



The Eastlake News

Coming Events

Autumn 2017

ECC annual elections meeting

-- Tues., Oct. 3 at Pocock Rowing Center, 3320 Fuhrman Avenue E. (near SW corner of University Bridge).

ECC annual elections are held at 6:45 p.m. From 7 to 9:30 p.m.: debates among candidates for Mayor, City Attorney, and City Council.

Public meeting on Eastlake transportation issues: bus service, parking, and [your greatest concern here]

-- Tues., Oct. 17 7 p.m. at Pocock Rowing Center, 3320 Fuhrman Avenue E. See article, p. 2

Election Day -- Tues., Nov. 7 Vote as if your neighborhood depends on it. To register: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections>.

Public meeting on land use issues in Eastlake – Thurs., Nov. 9 7 p.m. at Pocock Rowing Center, 3320 Fuhrman Avenue E. See article, p. 4

Note: Because meeting space is not available in public schools early in the school year, ECC's fall public meetings are at the Pocock Rowing Center and the Agora Conference Center. ECC is grateful to the Pocock Rowing Foundation and Alexandria Real Estate Equities for donating use of these magnificent facilities.

Oct. 17 meeting: Discuss Eastlake bus service, parking, and other transportation issues with government officials

Please come to the public meeting Tues., Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. at Pocock Rowing Center, 3320 Fuhrman Avenue E. (near SW corner of University Bridge) about bus service, parking, and other Eastlake transportation issues. The Eastlake Community Council has invited government officials to be there to answer your questions and discuss possible solutions. If you can't come, please send us your questions and ideas, to info@eastlakeseattle.org.

People who live or work in Eastlake

are among the region's most faithful users of public transit. Eastlakers voted in large numbers for the Nov. 2014 City tax increase to save and expand bus service. But they were surprised and disappointed by King County Metro's 2015 decision to eliminate bus routes #25 and #66. Promised improvements in bus route #70 have fallen far behind the increased demand, and anyway that route is only a local. In the 1940s and 1950s, electric trolley buses ran every three minutes down Eastlake

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Oct. 3rd Meeting: Candidate Debates for City offices and Port Commission

With Mayor Murray and Councilmember Burgess not running for re-election, two new faces are competing for each office; Jenny Durkan vs. Cary Moon for Mayor, and Jon Grant vs. Teresa Mosqueda for City Council. Up for re-election and facing opposition are Councilmember Lorena Gonzalez (opposed by Pat Murakami) and City Attorney Pete Holmes (op-

posed by Scott Lindsay).

Come hear the candidates debate at the Eastlake Community Council's general election forum on Tues., Oct. 3, 7– 9:30 p.m. at the Pocock Rowing Center, 3320 Fuhrman Avenue East. And please send to ECC your suggested questions for the candidates, to info@eastlakeseattle.org. On how to register to vote: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/how-to-vote/register-to-vote.aspx>.

The Oct. 3 meeting is preceded at 6:45 p.m. at the same location by the Eastlake Community Council's annual meeting and board elections.

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

Oct. 17 transportation meeting

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Avenue, but bus service has declined ever since. Eastlakers now have fewer transit choices and worse service than in generations. Cancellation of route #66 even left Eastlake without any express service.

The ECC web site's bus page (<http://eastlakeseattle.org/?page=buses>) has the strong June 26, 2016 letter that ECC sent calling for more route #70 buses and for restoration of express service to Eastlake. The letter went to King County Executive Dow Constantine, County Councilmember Larry Gossett, Mayor Ed Murray, and District 4 City Councilmember Rob Johnson. Of the four, only Constantine responded; (for his reply, see ECC web site).

ECC's 2016 letter may have had some impact, because Metro modestly increased route #70 service. But it was not enough. Again in the summer of 2017, King County Metro bus route #70 -- the only one serving Eastlake after the 2016 "restructure" (double-talk for "cutback") -- experienced a tremendous increase in demand that overwhelmed the buses available. Eastlakers regularly reported overcrowding -- unable to board as buses became packed, or with already-full buses entirely skipping crowded stops.

What is most frustrating about these changes is that the funds saved from cutting Eastlake's bus service went mostly to improve bus service in other neighborhoods, not in Eastlake. And although the route #73 express became more frequent with funds taken from the #66 cancellation, Metro ignored ECC's urging for it to add the four express stops (Aloha, Garfield, Lynn, and Harvard) that were served by route #66.

Metro unfortunately still sees the Eastlake and South Lake Union neighborhoods as a corridor for zipping passengers between downtown



and the University District. The Eastlake Neighborhood Plan, hundreds of petition signatures and many letters have called on Metro to establish for each express bus that uses Eastlake Avenue just a few stops (as with the 66 express), respecting Eastlake and South Lake Union as the transit destinations that City legislation says they are.

ECC asks bus riders to record by photos or video any instances of lines of prospective riders being unable to board crowded buses, or of buses skipping stops entirely because they are already full. Send this evidence to our City officials (contact info is on page 11 of this newsletter), and to the City's Find it/Fix it app. Also send it to Eastlake's King County Councilmember Larry Gossett, larry.gossett@kingcounty.gov and to King County Executive Dow Constantine, kcexec@kingcounty.gov.

