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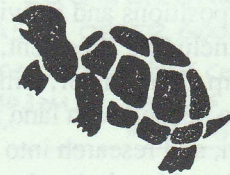
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# EASTLAKE NEWS

## Next ECC General Meeting April 21

7:00 p.m., at the Hungry Turtle.

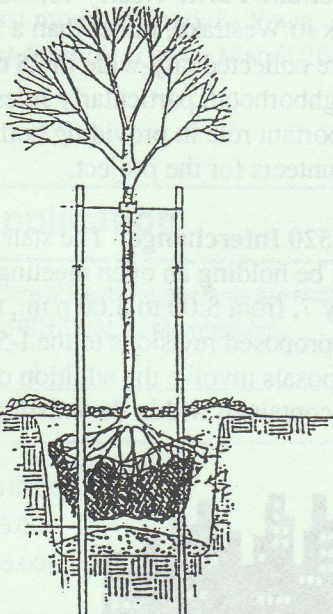


### Featured Topic: Urban Gardening, Eastlake-style

Springtime is here! Plant those flowers! Cherish those budding trees! With the arrival of the new Eastlake Street Trees, urban gardening is an appropriate topic for this month's meeting.

We'll have two featured speakers. One will answer our every question concerning trees .... what tree for what location, when to prune, how to de-bug without chemicals .... Our second speaker will represent Seattle's Master Gardener program and the P-Patch program. What flowers should we plant in our traffic circles? Around our street trees? At our street ends? In our planting strips? What's the best soil, sunlight and shade for those balcony petunias?

Bring some friends, some questions and a few dollars for the no-host bar.



## Eastlake Street Trees

Arbor Day, 8 April 1987, marked the official dedication of the new street trees in the core of the Eastlake Business District.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Street Tree Project coordinators from the community, Diane Symms, Lynn Howell, Alison Grable, and Beau Sedick; and from the City of Seattle Engineering Department, Jack Hunt and Jerry Clark.

A special thank you to all the businesses, property owners and members of the community who contributed to the Eastlake Street Tree Fund. We applaud the community for their enthusiasm and support of the project. We hope you will all enjoy the character that this addition to the street will provide for the Eastlake neighborhood in the years to come.

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## ECC Elections

The time is approaching when the community will need to choose a new group of officers and board members for the Eastlake Community Council. We need you, the residents of the Eastlake neighborhood, to give your time and bring your expertise to the ECC offices and a wide variety of important ECC activities.

Some experience helps, of course, but enthusiasm and energy are good substitutes. The time commitment doesn't have to be huge, while the rewards of working as a volunteer on behalf of your community can be great.

Some current board members have tentatively indicated a willingness to continue working for the ECC in some capacity. An addition will be Martin Cobb as newsletter editor. Other than that, we need volunteers for a large number of positions and activities. A number of positions, including President, Fundraiser, Treasurer and Membership Coordinator, will shortly be coming open. Help is also needed with land use projects, newsletter distribution, and research into such subjects as Eastlake history and multi-unit development standards.

Please consider giving some of your time and effort to a very worthy cause, the Eastlake Community Council.

## Land Use Update

**The Beach Buildings (3100 Eastlake, 3101 Fairview).** The ECC appeal has been settled. The original project was to be a 60,000-sq.-ft. office building on Eastlake, and a 27,000-sq.-ft. office building on Fairview. The settlement of March 27 changes the Fairview project to residential, with a maximum unit density of 35.

**2343 Eastlake. (Lakeview Office Building, next to the Yates apts.)** DCLU has yet to issue its decision regarding the Hearing Examiner's remand on the Eastlake access and the Transportation Management Program. In recent weeks the site has been surveyed and soils testing performed. This does not mean that construction is about to begin: the ECC appeal of the Master Use Permit is still in the early stages. Appeals to the City Council and to Superior Court are options available after the Hearing Examiner's decision. In light of the significance of the proposal and its location, it is doubtful that the issues involved in the project, as proposed, will soon be resolved.

**2048 Fairview Condominiums.** On March 10, the ECC and Floating Homes Association appealed this proposal to King County Superior Court. The proposal is for construction of about 32 units; the major issues are the bulk and scale of the building, which are incompatible with the existing structures on the Minor and Fairview.

**2207 Boylston.** A six-unit condo, with the existing six-unit apartment building to remain. The DCLU decision was issued on March 12. Although some very serious problems were pointed out to DCLU, the ECC did not appeal this project.

