



The Eastlake News

Summer 2020

With increasing density and growing development, parks and green spaces are critical to our neighborhood's quality of life. Eastlake is fortunate to have many such spaces.

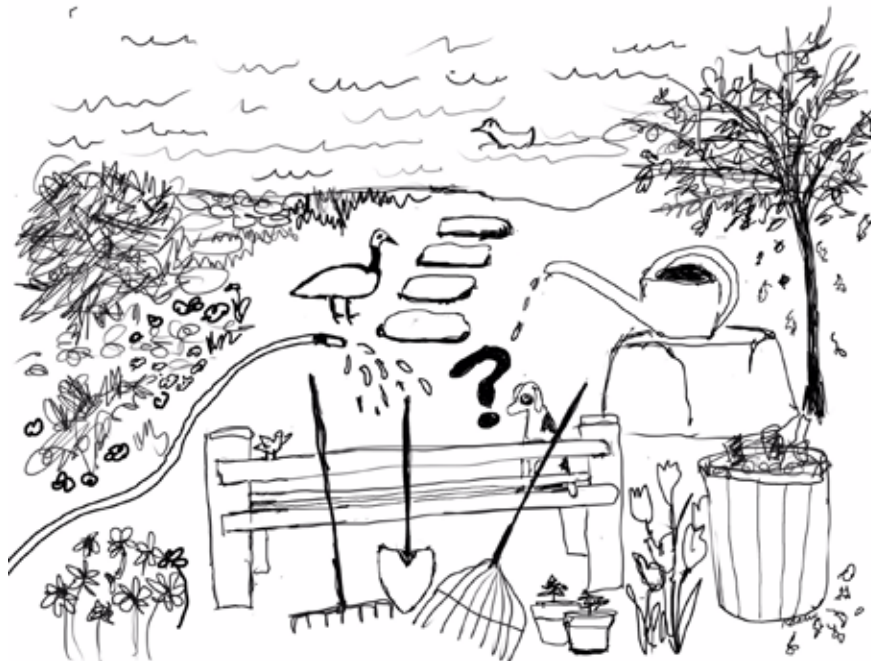
The spaces are managed by either the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department (Rogers Playground, Fairview Park, South Passage Point Park, I-5 Colonnade Open Space, and the Roanoke, Lynn and Newton street-end parks) or the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) (North Gateway triangle, Franklin

Green Street, the Fairview Ave. E. shoreline pathway and plantings south of Newton Street, and the Martin (Good Turn), Allison, Hamlin and Louisa street-end parks).

Both public agencies have experienced cuts in their maintenance budgets and are open to sponsoring formal work parties of volunteers. Subject to agreement and scheduling, they'll lend garden tools, gloves, etc., deliver mulch to be spread for weed control, and haul away garbage and compost.

The Parks Department and SDOT also informally allow volunteers to help maintain these open spaces on their own, so long as the work is limited to picking up trash and weeding out invasive plants like clematis, ivy, blackberry and Japanese knotweed - sort of guerrilla gardening if you will. Even some planting is permitted, but the agencies reserve the right to remove plantings if they're

Who takes care of Eastlake's parks and green spaces?



not compatible with design and maintenance needs.

Here are a few stories of how volunteers, past and present, have contributed to our parks and green spaces. Hopefully giving them some Eastlake News light and space (like the plants we want to propagate) will inspire others and the caretaking will spread:

For many years, members of the Hamlin Shores Homeowners Association and their neighbors have

been maintaining Hamlin Street-end park. As mentioned in the last issue of Eastlake News, the late Ruth Kunath particularly contributed to planting and tending the flowering plants that many enjoy there.

Cheryl Thomas was the first volunteer to maintain the landscaped corner on Boylston Avenue East across from TOPS-Seward School. Others have come forward since her passing in 2016. According to a 2017 Eastlake News memorial article, Cheryl "had unique vision for the potential of bleak public paved areas. Her great diplomatic skills and irrepressible enthusiasm energized skeptical bureaucrats and otherwise busy neighbors to help turn these areas into green gardens.... At all hours she



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Eastlake Community Council President's Letter

Summer is here and we continue to navigate a new landscape. We have been saying how important community is and the last months have confirmed that in a profound way.

