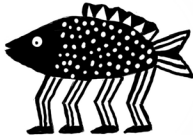


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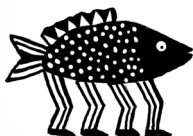
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ECC PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Detra Segar

There is a great deal to bring you up to date on this quarter.

Redistricting: After a census, the boundaries for City Council positions must be redrawn to adjust for changes in population growth. There is an intricate balancing system that weights several demographic criteria. For those of you who were unable to participate but are curious you can take a look at the Seattle Redistricting site and see the maps and process. <https://www.seattle.gov/redistricting>

The first proposed map divided Eastlake in half horizontally at East Lynn Street. North would be in one district and south in another. The commission was charged with keeping communities together when possible. Our webmaster, Joe Murphy, was very interested in the process so we went to work on coming up with a map that met the criteria needed and kept Eastlake together. On August 9, I went to City Hall to present our map and make clear the importance of keeping us in one district even if that meant we would no longer be in our preferred District 4. Board member, Zach Wurtz joined me at City Hall and Joe Murphy presented virtually. Thank you to the many Eastlake residents who read our appeal and sent messages supporting keeping us in one district. It made a difference.

In subsequent meetings there was never a question about keeping Eastlake in one district. After weeks of map changes and reviews and a great deal of community comment, the final map was accepted on Nov 8. The final vote was Nov 15.

The result is that Eastlake will move from District 4 to District 3 beginning in January 2023. Our boundaries will remain the same.

We have had an excellent working

relationship with CM Alex Pedersen and his great staff. He has listened, supported and always been there for us. Our



transportation issues will continue and we can feel fortunate that he will be the one we will be working with on those concerns.

RR-J Line: The conversations have continued with Garth Merrill, RR-J Line Project Manager, and his team as we try to find solutions that will meet the needs of cars, buses, cyclists and businesses on Eastlake Ave. As most of you know, this has been a lengthy and complicated process that has involved many community meetings pre-Covid with sometimes contentious exchanges. We are trying to be solution focused. The newly formed, Eastlake Merchants Association, the Cascade Bicycle Club, CM Pedersen and residents throughout Eastlake have all taken part in the conversation.

What is new is that we have a new Director of Transportation, Gregg Spotts. He has been making the rounds of the city to see first-hand our transportation system. On Nov 8, he walked through Eastlake and spoke with several business owners and residents and finished up with Ben Wharton, ECC Treasurer, and myself. We had sent him a letter inviting him and asking him to take a fresh look at the concerns with RR-J and showing him the issues first hand. We then followed up with a summary of the visit and the request that we needed a new look at the project in light of the many changes that had transpired since its inception.



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Fairview Green Street: In the Fall issue we let you know that there is a group of residents and ECC board members working with an SDOT design and permitting team to clarify how new developments can be permitted on Fairview Ave. The goal is to bring clarity to what is permitted and to protect the integrity of the street we all love. That is still in progress. We have asked Director Spotts for his support of this effort.

Street End Parks: Eastlake is fortunate to have Lake Union as a border but also to have several small parks that are owned by SDOT along the stretch of lake front. Work continues on the E. Martin Street End (Good Turn Park). Thanks to the many who showed up to do trimming and clean up in Oct. More has been done since and the next phase will be in early Spring as we add native plants, more seating and look forward to the installation of the new drainage system.

Hamlin Street End also saw a terrific work party effort. The work was actually in the median strip just south of the Street End that was overtaken by ivy. Bill Bogue and his group showed us all what a community effort can look like. Thanks

Then there is the very quiet group who maintain so many of these street end parks. Your consistency and dedication we salute and appreciate.

Property crime and encampments: I am sure that all of you have seen the vast improvements in the Eastlake encampment concerns. Puget Sound

Energy work as well as great efforts through Find It Fix It finally cleared out the encampment on the north end of Fairview near the E. Martin Street End. Reporting through Find It Fix It does work. The City also now has a much more workable referral system. It is not perfect but better than it was.

Property crime continues to be a problem here as well as throughout the city. Broken store windows, car break-ins, graffiti and general disruption is not what we want to see in Eastlake.

