



The Eastlake News

Winter 2016/17

Coming Events

Drive for the U District Food Bank Dec. 1-22. Collection barrels are at Lake Union Mail (117 E. Louisa St.) and Pete’s Super (58 E. Lynn St.). Checks and on-line donations are also welcome. On what’s needed, see article on p. 8

Holiday cruise on the Islander Friday., Dec. 23, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Join the parade of lighted boats in Union Bay and Portage Bay and the grand finale concert in Lake Union. See article on p. 13

Public meeting on homelessness Tues., Jan. 10, 7 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. See article on p. 10

Public meeting featuring presenters from UW’s Burke Museum about its renewal and the T-Rex Wed., Jan. 25, 7 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School. See article on this page

Public meeting with open mike to dream about and discuss neighborhood projects, needs, and priorities Tues., Feb. 7, 7 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School. See article on p. 10

Public meeting featuring King County Assessor John Wilson Tuesday, March 7, 7 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. See article, p. 4

Public meeting and slide talk featuring historian Paul Dorpat about Eastlake’s and Seattle’s past Tuesday, March 22, 7 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. See article, p. 14

Jan. 25 public meeting with the latest about UW’s Burke Museum and its T-Rex



Washington’s oldest museum is becoming Washington’s newest museum...with a Tyrannosaurus Rex! Burke Museum paleontology staff will share how the new T. rex specimen connects to the vision for the New Burke: a flagship facility that will turn the idea of a museum inside-out, inviting visitors to be part of the daily discoveries generated at the Burke.

The Eastlake Community Council is proud to host a free presentation by UW’s Burke Museum staff who will talk about the museum’s deep Seattle roots and plans for the future on Wed,

Jan. 25, 7 p.m. at TOPS Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E.

Tyrannosaurus rex was a fearsome carnivorous dinosaur that lived about 66 million years ago. The UW’s “Tufts-Love Rex” is named after researchers Jason Love and Luke Tufts, who found the gigantic fossil jaw protruding from a hillside in Montana. The Burke’s Tufts-Love Rex was about 15 years old at its death (middle age for a T-Rex) and is one of the largest known fossilized T-Rex.

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 Winter - December, January, February

Masthead artwork sketch by Victor Steinbrueck. Other artwork sketches by Karen Berry.



Donations Needed To Install Eastlake Welcome Signs

Those who speed through Eastlake might slow down if they thought of us as a community. If sufficient funds can be raised, that reminder will soon come from welcome signs at major streets entering the neighborhood. Many other neighborhoods already have them.

After combing through hundreds of public suggestions (one was “welcome through Eastlake!”), the Eastlake Community Council board engaged designer Sean Donovan and, with some inspired input from the late

Susan Kaufman of Serafina, chose the beautiful blue and green design seen here.

The Seattle Department of Transportation charges a little over \$1000 per sign for fabrication, placement, and long-term maintenance. Checks made out to ECC can be sent to 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle, WA 98102, or use your credit or debit card at <http://eastlakeseattle.org>. And please contact us at 206-322-5463 or info@eastlakeseattle.org if you’d first like to discuss the possibility of a donation.

Other suggestions for an Eastlake Sign that have been received over the years

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 Don’t Honk. We Walk!
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 Eastlake neighborhood
 Eastlake, the Heart of Seattle
 Eastlake welcomes you!
 Eastlake: Get Sidetracked
 Eastlake, Schmeastlake
 Eastlake: Stay and Stroll
 Take a break in Eastlake
 Stop in and see Eastlake
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 Eastlake. Yes, here it is
 Eastlake—East of the Lake

EAST (of the) LAKE
 Eastlake: Stroll and Smile
 Eastlake. We like it here.
 Eastlake—My pet likes it too
 Eastlake—Proud to Belong
 Enjoy Eastlake
 Welcome to Eastlake
 Welcome to the Lake
 Welcome Through Eastlake
 “Burma-shave” type rhyming signs
 Eastlake. A neighborhood founded in 1883
 Eastlake, an old and futuristic neighborhood

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FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER

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The best way to determine a reasonable price range for your home is during the pre-approval process. Doing this as early as possible can identify potential hurdles and help you focus on homes that are realistic for you.