It has been rewarding to see neighbors helping each other and finding ways to interact even in a time of social distancing. Music has found its way into new spots in Eastlake and there are many more hellos and smiles as our residents walk around the neighborhood. Taking

a pause to appreciate the lovely place we live may be a good outcome.

The Eastlake Community Council board continues to work on a multitude of issues and planning for reentry. We have been "Zooming" for several weeks and are now highly skilled -- maybe!

We are looking forward to enjoying gathering together once again. In the meantime, let's continue to find more ways to work together for the good of the neighborhood.

Editor's Note: Eastlake News is now online! This will give us a chance to provide more neighborhood stories and in a timely fashion. It also allows us to post some longer pieces that might not fit in the newsletter. It's a bit of an experiment, but we're trying that now with an excerpt of A.V. Eichenbaum's story on what he

learned surviving what he believes was Covid-19 (page 16) and Annie Gustafson's fairy tale about the painted rocks that have turned up for neighborhood scavenger hunts during the quarantine (page 15).

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Terry Pettus Park Renovation now a reality

by Steve Dunphy

Seattle Parks and Recreation has acquired about 4,000 square feet of property along Lake Union that will be added to Terry Pettus Park. In addition, the department has begun a project to update and improve this park at 2001 Fairview Ave. E., at the foot of East Newton Street.

Parks and Recreation also has invited the Eastlake and Floating Homes communities to participate in the future renovation of the park through an on-line survey.

“SPR values community engagement, and public input is essential for the success of this project to improve the health and safety of the existing park and its new addition directly south of the park,” the department said in a news release. The survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TerryPettusParkRenovation> is part of the planning process to incorporate the new parcel into the existing Terry Pettus Park.

This \$1.6 million renovation project seeks to maintain the park and improve the health and safety for all. The waterfront recreation use and character will be maintained with additional goals of incorporating the new parcel, restoring the existing park’s pier, enhancing the park entrance to meet Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards, and implementing shoreline habitat restoration. Planning and design work is expected to continue into the fall of 2021. Bidding on the project will be completed by early 2022 with construction continuing until the summer of 2023.

During construction the contractor will need to close the park. Seattle Parks and Recreation and the contractor hired for the project will work to minimize impacts to park users and the community.

The expansion will provide additional park space in a developing urban village and double access to the Lake

Union shoreline at this location. The expansion will also improve the transition from the single-family residential houseboat community north of the property, to the heavy marine industrial zone to the south.

Built in 1970-71 by volunteers and businesses, and named after the late Terry Pettus, labor journalist and longtime Secretary of the Floating Homes Association, the park currently includes picnic tables, a beach and floating dock, but has suffered from neglect with the vegetation overgrown and the floating dock and some of the pilings deteriorated.

Seattle Parks and Recreation tried to acquire this new property in 2010 when NOAA was moving out of town. Ride the Ducks ended up acquiring the property in 2012 with the intention of putting in a boat ramp for its commercial operation. Due to liabilities related to the company’s crash on the Aurora Bridge, Ride the Ducks decided to sell the property. When the City and the adjoining landowner, US Seafoods, were interested in acquiring the property, SPR met with US Seafoods and the two parties agreed to split the acquisition.

US Seafoods closed on the whole property and then worked with the Parks department on the sale of the part that it did not need. The Eastlake Community Council thanks US Seafoods for its efforts to preserve the property for park use.

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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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Fairview Bridge project rolls along

by Steve Dunphy

Work continues on the Fairview Bridge project with crews practicing the required safety measures and social distancing. State officials determined that work on public works projects could continue during the Governor's stay-at-home order, provided that appropriate safety measures are in place.