Being observant, reporting the incident and helping our neighbors can make a difference. There are some areas that seem to be hit regularly. We do not have a block watch but for those of you in those hard-hit areas, working with your neighbors to see what might be done as a group would be a start. By all means report every incident.

The ECC board for 2023 is in place and we have begun the process of establishing priorities for the coming year. We are hoping for more public meetings and opportunities to be together. We also are exploring how we communicate with all of you. We are always open to ideas. Please let us know what you would like to see.

Now enjoy the Winter issue of Eastlake News. There are holidays to celebrate and it is so good to have our restaurants almost back to normal. Have that warm cup of coffee right here in your neighborhood.

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GROUP ECC MEMBERSHIP

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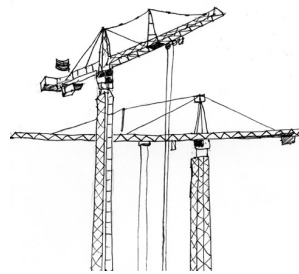
How it works:

- Memberships are unchanged: the 35-dollar level for an Individual, and the 10-dollar level for Senior/Student/Low Income.
- Every home within the group must have at least one person joining the ECC.
- Minimum group size: six units.
- The ECC works with the group's point-of-contact to gather member data.
- The group sends one check for the sum of membership fees.

With Group Registration, the annual membership renewal process will become easier as we will send back a copy of the previous year's info and the group's point-of-contact will update it for a few individuals, if any.

Our reassurance to all new members: the ECC operates on the internet, but we use e-mail sparingly and won't clutter your inbox. And we don't share members' information with anyone.

Would you like to know more? Contact ECC Membership Coordinator Peter Haley at info@eastlakeseattle.org.



THE EASTLAKE BLOG IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Just like about everywhere else in Eastlake, the Eastlake News blog is now under construction. The old

blog has been demolished, and a new structure is taking its place. (Fortunately, with this structure there are no obstructed views and no shortage of places to park.)

Bring your hard hats and boots and come check it out. Maybe do some work? The site always needs more laborers (i.e., writers, editors, administrators, photographers, and graphic designers). Drop us a line if you have an idea where your creative energies could help:

info@eastlakeseattle.org.

Check out the site www.eastlakenews.org. Pardon the dust.



HYDRO HOUSE WILL BE BACK!

By Judy Smith

The Hydro House that for many years was the home to the Great Northwest Soup Company and a lunch spot in the neighborhood will be returning to its hydro roots so to speak. It is under renovations to become a bar.

Quickly built in 1912, the Hydro House was originally a stop gap measure to provide electricity for a power thirsty city while a larger more modern plant to the north of it was in the planning stages – the Steam Plant.

The Hydro House operated for several years using gravity to draw water from the Volunteer Park Reservoir through a 40-inch pipe and churn that flow into 1,500 kilowatts of electricity before tumbling out into Lake Union.

As the Steam Plant kept expanding, the Hydro House became its lunchroom. After ZymoGenetics renovated the Steam Plant in 1992, they too used the Hydro House as their private lunchroom. But the public was hungry to see what was inside; eventually a public restaurant opened. Unfortunately, the pandemic seems to have taken a toll on the Great Northwest Soup Company – their website shows them as no longer in business.

Alexandria Real Estate began renovating the building last March according to the senior project manager, Ginger Hutton. The renovations, including a new tile roof, were approved by the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board.

No word yet on when the new watering hole will open or who will run it, hours, or menu. But with any luck a lot of liquid will be flowing in the Hydro House again.

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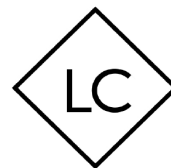


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EMERGENCY WATER SUPPLY PREPAREDNESS

By Eastlake Emergency
Communications Hub

Following a large scale emergency, your water supply may be interrupted. A hot water heater can provide you with a valuable source of water for emergency use. Here's what you should know about drinking from your hot water heater:

Step 1: Ensure the water in the tank stays clean.

To keep contaminated water from entering your tank, turn off water to the house/building. If you can't shut off water to the entire house/building, shut off water supply where it enters the water tank - turn the water supply valve/tap clockwise.

Step 2: Cut off power to the tank.

You don't want to run your water heater without water in it, so turn off power:

- ELECTRIC water heater: flip the breaker supplying electricity to the appliance.

