigned in

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Opinion: Stop to Smell the Pages

Eastlake's Little Free Libraries act as Beacons of Hope in Tremulous Times



by A.V. Eichenbaum

You've seen them around, I'm sure. Little colorful boxes on sticks, crammed full of books and charm. There are quite a few in and around Eastlake. The Little Free Libraries in this neighborhood hide in plain sight, waiting for the curious bookworm or passerby to open their doors and peek inside.

There's no big secret, scandal, or controversy surrounding these minuscule fonts of fiction. They just are.

Let's take a moment to recognize that, in this flowering, changing community, there are just a bunch of books lying around that we wanted to share with one another. Personally, I think that's beautiful. It's a sign that the sense of community some say is slowly slipping from Seattle is still there, sitting quietly with a yellowing paperback in hand.

There's an almost inspiring simplicity to it: Walk up on a gray afternoon, grab a book that looks interesting, then cozy

up back at your apartment or at the nearest coffee shop. That's all it has to be. If you've got a book to share, leave it there. There are about six within a half mile radius of each other, so if it's jammed full, that's really no trouble. Just walk a few blocks to the next one.

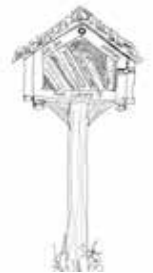
Or, better yet, if you've got a lot of books you wish to donate, there are a few of us who take the overflow and walk them around for you. Go to Lake Union Mail and ask for Ike. I'll take them off your hands and spread them around, no problem. I do it at least once a week anyway. It's a quiet way to give back to my neighbors, but we all do what we can, right?

With winter weather looking to settle in, we all need something to look forward to. Those Little Free Libraries can be a source of communal warmth if we let them. The bookworm, though reclusive, is not confined to being solitary. A smile and a quick discussion about what they've been reading is almost always welcome, and being kind to someone can shake the ice right off that frozen heart of yours, too. The days might be frigid, but around the Libraries, you don't have to be.

Life is incredibly complicated. Life in the city, more so. We get so caught up in the politics and problems of the world around us we forget to stop and breathe every now and then. The Little Free Libraries should be looked upon not merely as a place to leave unwanted tomes, but also as a reminder to slow down and appreciate the little things that make life bearable. They should be utilized frequently, with respect to other readers. And they should be celebrated for being one of the quirks that make Eastlake feel so friendly.

Accept that change is inevitable, but know that there are still things here to be proud of. If we focus on those things – the good, simple things – I believe it will strengthen the foundation of our community

more than shared anger at city planners and real estate





developers, more than vapid internet arguments, and certainly more than bemoaning the loss of businesses from decades past. The Little Free Libraries are here to stay, and they're here to let us know there's still kindness in Seattle. That goes a long way for me.



Makes me smile every day, as a matter of fact. And I hope now, when you see one of those funny little boxes stacked full with bad mystery novels and old physics textbooks, it'll make you smile, too.

Election News cont. from page 7

March and was replaced by temporary councilmember Abel Pacheco. As a result, Pedersen takes over on Nov. 26 when the results of the general election are certified.

In the King Council Council race, newcomer Girmay Zahilay easily defeated long-time Councilmember Larry Gossett. Zahilay picked up nearly 60 percent of the vote.

Fairy Garden



When she was four years old, Halia started a fairy garden in an old wheelbarrow in the front yard of her grandparents, Craig and Pat MacGowan, to bring joy to them and to those passing by. There are tiny living plants and a rustic cottage for the fairies. For the last four years, Halia has adapted the magical scene to fit various seasons or holidays; this photo is of the Halloween 2019 version. The address is 2916 Fairview Ave. E.