The Seattle Department of Transportation is continuing with essential transportation (public works) projects to the greatest extent practicable during these times. "The health and safety of our workers and the public is our first priority," SDOT said in a statement. "Our contractors have updated their Health and Safety Plans to incorporate best management practices with respect to COVID-19 throughout our construction work sites."

In April, crews continued mobilizing equipment for concrete shaft construction. Crews installed casings, excavated, installed rebar cages and poured concrete for the new bridge shafts, working from the south end to the north end of the bridge.

On the project, crews reuse shaft casings - large metal tubes inserted into the ground to form the cylinder-shaped shafts. Once installed, concrete is poured into the shaft. As the concrete hardens, crews remove the shaft casings so they can be reused. In May and June, crews continued work on the new bridge shafts, typically working Monday through Friday, 6am to 6pm. Crews may also be working Saturdays.

For the next month or two, a pedestrian detour will be in place intermittently on Eastlake Avenue East just north of the former ZymoGenetics building. The sidewalk on the west side of Eastlake will close for up to six hours approximately once a week to accommodate construction activity. Detour signs will be in place, and pedestrians will be detoured to the east side of Eastlake.

SDOT said that it is aware the project has been challenging as people try to figure out ways to get around the bridge closure. Most of us have gotten used to the detour up Eastlake and down East Aloha Street to reconnect with Fairview Avenue East.

Still it can be a slog. Two neighborhood boys who often ride their bikes around the lake after on-line school describe the hill going up Eastlake to Aloha Street as "long and boring."

More information is at the SDOT webpage at <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/bridges-stairs-and-other-structures/bridges/fairview-ave-n-bridge-replacement>.

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Pete's Super thrives under new ownership



by Chris Leman

Pete's Supermarket and Wine Shop (58 E. Lynn Street, peteswineshop.com) reopened on March 27 after extensive renovations. Hours are 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., seven days a week. The popular store keeps the name of the late Pete Omalanz, who founded it in 1971.

New owner John R. Bennett is just the third (George Kingen, owner for the past 46 years, was profiled in our spring 2020 issue). A hands-on manager, Bennett has unexcelled grocery industry experience after 34 years with Albertson's, Fred Meyer, Nash Finch Company, C&K Market Inc. and The North West Company.

In an interview with the Eastlake News, Bennett summed up his philosophy: "The value of the business is not the building, but in the people who serve the community." Recognizing the deep roots and dedication of the employees at Pete's when the ownership changed, he kept the team together to join him in taking the store to the next level.

Bennett invested in a new floor of polished concrete, new shelves, and new refrigerator and freezer cases. The previous two staffed check-out registers were replaced by three self-check registers and one staffed register. Up-front with a view of Lake Union is seating at a custom Douglas Fir counter for wine tastings and dining on deli items. Also new to Pete's is the separately owned and operated Duos Deli (see separate

article on pg. 8).

Although Pete's footprint of 5000 square feet did not increase, the number of different grocery offerings roughly quadrupled--four times as many different items! How? The taller new shelves and cold cases have more capacity. And in Bennett's words, "The additional self-checkouts allow the team members to spend more time stocking the shelves and helping our guests find the items they are looking for."

Nearly every grocery line has an expanded selection. There is a wider selection of meats (all exclusively grown and processed in the Pacific Northwest). Already known for its large wine and beer selection, Pete's now has more of both. And there is a wider selection of sparkling water and other nonalcoholic beverages, including dairy (such as lactose-free milk).

Continuing to mark sections like fruits, vegetables, housewares, frozen foods, dairy products, and ice cream are six huge hand-painted illustrated signs that go back generations. A fitting new design motif throughout the store are model ships and sailboats collected by Bennett's late father Don, who lived for 35 years across the street (for more on Don, see memorial article on pg. 7).

Owner of the building is Matt Herron, who John Bennett says has been "fantastic to work with, and completely supportive of my vision for Pete's in continuing to improve

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the success of this business for the community." Small businesses make Eastlake unique, and none has more of an impact than Pete's. The Eastlake Community Council salutes Bennett and Herron for keeping and strengthening this neighborhood icon.