Eastlake bus riders need to be organized, to defend their bus service and speak up for its improvement. If you can help in this task, please contact ECC at info@eastlakeseattle.org. Let's all keep the pressure on to get Eastlake the bus service that it deserves! As a first step, please don't miss the public meeting Tues., Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. at Pocock Rowing Center, 3320 Fuhrman Ave. E.

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Nov. 9 public meeting: Discuss City's proposals to build higher in Eastlake — Heights and what they mean for affordability, yards, trees, and livability

Please attend the Thurs., Nov. 9 public meeting (7-9 p.m. at the Pocock Rowing Center, 3320 Fuhrman Ave. E.) for discussion with City officials and your neighbors about how best to preserve our neighborhood's affordability and livability. Below is background, and then where to contact our elected officials and how to file a comment on-line. Whatever your views, please express them soon to the City.

Adopted by ordinance in 1994, the citywide Comprehensive Plan ordinance designated as an "urban village" Eastlake and each of 30 other neighborhoods (all with mainly multi-family zoning, such as apartments and condos). The notion of an urban village reflected a commitment to balance growth with human scale and livability (yards and trees, parks and schools, sidewalks and parking). The City committed to partnering with each urban village on a neighborhood plan for growth and livability; and, once an urban village's housing targets were met, to a special review as to whether more housing would be sustainable or should be redirected elsewhere.

Within a few years Eastlake met its housing targets, but even by then, the City had repealed the requirement for a special review as whether to increase housing targets or to redirect growth elsewhere, and the City has steadily increased the housing targets for each urban village without such special review—a serious breach of faith.

Eastlake's is the most detailed of the neighborhood plans, and in adopting it in 1999, the Mayor and City Council unanimously praised it for unexcelled public outreach. The plan (available on the web sites of the City and of ECC) seeks to preserve the neighborhood's scale, character, and diversity; encourages re-use of existing structures rather than demolish them; and

calls for many more large trees.

The neighborhood plans had barely been adopted when the Mayor and City Council started to amend land use laws with citywide changes that ignored these plans and local conditions. Sometimes for the urban villages or sometimes for all multifamily zoned land, the changes increased allowable building size; eliminated yard requirements needed to protect or plant trees; zeroed out required parking in new construction; and erased rights to public review and appeal. The resulting construction is eating up Eastlake's most affordable units, its older apartments; eliminating yards and trees; blocking views; and overwhelming the available on-street parking.

As these changes in the Land Use Code were contrary to many goals and policies in the Comprehensive Plan, the Mayor and City Council began to repeal those goals and policies they found inconvenient, culminating in 2016 in a vast, unanalyzed, and secretive repeal of about two-thirds of the Plan. Without any real explanation or notice, most protections for the livability of urban villages and other multifamily zoned areas were deleted, including those discouraging demolition and displacement, requiring yards and trees, promoting urban wildlife and sunlight access, and ensuring public involvement in zoning and rezoning decisions. Mentions of the neighborhood plans were almost entirely repealed.

The table was being set for the great developers' banquet of HALA (the so-called Housing "Affordability" and "Livability" Agenda). With only the most negative consequences for livability, and many drawbacks for affordability, the Mayor proposes for City Council adoption in 2018 a massive and unprecedented citywide rezone

-- a 10 to 20 foot height increase in all multi-family and commercial areas (that's almost all land in Eastlake--see http://hala.consider.it/?tab=draft_zoning_changes).

In secret, Mayor Murray struck a July 2015 "grand bargain" with large private and non-profit developers, with no notice to or consultation with anyone else, such as neighborhood leaders or smaller developers. The deal (see it now on ECC's web site) as now embodied in the Mayor's 2017 legislation, includes a paper promise for each

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URBAN VILLAGES AS DESIGNATED BY SEATTLE'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Urban centers (6)

1. Downtown Seattle
2. First Hill/Capitol Hill
3. Uptown Queen Anne
4. University Community
5. Northgate
6. South Lake Union

Hub urban villages (6)

1. Lake City
2. North Rainier
3. Bitter Lake Village
4. Ballard
5. West Seattle Junction
6. Fremont

Residential urban villages (18)

1. Crown Hill
2. 23rd Avenue S @ S Jackson – Union
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Nov. 9th Land Use Meeting

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new building to have one or more units subsidized for the poorest (those below 60 percent of the median income), but with developers allowed by fee to buy out of that requirement. And: the resulting buildings are not required to have any units affordable to those equally squeezed who are above 60 percent of the median income but not high enough to afford a market rate rent.

The proposed fee would be charged whether or not the new building maxes out the allowable space, thus incentivizing developers to use up every square inch of any new development capacity. The fee revenue would go to non-profit housing developers (parties to the secret “grand bargain”). They would use it to build subsidized housing, little or none of which is likely to be built in Eastlake, as they have built none here in the past. Subsidized housing projects depend also on county, state, and federal money that is conditioned on keeping per-unit construction costs far lower than is feasible with Eastlake’s high property values that would be boosted further by the HALA upzone.

