



The Eastlake News

Coming Events

Winter 2018/19



Drive for the U District Food Bank -- Dec. 10 - Jan. 10 Collection barrels are at Grand Central Baking Co. (1616 Eastlake Ave. E.), Lake Union Mail (117 E. Louisa St.) Pete's Super (58 E. Lynn St.) and Sebi's Bistro (3242 Eastlake Ave. E.). On what's needed, see article on p. 22.

Holiday cruise on the Islander -- Sun., Dec. 23, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. <http://brownpapertickets.com> Join the parade of lighted boats in Union and Portage Bays and the grand finale concert in Lake Union. See article on p. 24.

Public meeting featuring authors Paul Dorpat and Jean Sherrard on "Seattle and Eastlake Now and Then" -- Tues., Jan. 15 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Agora Conference Center, 1551 Eastlake Ave. E. See article, p. 4.

Public meeting about the fight over Seattle's tree ordinance -- Wed., Jan. 23 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. See article, p. 17.

Public meeting on Roosevelt Rapid Ride, bikeways, parking, and other transportation issues

Roosevelt Rapid Ride dominates public meeting transportation discussion

More than a dozen Eastlake residents gathered in midOctober at the Pocock Rowing Center to talk about transportation issues in the neighborhood. No surprise, the Roosevelt Rapid Ride project's impact was the main concern.

The project currently would add Rapid Ride buses, dedicated bike lanes and removal of most parking on Eastlake Avenue East. There was no real consensus at the meeting about what should happen - though there was general concern about what might occur.

Several attendees were bikers and favored bike lanes. Others worried about the loss of parking and loading zones. Several commented on the lack of turnouts for the buses - it will create a wagon train effect with cars backed up behind buses. The loss of left-turn lanes would also contribute to the effect.

One interesting comment was that

SDOT should fix the street first. There are many potholes and cracks that make for unsafe conditions for bikers now.

There also were some suggestions on alternatives to the bike lanes, though several were speculative. One suggestion was bike lanes down the middle of the freeway - another was for an elevated bike lane down Eastlake.

Fairview Avenue East was mentioned as a possible alternate route, but several attendees said the city must find a way to connect Fairview along the lake. Bikers have to go part way uphill toward Eastlake and ride down an alley before returning to Fairview.

Another topic was the plan to replace the bridge on Fairview Avenue North in front of the former Seattle City Light Steam Plant building. The construction will have a severe impact on transportation in the neighborhood. One comment was that ECC "needs to stay on top on what is happening on the bridge."

The lack of a sidewalk between the stairs on Lakeview Avenue East came up - a petition was circulated to support seeking city funds for the construction of the sidewalk and potentially a retaining wall as well. One attendee said he would rather City



Blow up Thanksgiving turkey seen on Franklin Avenue Sketch by Karen Berry

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

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-- **Tues., Feb. 12** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. See article, p. 2.

Public meeting on land use and housing issues in Eastlake -- Tues., Feb. 26 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. See article, p. 6.

Public meeting with open mike to dream about and discuss Eastlake priorities -- Tues., March 12 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. See article, p. 23.

Feb. 12 public meeting on RapidRide, bus service, bikeways, pedestrians, and parking

The Eastlake Community Council public meeting on Tues., Feb. 12, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. is your opportunity to discuss with government officials and your neighbors the RapidRide bus line, protected bicycle lanes, and on-street parking prohibitions that the Seattle Department of Transportation is proposing for Eastlake Avenue. The meeting will also address other bus, bicycle, pedestrian, and parking issues.

On Oct. 23, 2018, the Seattle Department of Transportation held

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money be spent on lighting the cross walks.

Two houseboat residents raised issues with a planned building at 3138 Fairview Ave. E. - a five-story building with 40 parking spots. The residents said they had concerns about pedestrian safety with the project because there are no sidewalks and wanted to raise awareness of the project. It is still before a design review board.

a public meeting at TOPS-Seward School regarding this RapidRide project. SDOT's facilitator limited the public to questions only (and initially only one per person), silencing comments on the project proposals. In order to allow more dialogue within Eastlake and with the City, ECC has invited SDOT and elected officials to be featured speakers at our Feb. 12 public meeting.

As background, see below as well as the accompanying article about ECC's recent Oct. 12 public meeting

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The 14 Carrot Cafe nests in the historical Hines Public Market building on the Eastside of Lake Union. Commercial vernacular buildings were built along major streetcar routes to provide nearby residents with groceries and other daily needs.

Eastlake Avenue was an important streetcar route, connecting downtown to the University District, first over the old Latona Bridge and later over the University Bridge.

This small commercial building has been an Eastlake fixture since 1923.