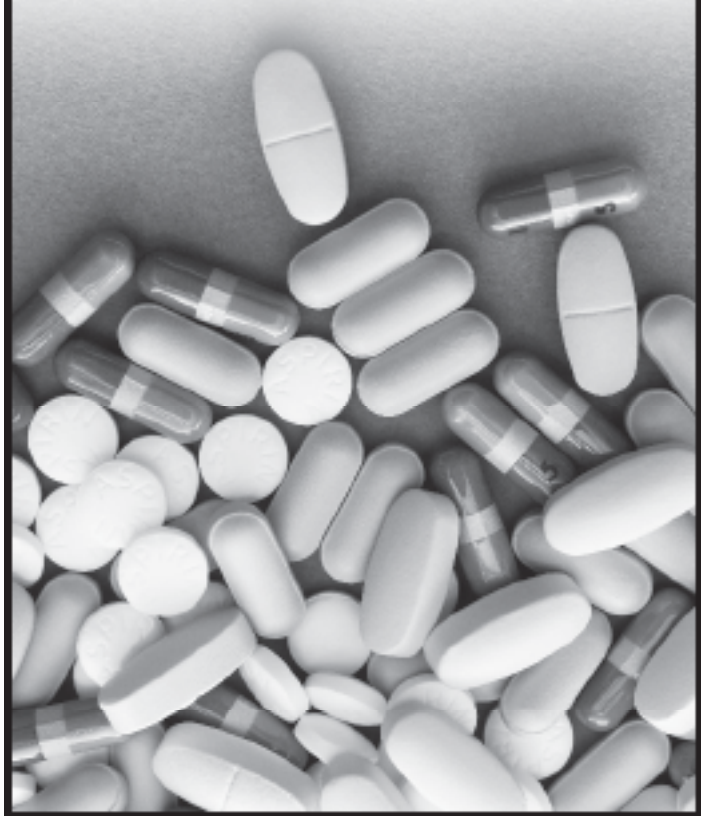
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Reader Essay:

Glad to be here

By Eugene Callahan

While on my morning commute to Dunn Lumber along Franklin Avenue, passing through a tunnel of maples displaying a gallery of autumn colors, I began to reflect on the past year and the story of how I came to the Eastlake neighborhood. There were a few times I felt lucky and maybe that fate had intervened but taken as a whole it was the people and relationships that are responsible for my being here.

I feel warmth and am comforted by acknowledging that it wasn't just luck but for those people I feel thankful and glad to be here. It was only a year and a half ago that my wife (then girlfriend) asked me: "What do you think about moving to Washington and living on a boat while I go to physical therapy school?" Taken completely off guard, I remember saying something like, "Hmm, that's interesting. Maybe we can talk more about this."

We were living in an apartment together in northern California in the town where I grew up and in which we both graduated from college. The small college town was going through a lot of changes because of the growing marijuana culture and, not being involved in the weed culture, we both felt more isolated than ever. So with Hattie's newly inspired interest in physical therapy the time was right to move.

After a couple of months of purging old rocking chairs, antique trunks and a collection of Victorian revival end tables, we packed up the remainder of our stuff in my '97 Rav4 and Hattie's old '93 Subaru Legacy and made our way north. The first stop on our Washington adventure was Harstine Island. Hattie's parents live on a 1930s steel haul "twin diesel" retired research vessel in Jarrel's Cove Marina and offered us a pullout couch in the boat's salon.

Don and Debora later found us an Owens powerboat for rent that was moored next to them on their dock. We lived in the boat a couple of days before I discovered Washington gets rainy weather in June. It rained the whole month of June. There was a port window right in the middle of the berth that leaked, so over the next couple of weeks I set about finding ways to stop the dripping over our sleeping quarters. Between weather proofing the Owens and helping Don on their boat, the Redoubt, we started to look for Seattle jobs and a place to live.

The universe has a funny sense of humor, but I believe

if you give it your attention that it gives you a wink back. When Hattie found her first Seattle job at Shilshole Marina, I felt that our appreciation of Washington's nautical culture had paid off and that the universe was giving us that wink. The sailing club was full of happy people who loved their jobs and were happy to come to work and was just perfect for Hattie, who had reception experience from working in the non-profit field and, not to mention, is pretty nice and happy herself. It was the next step in our Washington nautical adventure. The only problem was the two-and-a-half-hour commute to Ballard made for 15-hour days. The decision to move to Seattle had come to a head.