In the tsunami of additional construction that the Mayor’s proposed HALA upzone would unleash, Eastlake’s remaining moderately affordable rentals would fall to up-scale development. HALA would worsen, not improve, our neighborhood’s affordability. Eastlake would become a sacrifice area and a cash cow to fund subsidized housing elsewhere.

It gets worse. Although that “L” stands for “livability”, HALA would be the death knell for Eastlake’s livability. On-street parking would become ever scarcer. Formerly sunny sidewalks would be shaded. Public views would be privatized. Trees in Eastlake still on private land would be wiped away as boxy new buildings take over, with no room for new trees.

Livability is no frill--it’s a human right. Scientific research and everyday experience tell us that trees, landscaping, urban wildlife and open space and light around residences promote psychological and physical health.

To bring some honesty to its treatment of “livability,” HALA must reverse its otherwise destructive impact. A major step would be pro-livability amendments to the Comprehensive Plan (and ultimately the Land Use Code) such as these now before the City Council (City Clerk file #320265, also available at <http://eastlakeseattle.org/?page=HALA>):

- Amendment #13 to restore the former requirements for yards and trees in multifamily areas;
- Amendment #14 to reinstate the former special review process that, once housing targets are met, considers

whether or not they should be increased further;

- Amendment #15 to reinstate the former policy to discourage the demolition of residences and displacement of residents;
- Amendment #16 to ensure that zoning, rezones and conditional uses are done with public notice, outreach, and inclusiveness; and with a regard for local conditions, community preferences and neighborhood plans.

Regarding the Mayor’s HALA proposals, and these related Comprehensive Plan amendments, please write to the City Councilmembers (for contacts, see page 11). Whatever your views, City officials need to hear from you in messages to the City Councilmembers (did we mention that their contacts are on the back page??). And please attend the ECC-sponsored public meeting on land use – Thursday, Nov. 9, 7-9 p.m. at the Pocock Rowing Center, 3320 Fuhrman Ave. E. Our neighborhood’s future is in the balance. ECC also welcomes your thoughts, to info@eastlakeseattle.org.



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ECC thanks **G&H Printing, Live Oak Audio Visual, Merrill Gardens, Northwest Administrators, Seattle Models Guild, and Washington State Employees Credit Union** for generous donations that made possible our July 15 **free movie under the stars** in Rogers Playfield. The outdoor movie is ECC’s most expensive event every year, with costs that include park permit, liability insurance, movie license, publicity, and audio visual services. Suggestions (to info@eastlakeseattle.org) are welcome on which movie to show next July. ... And ECC thanks **Champagne Cruises** with its historic ferry the Islander for co-sponsoring with us the July 13 **Eastlake summer cruise** which helped raise funds for neighborhood projects.

The Sunday, August 27 Seattle Times Pacific Magazine includes a fine article by Ron Judd about **Lake Union**. Among the many photos by Alan Berner is one of ECC President Ann Prezyna hosting a white-tablecloth dinner for four on her **M.V. Chip** (as in “chip off the old dock”). The tiny vessel with its small electric trolling motor can reach a top speed of 2 knots.

Eastlake Massage [3103 Eastlake Ave E, 206-267-2725, [http:// www.eastlakemassage.net](http://www.eastlakemassage.net)] was founded in 2004. “Whether your focus is a relaxing massage, or treatment for a specific injury, the therapists ... have the skills necessary to meet your wellness goals.” A new arrival is **Tina S. Hull**, Professional Bowenwork Practitioner; her web site is <http://IwantBowenwork.com>. Bowenwork is a soft-tissue bodywork technique applying specialized, gentle and precise moves to specific areas of the body in particular patterns. “The work is gentle enough for all people: infants to the elderly... and aids in returning people to a comfortable state in which they can perform daily activities of life.”

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Exercise Studios in Eastlake

With the delicious food served by Eastlake's many restaurants, it's a good thing that exercise studios are also becoming more numerous here! Following is the beginning of a list; about any omissions, please write us at info@eastlakeseattle.org.

Eastlake Fitness [2228C Eastlake Ave., 303-909-1066, www.eastlakefitness.com, also on Facebook]. "Our studio provides instructor-led classes in yoga, dance fitness, body conditioning, and more. We do not offer general memberships, but people can buy package deals from instructors to get lower prices. Our instructors are independent contractors. We do not charge a fixed lease rate, but rather do a revenue share."

Eastlake Performance [2926 Eastlake Ave., 206-992-4883, <http://eastlakeperformance.com>]. "Owner Paul Won is a nationally certified personal trainer and former collegiate and professional arena football player. "We pride ourselves on continuing education and furthering our knowledge of the physiology and biomechanics of training and provide our instructors with financial resources to attend the top seminars and workshops around the country."