For years it housed a grocery and meat market; Carr's Fine Foods, owned by Arlyn Carr, and a meat market owned by Val Sonntag were here for more than fifteen years from the 1930s until the 1950s. At that time the sign said "Carr's Fine Foods".

There has also traditionally been a tavern here, starting with The Beer Parlor ran by Joseph Carroll in 1938, Mack's Tavern in 1952, the It'll Do Tavern in 1966 and now the Eastlake Zoo Tavern as well as the 14 Carrot Cafe which has been cracking eggs for over 40 years now.

The 14 Carrot Cafe opened its doors in 1977 by first owner Julia Miller who then sold it to Greek immigrant Eletheria "Terry" Proios in 1992.

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Dorpat and Sherrard history slide talk on Eastlake, Lake Union, and Seattle, plus book signing Jan. 15

The Eastlake Community Council welcomes historians/documentarians Paul Dorpat and Jean Sherrard for an illustrated talk on the past and changes in Seattle, also with glimpses of Eastlake – Tues., Jan. 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Agora Conference Center, 1551 Eastlake Ave. E.

Dorpat partners with Sherrard on the long-running Seattle Times Pacific Magazine column based on photos that repeat the same location “now and then.” And they have just co-authored *Seattle Now and Then: The Historic Hundred*. The 2018 book is a selection and photo update of the 100 best of the 1800 columns. The book will be available for sale at the event.

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.

Updates on Eastlake in the news:

The planned Ride the Ducks ramp off Fairview Avenue East is quiet these days with no recent activity on site. RTD did renew/extend its basic City of Seattle permits at the end of the initial period. There may be other permits from other agencies that have expired and cannot be extended.

But the company may be focused on the civil trial that began a few weeks ago. The Eastlake Community Council has been involved in the protests against the project since it was announced.

On Feb. 18, 2015, the Eastlake Community Council, the Floating Homes Association, and the Log Foundation jointly appealed to the Washington State Shorelines Hearing Board a Jan. 29 decision by the Seattle Department of Planning and Development granting Ride the Ducks a permit for a ramp where its amphibious trucks would enter and leave Lake Union adjacent to Terry Pettus Park and the houseboats near Fairview Avenue East and East Newton Street. Background and links about the Ride the Ducks issue and the appeal are on the “documents for review and public comment” section at eastlakeseattle.org.

Both sides filed motions for summary judgment (i.e. action prior to the hearing). On May 19 a Board decision addressed our primary legal argument, that the proposed private boat ramp was not allowed in the Urban Maritime shoreline zone. Unfortunately, the Board deferred to the City’s interpretation and ruled that the proposed boat ramp is a legitimate “recreational” use and is legally allowed. Thus we lost our “one-stop” argument that would have been the best way to overturn the permit.

Our remaining primary argument under the City and state shoreline codes was that the intensity of the Ride the Ducks (18 trips per hour during peak summer months) would unreasonably interfere with existing recreational use of the shoreline, including the upland trail as well as use of the water by swimmers, kayakers, paddle boarders, etc. Unfortunately, it was looking like all we could get would have been slightly strengthened conditions which would still have been at the mercy of City enforcement.

On the advice of attorneys, the three appealing organizations reached a settlement in which Ride the Ducks agreed to stronger conditions, with these conditions being directly enforceable by us, without needing to depend on City enforcement.

Two Seattle police officers, who unleashed a barrage of gunshots at a fleeing car in the Eastlake neighborhood last year, wounding the driver and a passenger, have been fired after a lengthy internal investigation.

As the Seattle Times reported in July, then Interim Police Chief Carmen Best found that officers Kenneth Martin and Tabitha Sexton recklessly fired at the stolen car after failing to follow department policies.

“Police officers have immense responsibilities and wide-

ranging potential to impact the lives of the public,” Best wrote to each officer. “It’s our central mission to keep the public safe. Your actions and decisions did the opposite: they created a deadly force situation that unnecessarily threatened public safety.”

Best later was named the permanent police chief.

In August, the King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office decided not to file criminal-assault charges against the two Seattle police officers. Under state law that existed at the time of the Oct. 8, 2017, incident, prosecutors would be unable to prove Martin and Sexton acted with malice or a lack of good faith, the prosecutor’s office determined.

A four-alarm fire along the Ship Canal on Saturday, Oct. 10 was visible in the Eastlake neighborhood. The fire, with flames as high as 100 feet, was at the Northwest Millwork and Gascoigne Lumber, a family business established in 1926. The building housing Gascoigne operations would have celebrated its 100th year in 2019. Two of the structures collapsed, but the building housing Gascoigne’s administrative offices was relatively unscathed. Officials said the cause of the fire was arson. Loss was estimated at \$4.3 million.