Our first home in Seattle was in the back of Don and Debora's F250 truck in the Shilshole marina parking lot. I was first apprehensive about living in the parking lot until I noticed the exact same model Ford with the exact same style camper shell, if not the same one, parked next door to us. Although we were technically homeless, Hattie was so happy to be living close to her work and I was just happy to have a place to sleep on a mattress that I could stretch out on and that it didn't leak.

Being thankful for the things in your life has to start with the people that made those things possible. If it were not for my sister Meghan's best friend from college's husband Tao, we would not have found such a wonderful neighborhood in Eastlake. Tao knew that his dad, Philip, had been working for a UW painting manager who also managed an apartment complex on Boylston Avenue in Eastlake. On a lark, Tao reached out to Walt with our information. We met with Walt and Joyce and were instantly won over by their warm welcome and the charm of the Eastlake 1960s era apartment. We have spent the last year enjoying such things as walking to local bakeries and coffee shops, discovering wonderful restaurants, enjoying live symphony concerts in Discovery Park and swimming, sailing and paddle boarding on Lake Union.

More than anything, I'm so glad for the people here - Walt and Joyce, my friends and property managers; Arthur Garage, neighbor and education advocate brother in arms; for the Lake Union Rotary Club, who welcomed me with open arms, and for all the local businesses that provide us with everything we need without more than a five-minute walk. We have felt like we have settled into the community here in Eastlake and are so thankful for this community. We are so glad to be here.



The Borders of Eastlake

by Matt Maberry

The neighborhood of Eastlake, nestled between the eastern shore of Lake Union and the I-5 corridor, also has distinctive northern and southern borders. These demarcations are adorned by the landmarks of the University Bridge, and the Lake Union Steam Plant, respectively. The latter is situated in the crook of Fairview Avenue East and Eastlake Avenue East, both of which are current sites of construction.

The story of the site on the southern end of Eastlake actually begins with the Cedar River Falls hydroelectric facility, which provided electrical power to Seattle's homes starting in 1905. As power demand increased, additions to the Cedar River facility were planned, eventually culminating in a design to dam the river. The steam plant on Lake Union was first proposed as an ancillary source, creating electricity by means of coal-fed steam-driven generators. Due to construction lag time however, the adjacent hydro facility, which fed off the Volunteer Park reservoir, was constructed and began operation in 1912. The steam plant itself was finished in 1917. Additions were made in subsequent years until the current arrangement was realized in 1921. The iconic smokestacks carried away the byproduct of the coal firing.

The plant was decommissioned as a power supplier in 1984. Since 1990 it was home to ZymoGenetics until Fred Hutchinson leased the space in June 2018.

The building complex is currently flanked by roadwork on either side. Neither project is associated with preparations for the new lessor, however. When the steam plant was finished, Fairview Avenue did not yet exist. It was constructed later atop pilings. These pilings are now being removed and replaced, among other efforts to upgrade the roadway and meet current safety regulations. The road was closed on September 23, 2019. The project is slated to last for 18 months. A detour currently reroutes traffic along Eastlake Avenue East; however, the detour itself is stymied by various projects in that stretch, principally development of a building at 1165 Eastlake Ave. E.

The hydro plant and the steam plant received landmark status in 1987. The presence of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center will usher in a new chapter of rich history for the site, as will the upgrades to Fairview Ave. and removal of the last major timber-supported bridge-roadway in the city.

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President: Detra Segar (Minor Ave. E.) has been an at-large member of the ECC board for two years and has volunteered as the advertising coordinator for the Eastlake News for four years. As president she is most interested in getting more community involvement in the ECC. She is a homeowner and has lived in Eastlake for 10 years. She retired after a long career as an executive in retail and has served on the board

of PONCHO (Patrons of Northwest Civic, Cultural and Charitable Organizations) and takes an active interest in urban development in Seattle. She was active in retail merchant groups in Seattle, Chicago, Dallas and Manhattan.