- GAS water heater: shut off the gas to the tank.

Step 3: Allow the water to cool. This will take hours.

Step 4: Attach a hose (or place a pan/container below the tap/faucet). Near the bottom of the tank is the drain tap. Attach a washing machine hose or garden hose to it or place pan/container under tap/faucet. Do NOT open the tap yet!

Step 5: Break the vacuum. Water won't come out of the tank until air is allowed in. Disconnect the hot water line at the top of the tank. If you can't get the line off, turn on a hot water faucet in the house to allow air into the tank.

Step 6: Collect the water. Open the valve/tap (turn counter-clockwise) at the bottom of the tank and collect the water in a clean storage container. The first few gallons may contain rust and/or sediment. Let it settle before using it.

Step 7: Treat the water. Add bleach, stir, and let the water stand for 30 minutes. - Regular, bleach (5.25%), plain bleach, not scented or splash-proof - add 8 drops per gallon. - Concentrated bleach (8.25%) - add 5 drops per gallon.

Step 8: Allow the tank to fill completely before restoring power to the water heater.

Here's what you can do today, BEFORE disaster hits:

- Tape this page to the wall beside your water heater.
- Mark the supply valve.

To identify the water supply line, run the hot water from any sink. Touch the two pipes attached to the top of the water heater. The "supply" line will be the colder one. Mark the pipe or associated tap/valve as "supply". This will be the one to close (turn clockwise) in an emergency so that contaminated water will not go into the tank as you drain the clean drinking water that is stored in it.

Questions can be directed to eastlake.hub@gmail.com

THE REAL QUEENS OF EASTLAKE

By Angela Shier

Otter Bar and Burger (2379 Eastlake Ave E) is home to The Real Queens of Eastlake, a bi-monthly drag brunch hosted by Queen Andrew (Instagram: @queenandrewscott) and Sreya (Instagram: @thats_so_sreya), and DJed by DJ Mixx America (@theonemixx206). The show features 2 additional rotating featured queens, each performing 3 different numbers.

In addition to The Real Queens of Eastlake, Otter is also home to a popular Triva night on Thursdays. Owners Lisa Wojnar and Jim Hagander are dedicated to cultivating community in the neighborhood with the intention of Otter being "an extension of your living room." Eastlake is lucky to have them!

To purchase tickets for the next drag brunch and learn more about the other events at Otter visit their Instagram page: @otterbarseattle and website: <https://otterbarandburger.com>

THE LIVING GARDEN

By Isabella Yeager

Greetings Eastlake gardeners! What a crisp, colorful fall we're having! In my work with clients at the moment, I'm tackling the fall weed re-emergence - Shotweed, Stinky Bob, Spurges, be damned (although dog-pee-free Shotweed is delicious in a salad!) - and balancing leaf removal with leaf-saving strategies that work for everyone.


This time of year, some stunning moth species, native bees and other insects are hunkering down in whatever protected spaces they can find to overwinter, and creating a "wild area" like a wood pile or allowing leaf compost to build up in your yard is one of the best things you can do to support crucial biodiversity. A lack of access to native plants, as well as residential use of RoundUp and other poisons that damage bees' ability to navigate back to their

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hives, has driven our bee populations to historic lows, and we should do everything we can to support them, or risk losing our food crops! As woody plants drop their leaves, go ahead, and leave them where they fall for the most part, simply relocating leaves you collect from the lawn or hardscaping to your garden beds. I'm not exaggerating when I say that there is no more gourmet compost you can buy than the leaves dropped by your own plants. When you consider that many brands of commercial compost can carry weed seeds, it's a no-brainer! In springtime, wait until temperatures have remained at fifty degrees for a week before you disturb your leaf debris. This will give beneficial predatory insects a chance to hatch and go to town on your aphids!

Particularly in our upcoming rainy weather, we should avoid herbicides like the plague. Poisonous runoff from urban gardens has contributed to massive ecosystem damage in the Puget Sound, harming our Orcas and other treasured species, and it's up to each of us to do our part by eschewing pesticides and herbicides. It can be incredibly tempting, I know - the Morning Glory problem in my yard has felt beyond maddening at times - but a poison-free garden is a non-negotiable in 2022. In my spring column, I'll give you two of my most prized tools for combatting pests and diseases that are not only non-toxic, but incredibly beneficial to the soil and plants. Don't touch that dial!