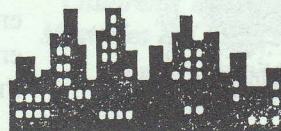
**2352 Yale (MUP #8607145).** An eight-unit, four-story building to be added to the existing duplex. Ten parking spaces to be provided. Comment letters to DCLU (400 Municipal Building, Seattle 98101) should be mailed as soon as possible.

**The Steam Plant.** The last of the 820,000 gallons of PCB-laden oil has been removed from the Steam Plant.

**Industrial Zoning.** The City Council is currently considering zoning changes that will affect the northern and southern sections of our neighborhood. The ECC has a number of serious concerns about some of the height standards and zoning classifications of the existing recommendations. There will be a meeting immediately following the April General Meeting for those who would like more information.

**Westlake Park.** Nearly 13,000 signatures calling for a park in Westlake, rather than a 21-story office building, were collected city-wide in 25 days. The Eastlake neighborhood, particularly Jules James, played an important role in providing both signatures and volunteers for the project.

**I-5/520 Interchange.** The state Dept. of Transportation will be holding an open meeting at the Seward School on May 7, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., to solicit public input on the proposed revisions to the I-5/520 interchange. The proposals involve the addition of commuter lanes that are contained within the existing right-of-way.



## Neighborhood Notes

**Ecology of Lake Union.** The March ECC General Meeting featured presentations by two local officials on the ongoing Lake Union and Ship Canal Water Quality Management Program, and other ecological issues affecting Lake Union. We will cover these subjects in more depth in a forthcoming issue of the *Eastlake News*.

**Firewood Coop.** Once again, our Firewood Coop program generated a lot of interest. Carol Eychaner will be calling to confirm your orders and arrange for deliveries throughout April and May.

**Voter registration.** You can register to vote at the April General Meeting, where voter registrars will be available. Remember that your votes count. The 1986 elections showed our neighborhood with 2,807 registered voters, 49.2% of whom cast ballots.

**Utility poles — an upset in the making.** There are 110 utility poles on Eastlake Ave. between the University Bridge and the Steam Plant. As of the time of writing, there were already 99 street trees. This means only 12 more trees are needed to take the lead....

**Moving house.** Recent research has yielded a land use gem: the apartment building located at 2321 Yale was originally the Officers' Quarters for Navy personnel at either Harbor Island or Bremerton. In 1947, the building was barged to the base of Lynn Street and carried to its present location. The building is 33 ft. wide and 73 ft. long, and contains 11 units.

**Last but by no means least.** Emmeline Cokelet's "Love" poem, printed in last month's *Eastlake News*, was run by the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* on March 26.



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## Membership Notes

In June 1985, the official membership of the Eastlake Community Council was approximately 50. By March of this year, the membership had grown to 244 people.

Many new members have joined as the result of the recent door-to-door membership and fundraising drive. Many thanks to all contributors and welcome to the new members, who will be listed in the May issue of *Eastlake News*. The door-to-door membership drive will continue throughout the spring; contact Jules (329-5945) if you're interested in taking part.

## Membership Application

YES!!! I want to help take care of Eastlake. My dues are enclosed for membership in the Eastlake Community Council (1 year membership).

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## Small Business Focus

### Emerald Queens and Hungry Turtles

by Dick Asia

Last Friday afternoon I was sipping a gin and tonic and munching nachos at the Hungry Turtle — you know, the restaurant that hosts those ECC meetings that you keep meaning to go to. Suddenly, I heard a roar of engines and a haunting whistle. I glanced out the window and saw a gigantic paddlewheeler approaching the dock.

I told Dotty the bartendress not to bring me any more to drink, but she explained to me that the *Emerald Queen* (the only commercial sternwheeler west of the Rockies) came every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and that for only three dollars I could spend the rest of the evening riding around the lake, stopping at restaurants, eating and drinking to my heart's content, and be returned to this very same barstool. Need she say more, this could prove the greatest bargain since the Roanoke Exit invented scones and coffee for a buck sixty-five.

Once I was aboard, Captain Al Cox pushed the brass telegraph forward to "all astern." Down in the engine-room Al's sister Donna also adjusted her telegraph to "all astern" — and we were off. A 65-foot, 72-ton paddle wheeler has very little steerage, particularly with a fresh northerly blowing. But the *Queen* was up to it. While backing gracefully into the main channel she pirouetted between a houseboat and a sailboat, and then turned her bow to the west. All aboard gave this prima-ballerina a standing ovation.

With the wheels churning the water to foam, we headed towards Gas Works Park. The sun was setting under the Aurora Bridge and I couldn't imagine a more delightful way to spend an afternoon or an evening.

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