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PUBLIC EVENTS

Wed., Mar. 3,

Land use projects. The latest on proposals to redevelop Bar-Mart and 2245/2241 Eastlake Ave., and a proposed Starbucks for 2344/2352 Eastlake Ave. Your opportunity to comment and get involved.

Mon., Mar. 8

Fairview Green Street (Newton to Roanoke streets)—committee meets 6 p.m. at Management Recruiters, 2510 Fairview Ave. E.

Tue., Mar. 9

The latest on SR 520 expansion, and implementing the Eastlake Neighborhood Plan—your opportunity to comment and get involved. 7-9 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School Library (see article)

Thu., March 11

2nd Thursdays at Porta Taverna, 9:00-11:30PM. Featuring live Hungarian/Romanian music by Ensemble Sub Masa! Donation \$5. Proceeds to benefit the Eastlake Shake music fund.

Sat., Mar. 13

Eastlake Ave. and Harvard Ave. tree planting, 9 a.m.-12. Gather at North Gateway Park, where Eastlake Ave. and Harvard Ave. intersect.

Thu., Mar. 18

I-5 open space (Colonnade Park), 7-9 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School. Public meeting to comment on latest design.

Sat., Mar. 20

Good Turn Park work party, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Fairview Ave. E., one block south of U. Bridge)

Sat., Mar. 27

Fairview Park work party, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (between Eastlake Ave. and Fairview Ave. at Shelby St.)

Tue., Mar. 23

Community meeting hosted by School Board member Brita Butler-Wall, 6:30 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School

Wed., Mar. 31

Crime prevention, 7-9 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School Library. Discuss with police and with your neighbors recent crimes in Eastlake and how to stop them (see article)

Thu., April 8

2nd Thursdays at Porta Taverna, 7:30-10:00PM. Featuring live music! Donation \$5. Proceeds to benefit the Eastlake Shake music fund.

Sat., Apr. 24

Fairview Park work party, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (between Eastlake Ave. and Fairview Ave. at Shelby St.)

Tue., Apr. 27

Community meeting hosted by School Board member Brita Butler-Wall, 6:30 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School

Wed., Apr. 28

Business Outreach/Eastlake Shake, 7-9 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School Library. Local businesses and residents will exchange ideas at this public meeting on how to attract and keep neighborhood-serving businesses; and how to help with ECC's August festival. We want your ideas!

Sat., May 15

Lake Union Sweep, 9 a.m. to 12, with celebration 12-2. To get involved in this annual clean-up, call 328-7953 or email ronboadams@mac.com.

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Songbirds, Hummingbirds, Butterflies, and Bumblebees

The antics and music of songbirds (chickadees, wrens, finches, juncos, etc.) animate the neighborhood. But misplaced efforts to attract them can actually hurt by favoring their enemies, the pigeons and starlings. Pigeons have invaded Eastlake in the last decade, and it is only about fifty years ago that the first starling was sighted in Seattle. Songbirds have been declining ever since; even the bluebird once frequented Eastlake, but there has been no sighting in decades.



Big trees are particularly needed as signposts and refuge for songbirds, and we're not planting them as fast as they are being removed. Think twice before removing any big tree, and urge your landlord or neighbor to do the same. Some small trees and shrubs (e.g. fruit trees, hawthorns, holly, and pyracantha) provide particularly good shelter and food (see the Ellis book below). Leafy mulch provides bugs and nesting material for many songbirds (juncos feed almost entirely on the ground). Bird houses should be cleaned out after the nesting season, and the hole should be no larger than 1 1/4 inch to avoid an overpopulation of starlings and sparrows. (Even sparrows are known to kill smaller birds to take over a bird house.) Food from natural habitat is preferable to artificial feeding.

Bread crumbs attract pigeons, starlings, crows, squirrels and rats that have plenty of food already, and they shove aside the songbirds if seed is spread on the ground or put in a poorly designed feeder. Choose bird seed carefully, as the cheapest is favored only by starlings and pigeons, while they do not like some other kinds that songbirds love, such as black Niger seed. Also, get a feeder designed to discourage starlings and squirrels, and avoid leaving lots of seed on the ground—a banquet for rats and pigeons. Bird feeders, supplies, and free advice are available at the Seattle Aududon Society's Nature Store, 8050 35th NE, 523-4483.

Hummingbirds, butterflies, and bumblebees like some of the same flowering plants, and some plants can be chosen to attract specific types of butterflies. Like chickadees, hummingbirds remember where they had their best meals, so they will reward your efforts with return visits. On plant choices to attract songbirds, hummingbirds, and butterflies, see Barbara Ellis, **Attracting Birds and Butterflies: How to Plant a Backyard Habitat to Attract Hummingbirds and other Winged Wildlife** (Houghton Mifflin, 1997). Renters can request that landlords use it in planting choices.