District 4 Seattle City Council member Rob Johnson, who represents the Eastlake area, said in early November that he did not plan to run again in 2019. He released this statement:

“With the goal of respectful transparency and a desire to hold the door open for those who might be interested in running for the District 4 seat, I have announced my decision to

not seek re-election next year.

“By working closely with constituents, community partners, my dedicated staff, and Council colleagues I am proud of what we have been able to achieve. The passage of Sound Transit 3, Housing, and our Families, Education, Preschool & Promise levies, Mandatory Housing Affordability, equitable development funding for new affordable housing, #fix65, a new Seattle Arena and a renovated Magnuson Park Community Center are some of the highlights, and I look forward to working just as hard with them in 2019 as I have in my three years prior to make Seattle a more affordable, livable, and transit-connected city.

“While this job has been more humbling and rewarding than I ever could have anticipated back when I took office in 2016, I look forward to spending more time with my family, being an active PTSA member at my girls’ school, and staying active in the civic life of the special city we call home.”

ZymoGenetics is winding down its operations at the historic Seattle City Light Lake Union steam plant.

The company, a unit of pharmaceutical giant Bristol-Myers Squibb since 2010, announced in late 2016 that it would not renew its lease on the iconic building. The company sent out a notice in early November that it would lay off 63 people by the end of the year, with many employees offered jobs at other Bristol sites in the U.S., according to the Seattle Times.

The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center said in June it would lease the space.

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Public meeting Feb. 26 about growing challenges to a livable Eastlake – Sobering background and what you can do

By Chris Leman

The ECC Tues., Feb 26 public meeting (6:30 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School) takes on new importance after a ruling Nov. 21 by a city hearing examiner opened the door to the city's Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) upzone (see follow up at the end of this article).

How did an affordable, livable, gradually growing neighborhood suddenly become ground zero for unbridled, soulless construction without large trees, sufficient parking, or other protections for quality of life, and with relentless rises in rents and property taxes? How did recent City policies, and another now impending, promote this result? How can today's Mayor and City Council restore balance? See below for some answers. ECC welcomes your questions and suggestions at the meeting and at info@eastlake-seattle.org. Seattle laws originally imposed no restrictions on land use, so apartments could be built anywhere, as could single family houses. The City's first comprehensive plan and land use zoning in 1923 zoned most of Eastlake's land for residential use, but although large areas of most other neighborhoods were restricted to one single family house per land lot, Eastlake's residential land was not restricted in this way.

Eastlake residential land continues to be open to the



construction of single family houses as well as multifamily buildings such as apartments, condominiums, townhouses, and duplexes, as well as multiple houses on a single lot. Houseboats have a unique designation that amounts to a single-family zone but with no minimum lot size, allowing them to be unusually close together. As in other neighborhoods, multifamily and single family housing can also be built on commercially zoned land.

For decades, the multifamily zoned land in Eastlake and other neighborhoods has been classified as “low-rise,” with height limits that until recently were as low as, and in the 1990s lower than, for single family zones, and with limits on the number of living units that could be built per lot. (Much taller and denser residential buildings are allowed in the mid-rise and high-rise zones that are downtown and in urban centers like Northgate and South Lake Union.) The low-rise zone required parking places on-site, and front and back yards sufficient for large trees.

Under these reasonable land use laws, Eastlake's growth proceeded for decades at a moderate pace that kept the neighborhood affordable, recognizable and livable as it grew. New apartment buildings had yards that allow large trees, and on many lots the existing single family house was remodeled into apartments or supplemented by an additional house in the back yard.

Unfortunately, in the past decade and despite fierce resistance from the Eastlake Community Council and many other community groups, a series of Mayors and City Councils repealed these livability controls. They increased height and occupancies, virtually eliminated required yards, eliminated on-site parking requirements, and repealed most opportunities for public and environmental review of proposed multifamily zoned projects. In doing so, our elected officials ignored and undercut commitments they had made in the citywide 1994 Comprehensive Plan and the 28 neighborhood plans, including Eastlake's, that implemented it.

Adopted by ordinance in 1994, the citywide Comprehensive Plan ordinance designated as an “urban village” Eastlake and each of 27 other neighborhoods (all with mainly multi-family zoning, such as apartments and condos. Eastlake was the only urban village in which all residential land was already entirely zoned to allow multifamily use.

The 1994 Comprehensive Plan's urban village strategy established it as City policy that while growth would come, it must be at a human, village-like scale that maintains or enhances livability. Public investments should keep amenities on pace with growth. Growth expectations for some urban villages should be scaled back and increased for others if growth turns out to be poorly distributed across Seattle and if livability were to decline.

