

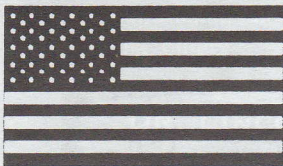
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# EASTLAKE NEWS

Many Eastlakers had friends and family members lost or nearly lost in the destruction of the World Trade Center. Our hearts go out to the families and neighborhoods affected, especially to the brave fire and police personnel who lost their lives.



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## PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **Tues., Oct. 9th:** Candidate and ballot measures forum and ECC annual meeting, 7-9 p.m. at the TOPS-Seward School Library
- **Tues., Oct. 30th:** Meeting to begin defining the Fairview Green Street, 7-8:30 p.m. at NOAA, 1801 Fairview Avenue E.
- **Sat., Nov. 3rd:** Weeding party at Franklin Green Street, 9 a.m. - 12

## OCTOBER 9TH FORUM AIRS CANDIDATES AND BALLOT CAMPAIGNS

ECC organizes this always-popular elections forum, which brings the candidates competing to become your next Mayor, City Attorney, and member of the City Council or School Board to the TOPS-Seward School Library on Tues. Oct. 9th, from 7-9 p.m. We will also have representatives for and against the ballot campaigns, such as the property tax and homeless aid initiatives. Hear the debates and pose questions to the participants. Co-sponsored with the Portage Bay/Roanoke Park Community Council, Eastlake Community Land Trust, Olmsted-Fairview Park Commission, and the local business associations. The meeting begins with the Eastlake Community Council annual meeting and elections.

## WEED AT FRANKLIN GREEN STREET AND GOOD TURN PARK

The Franklin Green Street and Good Turn Park plantings of recent years are growing well, but they need weeding right now. If the landscape plants continue to thrive, weeding will not be as needed in future years. These neighborhood parks are not maintained by the City Parks Department, but by neighborhood volunteers. Please help at one of the Saturday (9 a.m.-12) work parties. The Franklin Green Street is between Seward School and Rogers Playfield. Its work party is on Nov. 3rd (questions: 323-4156 or [oreese@drizzle.com](mailto:oreese@drizzle.com)). Good Turn Park is located at the Lake Union shoreline off Fairview Avenue E., one block south of the University Bridge. Its work parties are on Oct. 13th and 27th, and Nov. 10th (questions: 322-5463 or [clemán@oo.net](mailto:clemán@oo.net)). As always, bring gloves and a weeding tool, or other garden tools (or a wheelbarrow). If you can't come, it's OK to weed any other time also!!

## OCTOBER 30TH MEETING TO BEGIN DEFINING FAIRVIEW GREEN STREET

Please attend a 7 p.m. public meeting Tuesday, Oct. 30 at NOAA, 1801 Fairview Avenue E. to kick off planning for the Fairview Avenue "green street." Some years ago, the Seattle Design Commission singled out Fairview Avenue East, north of Newton, as a "street that works," but we could lose Fairview's unique qualities as a strolling lane if City street standards are not tailored to it.

In adopting the Eastlake Neighborhood Plan in 1998, the City Council by ordinance 119322 designated Fairview between Newton and Roanoke, and between Hamlin and Fuhrman, as a "Green Street--Type III." A Type III Green Street includes neighborhood-specific street right-of-way standards to enhance charm and pedestrian safety in addition to free access for motor vehicles. The community now has the opportunity to establish such standards. The Eastlake neighborhood Plan Stewardship Committee is working with City departments on the Fairview Avenue Green Street Design Concept, and we need your assistance.

If you're not able make it to the Oct. 30th meeting at NOAA, we would still like to hear your views. Do you agree with the neighborhood plan's recommendation that Fairview between Newton and Roanoke should not have curbs, sidewalks, or a wider roadway? Do you agree that Fairview, between Hamlin and Fuhrman, should keep the same width of roadway, but have curbs and sidewalks in certain places (and please specify where you would suggest them)? And what other features should we encourage for these two segments of Fairview? Please send your suggestions to Fairview Green Street, c/o Martia Denniston, 1926 Fairview Avenue E. #110, Seattle 98102; or by e-mail to [mdenniston@effectnet.com](mailto:mdenniston@effectnet.com). Questions and volunteers are welcome (720-5519).

