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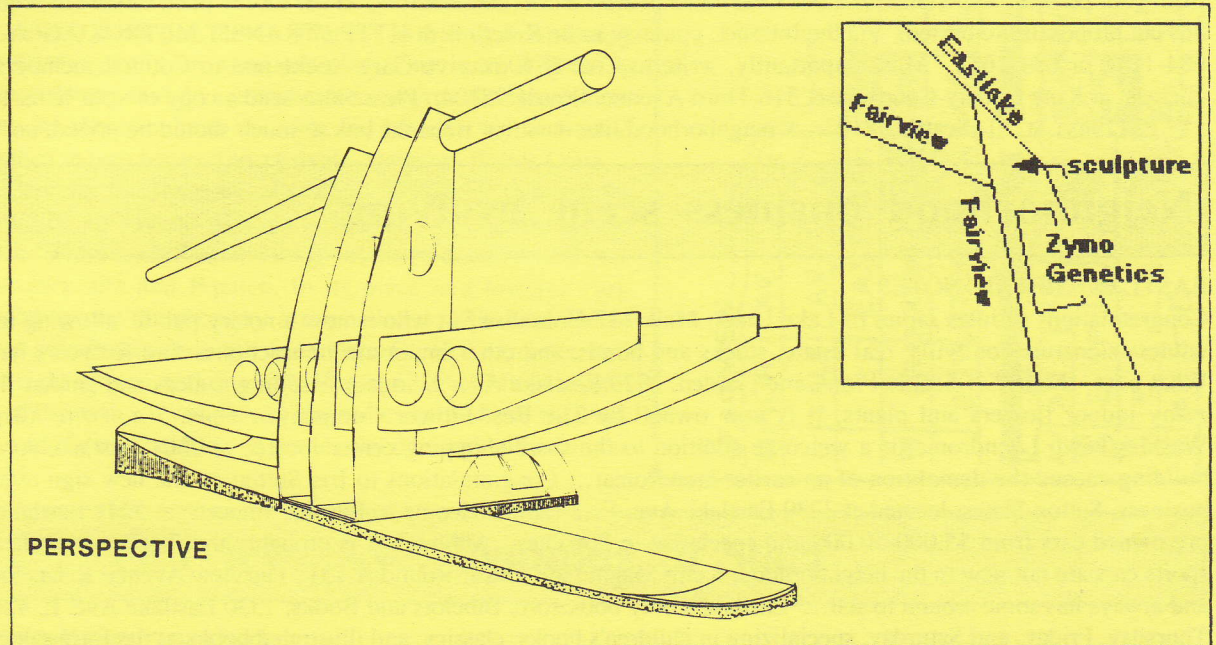
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Coming Events

June 27 – General Meeting – Eastlake Community Council, 7-9 p.m. at Seward School Cafeteria, 2515 Boylston Ave.



An outdoor sculpture, similar to that depicted in this drawing, will be created by artist Thomas Lindsey for display at the entrance to the Eastlake Neighborhood near ZymoGenetics.

Eastlake Gateway Sculpture Selected

Based on community input and independent criteria, Thomas Lindsey's sculpture, which celebrates the aircraft construction and ship building legacies of the Eastlake area, has been selected as the gateway sculpture. It will be installed at the southern entrance to the neighborhood at Eastlake and Fairview. A jury of Eastlake residents and professionals selected the sculpture from several proposals in a competitive process. Finalists' models were displayed in the building lobby at 2334 Eastlake Ave. E., and at the Hydro Cafe for public review in April. Many comments were received. The two other finalists included a whimsical metal drake at the prow of a ship, by Evelyn Rosenberg; and wind-powered zoetropes by Jonathan Barrett and Kevin Spitzer. The artist hopes to complete installation of the work by the end of summer. Funds for the project are provided by the Department of Neighborhoods, with matching contributions from the Eastlake community and ZymoGenetics. The selection jury included Brad Hubbell, neighborhood resident and graduating architectural student; Gail Elnicky, landscape architect and former UW instructor; Dick Arnold, Eastlake resident, builder and actor; Theresa Nelson of ZymoGenetics; and Rob Kiker, ECC board member.