The Comprehensive Plan provided that each neigh-

neighborhood proposed for urban village status would have a neighborhood plan in which to decide whether to accept the urban village designation, whether to accept the existing zoning or accept changes proposed by the City, how growth should unfold in that neighborhood, and whether to adopt the City's proposed 2014 housing target for the neighborhood.

The 1994 Comprehensive Plan also provided that once an urban village's housing targets were met, a special review would determine whether more housing would be sustainable or be redirected elsewhere. Further housing targets would pause for consultation between the City and neighborhood about whether further increases would be sustainable, such as if park and street improvements were to keep up with the increased burden of growth.

The 1999 Eastlake Neighborhood Plan (available on the City and ECC web sites) was developed under an agreement with the City by a volunteer coalition of residents, businesses, and non-profit groups managed by the Eastlake Community Council. The City enforced performance standards such as for outreach and diversity, and funded planning consultants who were selected by a publicly advertised competitive process. Eastlake's is the most detailed of the 28 neighborhood plans, and in adopting it in 1999 by resolution and ordinance, the Mayor and City Council praised the Eastlake Neighborhood Plan for unexcelled public outreach.

The 1999 Eastlake Neighborhood Plan accepts the existing zoning (the City did not propose any changes), and accepts the City's proposed housing target of an additional 380 units by 2014. In doing so, the Neighborhood Plan directs preservation of the Eastlake neighborhood's scale, character, and diversity; re-use of existing structures rather than demolishing them; and protection and addition of large trees.

It all started so well and yet - so far - has turned out so badly. Just months after the April 1999 resolution by which the Mayor and City Council adopted the Eastlake Neighborhood Plan, Eastlake had met its housing targets -15 years early (Eastlake was the second earliest neighborhood to meet its targets, with only Wallingford getting there quicker). But instead of conducting the Comprehensive Plan's required special review on what to do next, City officials ignored and then began to repeal the Comprehensive

Plan's commitments to balance growth with livability and to honor the neighborhood plans.

For what to do once a neighborhood has reached its housing targets, the Mayor and City Council soon repealed the requirement for a special review of whether to further increase the targets or redirect growth elsewhere. They repeatedly raised the housing targets without that special review, and without even consulting the affected neighborhoods.

As with other urban villages, Eastlake finds that as we nearly achieve our housing target, City bureaucrats raise it again so we never catch up. It feels like the recurring Peanuts episode in which Lucy snatches away the football whenever Charlie Brown is about to kick it. Until an honest system of housing targets is established, this moving target will continue to undermine the neighborhood's livability and its trust in government.

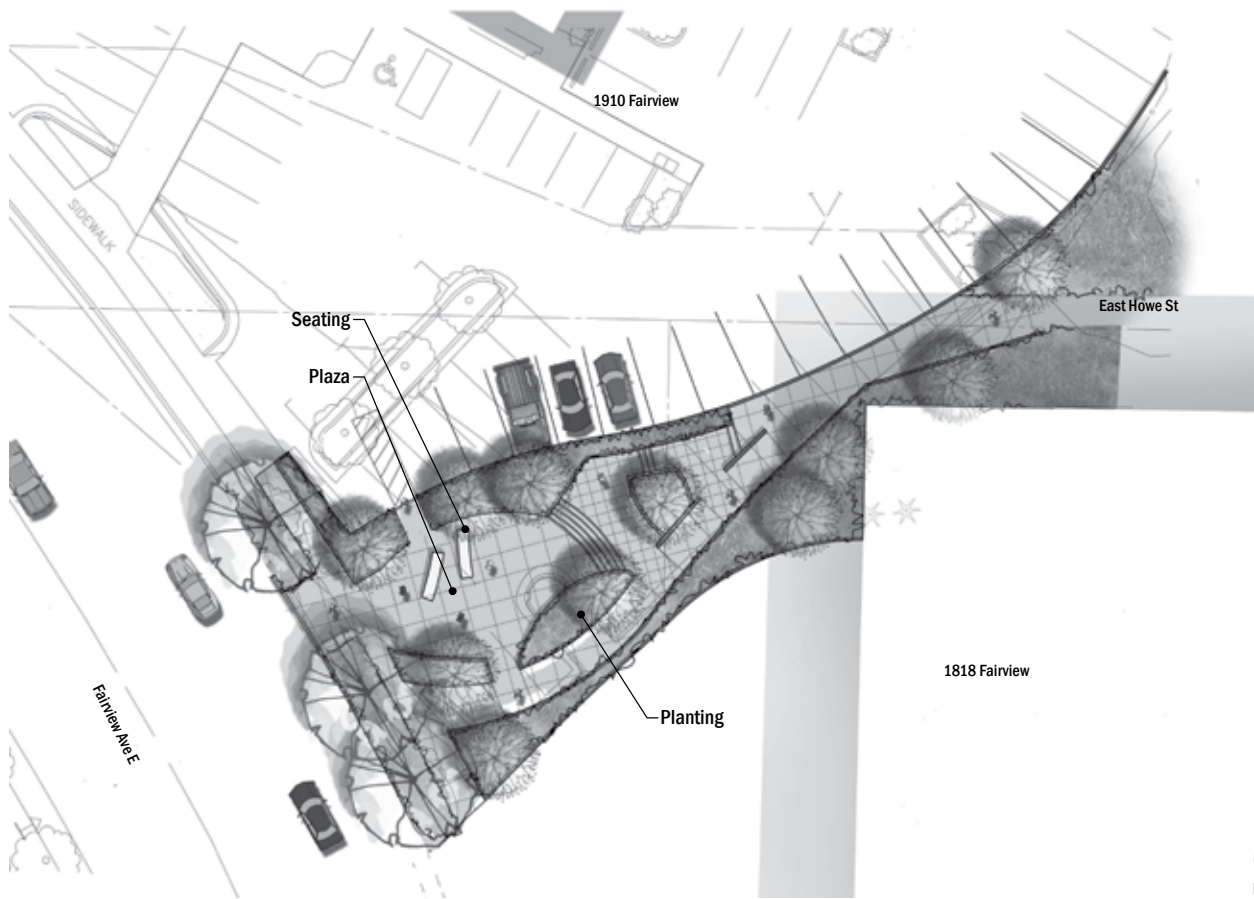
The reasonable definition of low-rise multifamily zoning which had prevailed for decades was in place when the 1999 Eastlake Neighborhood Plan accepted Eastlake's zoning, as with the 27 other neighborhood plans. All had barely been adopted when the Mayor and City Council started to amend City laws defining the zones, ignoring these plans and local conditions.. Sometimes for the urban villages and sometimes for all multifamily and commercially zoned land, the changes increased allowable