### NEIGHBORHOOD VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Building community and keeping Eastlake a great place to live and work take lots of volunteer time. Your talents and commitment can make a difference. Among the skills needed right now are:

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# LIGHT RAIL THROUGH EASTLAKE?

The 1996 ballot measure that established Sound Transit (passed with the votes of many Eastlakers), designated a Capitol Hill tunnel as the preferred route for light rail between downtown and the University District. The subsequent environmental impact statement also recommended the Capitol Hill route, rejecting an Eastlake route as destructive and lacking in ridership. But, as projected costs of the Capitol Hill tunnel have mounted, the Sound Transit board has directed its planners to take another look at an Eastlake route.

The Eastlake Neighborhood Plan (1998) supports the development of a light rail program, but favors the Capitol Hill route. Implementation of the neighborhood plan is led by a City-recognized Stewardship Committee composed of the Eastlake Community Council, Floating Homes Association, Portage Bay/Roanoke Park Community Council, Olmsted-Fairview Park Commission, Floating Homes Association, Eastlake Community Land Trust, NOISE, Eastlake's two business associations, and representatives of apartment owners and social service institutions.

At its June 19, 2001 meeting, the Eastlake Stewardship Committee voted to send a letter to Sound Transit and to the Mayor and City Council noting that the neighborhood plan "commits us and the City to protect and enhance Eastlake's livability and the vitality of its business district. We support the effort to improve the region's transit system, but particularly expect to be included in decisions that could directly affect those who live, work, or own property here." The Stewardship Committee letter reaffirms the 1998 Neighborhood Plan's positions on light rail, as follows:

- T-7 Ensure that any light rail or monorail system is a net benefit to the neighborhood
- T-7.1 Light rail should not be on the surface of, or elevated above, any Eastlake streets.
- T-7.2 Oppose an additional light rail (or monorail) bridge crossing over the Ship Canal, or a nearby tunnel opening.
- T-7.3 Explore the addition of rail to I-5 and the Ship Canal bridge, if it produces a net reduction in noise and vibration and does not produce a widening of the bridge.
- T-7.6 Oppose a light rail station in Eastlake if there are not strong protections against inundation by up-zoned commercial development and by commuters arriving by car.
- T-7.8 Support the Capitol Hill tunnel route for light rail. If the South Lake Union alternative is chosen as the light rail route, support only the all-tunnel alternative through Eastlake and Portage Bay.

The Stewardship Committee's letter continues: "Eastlake Avenue is a narrow arterial - the pavement is only 50 feet from curb to curb, and the right-of-way is only 75 feet from property line to property line. An at-grade or elevated rail line would take away space that is needed for local traffic and parking and for pedestrians and bicycles. The businesses and residents along the Eastlake corridor would suffer unacceptable permanent damage from loss of parts of the street and from rail-generated noise and vibration, to say nothing of the community disruption that would result from a construction process that would run the entire length of our neighborhood, which is only five blocks wide."

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## LIGHT RAIL (CONT.)

"Land is scarce in Eastlake, which is squeezed between I-5 and Lake Union. Many homes and businesses were destroyed to build I-5, and those that remain in its shadow suffer constant noise and vibration. We must not lose additional land and livability to help commuters pass through on their way to and from downtown. Our residential and business district is not well-suited to hosting a light rail station, and such a location was not even studied in the Sound Transit environmental impact statement, which made a cursory look at a station at E. Nelson Place. The homes and businesses in Eastlake's north end, which already suffer from the I-5 Ship Canal Bridge, must not be subjected to the additional shadow, noise, vibration, and displacement that would come from a high-level or mid-level light rail bridge; these impacts were not adequately analyzed in the Sound Transit EIS."

The Eastlake Stewardship Committee concludes, "We are not opposed to further study of new routes, but respectfully request that they receive sufficient time and analytical resources to fully weigh the environmental and community impacts. Time and resources must also be allocated to ensure the full involvement of Eastlake's residents, businesses, and property owners, and the organizations that represent them."