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Don Bennett, 1931- 2020

by Chris Leman

Donald F. Bennett passed away on January 8 at the age of 88. He will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery amongst the heroes of our country. A beloved resident of Eastlake, he made friends easily but many did not know of his heroic and distinguished aviation career.

Don was born in New Bedford, Mass., and developed an early love for boating and sailing. Summers on Cape Cod working on yachts helped him afford a Bachelor of Science in Advertising and Design. His artistic talents and interests continued although his vocational interests took off “into the wild blue yonder, climbing high into the sun.”

Even as a 14-year old, Don had unsuccessfully tried to join the military to help with World War II. Hardly had he finished college when he joined the U.S. Air Force to serve in the Korean War, staying for 15 years to also serve in the Viet Nam war. An expert fighter pilot, Don retired as a Lieutenant Colonel and continued to serve in the Air Force Reserves as he started a 25-year career with the Boeing Aircraft Company as an instructor pilot, traveling the world to deliver aircraft and to train and certify pilots.



Don was one of the few pilots certified to fly every Boeing aircraft. His first plane was the Stearman Boeing Model 75 “Kaydet,” and he flew every plane through the early 777 models (his favorite was the 757). After retiring from Boeing, Don worked for the Federal Aviation Administration as a senior flight instructor. In the Air Force, Boeing, and FAA combined, he accrued over 35,000 flight hours, a level exceeded by only a handful of other pilots of large planes. He truly

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Top photo: Don Bennett at left, with daughter Debra Nowak and son John Bennett; lower photo: Don Bennett when he was an Air Force fighter pilot

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Duos Deli opens within Pete's Supermarket and Wine Shop

by Chris Leman



Duos Deli (duosdeli.com; 206-322-2660) is an independent business located within Pete's Supermarket and Wine Shop. Customer service hours are 9-5 daily. Phone-in and on-line orders can also be made.

Wil Yee is Executive Chef, and Lupita Cota is Manager. See accompanying photo of Wil and Lupita when both worked at FareStart (Wil as a chef trainer and Lupita as a driver for delivery of school meals).

Wil grew up on Beacon Hill and has lived in Eastlake for more than ten years. He also formerly worked

at La Spiga on Capitol Hill and is currently working on a cookbook. Lupita grew up in Walla Walla; her parents still live there, and pick grapes that go into Horsepower and Tranche wines, which are among the labels sold at Pete's.

Duos Deli offers unique sandwiches, prepared meals, salads, and desserts, pot pies, rotisserie chicken, charcuterie (cold cooked meats, many imported) and cheese and preserves boards accompanied by breads and fresh fruit. It also offers full catering services.

Deli items can be taken out (including to picnic benches at Lynn Street Park just across Fairview Avenue E.), and there is indoor seating at Pete's Douglas Fir counter with its view of the park, lake, and beyond.

Pete's owner and president John Bennett praises Duos Deli: "Their quality of selection is unexcelled, and having restaurant-quality food is a big plus for the community."

Don Bennett continued from pg 7

loved every aspect of flying.

Don also loved his cabin cruiser, a 38-foot Bayliner he named "Liberty," and aboard which he shared countless sunsets on Lake Union with family and friends. And he collected finely crafted ship models, many of which his son, John, new owner of Pete's Supermarket and Wine Shop, has put on display throughout the store. The store is just across Fairview Avenue East from where Don lived for 35 years.

Don is greatly missed by many in the Eastlake neighborhood and by his children John (Donna) Bennett of SeaTac; Debra (David) Nowak of Geneva, IL., and Kristin Baker of Seattle; grandchildren Lilly Grace and Charlotte Rose; sister Mary (Arthur) MacNeill of South Carolina; and many other dear relatives and friends. Memorials may be directed to Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5036, 311 N. 2nd St. #109, St. Charles, IL 60174.

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Lake Union seaplane update

by Steve Dunphy

Discussions are continuing between Kenmore Air and the Seaplane Environmental Coalition regarding seaplane traffic on Lake Union even as seaplane operations on the lake have been suspended because of the Governor's closure of businesses to fight the coronavirus.