Insects are an important food for songbirds and hummingbirds, and butterflies, and bumblebees ARE insects, so try to avoid insecticides. Unlike the introduced honeybees, bumblebees are natives and rarely sting, and are more effective at pollinating plants. See Brian L. Griffin is **Humblebee Bumblebee: The Life Story of the Friendly Bumblebee and Their Use by the Backyard Gardener** (Knox Cellars Publishing Co., 1997). Comments on the above article are welcome, to Chris Leman, 322-56463, cleman@oo.net

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Join an Eastlake Book Club

ECC's February meeting featured local resident Nancy Pearl, who heads Seattle Public Library's Washington Center for the Book. Attendees were inspired to hear of the Library's encouragement of book clubs (also known as book discussion groups), which are stimulating and fun, and a way to know more people in the neighborhood. Let's form more than one, so there can be a range of meeting times, etc. The web site (www.spl.lib.wa.gov.us) lists 300 books that have worked well for bookclubs, each available in multiple copies that can be distributed at a meeting and don't need to be returned as quickly as if they were checked out in the normal way. Of course, a book club can choose any book, including very recent ones. The group can vote on which book to read next. Or it can rotate, allowing a different member each time to choose a book to be discussed. To join or help organize an Eastlake book club/book discussion group, contact local volunteer Barbro Kelsey, 325-1201, barbrokelsey@yahoo.com.

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Website Photo Contest

Eastlake's website is in the process of being re-designed, and we are looking for a few good photographs of the neighborhood. Find or take your best shots of your neighbors, the views, historical sites, parks, or whatever best represents the Eastlake neighborhood for you, and submit them for our neighborhood photograph contest.

Enter the photo-finding contest by mailing photos to "Website Photo Contest," c/o ECC, 117 East Louisa #1, Seattle, 98102. *Questions only* regarding digital photos can be submitted to karimosden@yahoo.com (**do not send** photos to this email address). *Please note:* judging is subjective, and not all photos will be included in final website re-design.

Prizes for this contest include local fame and notoriety, and, if you wish, your name in web-print on the newest coolest Eastlake website!

Eastlake Photos Needed

In addition, the ECC welcomes photo submissions for the Eastlake News and our archives, especially historic photos of your street, house, or garden as it used to be. Please include captions and mail photos to "Eastlake News Photos," c/o ECC, 117 East Louisa #1, Seattle, 98102 or email to the editor at uengelmann@comcast.net.

The Eastlake Community Council will take care of your photos, but is not responsible for loss or damage. If you require, we will return photos to you, but we particularly welcome photos that can be kept in the Eastlake archives.

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Donated Goods and Services Needed

As an all-volunteer organization, the Eastlake Community Council can achieve its mission of building community and enhancing the neighborhood only with your help. We could use a donated stepladder (checks are always welcome too!), but our greatest need is volunteers for projects such as these:

- (1) Help plan and produce the Eastlake Shake, our annual August festival
- (2) Help with weeding in parks or tree-planting along streets (see work parties listed in the calendar). Particularly needed: coordinator for two or three weed ing parties a year at Good Turn Park.
- (3) Help review proposed land use projects and develop ECC's recommendations on them.
- (4) Help make Lynn Street between Eastlake Ave. and Boylston Ave. a safer, more beautiful street.
- (5) Help distribute the Eastlake News or posters on your block or nearby.
- (6) Take the lead on some other community project we haven't thought of yet!

To volunteer or donate, write to ECC, 117 Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102, or e-mail for item #1 to TheEastlakeShake@hotmail.com; and for items #2-6 to cleman@oo.net, 322-5463.

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March 18 Meeting on Latest I-5/Colonnade Park Design

At a public meeting on Thursday, March 18 (7-9 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School), the Park Dept. is asking for comments on its latest design for the I-5 open space, to include an off-leash area, mountain biking area, and lighted trails and steps. At

this point, the most notable omission in this 7.5 acre neighborhood park is any lawn whatsoever, even at the park's lower end near hundreds of apartments, condos, and offices that lack yards or any nearby parks with grass. The design is on the web at www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/i-5openspace.htm. Comments may be sent to Parks Supt. Kenneth Bounds, 100 Dexter Ave. N., Seattle 98109-5199 (ken.bounds@seattle.gov), and to City Councilmember David Della, Parks Committee Chair, P.O. Box 34025, Seattle 98124-4025. Please send a comment, especially if you cannot make it on March 18.