Important changes in bus routes coming

Metro is now controlled by King County, instead of Seattle, and it shows. The county's six-year draft bus plan would reduce the bus choices available in Eastlake – one of the state's bus-ridingest neighborhoods. Bus riders need to sound off – soon. We would lose route 7, which goes along Harvard and 10th avenues to and from Capitol Hill and the Rainier Valley. Most serious would be elimination of all of our bus service on Eastlake Avenue south of Fairview Avenue E. Route 305 (which goes out to Northgate and down to the ferry terminal) would be completely eliminated. Route 74 would no longer stop anywhere along Eastlake Avenue. (In the past Metro emphasized the continuation of 305 when Eastlakers sought to defend route 74. Yet in the current plan we would lose both.) Bus 74 and other buses would continue to use Eastlake Avenue. But they would be expresses, speeding through, but not stopping in, our neighborhood. (Continued on Page 2)

Public comment on bus plan sought

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Metro suggests these problems will be made up for by increased frequency of route 70, which will use the downtown bus tunnel. But riders find route 70 slower than the other routes and appreciate the variety of destinations the other routes offer. The good news in the plan is that Metro will still electrify route 70, helping to reduce noise and pollution. If you write, please put in a kind word for the trolley electrification program. Please write soon urging the county to revise the bus plan to improve Eastlake's bus service. Mention examples from your personal experience as a bus rider and a pedestrian. If you call (684-1146) for the plan, be sure to request appendix D, where the bus cut proposals are buried. Via the Internet, you may write Riderlink at [HTTP://TRANSIT.METROK.COV](http://TRANSIT.METROK.COV). TDD/TTY users can call 684-1146 or 684-1682. Most importantly, write to County Executive Gary Locke and to Council members Larry Gossett and Greg Nickels, at King County Courthouse, 516 Third Avenue, Seattle 98104. Please also send a copy of your letter to Eastlake Bus Defenders, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102. A neighborhood like ours that rides the bus so much should be prized, not punished.

Neighborhood business scene evolving

EASTLAKE RETAIL NOTES

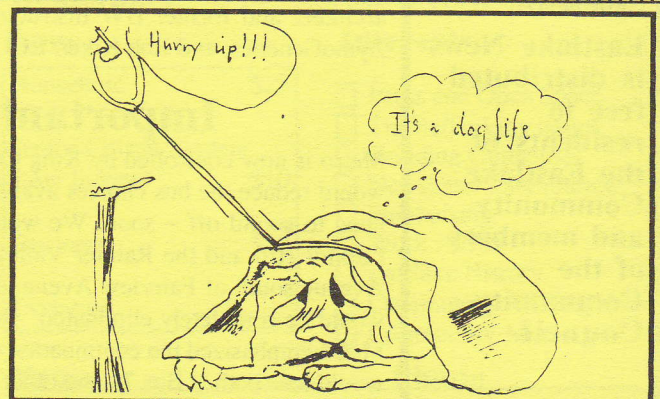
Congratulations to Jules James of Lake Union Mail, 117 E. Louisa St., who is now a notary public, allowing him to officially verify and witness signatures on wills, real estate, stocks and bonds, and other important transactions. And for years he's been a voting registrar. What next--sheriff?... Seattle Floral and Garden, 2920 Eastlake Ave. E., again is selling azaleas and garden flowers in addition to their many indoor flowers and plants. It is now owned by The Best Flower Company... Open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week, WashingTown Laundromat is a welcome addition to the small shopping center located at 2501 Eastlake Ave., as construction of that building caused the demolition of an earlier laundromat... Congratulations to Iris Sutton on the new sign over her full-service catering business, Sutton Plates, located at 3239 Eastlake Ave. E... And welcome to Bayside Imports at 3241 Eastlake Ave. E., who sell luxury pre-owned cars from \$5,000-50,000 and specialize in Porsches. Although it is probably the first automobile showroom to locate here, sports cars are not new to the neighborhood. Keith Magnusson's Ralli-Round at 1512 Fairview Avenue E. has long serviced Alfa-Romeos, and always has some around to sell... Eastlake's only bookstore, Bibelots and Books, 1530 Eastlake Ave. E. #207, is now open 12-5 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, specializing in children's books, classics, and illustrated books... Its former location, 112 E. Lynn, under the Eastlake Zoo, is now occupied by Swank, offering a unique collection of locally designed clothing as well as very special used and vintage items. Swank has just expanded and completely remodeled... If you have retail news for this column, please send it to Chris Leman, 85 E. Roanoke Street 98102 or call 322-5463.

New Apartment Building in Works

Several Eastlake residents have taken the opportunity to comment to the Department of Construction and Land Use on a four-story apartment building being planned for a vacant lot at the intersection of Eastlake and Hamlin. The project is planned by Val Thomas Inc. The property was the former site of a chevron station. The plans call for 34 apartments above street level retail and restaurants. The ECC board, in a letter to the developer and the DCLU, expressed concern about the architectural design, and encouraged the developers to retail businesses that will provide neighborhood gathering places.