In a report at the Floating Homes Association annual meeting in April, Peter Erickson, coalition leader, said he has been meeting regularly with Kenmore about resolving safety issues on the lake, especially on crowded summer weekends. The coalition and FHA agreed their goal is not to stop Kenmore operations on the lake, but to ensure the safety of all users of the lake.

Erickson said that Kenmore has dropped its request for a double row of buoys in the lake, but likely will get a five-year lease on a single row of buoys to mark a takeoff and landing zone on the lake.

John Gowey, director of operations for Kenmore, said he met with Erickson in April and the discussions are continuing. He said Kenmore was considered an essential business and could have continued operations during the coronavirus closures.

"We made the decision not to do that," he said. Operations will resume when discretionary travel is "back on the table."

Gowey said Kenmore is looking at alternate landing sites so that it did not have to use Lake Union on busy weekends. Among them is the Port of Seattle Pier 91 in the Interbay area. He said Kenmore has discussed that site and others with the port.

Pier 91 already is used as a transportation site. It currently serves as homeport for Carnival Cruise Line, Celebrity Cruises, Holland America Line, Princess Cruises and Royal Caribbean. Located at the north end of Seattle's waterfront on historic Smith Cove, it's just 10 minutes from downtown.

"The SEC does not want to kick us off the lake and we don't want to take it over," Gowey said. "Our common interest is safety."

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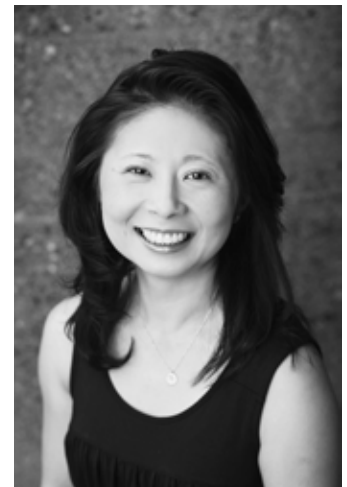
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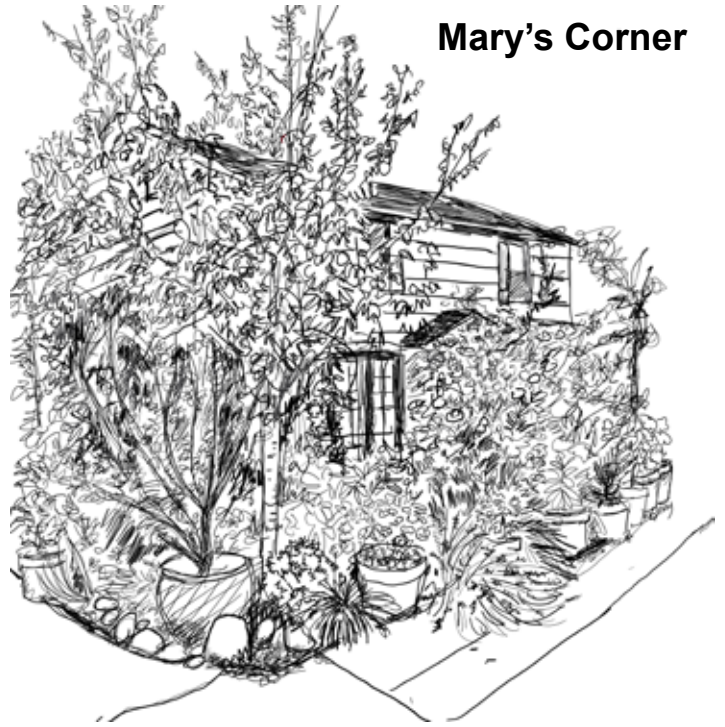
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Mary's Corner



Plant a Victory Garden for a Fall Harvest

by Mary Hansen

Planting a garden is a mighty endeavor. Having access to dirt is a privilege to be embraced. It can nourish us with food, temper us on stressful days and even with the smallest of gardens be a positive action toward combating climate change.