Vice President: Margaret Sanders (Fairview Ave. E.) served as an ECC board member beginning in 2018. She too is most interested in getting more community involvement in the ECC. She has lived in Eastlake since 2017 and currently is Captain of the Eastlake Emergency Communications Hub.



She has broad experience in the not-for-profit sector, including service on boards and as a trainer for boards. Her last position was Senior Program Manager at the Philanthropy & Nonprofit Leadership Center, Rollins College. She has served on her neighborhood association board, a planning and zoning commission and chaired the district advisory committee for a large school district.



Secretary: Joyce Lane (Boylston Ave. E.) Besides record keeping for the ECC, Joyce has taken on the huge task of coordinating the ECC membership (you may have heard from her) and updating our database. She has lived in Eastlake since 1978 and helps manage two Eastlake

apartment buildings. She worked in the nonprofit sector for 35 years before retiring in 2016. During a previous stint as an ECC board member, she helped create the tree inventory forms still available on the ECC web site for volunteers who wish to help in a survey of Eastlake's trees. Later as contractor, she did the measurements and drawings to produce forms for each block in the neighborhood that volunteers use in parking surveys. She has long volunteered in distributing Eastlake News to her block.

Treasurer: Ben Wildman (Franklin Ave. E.) is establishing new policies and procedures for tracking ECC funding. He was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, and has lived in Seattle since 1978 and in Eastlake since 2012. Trained as a chemical engineer, he retired in 2016 after a career in government and as a consultant. He and his wife own, live in and manage a small apartment building. Other family members include two adult step-sons, an adult daughter, adult son, four grandchildren and a dog. He has led ECC work parties to help maintain the I-5 Colonnade Open Space.



At-large board positions:

Isaiah Berg (Yale Ave. E.) grew up in Seattle and has lived in Eastlake with his daughter for the last 5 years. He will be establishing a TBD web presence for the ECC.



He is an Army veteran and is passionate about housing affordability. Isaiah would like to help Eastlake address challenges from increased density and development more effectively, while retaining neighborhood identity for both renters and homeowners. Isaiah has an MPA from the

University of Washington and commutes to Olympia, where he works as a Performance Auditor at the Washington State Auditor's Office.



Steve Dunphy (Franklin Ave. E.) has lived in the Eastlake community for more than 50 years, both on a houseboat and on land. He has served on the Eastlake Community Council board since 2016 and is involved in many Eastlake projects and a regular contributor and advisor to the Eastlake

News. He worked at the Seattle Times for 37 years, retiring in 2004. After the Times, he led communications for the Cascade Land Conservancy (now Forterra) for five years. In June he was elected board president of the Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra. Steve is married with two grown children and frequently can be seen pedaling his bike on Eastlake Avenue.

Allison Peryea (E. Lynn St.) has been an Eastlake resident for nine years. Among other ECC projects, she oversees the ECC Facebook page.

She is attorney/co-owner at Leahy McLean Fjelstad, a law firm that specializes in the needs of homeowner and condominium associations. Allison is or has been a columnist, editor or writer for many legal periodicals, and also served as a legal intern with the Seattle Times in covering state government. She currently serves on a social committee at the Washington Athletic Club and on the communications committee for the Washington State Community Association Institute, which produces WSCAI's trade magazine.



Judy Smith (Boylston Ave. E.) has been editor/producer of the *Eastlake News* since 2010. She has lived in Eastlake for over 20 years. Recently retired, she joins the board now to gain a better pulse of what's happening in the neighborhood. She loves doing the newsletter and being part of the

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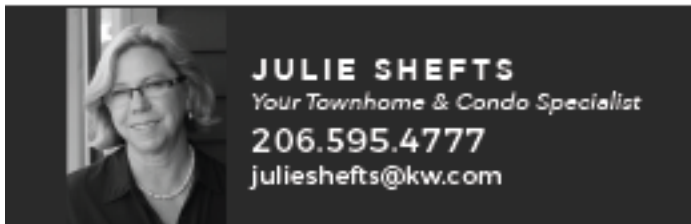
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Mort's Cabin, Darold Andersen, and the cedar bench

by Chris Leman

The February/March 2003 issue of the *Eastlake News* welcomed to the neighborhood Mort's Cabin, "the workshop and showroom for artist, craftsman, and collector Darold Andersen. Andersen named the shop in memory of his father, who introduced him to nature and to rustic furnishings at their cabin on the Nisqually River and skiing at Paradise on Mt. Rainier. In the style of the great park lodges, Andersen makes lampshades of parchment, deerhide, willow, leaf material, antlers, and vintage fabric."