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East Howe Steps Plaza Project Going Full Steam Ahead!



By Tom Kipp, on behalf of the Project Steering Committee

On Wednesday, November 7, the steering committee of the East Howe Steps Plaza Project held its most recent public Open House meeting at TOPS Seward School. The volunteer group has been working for over four years to advance the project, which converts a portion of an existing parking lot located on city street right-of-way (where it meets Fairview Avenue East, at the future landing of the East Howe Steps) into a new public plaza space with trees, landscaping, and seating areas (see above site plan).

When finished, the plaza project will also complete the East Howe Steps pedestrian connection between North Capitol Hill and Fairview Ave. E.. The plaza is now on track to be completed by next summer, once the adjacent Alexandria Life Science Building (located at 1818 Fairview Avenue East, between East Howe and East Blaine Streets) is finished, which is expected to occur during late-spring 2019.

The breakthrough news announced during the Open House was a creative partnership agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the East Howe Steps Plaza steering committee and the group representing the adjacent property holder at 1910 Fairview Ave. E. (formerly known as the Hart Crowser Building), with support from the City of Seattle.

Some of the key features of the Memorandum of Understanding, signed in October, include:

- Community design of the plaza
- Retaining existing parking along the edge of this new plaza for public and private use
- Non-weekday use of the 1910 Fairview parking area as an extension of the plaza for community events
- Commitment of the steering committee's existing \$100,000 Department of Neighborhoods grant to complete plaza design and obtain all required permits
- A \$500,000 contribution by 1910's owners for construction of the plaza
- Ongoing maintenance of the plaza by 1910, with community support
- City of Seattle concurrence (the plaza uses City of Seattle right-of-way)

The 1910 Fairview group has also committed to soliciting contractor bids in order that the construction phase of the East Howe Steps Plaza will commence as seamlessly as possible, once the adjacent Alexandria construction is completed.

Ron Endlich moderated the November 7 event and introduced the other members of the steering committee and the representatives of 1910 Fairview before introducing designer and ongoing project manager Juliet Vong of

Seattle's HBB Landscape Architecture.

Ms. Vong provided an overview of the evolving East Howe Steps Plaza Project and presented the latest plaza design work, in addition to a summary of its history in the Eastlake community, which commenced with three public meetings held at TOPS in December 2014, February 2015, and March 2015.

The many residents of Eastlake who attended these earlier events had considerable input regarding desired plaza features and functionality, as well as its impact on neighborhood parking. This community feedback was carefully solicited and documented by the steering committee and HBB, and later incorporated into the creation of numerous design concepts and conceptual plans by Ms. Vong and her design team.