During World War I and II, Victory Gardens popped up all around our country and abroad. The idea was for individuals to grow their own food to offset the demand on the public food supply and to add to household rations as well as boosting morale through a stressful time.

During these last few months we all have witnessed the many ways that communities have been lifting their spirits and those around them. So many positive changes have come from this current chapter -- outdoor music, enchanted painted rocks mysteriously appear in our gardens and on our porches, an outdoor pool table is available on Minor Ave, poetry readings in parks, and new gardens and plantings are being added to our Eastlake landscape! Right on Eastlake!

With our spring in full swing and summer approaching, it is the perfect time plant your own Victory Garden. Parking strips and roof tops are perfect for raised beds, porches love pots with lettuce starts, tomatoes and basil, and if you are limited in square footage go vertical with pole beans or grow them on your fence! Don't forget the columnar apple (which I have mentioned in the last article); they are quite vertical and require very little space -- either Golden or Scarlet Sentinel are delicious. Remember, not only do they prolifically bear fruit, they help support our local bee community! You can also weave vegetable seeds and starts

in with any conventional landscaping to add the element of surprise.

Think creatively, regardless of your outdoor logistics. There is always a way to plant and you will be happy you persevered when we have our first annual Eastlake Harvest event in the fall and you bring your very own stuffed zucchini or caprese salad. Oh, you hadn't heard of the event? Well, that's because it's in the dream phase right now and it's our Eastlake gardens that will inspire it!

Enjoy the season!

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Lynn Street-end park clean up was meant to be

By Judy Smith

The clean-up of the Lynn Street-end park must have been in the stars because they seemed to be aligning. Paige Stockley was being photographed in the park in January by the Seattle Times for an article about the 20th anniversary of the crash of Alaska Flight 261, a flight that took the lives of 50 Seattleites, including her parents, Tom and Peg Stockley.

The colorful tile bench that she was sitting on was erected in honor of her parents who had lived in an Eastlake houseboat and were active in the community. It was inspired by benches in Barcelona that her father had loved.

At the same time, the new owner of Pete's Supermarket, John Bennett, was getting ready to close the store for a six-week renovation. He happened to be outside and was watching from across the street as the photography session took place. He struck up a conversation with a neighbor passing by about how nice it would be to get the park cleaned up for the re-opening of Pete's. Bennett wondered out loud how to make the clean-up happen. The neighbor pointed to Paige. "That girl," she said, "she always gets things done."

And like the start of the 1960s TV sitcom "That Girl," things started to take off. John and Paige met. "What's your wish list for park?" Paige asked. John rattled off the things that he hoped to see improved -- weeding and garbage pick up for starters -- and how about new gravel and bistro tables like the ones in South Lake Union Park, and more sand for the beach.

Paige contacted the Parks Department. "It was easy," she said. "They love volunteer work parties as long as you register on the Parks site and schedule with them so they can have someone there to supervise."

There was little doubt in Paige's mind that she could get able and willing Eastlake volunteers. After all, the last major work on the park had had overwhelming community support. But that was nearly two decades earlier. The time was right: they just needed a good excuse.

Lynn Street-end park, as the tiled sign there describes, had been a neglected and trash-filled spot until 1971 when Pete's founder, Pete Omalanz, led the neighborhood effort to turn it into Seattle's first street-end park. Then in 1995 a driverless delivery truck rolled down from Eastlake Avenue, through the park, and into the lake.

It would take another seven years to get the park rebuilt. "During the design process," according to the sign, "a community group obtained a city neighborhood matching fund grant, with which artist Maggie Smith led neighborhood

Before and After: 2227 Yale Ave. E. sketches by Karen Berry



These pictures are roughly the same size but the buildings depicted are not. Sketch artist Karen Berry typically leaves something from the original picture in the sketch, often it's a tree, or, as in these, the buildings on either side. They appear in both sketches and reveal the perspective.

volunteers in creating and installing tiles in the retaining walls, bench and sign. The ‘walking fish’ design originated with a 1993 lakeside walking tour. The friends and family of Peg and Tom Stockley, longtime houseboaters and community leaders, donated the bench and its tile images.”