A particular question for an Eastlake light rail route would be the impacts a light rail station could have on the neighborhood. In ad-

dition to the past concerns about added traffic, parking demand, and construction impacts, an emerging issue has been the zoning overlay that the City now automatically establishes around every light rail station, usually within a quarter mile. Contrary to neighborhood planning, which tailors zoning and development to each neighborhood, station area zoning is "one size fits all." For example, along Eastlake Avenue, apartments or condo buildings with street-level commercial space could fill up the entire lot (currently their residential floors must leave at least one third of the lot as open space). Last year, the City proposed additional dramatic increases in the intensity of development for the station areas. While these proposals seem to have been dropped, they could be added in the future to all station area overlays.

The member groups on the Eastlake Neighborhood Plan Stewardship Committee want to hear your views on the possible construction of an Eastlake light rail line and station. Letters to the Eastlake Community Council and other groups listed above may be sent to Light Rail Comments, c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle, WA 98102.

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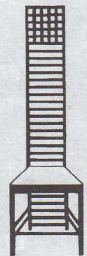
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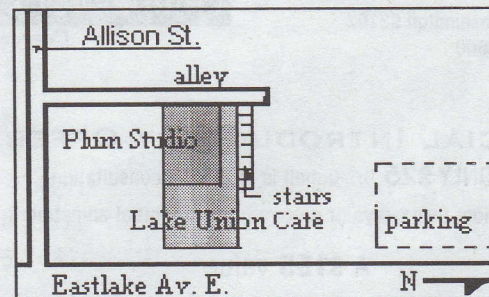
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- Recently opened is the Seattle office of **E S & A Sign and Awning Co.** (2510 Fairview Ave. E., 749-9960).
- **Seattle Baroque** (2366 Eastlake Avenue E. #428, 322-3118) will perform Scarlatti's dramatic oratorio, *The Exile of Hagar and Ishmael*, Oct. 26th at University Christian Church and Oct. 27th at Benaroya Hall. Its sister organization, **Tudor Choir** (same address and phone), will perform works of des Prez, non Papa, Gombert, Parsons, White, and Cornysh, Nov 9th at the Bellevue Art Museum and Nov. 10th at St. Mark's Cathedral.
- In April, the Seattle Times reviewed **Serafina** (2043 Eastlake Ave., 323-0807), stating that its "eclectic combination of comfy bar scene, sultry lighting, steamy windows, and live jazz have long made this vintage brick abode a beacon for those in search of decent Italian food and a neighborhood-party atmosphere."
- It is great news that the **Seattle Press** (formerly the **Lake Union Review**) is continuing. Advertisers are urged to support this important community newspaper, which can be reached at 547-9660, [seattlepress@seattlepress.com](mailto:seattlepress@seattlepress.com), or [www.SeattlePress.com](http://www.SeattlePress.com).
- Watch for a coffeehouse and a Greek restaurant on the site of the recently closed Motion Lounge (2245 Eastlake Ave.).
- **Wild Iris Glass Studio** has relocated to Seward Park (5224 Wilson Ave. S., [miwami@juno.com](mailto:miwami@juno.com), 328-0688). Best wishes to Mimi, its gracious proprietor.
- Eric Metcalfe, who had worked in the wines department at **Pete's Super** for five years, died of a brain tumor on May 10th at the age of 39. Remembrances may be sent to the Eric Metcalfe Memorial Fund, WSECU, 1500 Fairview Avenue E., Seattle 98102, for the benefit of the Northwest Tibetan Cultural Association.

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An all-volunteer organization now celebrating its 30th anniversary, ECC has been fortunate in the dedication of its board members. We are grateful for the service of the following who did not seek re-election: Owen Reese (formerly Secretary and President); Barbara Deutsch (formerly President and Vice President), Diana Randall (formerly Vice President and acting President), Anthony Vincent (formerly newsletter editor), and Connie Randall (formerly volunteer coordinator). At its August meeting, the board filled a vacancy with David T. Huber, who formerly served as board member, Vice President, and President.