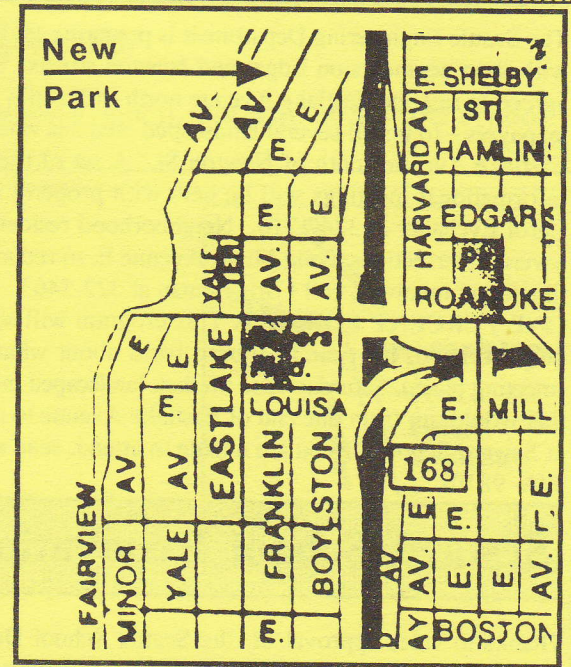
Unleashed Dogs a Citywide Issue

City ordinances have long prohibited unleashed dogs on streets, sidewalks, parks, and other public property. Dog owners hoping for new places to exercise their dogs have formed Citizens for Off-Leash Areas (COLA). They are proposing unleashed areas in certain city parks and have received considerable support from some city council members. Others such as the Seattle Audubon Society and a coalition calling itself UNCOLA oppose leashless areas in the parks, citing concerns of safety, noise, wildlife and the environment. None of Eastlake's parks has so far appeared on the list proposed for leashless areas. Eastlakens should be aware of the implications for other parks, however, and should express their views to the Mayor's office and to members of the City Council, both at the 600 Fourth Avenue, Seattle 98104.



New Park Project Underway

There's an old blue canoe in the middle of Fairview, and the hillside, which will soon become the city's newest neighborhood park, is looking less like a tangle of briars and junk. The park landscaping won't start until next summer, but Fairview-Olmstead Park, located between Fairview and Eastlake north of Shelby Street, will reach a "clean and green state" in the coming weeks, according to Debi Wong, project manager. The site is a little more than one acre and is being cleaned up this month by Conservation Corp. workers. Also this month, the city is hiring a landscape designer to start work with the public on a master plan. One issue still being resolved is Lake Union access, Wong said. In a complicated scenario, the Department of Natural Resources owns the shoreline near the park, but leases it to the Seattle Engineering Department which in turn leases it to a private company, Wards Cove. Now that the city owns the land for this long-sought park, the billboards (a blight for at least fifty years) are to be removed. Already down is the Department of Construction and Land Use "white board" announcing the huge development that would have destroyed the park site and P-patch. In its place is a tasteful Park Department sign. The buildings on the property are scheduled to be demolished soon. Two are old, beached houseboats. You can have them for free - but act fast. Later in the summer the neighborhood and the Park Department will hold a joint celebration of the coming of the park. If you would like to be notified call the Park Department at 684-7046. And if you would like to get involved in park efforts in the neighborhood, call 322-5463.



Fairview Ave. Planning to Start

Steering Committee help needed

Among the highest-rated concerns in a survey for the 1994 Eastlake Transportation Plan was the need to improve pedestrian safety along Fairview. Now is our chance. ECC and the Floating Homes Association were successful co-applicants for neighborhood matching funds to address the decades-old conflicts between traffic, pedestrians, and other uses of Fairview between East Newton and East Roanoke streets. Local donations and in-kind services will be matched by a City grant of \$25,000. This project will engage the community and the Seattle Engineering Department in a partnership to refine the plan's traffic calming proposals. A series of public meetings and workshops on design ideas will begin in November and culminate in May 1996 with construction designs and site cost estimates. The end result will be a set of mutually agreed upon, construction-ready plans. A second application for funds will be submitted then for construction of the improvements. The steering committee for the project is now being formed. Local business representation on the steering committee is encouraged. Work will formally begin in July and will involve two or four hours of meetings per month over the next year. Please call Mary Sue Galvin at 323-6439 if you are interested or would like more information.