The rebuilt park was dedicated in 2002, two years after the crash of Flight 261. “It was a massive community project,” recalls Paige. It was spearheaded by her parents’ house boat neighbor Barb Donnette (who also played a major role in founding Eastlake’s P-Patch on Fairview Avenue) and included fundraising throughout the neighborhood.

But all of that was nearly 20 years ago. The park is maintained by Seattle Parks Department and by neighbors who pitch in, but the park had not had a thorough spring cleaning that anyone could remember since its dedication.

The renovation of Pete’s Supermarket turned out to be the perfect excuse. The plan: clean up the park for the grand re-opening of Pete’s mid-March.

Paige put out the word on the Eastlake Social Club Facebook page for volunteers.

“The Parks Department was fantastic,” says Paige, referring to employees Sara Franks and Sasha Wyatt. “We were able to check off everything on John’s wish list,” she added. Their only request of Paige was in a small hint – find a way to bring treats for her volunteers.

A nearby developer stepped up to pitch in \$500 to buy plants, which was used to buy rosemary, hellebore, lavender and many other plants.

Over the course of two days (Feb. 26 and 27) some 16 people came out to help pull out ivy and other invasive plants, lay down bark, plant flowers and shrubs, and pick up garbage. Lots of garbage, around 40 bags, and lots of cigarette butts. “And of course those are back,” says Paige despite the ordinance against smoking in parks and a new sign to remind people. That’s disappointing, but still Paige was buoyed by the success of the clean-up effort. She provided updates, photos and thanks on the ESC Facebook page, garnering over 100 likes.

Parks brought in new sand and new gravel. They provided the tools and gloves for the volunteers, and hauled away truckloads of debris. Four new bistro tables ordered by Parks will replace the two picnic tables currently there. (Their installation has been delayed due to the pandemic.)

And people brought treats. Lots of treats and homemade goodies. Diahana Vargas on more than one occasion brought Starbucks coffee and breakfast sandwiches from Eastlake Deli.

“Sara and Sacha were amazed and said over and over again it was one of the most successful turn outs they’d ever seen,” said Paige.

She’d definitely do it again. “Everyone was so appreciative of all the efforts,” she added.

“We really turned it into a party.”

Photo pg 12: Paige Stockley center flanked by volunteers. For a list of who volunteered and more photos, check out the story, “Lynn Street-end park” on eastlakenews.org.

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could be found trundling her maintenance wagon between the many green spaces she had created.”

Ben Wildman, ECC Board Treasurer, organizes clean up parties at Rogers Playground or the I-5 Colonnade Open Space, or sometimes goes it alone. He appreciates the roles trees play in cleaning our air and reducing traffic noise and the nice landscaping around Rogers, but finds it disheartening when ivy or blackberry vines threaten to take over. “If I have a few moments and the time is ‘right’ – perhaps a sunny day?” he says, “I’ll go spend a few hours working to improve the health of the trees and bushes.”

Carol Anderson, an official forest steward at Fairview Park, who also you might say “freelances,” estimates that over the last 20 years she, Dave Moore, and others have planted hundreds of trees around Lake Union that they started in the tiny yard of their rental. They picked species that would go with the sites and be hardy enough to survive, such as Red Cedar, Shore Pine, Ponderosa, Grand Fir, Douglas Fir and White Poplar. Carol has found that Grand Fir, a NW native, is very hardy, shade tolerant and will grow under a blackberry thicket - and eventually shade it out. She’s also overseen work parties to remove infestations of clematis from killing trees at Fairview Park.

Not all of their trees have made it, however; some have



Volunteers take care of the Roanoke Street-end park. Water for the park’s landscape is donated by the Roanoke Reef Floating Homes Association.

died off, some have been chopped down for development. Unfortunately, Carol, like some of her trees, is “being displaced by development.” She’s leaving the area but not unhappily. “We’re leaving a legacy of over 200 trees.”