Eastlake Yoga [2501 Eastlake Ave., 206-355-4154, <http://eastlakeyoga.com>] "Hatha Yoga is an ancient practice for maintaining balance and harmony with physical postures (asanas) linked to breathing patterns. Classes are suitable for students with varying experience. Adaptations are used intelligently to offer a practice that is challenging, healing and safe. Also offered: Kundalini Yoga and Yin/Yang Yoga."

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Parking Goofuses



City officials too freely permit developers to take away scarce on-street parking during construction, and the use of this parking is too loosely regulated. They also do not require developers to provide any private parking for their construction crews, who occupy many on-street spaces, sometimes irresponsibly. When large construction vehicles are not carefully driven, they can damage streets, alleys, sidewalks, and landscaping, as in the bottom picture



How to contact the Mayor and Council

Whatever your views on the various issues addressed in this newsletter, it is important to exercise your rights as a citizen by communicating with our elected Mayor and City Councilmembers. And please send a copy to the Eastlake Community Council at info@eastlakeseattle.org. Doing so alerts ECC to your concerns so we can keep you informed and involved about follow-up.

Mayor Tim Burgess accepts comments by e-mail at tim.burgess@seattle.gov, but prefers to receive them via electronic communication be 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 Burgess by letter (which can be longer!) at 600 Fourth Avenue, 7th floor, P.O. Box 94749, Seattle, WA 98124-4749, or by fax at 206-684-5360. The Mayor's reception phone is 206-684-4000.

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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You can also reach the City Councilmembers by letter at 600 Fourth Avenue, 2nd floor, P.O. Box 34025, Seattle, WA 98124-4025, or by fax at 206-684-8587. Each Councilmember also has a voice mail number listed at <http://www.seattle.gov/council> or by calling 206-684-8888.



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A Brisk Tour of Seven of the Lesser Known Parks of Eastlake

by Elizabeth Berg

The Eastlake neighborhood is dense. So dense, in fact, that many tiny little green spaces occupy its nooks and crannies. It is easy to live in this urban neighborhood and not even know a P-Patch (and a potential vegetable garden for apartment dwellers able to outlast its long waiting list) is right under your nose.

Fear not, dear reader. Below is a curated list of seven of Eastlake's tiny little treasures. Take your toddler, your partner or dog and spread out a blanket and enjoy the view. It's tempting to keep these parks between us locals, but let's be proud to have others enjoy them as much as we do. See the City's fantastic map of Cheshiahud Loop and all the parks that border Lake Union: <https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/Parks/LakeUnionLoopMap.pdf>. Cheshiahud was a Native American who lived on Lake Union when the first white settlers arrived; he stayed even after Seattle passed an ordinance prohibiting natives from living in this, their traditional territory.

South Passage Point Park: Start at Le Fournil and purchase a Mille-Feuille and cappuccino. Use the crosswalk to walk to the southwest corner of the bridge. Walk down the hill and you will be greeted by green rolling hills down to the water and many comfortable places to sit and watch the members and students at the Pocock Rowing Center launch their boats. This park (designed by Richard Haag, who also designed Gas

Works Park) also has a terrific view of the University Bridge – and the movement of the bridge - which is fun for visitors and children alike. Plenty of shady green space to spread out and the occasional duck or two make for a nice spot.

Good Turn Park: If you leave South Passage Point Park and walk south along the water, then Good Turn Park will be a little ways up on your right. It was named after the Boy Scout pledge of doing a good turn for someone every day. There is a circle of rocks and a little walking trail that opens to a sandy beach and view of the water. Rest on the peculiar little bench built around a tree and don't tell any muggles, but there is a geocache in this park. Can you find it? Don't forget to log your find!

Fairview Park: Walk up to Eastlake Avenue and take a right. Walk south. Soon before Eastlake Bar and Grill, there is Fairview Park. Walk down the steep steps beneath a lush canopy of trees. The steps zig zag down the steep hill, giving glimpses of Lake Union. Run up and down the steps for some bonus exercise! The stairs lead to a large green area leading down across the street to a boat launch. Stroll through the large P-Patch admiring the work of your fellow neighbors, and sniffing flowers. Ah, life in Eastlake is good!

Hamlin Street End Park: This park boasts a picnic bench, views of the lake and beautiful flowers and landscaping lov-



ingly maintained by local volunteers. Also has a boat launch and is a good place to get your feet wet.

Roanoke Street Mini Park: This tiny park at the bottom of extremely steep Roanoke gives stunning views of Lake Union and some of the prettiest houseboats around. Sit on the bench and watch the boats sail by, framed by your view of the elderly weeping willow branches that provide shade. And you read it here: there are always a lot of Lime and Spin Bikes for the renting! (Must be the hill?)

Louisa Street End/Eastlake Bouledrome Park: Visit this unique park, which is adjacent to the Blue Ribbon Culinary School parking lot, play some pétanque, and wade out into the water if it's a hot day. Hold very still, look down and you



can see lots of tiny golden fish.

Terry Pettus Park: Always less crowded than the always popular Lynn Street Park, this park has an old wooden dock that is fun to walk out on and enjoy an ice cream treat from Pete's while you watch the seaplanes lift off into the sunset. Bonus: There is a very unique geocache here too.