Ms. Vong concluded her presentation by laying out the next steps in the plaza process—completing all required permitting; coordinating design elements with the adjacent Alexandria property to the greatest degree feasible; working with the 1910 Fairview group to solicit a suitable bid for plaza construction from a great contractor; and fine-tuning all aspects of the final construction plans and documents.

Following her presentation, attendees expressed strong interest in moving the project forward and suggested ideas for additional partnering opportunities to enhance Fairview Avenue East and the Cheshiahud Trail corridor in the vicinity of the plaza site.

In tandem with members of the steering committee and the 1910 Fairview representatives, a spirited and very positive discussion ensued, resulting in a welcome enthusiasm from all quarters and a sense of optimism about how far the project has come during the five years since the steering committee's inception, under the initial leadership of Brian Ramey, a longtime Eastlake resident who retired and relocated elsewhere in Western Washington during 2015, and who has recently expressed his pleasure at the bright prospects for completing the East Howe Steps Plaza.

Bottom line—the longstanding goal of creating a “Front Porch” for the entire Eastlake neighborhood is now closer to fruition than ever!

The East Howe Steps Plaza steering committee is led by Ron Endlich. Its membership also includes fellow Eastlake residents Mary Hansen, Leslie Silverman, Ariah Kidder, Detra Segar, and Tom Kipp. For more information about the project or if you're interested in helping out, please contact the East Howe Steps Plaza Project via:

- Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/EastHoweSteps
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Stay tuned for future updates!

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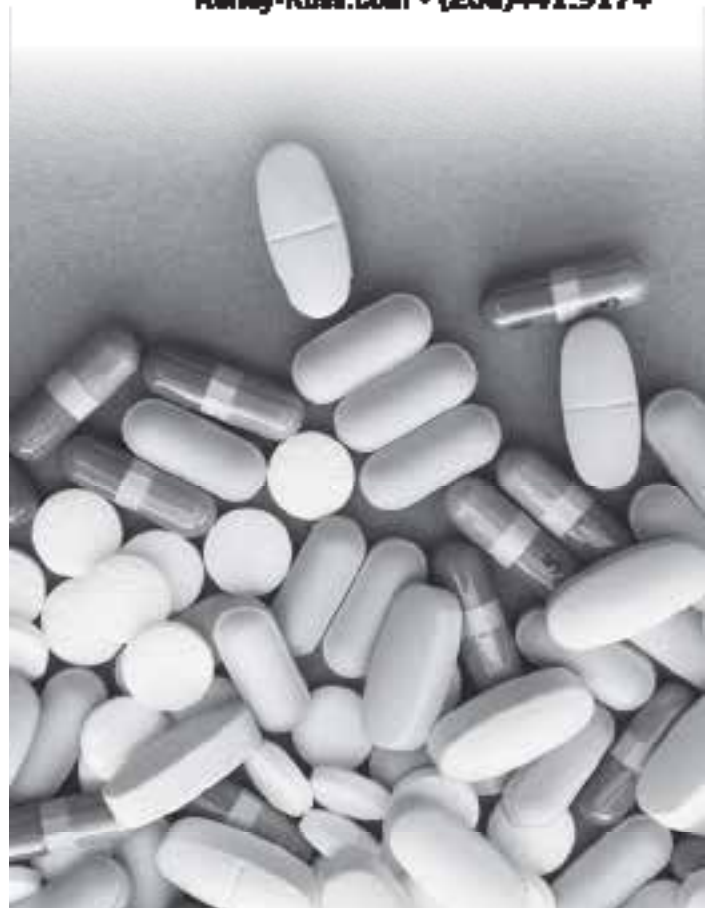
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It's a sinking feeling...

By Klaudia Keller

I have two fears, both involving water, but the first stems from my childhood, and the second stems from my moving to Seattle.

Fear 1: I had a dream. I was riding in a car going over the Interstate bridge between Portland and Vancouver, when something tumultuous happened. I was standing on the back seat and we drifted off the edge of the bridge and plunged into the Columbia River. I woke up freaked. The dream continues to haunt me.

Fast forward: I moved to Seattle, in the mid 80's and really didn't like the sound of "floating" and "bridge" in the same sentence, let alone driving over one. I needed information about how to prepare myself for the worst, even if it's unlikely, I needed to dispel the fear. I learned that if one finds oneself in this situation, you are to let the water fill the inside of the car and then, and only then, slowly open the door to escape without the water rushing in and taking your breath (literally) away. Fear 1 is somewhat alleviated by having this information and feeling prepared....