Marilee Fuller organizes residents and businesses into work parties to weed and prune in Good Turn Park, a park she finds unique. She prizes the park’s feeling of being deep in the forest despite its urban location. Good Turn Park also depends on irrigation donated by Eric Jarvis, who owns the adjoining office building where he operates a business.

Over the years Harmon Rogers has helped organize and supervise Earth Day clean ups with the ECC and SDOT of the southeast shoreline – as he says one of the last remaining natural shorelines on Lake Union. The work parties remove invasive plants (e.g. clematis, ivy and blackberries) and promote the growth of native plant species. SDOT provides urban forestry equipment, tools, vegetation bins, and mulch, and sometimes also a staff member. ECC recruits residents, employees of nearby businesses, and property owners to help.

“Except for this work, the area would become completely overgrown and the walking path along the shore would be hemmed by the street and gravel on one side and blackberries on the other,” says Harmon. “I am drawn to this project because I think the area is a true diamond in the rough. Where else might one find a natural northwest shoreline adjacent to a dense urban environment?”

(Editor’s note: A postponed Earth Day work party is still planned for the site this year. We’ll get out the word once we know when.)

Even though the coronavirus emergency forced ECC to cancel Earth Day work parties in April, Lexi Szymaszek went out on her own (social distancing) to pick-up trash around Terry Pettus, Lynn Street and Louisa street-end parks.

Large work parties or just one individual, officially or

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An Eastlake Fairytale

by Annie Gustafson

In early April, Ted MacGovern and family launched the first of several painted rock scavenger hunts, with rules explained on the Eastlake Social Club FB page. As it turns out those painted rock characters have taken on a life of their own:



Once upon a time in Eastlake, Panda and Pug sat side-by-side talking and looking at the water. They had one of the most coveted viewing spots in all of Eastlake: the mosaic bench in Lynn Street-end park. More than early spring, it was definitely spring. The rhododendrons bloomed and the air teemed with possibility.

After they finished their sandwiches from Pete's, something shiny demanded their attention. Pug declared it a UFO but Panda dismissed that idea, especially because he knew sight was not his friend's strongest sense. Next, they thought it was light reflection from a blue sailboat. But, no, it was a purple beam...and that could only mean one thing: someone in the animal kingdom needed help.

To find out what happens next go to eastlakenews.org
"An Eastlake Fairytale."

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unofficially. A great many volunteers (more than can be covered here) are taking care of Eastlake's public spaces -- and we thank them!

Want to suggest a gardener for a future article, or are you looking for an Eastlake green space that needs your help? Contact the Eastlake Community Council at info@eastlakesattle.org. You can also join or organize a work party in a City park. To do so contact Junior Kitiona, Seattle Parks and Recreation Volunteer Coordinator, junior.kitiona@seattle.gov. Also, consider enrolling in the free training that the City and its contractors offer to become a tree ambassador or a forest steward so you can do more to protect and improve Eastlake's green spaces.

Chris Leman and Judy Smith contributed to this report.



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Love Thy Neighbor (From a Distance)

A statement on the value of loneliness



by A.V. Eichenbaum

Quarantine sure gives you a hell of a lot of time to think.

I was quarantined in my apartment for two weeks with all of the symptoms of COVID-19 and absolutely no way to verify I had it. Waves of crushing loneliness and complete calm washed over me like the tides. I took to admiring and appreciating what sunlight I could in

between fever dreams and coughing fits. Whatever it was, the illness was miserable, and I thought I was going to kiss my asthmatic, anxiety-filled life goodbye.

The keen observer will notice I'm still here. I got lucky. I learned two things in quarantine:

I love mid-70s Turkish soul music. I know. I didn't expect that either.

I learned how to be alone with myself.

To continue reading go to eastlakenews.org "Love Thy Neighbor."

Important resources about the coronavirus crisis (including how to help those in need) can be found on the ECC website under its Emergencies section, eastlakeseattle.org.






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