HOW DOES THE PROCESS WORK?

The process can vary for many reasons, including property choice and loan product. Generally, purchases include: pre-approval, home search, formal loan application and product selection, appraisal and home inspection, underwriter's review, final loan approval, loan document signing, funding and escrow closing, confirmation of recording, and finally moving into your new home!

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Feel your property is over assessed?

King County Assessor John Wilson featured speaker on Tues., March 7

The Eastlake Community council welcomes you and featured speaker King County Assessor John Wilson to a public meeting Tuesday, March 7, 7 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E.

Eastlake properties were hit hard this year by assessed value increases of as high as 60 percent. If you have experienced such an increase (or if you didn't) please tell your story in an e-mail to the Eastlake Community Council, info@eastlakeseattle.org. Suggestions are also welcome for expansion of the ECC web page on property taxes, <http://eastlakeseattle.org/?page=taxes>.

Sketch above by Karen Berry: historic home on Franklin Ave. that once belonged to Victor Steinbrueck and Marjorie Nelson. More historic building sketches on page 13.

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- Eastlake: Center of Coziness
- Eastlake: Dense but it Floats
- Eastlake. Discover our neighborhood.
- Eastlake: a dream come true
- Eastlake: In the heart of the city
- Eastlake: It's east of the lake
- Eastlake—by the lake
- Eastlake: In the heart of the City
- Eastlake—where Boeing began
- Eastlake—Welcome to houseboat city
- Eastlake, the little neighborhood with a big heart
- Eastlake welcomes you to our neighborhood
- Eastlake welcomes you to our views
- Eastlake invites you to stroll/enjoy/visit/experience/relax in the neighborhood
- Eastlake: Neighborhood by the lake
- Eastlake: Neighborhood beside I-5
- Eastlake Neighborhood: get sidetracked
- Eastlake Neighborhood: Urban Oasis
- Eastlake: Own a back yard, next to downtown!
- Eastlake: Stroll a Neighborhood Oasis!
- Eastlake—You've already found it
- Eastlake—Where urbanity meets small-town hospitality
- Head off the beaten path to the Eastlake Neighborhood
- Stop in and say Hello in the Eastlake neighborhood
- Take a break in the Eastlake neighborhood
- Welcome to Eastlake: A Neighborhood Bridge
- Welcome to Eastlake, Houseboat Haven/Heaven
- Welcome to Eastlake, Floating Home Paradise
- Welcome to Eastlake, Flotilla of Homes
- Welcome to Eastlake. Enjoy Your Stay
- Welcome to the Eastlake community. Founded 1883.
- Welcome to the Eastlake Neighborhood. Established 1883
- Welcome to the Eastlake Natural Neighborhood
- Welcome to Eastlake, a bridge neighborhood
- Welcome to Eastlake, east of Lake Union
- Welcome to Eastlake, relax with your neighbor
- Welcome to Eastlake, relax with a friend
- You are now entering the Eastlake neighborhood
- Welcome to Eastlake, a neighborhood founded in 1883
- Welcome to Eastlake by boat, seaplane, foot, bike, bus, car
- Welcome to Eastlake: Make Way for Ducklings

Suggested design motifs:

- A welcoming hand
- A duck
- A life preserver
- A sailboat
- A float plane
- University Bridge
- Lake Union Steam Plant

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The Eastlake Community Council is again sponsoring a holiday drive for the University District Food Bank. Collection barrels will be available Dec. 1-22 at Lake Union Mail (117 E. Louisa St.) and Pete's Super (58 E. Lynn St.). Donations are also being collected on board the Dec. 23 Eastlake Holiday Cruise.

Food items needed include canned fruit; canned chicken, tuna, and salmon; soups and stews; peanut or other nut butters; shelf stable milk and milk alternatives; cereal; and cooking oil; and baby formula. Also needed are toiletries (bar soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper, safety razors, shaving cream, etc.), diapers (especially for older babies), reusable shopping bags, and pet food.

For 30 years, the Food Bank has provided free and nutritious food to anyone who is hungry and resides in Eastlake's zip code, 98102, or in the other northeast Seattle zip codes. Its recently opened new facility near the corner of NE Roosevelt Way and 50th St. NE. was made possible in part by funds donated from the Eastlake neighborhood.