Fear 2: When I moved onto a houseboat some 20 years ago, I feared what would happen if Lake Union were to empty into the Sound, and the water were to disappear from underneath me. I started thinking about an earthquake or some other catastrophe. What would the lake do? Then I thought about the one-hundred-year-old Hiram M. Chittenden Locks, a true engineering marvel but aging... I went to hear a guy from the Army Corp of Engineers speak and asked him what if the Locks fail? He said, "Ma'am we will do everything in our power to keep this from happening." I prodded him and found that the lake wouldn't empty completely, as the level would equalize. Although the lake would be considerably lower, my houseboat would not be sitting in silt on the bottom.

To address my fear, I searched for help and found the City's SNAP program (Seattle Neighborhoods Actively Prepare) and invited them to speak to my floating home association. The main question was "What about an earthquake and tsunami?" Our resident guru on all things environmental, Bob Burke, explained what a "seiche" is. I went to YouTube and watched water in swimming pools sway away in LA. The water in an enclosed lake is nothing like a tsunami.

Then the article in The New Yorker magazine came out in the summer of 2015 which evoked a lot of, well, fear. I learned a lot from that article: the Pacific subduction zone was only identified 45 years ago, and we are 315 years into a 300 year major earthquake cycle. There were some astounding statistics but the clincher for me was all the seismologists agreeing that the article was not an exaggeration.

At our next dock meeting we discussed how we could be more prepared. Our floating home association now has

a system in place, including emergency packs and radios. We figured out an emergency meeting place, discussed getting a generator and pop up tent, and compared our LED emergency lights. We talked about MRE's and who had a boat if the dock were to collapse. Fear 2 has been reduced by being aware and prepared.

Klaudia Keller has lived in Eastlake for 25 and is a member of the Eastlake Emergency Communications Hub Team. To find out more about getting involved in the Hub contact eastlake.hub@gmail.com. Further information about emergency preparedness planning for Eastlake can be found on the ECC website under "emergency" at eastlakeseattle.org.

Emergency Hub Update



The Eastlake Emergency Hub has gained a lot of momentum in the last six months. The Hub is made up of neighborhood volunteers who are planning and preparing for our community's response during a regional catastrophe such as an earthquake.

Otter Bar and Burger opened their doors early Saturday, November 10, to allow volunteers a warm gathering place and provided them with coffee as they discussed the preparations for their first practice drill across the street at Rogers Play Field. The team pictured above from bottom left was made up of local residents and guests: Jess Levine, Joyce Lane, Emilie Szeto (Columbia City Hub), Cindi Barker (West Seattle Hub and Hub Trainer), Linda Norlen (Seward Hub), KC McNeil, Kathi Woods, Amy O'Donnell and Lucy Mohl.

At the practice drill, the group discussed the various positions that needed to be filled from ham radio operator to volunteer coordinator. They put up water proof informational posters on the play field's fence, FAQs for people to refer to on subjects from how to access the water in a hot water tank to sterilizing water and other emergency sanitation measures.

They discussed having a status board for neighborhood updates, for example the safety status of the University Bridge or what fire stations are operational.

The Emergency Hubs are not City programs although they can apply for matching funds through the Neighborhood Grant Program. The City provided the Hub Box and the basic start-up supplies. The City also provides brochures, educational materials and emergency-preparedness training opportunities, such as SNAP (Seattle Neighborhoods Actively Prepared) for residents. The Hubs are grass-roots, citizen-organized, neighbor-to-neighbor programs.

The group learned that the City's current recommendation is for residents to have food and water for 14 days on hand to shelter in place. It used to be three (three days' supplies are better than nothing!).

There's a lot to sort out and to think about. The Eastlake Hub Team will gather again soon to plan a disaster preparedness workshop for Eastlakers in 2019.

An Eastlake News volunteer happened to catch the drill on November 10 just as it was wrapping up and gathered a few team members for the picture below: from left, team captain, Margaret Sanders, Joyce Lane, Amy O'Donnell, Kathi Woods and KC McNeil (ham radio volunteer).





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Eastlake artist Christina Scott

A portfolio of Eastlake artist Christina Scott's water color paintings and drawings can be seen on her website, <http://cscott.fineartstudioonline.com>. Several of her Eastlake watercolors are reproduced on greeting cards that are



available at Lake Union Mail (117 E. Louisa St.).

Christina says on her web site: "I am inspired to paint, by some special element that I see in a subject, not by a desire to make a photo-realistic image of it. If I find a subject challenging, humorous, beautiful or unusual, I want to capture those things in my painting. The subject matter is simply there for reference, to help me understand while I paint."

Born in England, Christina spent her formative years in Morocco, Ghana, and Ethiopia followed by several years living in France, England and the United States. She discovered her artistic passion at age five in Ghana when teachers asked Christina and a classmate to commemorate holiday occasions by chalking murals on classroom blackboards and painting posters. Later, in art school, she was inspired by the works of Rembrandt, Vermeer, Degas, Hogarth and the Impressionists.