Waterway 8: Not really a park, more of a dock, but definitely has character. This section of Fairview Avenue North is a bridge between South Lake Union and Eastlake, giving joggers that frequent this part of Cheshiahud Loop the gift of a stunning view of the lake and Queen Anne. Being at water level and adjacent to a floating dock makes it a popular spot for fishers. The decaying and rickety nature of the abandoned dock offshore (is that the smell of creosote?) reminds me of the grittier Seattle days of yore. Also, it's fun for all to watch the seaplanes dock here.

The sprinkling of fun places along Cheshiahud Loop is endless, including a cute little wooden playground near Chandler's Cove that is meant to look like a sail boat. Our neighborhood is packed full of unique places to discover, and views to be seen and appreciated.

Note: The Eastlake Community Council is proud to have been a part of planning or building six of the eight parks mentioned in Elizabeth's article. Please write to ECC at info@eastlakeseattle.org about your favorite places in the neighborhood.

Clockwise from Top Left: South Passage Park, near the Pocock Rowing Center – Fairview Park Stairs (Top) and Terry Pettus Park (Bottom) – Good Turn Park on Fairview Avenue – Louisa Street End Park pétanque course – Roanoke Street Mini Park, now complete with Boeing commemorative plaque.



Bill Hardwick, 1944 - 2017

by Chris Leman

Eastlakers who knew him shared what the Hardwick family described as “immeasurable sadness and heartache” at the unexpected May 30 passing of Bill Hardwick from a stroke. Bill had worked for 46 years at the store founded by his grandfather in 1932. Without a hardware store in Eastlake, generations in our neighborhood have adopted Hardwick & Sons, Inc. as their own.

Located just across the University Bridge at 4214 Roosevelt Way NE, Hardwick’s is a remarkably compact, complete, and cluttered store with high-quality hand and electric tools, fasteners, paint, garden supplies, furniture, furnishings, and the like. There is everything one could need, often at prices below that of the big-box retailers. While sometimes gruff, the staff always knows what item you need, and where it is.

Born on July 21, 1944 in Astoria, Oregon, Bill Hardwick grew up with his two younger brothers in Seattle near Lake Washington. His childhood days were spent fishing, building model airplanes, and working at the store. Having attended Assumption, Eckstein, and Our Lady of the Lake schools, Bill went on to graduate from Roosevelt High School and the University of Washington, where he earned a B.S. in Chemistry and a minor in Russian.

Like his parents before him, Bill served in the U.S. Army. Upon honorable discharge, he returned to Seattle to continue his education toward a career in chemical engineering. But his plans irrevocably changed as his father’s declining health required him to step in to run Hardwick’s. In the ensuing decades, Bill and his brother Dean grew the business from a secondhand general store to a specialty tool and hardware emporium.

His family writes that during his lunch breaks, Bill “headed to the Little Cheerful Café to talk to the cute red-headed waitress. Despite [his] being a lousy tipper, she fell for his charm and good looks. In 1974, Bill and Pennie married and together they raised three children.”

Everyone who worked or shopped at Hardwicks recalls Bill as a friendly and engaged presence. His family recalls: “He loved working at the store because each day brought something new. ... Ever learning, Bill was interested in

all subjects and the motto of the family was ‘Ask Bill.’ An avid reader of history, science, and current events, Bill was also a talented wood carver, drawer, and tinkerer. His Sunday mornings were often spent in the garage cleaning old tools while listening to Simon & Garfunkel, The Moody Blues, and Fleetwood Mac. He loved to be outdoors hiking, gardening, or riding his Triumph motorcycles. Later in life he developed a passion for travelling overseas, having visited many parts of Europe, Central America, and Japan.”

Bill had a wonderful sense of humor. A family friend recalls “the surprise party Pennie attempted to have for Bill on his birthday. He came dressed up as an old man, with his hair sprayed grey. The joke was all on us, waiting to surprise him as he arrived home.”

As Bill and Dean attended to their dying father, he commented that now they would probably rename the business to become “Hardwick Brothers,” but they told him: no, the name would not change, and they kept that promise. Now after Bill’s death, his brother Dean has reaffirmed, “We are going to continue Hardwick’s, and it will always be known as ‘Hardwick & Sons’ in honor of our father and my brother.”

Few families have so loved and grieved a person as Bill Hardwick. He will be equally missed by employees, associates, customers, tenants, neighbors and others who crossed his path--all better for having known him. As a friend recalls, “Some of us set a standard on how to live a full life. Bill modeled many of the character attributes I aspire to imitate. Wise, reliable, generous, genuine, a man of action with a humble spirit and a gigantic heart. ... Bill [was] a guardian of so-called old fashioned values that are seriously in danger of extinction. Thanks, Bill for showing us that life is about cultivating deep and loving relationships. Not only with the ones closest to us, but with the entire community.”