March 31 Meeting to Fight Rising Crime with Community Action

The recent citywide increase in house break-ins and car prowls (some of them drug-related), has been noticeable in Eastlake. If you have suffered from such crimes or want to help prevent them, please come to ECC's public meeting on Wednesday, March 31 (7-9 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School). Representatives of the Seattle Police Department will be there to answer questions about what the police can do, and what the community can do to make this a safer neighborhood.

A first line of defense is more cooperation between neighbors. If you notice a suspicious situation, let your neighbors and the police know right away (see box below for police phone numbers). Mutual defense is particularly facilitated by a block watch—getting to know your neighbors and exchanging phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Best of all, take a few minutes each day to walk around and notice any problems. This will help prevent crime and catch any perpetrators. If you can't make it to the March 31 meeting, ask the Police Department's Sonja Richter to mail some crime-prevention and block watch information (694-7717, sonja.richter@seattle.gov) and discuss block watches with ECC board member Craig MacGowan (726-7964, cmacgowan@comcast.net).

A block watch group is also more convincing when the neighborhood wants more help from the police. It shows we're doing our part, plus a single voice is good, but the whole block speaking together gets things done. At ECC's public meeting on crime prevention last spring, a police officer said that the department tends to assign more patrols to a neighborhood that is asking for them (a particular problem is the changeover in nighttime shifts). Speak up about Eastlake's policing needs to East Precinct captain Fred Hill at 684-4300 or fred.hill@seattle.gov. And speak up for more Eastlake patrols at the monthly meeting of the East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition, a non-profit organization which meets fourth Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Seattle Vocational Institute, 2120 South Jackson, room 212 (to get on its mailing list: 323-9584 or mary@sngle.org). One representative to the Coalition is ECC board member Colleen McGrath (860-9444, colleen@colleenjanemcgrath.com).

Crimefighting phone numbers

911 Crime or health emergency in progress
 684-4071 Harbor Police—crimes on and near water
 684-8763 Abandoned cars and illegally parked cars
 684-5740 Investigations of burglary and theft
 684-5797 Narcotics investigations 684-0330 Domestic violence
 684-8763 Illegally parked or abandoned vehicles
 625-5011 Crime problems that do not require immediate response

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March 9 Meeting on SR 520 Expansion, and Projects Implementing the Eastlake Neighborhood Plan

The Eastlake Neighborhood Plan Stewardship Committee and the Eastlake Community Council invite you to a public

meeting on Tuesday, March 9 (7 p.m. at TOPS-Seward library) to review progress and chart priorities in implementing our neighborhood plan, including a report on possible expansion of the I-5-SR520 interchange. The Eastlake Neighborhood Plan, completed in 1998 with City assistance and an unprecedented grassroots effort, was approved and adopted unanimously by the City Council and Mayor in 1999. Many recent neighborhood improvements started with the neighborhood plan, among them the pathway in front of NOAA, the south end Eastlake Avenue median, funding for the I-5 noise wall and Colonnade Park projects, the 15 mph signs and Green Street planning on Fairview, and revival of Eastlake's traditional summer festival, now called the Eastlake Shake.

The Eastlake Neighborhood Plan Stewardship Committee has voting seats for ECC, Portage Bay/Roanoke Park Community Council, Floating Homes Association, Eastlake Community Land Trust, Olmsted-Fairview Park Commission, NOISE, Parents of TOPS, Eastlake's two business associations, and representatives of apartment owners and social service organizations. In February, the Stewardship Committee identified the following five steps from the neighborhood plan that deserve the City's priority attention in 2004 (not listed in priority order):

- Improve admissions to nearby public schools (including Montlake, Stevens, The Options Program at Seward, and the John Stanford International School) for children who are resident in the Eastlake and Portage Bay/Roanoke Park neighborhoods.
- Design and fund a safer intersection of Fairview Ave. E. and Fairview Ave. N.
- Implement the proposed Eastlake Avenue Pedestrian Overlay District.
- All King County Metro buses with routes on Eastlake Avenue will, at the least, make stops near Fairview Ave., Lynn St., and Harvard Ave..
- Fully fund the I-5 noise walls and the Ship Canal Bridge noise retrofit; protect the neighborhood from I-5/SR-520 expansion; and implement the I-5 open space project (Colonnade Park).

The first part of the March 9 meeting will be a briefing by community volunteers and City consultants about the status of WSDOT proposals to expand the I-5/SR520 interchange, and efforts to mitigate the freeway's impacts on Eastlake's livability. The second half of the meeting will feature reports on the various other projects to implement the neighborhood plan. Please come to comment and to get involved!