520 Expansion Foes Seek Help Again

A new law has established a voice for the public in the privatization of highways such as the toll-road expansion idea for SR520. The law calls for a public advisory vote in the vicinity of the highway, but only if 5,000 signatures in opposition have been collected since Sept. 1, or within 30 days after the law is signed by the governor (not yet done at press time). Although 8,000 signatures have already been collected against the SR520 project, many of these were collected before September. Thus opponents again are circulating petitions. Petitions are at Lake Union Mail, 117 E. Louisa St. Volunteers - especially a coordinator - are needed. Call Chris Leman at 322-5463.

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Sewer Project to Improve Eastlake

The Seattle Engineering Department is preparing for the two-year construction of an expanded sewer line down Eastlake and Minor avenues, with short segments on Edgar and Newton streets, Yale Terrace, and Yale Place. As part of the project, the Engineering Department has agreed to restripe Eastlake Avenue north of Hamlin Street to create a center-turn lane and wider parking lanes. Also – at no extra cost to taxpayers – to install several landscaped medians where they will not interfere with driveways. The ECC has called for similar treatment on Eastlake Avenue south of Newton St. A set of the plans are available for review at Lake Union Mail, 117 E. Louisa St. A series of informational meetings will be held with property owners along Eastlake Avenue. For information, call Rick Esposito at 322-8334 or Carol Eychaner at 324-1716. Neighborhood residents and businesses are also exploring with the City a proposal for curb extensions on several intersections along Minor Avenue E. to reduce cut-through traffic and pedestrian crossing distance. If you have questions or would like to get involved, call Chris Leman at 322-5463.

ONE PERCENT FOR ART. This program will soon make \$50,000-\$100,000 from the sewer project available for art in the Eastlake neighborhood. It's time to submit ideas about what YOU would like to see the money go towards. Some possibilities are a piazza (meeting place), Saturday food market, landscaped medians on parts of Eastlake Avenue to make it more of a "boulevard", and an art project that would run from one end of Eastlake Avenue to the other (instead of one art piece). Bring your ideas to the ECC meeting on June 27th at Seward School. If you are unable to attend, send a written description of your ideas to Susan Kaufman, 2015 Franklin Ave. #2, Seattle, WA 98102.

Seward School Renovation Planning Underway

Thanks to voter approval of the Seattle School District levy last fall, Eastlake's historic landmark Seward School is slated for major renovations and improvements. Plans include renovating the historic buildings, and replacing the portable buildings with a new, permanent structure. Construction will begin in the summer of 1998, to be completed by fall of 1999. Currently, the school is home to a special public school program known as TOPS, which will be relocated during the construction. A group of teachers, staff, parents and an ECC representative recently organized a Facilities Committee on the upcoming renovation. The TOPS school, Eastlake neighbors, Seattle School District and architects will be involved. Such possible amenities as a kiosk site, a community center and public art have been discussed. Other key issues include: The historic status of the three landmark buildings from 1893, 1906 and 1917. Traffic control around the school and parking. The school's use of the Franklin Street end at Roanoke, which is currently a parking area. The school's use of Rogers Playfield. After hours use of the new buildings. Potential city neighborhood grants for additional improvements. If you are interested in Facilities Committee or Site Council meetings, open to the public, contact Marjorie Nelson at 329-3097, or Carol Eychaner at 324-1716.

ECC Board Nominations Sought

Honored as the "Community Council of the Decade" a little over a year ago by the Seattle Neighborhood Coalition, ECC's talented board members have maintained effectiveness despite the neighborhood's relatively small population. The volunteer work is maintained only by infusions of new blood. ECC is inviting nominations for board and officer positions, which will be filled at the annual meeting in the fall. Please send information about your background if you would be willing to be considered, or would like to nominate a family member or friend. Send to: ECC Nominations, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102.

We attempt to publish the Eastlake News on a quarterly or bimonthly basis. Your contributions or suggestions are encouraged and appreciated. Opinions, humorous anecdotes about Eastlake, short creative writing pieces about the neighborhood, proposals for improvement or neighborhood news are all welcome.

Send your contributions to Eastlake News, 117 E. Louisa St. Box #1, Seattle 98102. Or call Chris Norred at 322-1101.

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Membership Application

New Eastlake Community Council
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- Parks and Open Space
- Traffic/Parking issues
- Building Guidelines
- Newsletter Distribution
- Fundraising
- Work Parties
- Eastlake History
- Community Art Projects
- Community Meetings

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