So many years later, Darold Andersen is not making as many lampshades, but since a 2007 move to much expanded quarters at 2241 Eastlake Ave. E., Mort's Cabin overflows with pre-owned and newly crafted pieces inspired by childhood cabin memories, the rustic aesthetic of National Park lodges, and the natural beauty of the woods.

As he writes, "Mort's Cabin has merchandise you can't find at the local malls nor would expect in a modern city. It's a step into the past. Flour sack towels, beeswax candles, handmade Pendleton fabric pillows, natural shed antlers, vintage lighting, Daniel Boone hats, are but a few of the items to be found." About items for sale, see Instagram (morts cabin), which also has many photos and comments. Additional photos are also on the web site at <http://mortscabin>.

In late 2018, Darold gifted to the neighborhood a cedar bench that sits in front of Mort's Cabin right by the Metro bus stop. The bench was crafted by Tomas Vrb, an award-winning artist from Slovakia whose studio is in Bellingham. Darold encourages passersby to carve their

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EASTLAKE READY:

Water Rules the World

By KC McNeil, HUB Volunteer

Editor's Note: KC McNeil knows a few things about how water flows. His working career spanned 35 years in the manufacture and distribution of pipe products for municipal water works covering North America's biggest cities, small towns, and even the White House.

He knows it likely won't be flowing after a major earthquake.

"The water pipes in any given city are constantly under extreme internal and external pressure that causes normal wear and breakage," he says. "The seasonal temperature changes alone cause tens of thousands of broken pipes every year. After a devastating earthquake, it's hard to predict how long the city of Seattle might remain a good source of clean water given all the possible failures in our water and sewer infrastructure."

"The Water Department must work backwards from your immediate needs," he adds. "They have to concentrate on the larger 48" distribution pipes before they can assure your 3/4" house water supply pipe will work correctly. They also must purge these pipes with clean water and or safe chemicals before they are put back in service. Oh, did I add that most cities can't inventory the amount of parts necessary for such an event? Any existing inventories will quickly be called on for repairs."

The good news is: "The Seattle area is blessed with a long history of manufacturing pipe fittings and pipe repair products. For example, the company I worked for can make a wide range of pipe fittings from 1/2 inch up to 13 foot in diameter! The chances are good that companies will be quick to supply the needed parts, that is if their manufacturing processes didn't suffer much from the same earthquake."

He wrote the following article with the hope that people will become better prepared for any kind of water emergency, especially for after an earthquake:

What are your backup plans if your water is turned off or contaminated? Do you have 14 days of food and water? One gallon of water a day per person is the general guideline for a minimum level of disaster preparedness. That gallon is intended to be used to cover all your nutritional, hydration, and sanitary needs. In addition, you might wish to have more due to extreme temperatures, illness, or first aid requirements.

You should have a combination of various water containers, unscented liquid bleach, means to boil water, and water filtering devices on hand.

There are plenty of online resources to tell you how to purify water, I won't get into them here. If the internet is down, this information will be available at Eastlake's neighborhood HUB at Rogers Playfield.

Thinking ahead to store and treat water is one of the easiest steps towards disaster preparation you can make.

Here is a 3-step plan:

1.) Your home should have plenty of stored water at all times. Get in the habit of purchasing a gallon of water when you go food shopping until you have an ample supply.

Better yet, larger storage containers may be a more practical way to store water. These are relatively inexpensive, food grade containers. I prefer the blue 5-gallon ones that are designed to be stacked on top of each other. Large 55-gallon containers are good if you don't have to move them. A simple hand pump for them is the easiest access method.