Funds are still needed. For on-line donations: www.udistrictfoodbank.org. Checks made out to the University District Food Bank may be mailed or dropped off to ECC c/o Lake Union Mail, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle, WA 98102-3278. For questions: info@eastlakeseattle.org. Thanks for helping the less fortunate!



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Paul Dorpat and Jean Sherrard, fiddlers with the weekly *Seattle Now and Then* feature in the Sunday *Times Pacific NW Magazine*, will spend an hour or so navigating with us on March 22 along the shores of Lake Union - not by boat but by ephemera (look it up). Please come with questions to stump them. They love that. See page 14



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ECC hosts public forum on homelessness Jan. 10

Please join us Tuesday, Jan. 10, 7 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. for a public forum on homelessness. Among the speakers is law professor Sara Rankin, who is director of the Seattle University's Homeless Rights Advocacy Project.

People who are homeless in Eastlake are as much a part of our community as anyone with a home. In recent years, more homeless people are noticeable in or near the Eastlake neighborhood -- in part because of the economic downturn and in part because of efforts to discourage them downtown and in the South Lake Union area.

According to the City, about half of the families served by Seattle shelters had permanent addresses outside Seattle. Yet other cities and the county have not stepped up to offer their share of shelter beds and social services. The City is working to convince cities, King County, and the state to pay their fair share for the homeless who, because of Seattle's generosity, come to us from other jurisdictions.

What can the Eastlake community do to help those who are homeless and to discourage illegal or disruptive behavior engaged in by a fraction of the homeless population? What other issues and opportunities are posed by homelessness in Eastlake? Please join us at the Jan. 10 forum to discuss these and other questions. And whether or not you can come, please send ECC your ideas and questions, to info@eastakeseattle.org.



Feb. 7 public meeting with open mike to dream about and discuss Eastlake priorities

In this popular format, all comers can have some time at the "open mike" to discuss their preferred neighborhood needs/issues/questions, or react to others. Please speak out, or hear your neighbors out, on [your topic, or theirs, here]. The meeting is Tues., Feb. 7, 7 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. Can't come? Please send your questions and thoughts to ECC at info@eastakeseattle.org.

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Mayor Ed Murray does not accept comments from the public by e-mail, requiring electronic communication via a web site, <http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/get-involved/contact-the-mayor>; the system will reject any message of more than about 500 words.

You can also reach Mayor Murray by letter at 600 Fourth Avenue, 7th floor, P.O. Box 94749, Seattle, WA 98124-4749, or by fax at 206-684-5360.

Be sure to communicate with the nine City Councilmembers individually, rather than by a group e-mail or letter (which is far less likely to be heeded). The City Council e-mail addresses are as follows:

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Boarding begins at 5:30 p.m. at 1611 Fairview Ave. E. We depart at 6:30 p.m. to join the "Christmas ships" as they gather for a 7:45 concert in Portage Bay and the 8:45 grand finale in Lake Union by Gas Works Park; return is about 9:30 p.m.

Price is \$40 and includes a buffet dinner with main course, salad and dessert (vegetarian options available). No-host cash bar accepts credit/debit cards. Because the cruise would otherwise sell out quickly, tickets are limited to those who live or work in Eastlake, and their guests.

Kids up to 6 years old are free, but only if pre-registered by an e-mail with their names and ages to info@eastlakeseattle.org (so that the cruise company and Coast Guard have an accurate pre-count of all passengers, even those not needing tickets).

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Sketch above: Lake Union Hydro House, between Eastlake and Fairview Avenues. Sketch below: Paul Thiry design Castlewood apartments, now condos, on Franklin Avenue



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There are a number of reasons for the growth of Seattle's rat population. First, a growing population has meant more trash and waste that serves as food for rats. Second, longer summers and milder winters have allowed more rats to survive through the cold and to start rapidly breeding in the spring. Third, there is ample room for nests in our parks, green spaces, and in older buildings or in abandoned lots slated for demolition. All of these factors are relevant for the rat population in Eastlake and contribute to why you may have seen rats in our neighborhood.