So much has been achieved, it would be unfortunate if the City neglected the neighborhood plans. Through its membership in the Lake Union District Council and the City Neighborhood Council, ECC worked hard to preserve the Department of Neighborhoods division for neighborhood plan implementation. However, in the recent budget crunch, the Mayor and City Council eliminated the entire division, including the position of John Eskelin, who had assisted with the neighborhood plan and then its implementation. Good luck, and thanks, John. His duties have now been combined with those of Steven Louie of the Fremont Neighborhood Service Center (684-4054, steve.louie@seattle.gov). We are counting on your help, Steve!

The Eastlake Neighborhood Plan can be viewed on our web site. Paper copies are available at the Seattle Public Library and in public places such as Lake Union Mail. Questions about the plan are welcome and so are volunteers to help with various projects: c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102, or cleman@oo.net

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Eastlake Yoga (2501 Eastlake Ave. E., Suite E., 200-7849) offers several varieties of yoga training and meditation for

beginners, intermediate, and advanced as well as a spiritual book club and other services. Sessions start as early as 6:30 a.m., or as late as 8 p.m. The first class is free. ... Local artist **G.E. "Gus" Schairer**'s sculptures in stone, wood, and bronze are on display through April 30 at **Whetstone Gallery**, 2510 Fairview Ave. E., 336-2035, whetstonegallery.com. ...

A February article in the Seattle Times reports that employment at **ZymoGenetics** (1201 Eastlake Ave. E., www.ZymoGenetics.com) is up to 365, and that the company's successful focus on new-drug development has made it a Wall Street favorite. One analyst is quoted as giving the company credit for building a \$25 million small-scale manufacturing plant at South Lake Union where it can control the delicate drug-making process as it moves from lab to factory.

ChildHaven (100 E. Newton Street), with branches throughout the region, offers early intervention and treatment in the lives of abused and neglected children under the age of six. Its donors include many Eastlake residents and businesses, among them **Bush, Roed, and Hitchings**, and local attorney **Michaelanne Ehrenberg**'s firm, **Karr Tuttle Campbell**. With the help of local gardener **Krissy Biernacki**, the children tend a plot at the Eastlake P-Patch, which they visit once a week, looking for worms, slugs, and other novelties.

Hoshide Williams Architects (121 E. Boston St., 325-6441) has won some important historic renovation jobs, among them the Fremont branch of the Seattle Public Library (a Carnegie library), and the historic picnic shelter in Cowen Park. ... **The Write Stuff** (1500 Fairview Ave. E., 458-1111, www.writestuff.com) provides technical communication, staffing and translation services to many local businesses and non-profit organizations. ... Eastlake "**Sunday Sales**" will be at 2349 Yale Ave E. from 9am to 6pm through the month of April. There is a large assortment of drinking glasses (770+), an extensive variety and more!

Serafina (2043 Eastlake Ave. E., 323-0807, www.serafinaseattle.com) is a restaurant that also offers live music Fridays 8:30-11:30, Saturdays 9-midnight, and Sundays 6:30- 9p.m.; and Flamenco guitar by Enrique on first Wednesdays 8-11 p.m. ... **Cards Gifts Etc.** (2366 Eastlake Ave. E., 329-9202) is offering 15% off on the following items: candles and holders (March 1-6), kitchen items (March 8-13), stationery and Ty products (March 15-20), and picture frames (March 22-27).

Are you registered to vote? To vote in the next election, you must register at least 30 days beforehand. Moving? You must re-register at least 30 days beforehand to vote in your new precinct. You can register at **Lake Union Mail** (117 E. Louisa Street, 329-1468). Mail-in voter registration forms are available at post offices and libraries, by calling 296-0109 or 1-800-448-4881 or on the web (in several languages) at www.sec.state.wa.gov/elections

The Eastlake art show and auction was a tremendous success, with the artists and the Eastlake Shake sharing the proceeds. Thanks to **Portage Bay Cabinet Company** (2345 Eastlake Ave. E., 329-8530) for hosting the event, and their employee (and Eastlake resident and ECC board member) **Becki Chandler** for coordinating it. Thanks also to **Laura Michalek** (laura@standardhomeseattle.com) for being the auctioneer, and to the following for their art (or in one case, donuts): **Linda Furney, Sly, Crystal Dawn Curtis, Julia Gardner, Kay Hubbard, Karen Berry, Alicia Jansen, Deborah Patterson, Robert Newell, Marjorie Nelson Steinbrueck, Ron Adams, James Holloway, Mikela Naylor, and Sophie's Donuts**

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Eastlake Art Auction



Tina, Charlotte & Edgar, the lucky owners of a sculpture and the original Eastlake Shake 2003 poster



Team Enzo both donated and purchased the most items at the auction



A winning bidder (left) with the artist (right)

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Eastlake Resident was an Extravagant Collector

Patricia Ann Clement 1930 -1996

Patricia was raised in Seattle, where she ran her own Life & Disability Insurance business. She enjoyed living in the Eastlake area with her husband Jim. She also belonged to a number of clubs in the Seattle area and loved the flea markets and cultural festivals all around town.