You can store these containers inside or outside. The only concern about storing outside might be keeping the water from freezing for a couple of days each year. A little insulation goes a long way if the containers are stored against your house or garage.

I empty, clean, and replace my water every summer, draining the old water into our garden.

Your car should always have at least a couple of good full water bottles. Wide mouthed water containers, found at outdoor stores, are long lasting, seal well, and sized to fit in tight places. Why keep stored water in your car? If you happen to be driving during an earthquake, you will most likely find yourself walking home. That's also why you need to have a smaller disaster preparedness kit at work as well.

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initials on the bench, often commemorated with a photo on Instagram (eastlakecabinbench. See also Twitter, [#eastlakecabinbench](#))

The bench is a symbol of the affection Darold has for a community he calls family. As he writes: "The greatest joy for me are the stories the initials tell. ... The bench has become a beacon of acceptance, love, moments of pure joy, healing. Yes, it has truly taken on a life of its own ... Please cherish and protect it. Thank you." And the Eastlake Community Council thanks Darold Andersen for his unique business and everything he does to maintain and build community here.

Photos: top left, cedar bench; right, Darold Anderson on the bench he donated to the neighborhood.





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2.) Plan to isolate your hot water tank. You can use your hot water tank as a backup water source, but that only works if you have turned off the incoming valve to the tank before it's contaminated with unsafe water.

After a major quake turn off the home water supply to isolate the water in the house from potentially contaminated city water. You can always turn the water back on once you know the city water is safe. Gather water from the faucet in your upper floor bathroom to allow water to flow from lower level faucets. Use that clean water before resorting to using your hot water tank.

It's best to have your hot water tank serviced on an annual basis. This will remove any dirty sludge and help heat water more efficiently as well as prolong the tank's life. Take the time to watch and learn how the technician drains the tank. You may be surprised how much junk comes out. Ask the technician to show you how to turn off the water and power or gas line to the tank. I would write down the process and keep it taped to the side of your hot water tank along with a few tools like screw drivers, small crescent wrench, and vise grip.

You may also want to buy a short hose at a hardware supply store to keep next to your tank for easy water access.

3.) Treat any questionable water by either filtering or adding chemicals. Filtering water has come a long way over the years. The older hand pump types can easily filter

Please join Eastlakers in donating to the University District Food Bank

The Eastlake Community Council is again sponsoring a holiday drive for the University District Food Bank. Collection barrels will be available until Dec. 18 at Grand Central Baking Co. (1616 Eastlake Ave. E.), Lake Union Mail (117 E. Louisa St.), Pete's Super (58 E. Lynn St.), Sebi's Bistro (3242 Eastlake Ave.), and the Washington State Employees Credit Union (1500 Fairview Ave. E.).

Needed food items include canned fruit, chicken, tuna, and salmon; soups and stews; peanut or other nut butters; shelf stable milk and alternatives; cereal; cooking oil; and baby formula. Also needed are toiletries (bar soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper, safety razors, shaving cream, etc.), diapers (especially for older babies), reusable shopping bags, and pet food.

For more than 30 years, the University District Food Bank has provided free and nutritious food to anyone who is hungry and resides in Eastlake's zip code, 98102, or in other northeast Seattle zip codes. Funds are also needed. To donate on-line: www.udistrictfoodbank.org. Or checks made out to UDFB may be mailed or dropped off c/o ECC to Lake Union Mail, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle, WA 98102-3278. For questions: info@eastlakeseattle.org. Thanks for helping the less fortunate!

a lot of water but require you to pump the device. There are now several gravity feed systems that don't require pumping. Chemical treatment tablets are still a good fall back system for non-stagnant fresh water and should be part of any disaster preparedness kit. They are cheap, light weight and easy to use. They also have a long shelf life.

(As far as drinking water from Lake Union, forget about it. Filtering or chemical treatment will not clean the lake's water after a large disaster; it will not treat water contaminated by 100 plus years of toxic industrial chemicals stirred up from the bottom of the lake.)

