

newsletter

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EASTLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

P.O. BOX 4101

SEATTLE, WASH. 98104

THE GENERAL MEETING

will be held on Tuesday March 18 at 7:30 PM at Seward School. We will update the Community on issues and work with our community planner, John Wall. All community residents are encouraged to attend.

NEW TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN EASTLAKE

Starting in May, we will see some neighborhood traffic signal revisions. A new light will be installed at Eastlake and Roanoke which will be triggered by traffic on Roanoke.

The light at Lynn & Eastlake will be changed from a single light to a system showing 2 lights in each direction. Hopefully this will decrease accidents.

At both of these intersections there will be wheelchair ramps. The new lights will connect to the traffic flow system between the University and downtown which should control the traffic speed along Eastlake.

There will also be a new light at the Lynn & Boylston intersection allowing left turns. A detector on Lynn will trigger the signal so traffic will continue to flow along Boylston unless cars are waiting on Lynn St.

If you have questions or concerns, call Don Carr at 625-2347.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Community involvement in the planning process with John Wall, our planner from the Department of Community Development, will be achieved through general meetings of the Eastlake Community Council and the creation of a special Eastlake Community Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC shall be composed of approximately 8 to 10 people who represent neighborhood resident homeowner and renter, business, professional and floating homes population. TAC members will be solicited through contacts by the ECC Land Use Committee. Other interested neighborhood residents and businesspeople should come to the March 18 General meeting or call Kathy Shea, president at 322-3189. All people interested in participating on the TAC will submit a letter

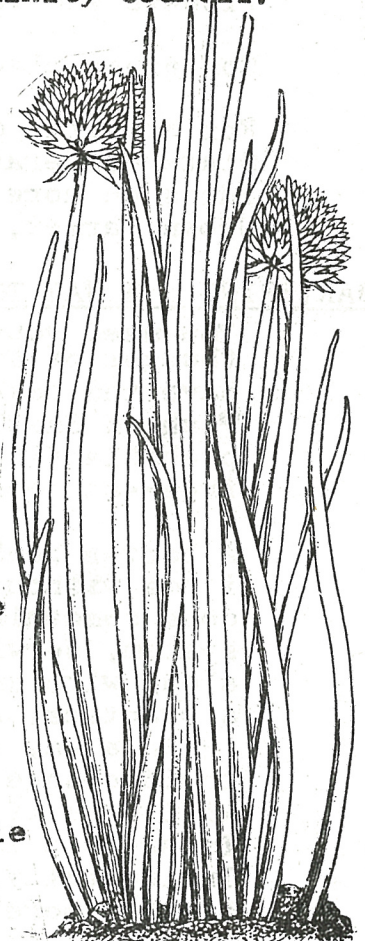
of interest to the Eastlake Land Use Committee. This committee will recommend these 10 to the Eastlake Planner, who will reserve the right to appoint 2 of the 10 representatives to ensure broad representation from the community. The 10 nominated TAC members shall be presented to the community for approval at the General meeting on March 18. The TAC will meet with the planner monthly in open public sessions to review and discuss information relevant to the planning process. It will share the responsibility of relating this information to the community through the monthly general meetings of the Eastlake Community Council.

THE EDIBLE CITY

Spaces are small in the city, but gardens don't need to be less productive. A sunny location with a minimum of 6 sunlight hours per day is the key prerequisite. Also unfertile soil can be enriched, water drawn from Lake Union or the city system, and container plantings will make concrete balconies bloom!

Look around you to see fertile parking strips, sunny window ledges, underplanted landscapes and garden space to share with a neighbor. Each has urban farming potential. This article will discuss "Ornamental Vegetables"--gorgeous to grow and to taste! They include, but are not limited to:

SCARLET RUNNER BEANS: Showy scarlet flower clusters are followed by flattened dark green pods;::tasty as is when young or cooked like lima beans when older. Good shade plant for porches or west windows.
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CHIVES

PEPPERS: Red, green, sweet and spicy--peppers range from pea-sized to salad "Bell Pepper" varieties. All grow 18"-24" tall to provide an informal hedge or can be displayed in containers.

SWISS CHARD: One of the easiest vegetables to grow. Its outer leaves can be cut as needed for meals and the crinkly plant will continue to yield all summer.

ONIONS, GARLIC AND CHIVES: Three close relatives, all grassy in appearance with spikey purple flowers crowning their stalks. They are easy to grow, require minimal space, and double as insect repellants amid other vegetables.

EGGPLANT: Handsome bushes resemble little trees with spectacular purple flowers and fruit.

SUNFLOWERS: Bold, tolerant, sturdy and an easy ten foot hedge. Food for birds and people both.

PERENNIALS: The kind you don't have to plant every year, often require two or more years for full production. But in return for your patience you begin to reap the joys of minimal maintenance food production. For example:

RHUBARB: An unconventional vegetable with crinkly tropical-size leaves growing up to 2 feet across. Red-stalked "cherry" and "strawberry" varieties are especially showy. Easy to grow.

STRAWBERRIES: Don't need a description. The fragrance of plump, fresh strawberries merits their culture.

ASPARAGUS! An elegant ornamental with countless tall feathery leaves. Requires patience to start, but is a very dependable producer once it matures (2 years). With today's \$1.89 per pound prices, you deserve a full row set against a sunny wall, backdropping other flowers and vegetables.

Container planting is helpful in thwarting slugs.

For specific questions on city food production, phone your Washington State Cooperative Extension Service at 344-7984. For trading ideas on more "Edible City" articles, phone your faithful Eastlake Urban Farmer, Deborah Shults at 624-3681 (days) or 324-6444 (eves.).

BARTERING: A WAY TO DEAL WITH THE AUSTERE 80's

You need your second floor windows washed, but don't relish the thought of bouncing on a ladder 15 feet above the ground and don't have the cash, a ladder, or know anyone who would do it for you? With an Eastlake Barter Bank (move over Sea-First) you could probably find someone who lives close by and who would do it for free--at least to you--sort of.

A barter bank makes it possible for people to trade services and items without any exchange of money. A does something for B who does something for Z who does something for A. With a simple system, services people have to offer, and services people need, along with an accounting of services given are monitored. It is a practical and pleasant way to obtain what you need, and pay for it in a way that's easily within your "budget". Items as well could change hands and become useful again. The Eastlake BB will work if we could find someone to help with the "matchmaking". Interested in finding out more? Call Anita Klapper 325-9333. Incidentally, the experience of the King County Barter Bank is that more people OFFREED services than needed them!

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Yes! I love Eastlake and want to support my community.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Yearly dues: \$5 household, \$3 senior citizen, \$10 business.

Mail to: Eastlake Community Council, P.O. Box 4101,
Seattle, WN 98104

SEE YOU AT THE COUNCIL MEETING EVERY 3rd TUESDAY, 7:30 p.m., SEWARD SCHOOL