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Greetings!

Welcome to *Urban Legend*, where we attempt to answer your pressing questions about the Eastlake neighborhood, get to the bottom of those pesky urban legends, and provide you with stimulating tidbits of local and neighborly activity. Have a question? We can't guarantee an answer, but that shouldn't stop you from asking. Please submit comments, compliments, complaints or queries to ecc_urbanlegend@yahoo.com, or Urban Legend c/o ECC, 117 East Louisa #1, Seattle, 98102. We love challenges.



The questions are pouring in! Eileen writes, "*Can you give history and background on the **eager beavers** who are part of our community? How many come ashore and stroll down Fairview Avenue East? Are they often seen? When do they do their work? They have `pruned' several shrubs at the little lakeside park on Fairview Ave. East across from the Pea Patch, and they `logged' a tree there just this month. How sharp are their teeth?*"

My, oh my! So many questions, so little time. Let's see... on a recently surprisingly sunny February day, I sat at the lovely Lynn Street Park for a spell, observing the wild-life, as it were. Nary a beaver to be seen! However, the ducks are quite friendly these days both with their human counterparts and with each other! You wouldn't believe it, but I counted somewhere near 30 of the little cuties, all waddling around with their D.A.'s. So, having no experience with our aforementioned flat-tailed friends, I went to my next best resource the information superhighway, of course. And, did you know that beavers are the largest member of the rodent family in North America, and they live either in river or stream dams or in lodges. Sweet lodges, I wonder? Family groups are usually made up of five to six beavers with all members working to build lodges and gather food, and they are active year-round. Beaver teeth grow continuously, much as human fingernails do, so the animals munch wood not only to build, but to prevent their teeth from getting too long. Thanks, *Seattle Times*! As for teeth sharpness, I decided not to get that close, but suffice to say they're sharp enough to cut small trees into lodges, and what a way to keep the gardening bills down!

And Tracy wants to know, "*what about this rumor that Lake Union was the original airport for Boeing?*" Yep, it's true. Not only has Boeing now abandoned Seattle, but they once abandoned our own lovely Lake Union for better waters, too. Waaay back in 1916, Boeing's first factory held a short-lived stint at the end of Roanoke Street, where miniature 747s were tested for leaks. After less than a year they migrated south to the Duwamish area that we all know so well, but their "factory" lived on, even boasting the claim as the departure point for the world's first air mail flight in 1919 (alllll the way to Vancouver, BC!!), and then it was a marina for boats and seaplanes until the 1970s. Who knew?! Such humble beginnings.

Amy confided in me just the other day, "*I think it's nearly impossible to find the newsletter on the Eastlake website; is there any truth to the rumor that it will soon be re-designed?*" Funny that you ask! As a matter of fact, the website (www.eastlake.oo.net) is currently in the process of re-design, which is very exciting indeed. I know that we'll all be waiting to see the new, improved, updated & easy-to-find-newsletters-and-other-info website! I hear tell that it'll be ready to go sometime this spring, and that there's currently a **neighborhood photograph contest** going on (see page 2 for more details)! I, for one, am verry excited, and have been taking photographs all over the neighborhood (have you seen me yet?), in hopes that they'll be included in the new website.

Stay tuned, and don't forget to switch off the computer and get outside every once in a while. There's a whole world of beavers, ducks, history, and other urban legends out there waiting for you! Happy *almost* Spring & more daylight sunshine!

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THE GARDEN (author unknown)

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind,

Peace of heart,

Peace of soul.

Plant four rows of squash:
Squash gossip.
Squash indifference.
Squash grumbling.
Squash selfishness.

Plant four rows of lettuce:
Lettuce be faithful,
Lettuce be kind,
Lettuce be happy,
Lettuce really love one another.

No garden should be without turnips:
Turnip for service when needed,
Turnip to help one another,
Turnip the music and dance.

Water freely with patience and
Cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden
Because you reap what you sow.

To conclude our garden

We must have thyme:
Thyme for fun,
Thyme for rest,
Thyme for ourselves.

Pretty nice garden, don't you think?

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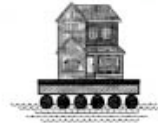
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