A moment for roses, one of my absolute favorite plants to work with. At this time of year, tea roses (best to do a quick google of different rose types, if you're not sure which you have - Shrub? Climber? Rambler?) should be cut back lightly for what is called "wind rock," or when wind causes the rose canes to wound each other with their own prickles. Remove all leaves manually now, pulling gently down and sideways to snap them off rather than cutting, as any leaf stem remaining after a cut will rot and create a disease vector. Dispose of all the rose leaves in the yard waste bin, as roses almost always have fungal diseases transmitted by contact and do the same with ALL the leaves that have fallen beneath the plant. Then cover the ground below your roses with your leaf mulch or arbor chips (look for the chips made from the whole tree, NOT just bark, which is water-resistant - I get all my arbor chips delivered from Dirt Exchange in Ballard). This layer will prevent disease spread and slow pest emergence from underground in spring. The same goes for peonies, which often contract the same botrytis mold that causes black spot in roses - remove all peony foliage from your garden in winter and apply chips below.

Stop fertilizing now, as too much sudden growth put on around a cold snap can kill a plant. Your leaf debris, as it is a slow-release nutrient source, will not have this harsh effect, and is thus a safer form of fertilizer to apply

in fall and winter than liquid or granular. I love to add probiotics to the soil this time of year - a product called Plant Probiotics has done wonders for my plants both indoors and out, and a spare kombucha scoby blended with used loose organic tea leaves enriches the soil beautifully.

After you've tucked your garden in for the winter in its bed of leaves, you can begin looking forward to late winter tasks. If you have any redbud dogwoods or golden willows, late winter is the time to cut them to the ground (a practice known as 'coppicing') in order to promote the growth of new, brightly colored stems. If you have perennials that tend to flop, like Calla Lilies, winter is the time to get ahold of some hog wire to place around these plants in a ring, so that they can grow through the wire in spring and flop no more. If you have SUMMER-BLOOMING Clematis, prune them down to a low frame in late winter if you want to manage their size. Cut Epimedium to the ground with hedge shears in late winter before the new growth comes in and makes that trickier. Leaving the shorn leaves in place will insulate the plant and encourage healthy flowering in spring.

Crucially, winter is also the time to prune out any canker infections your fruit trees might have (cherries and apples are especially susceptible). Dark discolored areas with flaking bark, or weeping sap, can be indicators of a canker infection in your trees - if you see this, and confirm it through a bit of research, prune the branch back to at least 4 inches below the canker, using sharp pruners or a saw, and immediately disinfecting tools afterward. A root-drench application of the probiotic strain *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* D747, available commercially in a product from BONIDE called Revitalize Biofungicide, can do wonders for these infections, as well as for roses and peonies prone to black spot, powdery mildew, and botrytis mold.