About the Eastlake Community Council

Have you ever lived in a small town? You do, you know. It's here, Eastlake, a community with a heart and a conscience, its own tiny budget, town meetings, and a growing number of volunteers who are willing to stand each year and say, "We care; we'll give a few hours a month to the neighborhood; count on us." -- Dick Arnold

Founded in 1971, the Eastlake Community Council is all-volunteer and is among the City's most active neighborhood associations. Its official purposes include to foster a sense of community among people who live and work in Eastlake, to preserve the history and charm of Eastlake, and enhance public access to and enjoyment of the shoreline. ECC membership is open to all who live, work, or own property in Eastlake. Anyone may volunteer, whether or not they pay the annual dues.

Thousands who live or work in Eastlake have volunteered for one or more of ECC's many activities. Hundreds have worked on ECC efforts to clean up public spaces, plant trees, etc. More than 40 hand-deliver the quarterly Eastlake News to every doorstep and business in the neighborhood.

Those who have served on ECC's board of directors include attorneys, doctors, engineers, artists, musicians, architects, university professors and students, small business owners, journalists, an inventor, a race car driver, a civil rights leader, an FBI agent, and a labor union leader (who in 1990 wrote the first paragraph in this article).

Some of the best-known former members of the ECC board were Victor Steinbrueck (co-designer of the Space Needle) and Marjorie Nelson (stage and movie actress), a couple who helped saved the Pike Place Market from destruction. Other notables: historian Walt Crowley; preservation architect Susan Boyle; and Seattle Displacement Coalition co-founder John Fox.

To join, donate, or just offer your volunteer time or ideas, see this newsletter's back page, or contact ECC at, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102-3278, info@eastlakeseattle.org, or (206) 322-5463. Particularly welcome are ideas or projects that have not yet been tried in Eastlake.



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Keeping Eastlake safe from crime and disasters

The Eastlake Community Council works with public agencies, non-profit organizations, businesses, and members of the public to make and keep our neighborhood safe from crime and disasters. ECC's web site, <http://eastlakeseattle.org> has several pages and many links on these topics. Following are highlights. Please send your e-mail address to info@eastlakeseattle.org with questions, suggestions, or to volunteer.

SPD priorities for Eastlake. In 2015 Seattle Police Department Chief Kathleen O'Toole instituted a program to partner with neighborhoods on "micro community policing plans." One covers Eastlake (West Precinct) and another covers the area just across I-5 from Eastlake (East Precinct); both are posted on ECC's web site at <http://eastlakeseattle.org/?page=publicsafety>.

A rough summary of SPD's current priorities for Eastlake includes: burglaries; car prowls/auto thefts; issues related to the homeless population (encampments, public intoxication, needles, etc.); and traffic (cut-through traffic, speeding around TOPS-Seward school).

Each precinct's Community Policing Team meets at least every six months with local stakeholders to develop and update these policing plans. To comment on policing priorities for Eastlake, contact Community Police Team Officer Samuel.Cook@seattle.gov; please cc ECC at info@eastlakeseattle.org.

Importance of calling 911. Chief O'Toole has increased reliance on data in deploying and evaluating policing resources. Twice-monthly reports that are posted on the SPD web site use performance measures to weigh progress in meeting the micro community policing objectives. The increased reliance on data makes it more important than ever to call 911 when you see or experience any law-breaking or if you expect it to occur imminently.

Police can't respond or plan if you don't alert them, and are more likely to patrol a neighborhood with a pattern

of past calls to 911. Nothing is too small to report, and a crime need not have been committed. Some brazen large-scale thefts have occurred in broad daylight, and some small thefts have been repeated because no one thought to call 911. These calls can be anonymous, but it's best to give your name (you can ask that it be withheld from public disclosure) so you can monitor the response. There is a record made of each call; if you plan to request the record, ask the call-taker for the event number.

Don't leave any crime unreported, or Eastlake will lose out amidst SPD's increased reliance on data. The 911 system has plenty of capacity, so don't worry about competing with another call that you think could be more urgent than yours. The operators have the skill and technology to refer your call. An alternative to 911 is the non-emergency number, 206-625-5011 (to avoid voice mail, dial 2 and then 8 and you will reach a dispatcher). It's for something suspicious but you're not sure it's criminal; for late reporting of a non-emergency crime with no suspects nearby; or to report noise or parking infractions. But note that the dispatchers who field non-emergency calls are actually in the 911 call center, and it is simpler to reach them by calling 911 and asking to be quickly transferred.

Find it, Fix it. Public safety can be improved when various City agencies are alerted to needed improvements or services. Those with a smartphone are encouraged to use Seattle's free "Find It, Fix It" app; those without one can file a service request at <http://www.seattle.gov/customerservice/request.htm> or phone the Customer Service Bureau at 206-684-2489 (CITY). Reports can include an abandoned vehicle, graffiti, illegal dumping, parking enforcement, pothole, sign and signal maintenance, streetlight outage, or a person in need of social services.

Homeless issues. ECC's Sept. 19 public meeting with the Police Department addressed how the City interacts with homeless people, especially those with mental illness or substance abuse issues. As this meeting occurred too close to press time for a report in this fall 2017 newsletter issue, please watch for our winter issue for an in-depth article on this topic.