Rats are extremely well adapted to human environments. Rats can jump three feet high or four feet sideways, and roof rats, common in this area, can climb trees and vines or rough siding and walk along electric or phone lines. Rats can chew through many building materials and can even enter homes through sewer pipes (through which they can enter homes through the toilet, so keep the lid down when not in use!). Rats can damage homes, carry fleas and ticks, and harbor the deadly hantavirus.

For anyone concerned about rats, a first step is to inspect your home or business to make sure that it is secure against easy entry by rats or mice. In addition, it is extremely important to eliminate as many food sources as possible. Pet food shouldn't be left outside. Garbage containers need tight-fitting lids, and should never be allowed to overflow onto the pavement (food establishments need to be especially vigilant on both scores). Bird seed should not be allowed to accumulate on the ground, and pet waste (yes, rats eat that too) must be properly disposed of.

A number of suggestions about how to help safeguard your home from rats is available from King County at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/ehs/rats.aspx>. If you're a renter, the Seattle housing code requires rental housing to be free of rodent infestation. More information for renters is available from the City of Seattle at <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/codesrules/commonquestions/pests/default.htm>. If you find a rat in your toilet, contact King County's Sewer Baiting program at 206-263-9566 or through their website at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/ehs/rats/SewerBaiting.aspx>. If you notice a rat nest in the neighborhood, especially one related to illegal or improper dumping of garbage or waste, you can contact the Seattle Department of Construction & Inspections at 206-615-0808 or online at <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/codesrules/makeacomplaint/default.htm>.

To read KUOW's recent reporting about the rat problem in Seattle, you can go to their website at <http://kuow.org/post/why-are-there-so-many-rats-seattle>.



Lake Un-Union & Uncertainty: Anguish & Envy on Every Shore

History slide talk on Eastlake, Lake Union, and Seattle is March 22

The Eastlake Community Council welcomes historian/documentarian Paul Dorpat for an illustrated talk, "Lake Un-Union & Uncertainty: anguish and envy on every shore," a guided tour of the past and changes in Eastlake, Lake Union, and Seattle - Wed., March 22, 7 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E.



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Dorpat's slide talks, presented with empathy, passion, and humor, offer unforgettable insights, and are simply not to be missed.

The author of many books, Dorpat also partners with Jean Sherrard on the long-running *Seattle Times Pacific NW Magazine* column with photos and commentary on the same place *Seattle Now and Then*.

ECC welcomes your donation or loan of slides, photos and other mementoes—info@eastlakeseattle.org, 206-322-5463, c/o 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102-3278. Or just bring some to share that night. For example, we are looking for information about three early 20th century local organizations: Eastlake Improvement Club, Fairview Improvement Club, and North Broadway - Eastlake Improvement Club. If you know or can find anything about them, please contact ECC.

Also, ECC is seeking a volunteer to help edit into a book the wonderful article series on Lake Union aviation written by historian and Eastlake resident Paul Spitzer, who has offered to donate the proceeds to the neighborhood. If you are interested, please write to info@eastlakeseattle.org or call 206-322-5463.

Photo left from Dorpat collection: Republican St. Hill Climb to Eastlake Ave. -- stairs partially destroyed by I-5.

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And ECC thanks **Eastlake Bar and Grill** ((2947 Eastlake Avenue East, <http://eastlakebarandgrill.com>) for co-

sponsoring our Oct. 20 celebration (which even included a free drink for each arrival!), and **Pecado Bueno, Mammoth, Pomodoro, Sebi's Bistro, 14 Carrot Café, Siam on Eastlake, Louisa's, and Pazzo's** for previously hosting the event. At the popular twice-annual celebration, ECC purchases "small bites" for the public, the restaurant offers extended "happy hour" prices, and dining continues off the regular menu. ECC welcomes inquiries from other restaurants to host its upcoming celebrations.

Please help the **Eastlake Community Council** make and keep this neighborhood a wonderful place to live, work, or play. See our web site at <http://eastlakeseattle.org> for background and for opportunities to volunteer, to purchase a membership, or to donate needed cash or in-kind items.

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- Help with web site, data base, social media, or video
- Art walk or public art
- Parks and open spaces
- Traffic and parking issues
- Bus/transit service
- Review building proposals or legislation
- Crime prevention or emergency preparedness
- Neighborhood history or photography
- Door-to-door newsletter distribution

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