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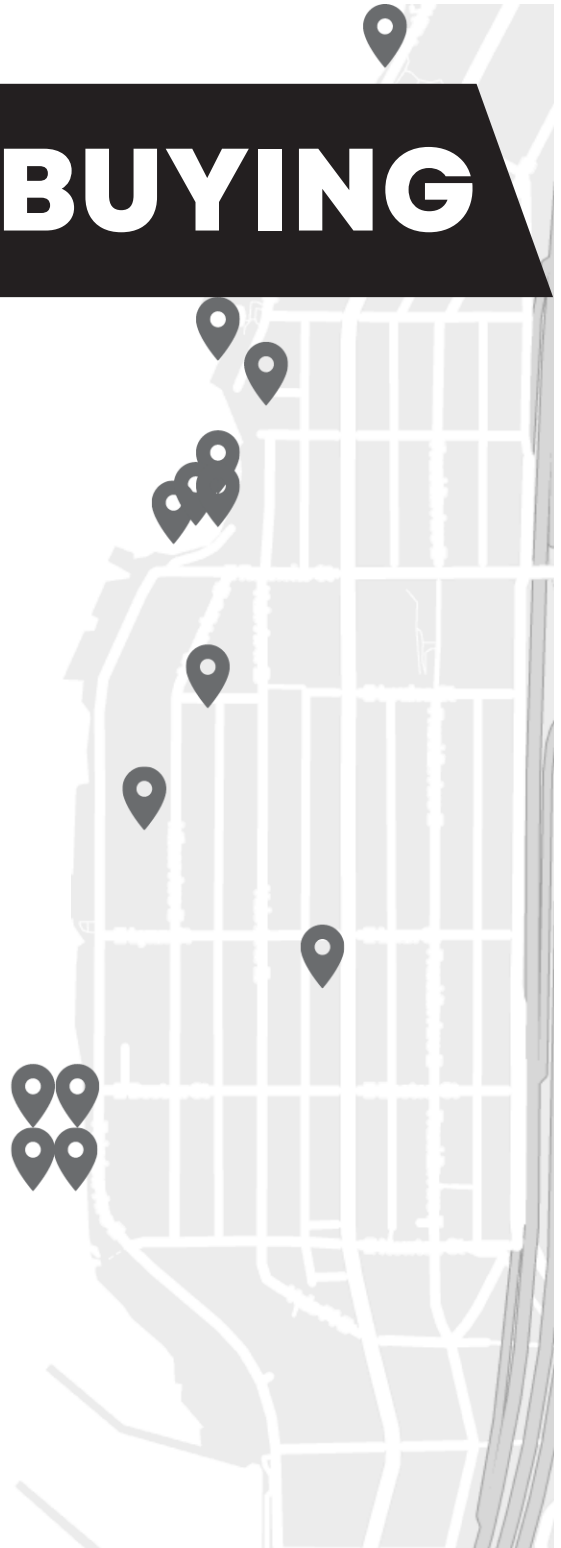
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URBAN LIVING





EASTLAKE TEEN, ANTON, LEADS THE WAY ON PLASTIC FILM RECYCLING

By Sam (age 13) and Ethan (age 14)

Anton is 16 years old and a lifelong resident of Eastlake. Sam (age 13) and Ethan (age 14) interviewed Anton to learn what inspired him to begin an environmental project and what he would like others to know. He has an entrepreneurial spirit and a “get it done” approach, especially when it involves making the world a better place. What started as a one-time project over a few weeks has led to a two-year initiative that now involves Eastlake, Seattle Waldorf Schools and two national grocery stores. And our planet is a better place because of Anton...

Sam: Why do you do this recycling and what got you started?

Anton: I started working on a school project to recycle Styrofoam. I also learned that plastic is a problem that humans created through one main chemical—polystyrene. As a world, according to the BBC in February of 2020, we have produced 80 trillion tons of all different types of plastics over the years. According to that same estimate, about 50 trillion tons of plastic are still out there in the world. Micro to macro forms can be found in our water, air, on every continent, and in our bodies.

I learned Safeway had an established recycling program for Styrofoam and plastic film. Even though Safeway included it as part of their recycling program, they relied mostly on people being aware of their program and people dropping off the plastic film at their stores.

So I thought I needed to make more people aware of plastic film. I decided to expand their existing plastic film recycling program and create a partnership between my school, Seattle Waldorf School, and Safeway and Albertsons by initiating a collection campaign to let

students and their families know they can recycle plastic film.

Ethan: What is plastic film?

Anton: Plastic film are plastic bags, case overwrap, bubble wrap, plastic shipping envelopes, and other thin plastic items. It is plastic with a thickness of less than 10 millimeters and made to hold things such as liquids, because of it being really dense.

Sam: What are the benefits and challenges to recycling the plastic film?

Anton: One of the benefits is that you generate less garbage in your regular garbage curbside pickup. We did a weekly pick up from a residential houseboat community in Eastlake. We found that it reduced their garbage on

average by 30%. Another benefit is that by recycling plastic film, we are keeping it out of our landfills and oceans. This means less pollution in the environment which is much better for the planet.

A challenge that I have found over time is that people start putting other recyclables into the plastic film recycling bins. So, it is vital for me to make regular announcements to the communities for reducing contamination in this program.

Ethan: Where do you bring the plastic?

Anton: We bring it to different Safeway and Albertson stores. They have multiple recycling centers throughout the U.S. The regional recycling center for Safeway is in Auburn. From there, they take all the recyclables that the store produces, including the plastic film collected by me and others, and they sort it all out. Then the plastic film gets bailed up. Once there is a truck load of plastic film, it goes straight to Trex®. Trex® buys plastic film from Safeway and Albertsons and then turns it into composite decking and different plastic products. All Safeways and Albertsons have drop off bins in the store for anyone to use.