Door-to-door solicitors Have doubts about someone who has knocked on your door? Don't open it--but do let them know you're there, to avert a break-in. It's unlawful for solicitors to ignore a sign like "no agents," or "no solicitors," or refuse to leave immediately if requested. There are reputable solicitors, but others wish to gain illegal access, so be wary of requests to use the bathroom, phone or for a drink of water. Call 911 if you feel threatened, or if a suspicious solicitor has left who



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may jeopardize others. And pass along an alert to your neighbors in any way you can. Commercial sellers are required to have a license with the name of the agent and type of product or service sold; they must disclose their name, company, and what they're selling (these requirements don't apply to non-profit solicitors). It's unlawful to falsely claim to represent a business or non-profit group.

Lighting. Better lit streets and alleys will reduce car prowls and other crimes. Please contact ECC with your suggestions for the locations of any new street lights. Report graffiti. Quick removal of graffiti discourages taggers. Seattle requires landowners to remove it promptly, and promises immediate action on public property. Report graffiti (and water pollution and illegal dumping) at 206-684-7587; <http://www.seattle.gov/util/index.htm>; or on the Find It, Fix It" app. To join ECC's effort against graffiti: info@eastlakeseattle.org and frisky1@mindspring.com.

Neighbor-to-neighbor cooperation. Your block or dock will be safest by preparing together. Share phone numbers, e-mail addresses, Twitter and Facebook accounts. Get to know one another for mutual alerts and problem-solving about suspicious or risky situations. Block Watch can but doesn't have to involve a whole block; there's safety in cooperation of even a few residences or businesses, nearby houseboats or liveaboards, or within an apartment, condo, or office building. For more: <http://www.seattle.gov/police/programs/Blockwatch/default.htm>.

Emergency preparedness Please join the neighborhood's efforts to prepare for emergencies. For City info, videos and free trainings on emergency preparedness: www.seattle.gov/emergency or 206-233-7123 (and please let ECC know if you've taken a training or can help create an emergency hub in Eastlake). ECC invites doctors, nurses, and paramedics to join our confidential list to be contacted during a neighborhood-wide emergency: info@eastlakeseattle.org. Ham radio or satellite telephone operators are also asked to let ECC know how to reach them to help in a future emergency.

ECC welcomes your ideas and questions about crime issues and prevention, and on emergency preparedness. Please contact us at info@eastlakeseattle.org or by U.S. mail at 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle, WA 98102-3278.

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Hold Onto Your Butts

For over two years the Seattle Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation has been leading a Hold On To Your Butts campaign, an initiative to promote responsible disposal of cigarette butts through education and action.

Cigarette butts are the most littered item in the world and in Washington. About five trillion are discarded each year worldwide. They make up approximately 32% of all litter in outdoor recreation areas, and reportedly are the most littered item on Washington beaches.

They break down into microplastics in the ocean. The filters are made of cellulose acetate, a synthetic plastic fiber that does not appear to degrade. The filters are a toxic waste and harmful to fish and birds. When wet, butts release toxins that are lethal to fish. When birds use filters to line their nest, they harm or kill nestlings.

Cigarette litter is costly to taxpayers. Although the amount Seattle spends on cleanup costs is unknown, San Francisco annually spends about \$7.5 million in cleanup costs and lost revenue. The \$4 million per year that the Washington Department of Ecology obtains through the state's cigarette tax goes to general highway litter patrols and is not targeted to the cleanup of cigarette butt waste. Cigarette litter also is costly to Washington businesses that spend a significant amount of time cleaning up litter on their property.

The Surfrider Foundation has a solution. Surveys have found that people would use a cigarette receptacle if provided with one in public areas. Surfrider can install these receptacles with help from the public. If interested in taking action, you can find information about Surfrider's program on Facebook, on Twitter @SEASurfrider, and at seattle.surfrider.org. Barbara Clabots, who is leading the campaign, has agreed to come to a future ECC public meeting and can participate in other community outreach events upon request.



What Do You Love About Eastlake

Periodically, the Eastlake Community Council conducts surveys of public opinion. When the question was, "If you left Eastlake, where would you likely move?" one resident amusingly responded, "Into an urn." In another survey, a resident said they could not live anywhere else than Eastlake because Patrick's Fly Shop is here.

What do you value about living or working in Eastlake? Please send us your thoughts at info@eastlakeseattle.org. And see the article on page 15 about how you can get involved in the Eastlake Community Council to keep or bring about in Eastlake the things that you most value.

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State must complete Eastlake's I-5 noise walls and prevent noise on the I-5 bridge where it can't be blocked

by Chris Leman

Interstate 5 was built in 1962 before environmental laws or noise regulations, and therefore without any thought to blocking or preventing noise. Result: some Eastlake businesses, residences, sidewalks, and parks have the worst noise levels in the state. In the 46 years since the Eastlake Community Council's founding in 1971, we have worked with a succession of Washington State Dept. of Transportation officials and 43rd District legislators to fund the current noise walls, which dramatically reduce noise in the neighborhood.