At its September meeting with the help of a nominating committee consisting of Owen Reese and Barbara Deutsch, the board nominated the following to be voted on by ECC members by mail or at the Oct. 9th annual elections meeting: new board members Martia Denniston (Secretary), Holly Houser (newsletter editor), Barbara Zegar (Treasurer; she formerly served as Treasurer, Secretary, and President), and Ron Adams (former board member); and continued board members David Huber (also nominated as President), Mary Lou Pederson (also nominated as Vice President), Jim Reckers, and Chris Leman. Others may be written in if duly nominated beforehand.

## GET INVOLVED IN PLANNING FOR COLONNADE PARK

Seattle's Park Department and the Eastlake Neighborhood Plan Stewardship Committee are partnering a year-long process to develop a plan for Colonnade Park, the area under I-5 between Newton and Galer streets. The first public meeting was held July 31st in a glorious outdoor setting near the site; watch for notices of the next public meeting. An open membership advisory group will be meeting at 6 p.m. on third Wednesdays, likely at Pima Medical Institute, 1627 Eastlake Avenue E. Colonnade Park will be funded with \$1.8 million that Seattle voters approved last November in a \$200 million citywide parks levy.

The sloped site has lots of room, and your ideas are welcome and needed on which uses should be considered and how to design them. High priorities in the Eastlake neighborhood plan are a trail and staircase to connect Franklin Avenue (the Lake Union area) with Lakeview Blvd. and the Capitol Hill steps. Other possible features include lighting, mountain biking and jogging trails, basketball hoops, stormwater gardens, and an unleashed dog area. Concerns have also been expressed about possible displacement of homeless people now living in the area. Questions: David Goldberg, Seattle Parks and Recreation Department, 684-8414, davidw.goldberg@ci.seattle.wa.us. Please send in your ideas and/or address to: Colonnade Park, c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD AND CITY CONTINUE WORK ON PEDESTRIAN OVERLAY

Work on the Eastlake Avenue Pedestrian District is again underway. Identified as a "key strategy" and high priority in the Eastlake Neighborhood Plan, the Pedestrian District would change the development standards in the City's Land Use Code (zoning code) for properties along Eastlake Avenue. These changes would consolidate commercial development into districts and intersection nodes along Eastlake Avenue, and increase residential development between the commercial areas. Neighborhood-serving businesses and uses would be developed at street level along the sidewalk. Similar to the Code's access requirement for Eastlake's multifamily zones, access and parking would be provided off alleys and side streets instead of from Eastlake Avenue (except in areas where such access is not technically feasible or would adversely impact parks and other green spaces).

Members of the Eastlake Community Council and the Olmsted Fairview

Park Commission are working with staff from the City's Department of Design, Construction and Land Use to implement the Pedestrian Overlay. This work first began in early 1999, shortly after the City Council adopted Eastlake's neighborhood plan, but it was put on the back burner because of a lack of DCLU staff and neighborhood resources. Look for a community meeting and more information about the Pedestrian District sometime later this year. Questions? Contact Jim Reckers, [jhreckers@home.com](mailto:jhreckers@home.com), 323-8537 or Robert Rudine, [rudine@aol.com](mailto:rudine@aol.com), 325-3839.



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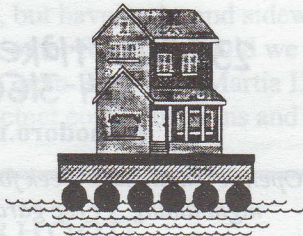
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I feel very lucky to have reached this milestone. I am thankful that every year has exceeded our expectations, and that the people of Seattle have embraced us as "their place." Mostly, though, I am grateful to the Eastlake community, who has remained the core reason for Serafina's success. I am so endeared to Eastlake; it is the community that I live and work in, the community in which my daughter Isabella is fortunate enough to grow up, and the place that has felt more like home than anywhere since I left Brooklyn.

As a way of saying thank you, I am having a special party for our Eastlake patrons, to be held on Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 - 7:30 pm, featuring our new fall antipasti and wine. Please bring in this letter as your invitation; it is my way of showing my gratitude to you, and will also be an opportunity for you to meet the new executive chef, John Neumark. RSVP by October 20<sup>th</sup> and I look forward to winning, dining & conversing with my neighbors.

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