Sam: How much recycling have you collected since you started doing this?

Anton: Since we started the Waldorf and Safeway Partnership in April of 2021 we have recycled over 1,615 pounds.

Sam: WOW! What is your overall goal with your work?

Anton: One of my goals is educating people in the Seattle area about plastic film recycling. I want to get plastic film out of our garbage, oceans and all ecosystems. It would be great if the city started picking up plastic film as a separate bin.

Sam: What can people do to help with this?

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plasticfilmrecycling.org and you can educate yourself about what plastic film is and to find your nearest drop off point. Secondly, have conversations with other people on plastic film and how we can recycle it and get it out of our landfills. A suggestion to do as a family is to try weighing your garbage before and after you take out the film to see how much plastic your family generates.

Sam: Anything else you want readers to know?

Anton: Educate yourself and your community about plastic film and begin recycling it. Be sure to learn what goes where. I also wanted to shout out the Seattle Waldorf school community for being the backbone of the program. Together we will make a difference!

"I feel more empowered and educated to be able to shop more sustainable. When I go to the grocery store, I try to refuse plastic packaged items as much as possible. This program has made a big impact!"

- Seattle Waldorf faculty

ACCEPTED MATERIALS

- Retail, carryout, produce, newspaper, bread, and dry cleaning bags (clean, dry and free of receipts and clothes hangers)
- Zip-top food storage bags (clean and dry)
- Plastic shipping envelopes (remove labels), bubble wrap and air pillows (deflate)
- Product wrap on cases of water/soda bottles, paper towels, napkins, disposable cups, bathroom tissue, diapers, and female sanitary products
- Furniture and electronic wrap
- Plastic cereal box liners (but if it tears like paper, do not include)
- Any film packaging or bag that has the How2Recycle Label

NOT ACCEPTED MATERIALS

- Degradable/compostable bags or film packaging
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- Frozen food bags
- Candy bar wrappers
- Chip bags
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BIRDING IN EASTLAKE: WINTER IS WATERFOWL SEASON

By Dave Galvin

It's that cold, dark and wet time of year again. Yet here in our lakefront neighborhood, we rarely have snow that might cover up seeds or berries, the lake does not freeze over, and thus opportunities for birds are plentiful, especially those that swim.

The land birds who rely on flying insects for their diet, such as Violet-green Swallows and Barn Swallows, have headed south months ago (the Violet-greens to Central America, the Barns clear down into South America!). Many warblers and songbirds who eat insects or fruits also tend to migrate to warmer winter areas such as California and Mexico to ensure plentiful food before the next nesting season. Even our fish-eating Ospreys are programmed to migrate to Mexico for the winter; because they are surface feeders (seeing fish and diving for them from the air), they opt for warmer climes when our larger fish tend to dwell deeper in local waters during the winter months and are thus harder to grab.

Migration, however, is on a sliding scale across the latitudes: many birds that nest farther north, all the way up to the tundra of Alaska and Canada, move south and to the coast just far enough to find their ideal conditions for winter food. Mostly that means unfrozen lakes and Puget

Sound, plentiful fish, or, on land, access to seeds and berries that would otherwise be buried in snow. It is thus not surprising to learn that we have more variety of birds in the neighborhood (as long as you consider Lake Union part of the 'hood) in winter than in summer. Especially the waterfowl. Eastlakers should look to the lake and shoreline during these months to enjoy all these winter visitors.

Wintering ducks, geese and swans have arrived from the north or inland. These include Common Mergansers, Buffleheads, Ring-necked Ducks, Greater and Lesser Scaups, Common Goldeneyes, Pied-billed Grebes, American Coots and Double-crested Cormorants. All but the coots are piscivores (fish-eaters) who dive and swim underwater (using their feet, not their wings) to get their meals. Our resident Canada Geese, Mallards and Gadwalls, all vegetarians, are dabblers, meaning they just stick their butts up in the air and reach as far down in the water as their necks will stretch; they don't swim underwater like the fish-eaters do. The one exception to the fishers-vs.-veggie-eaters rule is the coot, which swims underwater to bring up milfoil and other aquatic plants (Coots are technically not ducks, but rather a swimming, diving form of rail, but I digress). We very occasionally are visited by Trumpeter Swans, Greater White-fronted Geese,

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and the rare Snow Goose, but they are more often seen over on Union Bay, and with great numbers wintering on the Skagit Flats to the north.