In about 1990, when as a newly elected ECC president I walked Boylston Ave. E. to reassure residents that the Eastlake Community Council was working to get some noise walls for them, a senior citizen responded, "I'll never live to see those walls constructed." Indeed, the first walls took another decade to appear, and by that time he had died. Now the rest of us must wonder if we will live to see Eastlake's noise walls completed.

The last noise wall construction and funding ended in 2008 despite WSDOT's acknowledgment at the time that the worst noise locations in Eastlake had not even begun to be addressed. Unaccountably, WSDOT soon dropped Eastlake's noise wall extension far down on its priority list, with no funding requested or received for years. The noise walls in Eastlake (west side of I-5) don't extend north even to Hamlin Street, whereas on the east side of I-5 they extend further north.

In 2015 ECC, working with nearby residents and businesses and with State Sen. Jamie Pedersen and his House colleagues, turned this situation around. The legislature set aside \$3.5 million for completing Eastlake's noise walls for the two blocks almost to Allison Street. We thank our legislators for this success, but also ask why the 2015 legislation delays until July 2023 when planning for the completing Eastlake's noise walls is to begin, and why WSDOT will not begin construction until the summer of 2025.

Waiting until 2025 to start constructing Eastlake's remaining noise walls would mean 63 years since ECC first brought this unacceptable noise problem to the attention of our legislators and WSDOT. That's far too long a wait for those who suffer most from the failure to complete Eastlake's noise walls--especially with billions spent on expanding SR-520, bringing further I-5 traffic and noise

Noise levels from the I-5 Ship Canal Bridge are among the highest from any freeway. With noise impacts blithely ignored in original design of the bridge, the wider deck of general purpose lanes was placed above the express lanes, fiendishly effective at reflecting their noise down to nearby homes, businesses, sidewalks, and parks. The bridge could have been formatted to reflect most noise harmlessly into the sky, but doing so now would be prohibitively expensive.

And here's more bad news. WSDOT has concluded that it cannot retrofit the I-5 Ship Canal Bridge to reduce noise without destabilizing the bridge. Most noise walls are heavier than it can safely bear, and even the lightest walls could catch the wind, risking a catastrophic collapse of the bridge. A WSDOT experiment with noise-reducing baffles under the general purpose lanes had discouraging results: little noise reduction, and in some places the noise levels increased.

As WSDOT offers no way to block the noise that comes from the I-5 Ship Canal Bridge, the only solution is to produce less noise there to start with. Since 2013, ECC has been calling on WSDOT to adopt noise-reducing operational changes in bridge traffic: (1) close the express lanes earlier (10 p.m. rather than the current 11 p.m.); (2) open the express lanes later (5:30 a.m. or 6 a.m. rather than the current 5 a.m.); (3) reduce express lane speeds on the bridge and approaches, such as to 40 miles per hour; and (4) exclude trucks and motorcycles from the bridge express lanes, at least at night.

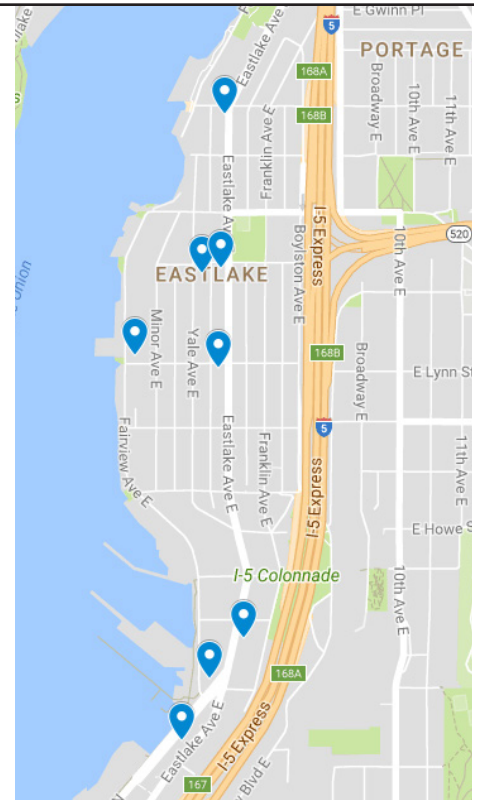
Whatever your views, our legislators need to hear from you about completing the I-5 noise walls and reducing noise from the I-5 Ship Canal Bridge through operational changes. You can write to our state senator (jamie.pedersen@leg.wa.gov) and our state representatives (frank.chopp@leg.wa.gov and nicole.macri@leg.wa.gov). ECC would be grateful for a copy, to info@eastlakeseattle.org, where you can also send questions and ideas



Where to find the Eastlake News

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- Hamlin Market (2729 Eastlake Ave.)
- Lake Union Mail (117 E. Louisa St.)
- Petes Super and Wines (58 E. Lynn St.)
- Voxx Coffee (2245 Eastlake Ave.)
- Washington State Employees Credit Union (1500 Fairview Ave. E.)



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