Again, remember that filtering or treating water comes into play *after* learning that the city water is not fit to drink and you have consumed all your clean stored water. Think of it as the best third level of water resources.

Supplies. Your local grocer will carry unscented bleach. Keep a gallon for your Disaster Preparedness Kit.

Seattle has several mountaineering companies who carry water treatment and storage devices. Another well-known local online retailer sells hundreds of water containers and related items. For example:

- 1- 55 gallon drum is listed for \$95.
- 4- 5 gallon water container is list for \$77.
- 1- Home Emergency Water Filter for \$40.
- 1- Gravity Flow Water Filter for \$99.

Planning for water preparedness is not as difficult as you may think. And it could be a life saver or at least make for a more comfortable two plus week stay-cation.

For more information or to join Eastlake's neighborhood Hub for emergency preparedness contact: eastlake.hub@gmail.com

Longtime Eastlake resident and kayaker Dave Moore is seen in this photo removing clumps of Eurasian watermilfoil from the waters of the marina where he keeps his sailboat. Introduced to North America through the aquarium industry in the 1900s, this invasive aquatic weed has spread and was first observed in Lake Union in the 1970s. The stems can grow to more than eight



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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.

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Guerilla Recycling Poster

This poster was seen on a telephone pole between East Boston Street and Yale Avenue East. It reads (basically):
In 40 years
You will be old
Your child will be your age now
Plastic things you didn't recycle will still be (the same plastic things)

Before and After: The corner of Fairview and E. Lynn

Sketches by Karen Berry.



The little yellow house that stood at the corner of E. Lynn and Fairview, across the street from Pete's, was thought to be a vacation home on Lake Union, built when most of Seattle's population lived downtown. It was demolished a couple of years ago and replaced with four townhouses. If you know anything more about the house, let us know, info@eastlakeseattle.org.

MOST POPULAR PLACE IN TOWN

Thank you to **Son of a Butcher** Korean BBQ / Anju bar (2236 Eastlake Avenue) for hosting ECC's Sept. 29 fall celebration; and to **Cicchetti, Eastlake Bar and Grill, Eastlake Zoo Tavern, 14 Carrot Café, Little Water Cantina, Mammoth, Otter Bar and Burger, Pazzo's, Pecado Bueno, Pomodoro, Sebi's Bistro, and Siam on Eastlake** for previously hosting the celebration in either spring or fall.

Eastlake businesses open on Christmas Day include **Armistice Coffee Roaster** (2201 Eastlake Ave. E.), **Eastlake Market** (2244 Eastlake Ave. E.), and **Eastlake Specialty Market** (1540 Eastlake Ave E.). If your business will also be open Christmas Day (or you know of one that will be), write to info@eastlakeseattle for it to be listed on the ECC web calendar.

After nine years of annual holiday cruises, ECC has regretfully decided not to hold a holiday cruise in December 2019. Even with discounts offered by cruise companies and caterers, rising costs pose too high a financial risk. Ideas are welcome on how to continue winter or summer cruises in the future; write ECC at info@eastlakeseattle.org.

Newly arrived in the neighborhood: **Poké Square** (1823 Eastlake Ave E.). **Mo's Pizzeria** opened in mid-November in a new building at the former site of the original Red Robin. **Duke's Seafood & Chowder** (formerly at 901 Fairview Ave. N.) has moved one block up the road to 1111 Fairview Ave. N., just south of the bridge.

Fairview Bridge: SDOT has continued removing wooden piles west of the bridge and debris surrounding the bridge. Crews disconnected the floating wooden walkway and began demolishing the western half of the bridge by removing the bridge curbs and under-deck bracings. Work on the western half of the bridge will continue into December.

Aegis building: Aegis Living of Lake Union construction began in mid-November at 1936 Eastlake Ave. E. and is expected to be completed by April, 2021. Trucks enter and leave the site from Eastlake Ave. E. The sidewalk in front of the project will be closed.

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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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