Within our upland neighborhood, we enjoy mixed flocks of small birds through the winter that might include Black-capped Chickadees, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Dark-eyed Juncos, Downy Woodpeckers and an occasional over-wintering warbler such as Townsend’s, Yellow-rumped or Orange-crowned. Watch as these flocks twitter quietly through local trees and shrubs searching for spider eggs, larvae and seeds. Traveling in flocks appears to increase their odds for finding food as well as staying away from predators.

Speaking of predators, we have a few Cooper’s Hawks that frequent the area and prey on all the small birds just mentioned above. We also enjoy visiting Bald Eagles who tend to roam around through the winter and can often be seen perched on shoreline trees or ship masts, or soaring overhead, regularly accompanied by harassing crows. A pair of Peregrine Falcons successfully raised three fledglings in the south end of Lake Union last summer, so keep your eyes peeled for these beautiful raptors, as they continue to roam the neighborhoods on all sides of the lake to pick off Rock Pigeons or the occasional small duck.

If you are feeding birds through the winter, use high-quality seed, suet, peanuts or fruit; keep your feeders clean so they don’t develop diseases; and clean-up underneath so as not to attract rodents. If you wish to attract our over-wintering Anna’s Hummingbirds, make sure to change the 4:1 water:cane-sugar mix every week, and to clean the feeders. Most of our local birds don’t need our winter food offerings, but it is enjoyable to attract them close for better views. Once we start feeding, especially for the hummingbirds, it is important to keep going at least until spring arrives.

Keep me posted of your observations and questions, at galvind53@gmail.com. Thanks for your continued interest.

Pictured on page 13: Two male Common Mergansers in their dapper breeding (winter/spring) plumage. Photo by Larry Hubbell, used with his generous permission; see Larry’s blog about nature in the city at: unionbaywatch.blogspot.com



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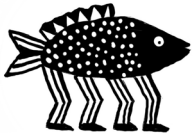
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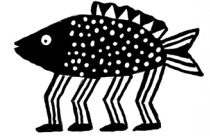
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The Eastlake Community Council has several volunteer positions for delegates or representatives with organizations that have an impact on the neighborhood. To volunteer and/or become a member of the Eastlake Community Council, please fill in & mail the form below, scan the QR code, or visit <http://eastlakeseattle.org>. For questions email us at: info@eastlakeseattle.org.

Here is a list of groups needing an ECC representative or that can use more participation by neighborhood residents:

Eastlake News Writing:

Our neighborhood newsletter has been running for 51 years and counting and would not be possible without volunteer writers. We are always looking for fresh content to publish quarterly in print and/or on the Eastlake News Blog.

Eastlake News Advertising:

This is one of the only print newsletters in the city and we rely on selling local advertisements for printing costs.

Eastlake News Blog (www.eastlakenews.org):

If you have WordPress experience and ideas for how to grow the blog, we could use you. We're always looking for writers and content contributors.

Eastlake News Delivery:

Volunteers are needed for delivery of new issues to addresses in an assigned area. Volunteers are also needed to return to specified businesses during the life of each issue to keep the copies restocked.

Transportation:

Rapid Ride J Line has now been funded and will impact Eastlake Ave. We need several people to help gather information from residents and businesses.

Parks:

Eastlake has a long tradition of neighbors taking care of public parks. If there is a public space you would like to help take care of, go for it. If you would like to be part of a regular work group, we want to hear from you.

Event Coordinator:

We have events in the works for 2023 and are in need of an Event Coordinator. This year we would like to return to events that are open to all members as well as public meetings. The topics will range from pre-election candidate forums to transportation and parks, the return of Sounds of Summer and a couple of just getting to meet your ECC board and neighbors gatherings. The Event Coordinator will arrange dates and facilities and help generate ideas for events.

Scan the QR Code or fill in the form below to get involed:



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