Christina has degrees in Fine Arts from University of California, Santa Cruz, and in Graphic Arts Design from the London College of Printing. In England she worked as a Graphic Designer at The National Gallery and at The British Library. After moving to Seattle, she worked in Digital



Media at Microsoft.

We thank Christina Scott for allowing these paintings to be reproduced in the *Eastlake News*. Although limited by our paper format to black and white, their glorious color can be seen on her web site listed above. Pictured left, Lake Union Mail, above, Louisa Street walkway.

The above article on Christina Scott is the first of what we hope will be a series on Eastlake artists. To info@eastlakeseattle.org we welcome suggestions of other current artists for a future profile, and artists from the past who deserve a mention.

Eastlake has long been a home to artists. The Zoë Dusanne Gallery (see historical article in the winter 2011-12 Eastlake News) was Seattle's first professional modern-art venue. It opened in 1950 at 1303 Lakeview Place but was lost in 1958 to the Interstate 5 construction. The first exhibition featured works by Guy Anderson, Virginia

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Banks, Kenneth Callahan, Edwin Danielson, Walter Isaacs, Patricia K. Nicholson, Ambrose Patterson, Viola Patterson, and Mark Tobey.

The Eastlake News itself is sustained by local artists. The pen and ink drawing of Eastlake and Lake Union at the top of our front page is by the late Victor Steinbrueck, an architect and former ECC board member who was also a painter. His design for the Space Needle was inspired in part by "The Feminine One," an abstract sculpture of a dancer by Seattle artist David Lemon.

Except for Steinbrueck's, all of the drawings in the Eastlake News are by artist Karen Berry, who now produces them on an iPad Pro using an Apple pencil. Berry drew the Eastlake panorama that is at the top of the Eastlake Community Council's web site and of its stationery. She is also a painter and a photographer who posts daily at <http://blipfoto.com/NannaK> and sometimes also at <http://blipfoto.com/search/entries?q=fotoperks> and <http://www.instagram.com/eastlakeseattle/>.

The 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.



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G&H Printing serves and activates the neighborhood and the region

by Chris Leman

Historians agree that the invention of printing in the Fifth Century and of industrial printing in 1440 was indispensable for the emergence of literacy, modern business and culture, democracy and the open society. Even in this new world of cable, screens, wireless, texting, social media, and virtual reality, words printed on paper are still a key communications tool in commerce, politics, and culture.

As it has done for more than 43 years, despite (with a workforce of two) being among our neighborhood's smaller employers, G&H Printing (2370 Eastlake Ave E., 206-329-9888) plays an outsize role connecting people in Eastlake, Seattle, and the region. Its customers are an unmatched kaleidoscope of businesses, non-profit organizations, demographic and social groups, locations in and beyond Seattle, and lines of work, interests, and political persuasions. In 1978 the *Eastlake News* first began to be printed at G&H Printing, just as it is today.

G&H Printing (which in the initial several years included a post office operated under contract with the U.S. Postal Service) was incorporated in August 1975. Its founders were a couple who commuted from Bothell and whose last names started with "G" and "H". After about a year they sold the business to Edwin and Emily Upton, who kept the name G&H.

Residents of Edmonds, the Uptons operated G&H Printing until their retirement in 1986. According to the April 1986 issue of the Floating Homes Association newsletter, "donations from the community" provided Edwin and Emily "a small vacation at Ocean Crest Resort in Moclips" as a gesture of appreciation for all they

had done for the neighborhood.

Edwin and Emily's son Kevin continued G&H Printing upon their retirement. He first began there in 1980, beginning an unbroken stretch of 38 years and counting. Not far behind is his sole employee Wolf Millman, who began in 1986. Kevin commutes from Ballard, and Wolf commutes from Tacoma. Kevin's passions include golf and the Beatles. Wolf's include volunteer firefighting and his fire engine red pickup truck.

Kevin is open and unapologetic about his discomfort with the presidency of Donald J. Trump. On the storefront (see photo) and in its interior he posts an ever-changing array of amusing or edgy posters that lampoon Trump, and he freely gives away copies to those with similar views. Only once has an anonymous vandal torn down any of the posters.

Kevin is unaware of the anti-Trump display ever having



Kevin Upton, left, owner of G&H Printing and right, long-time employee, Wolf Millman, who works comfortably in panda slippers

lost him any business from Trump supporters, and says it wouldn't bother him if it did. But he also welcomes business and dialogue from Trump supporters and from others with whom he may disagree. G&H Printing customers represent a huge spectrum of political and cultural viewpoints.

Kevin subscribes to an aphorism of America's most famous printer Benjamin Franklin, "That if all Printers were determin'd not to print anything till they were sure it would offend nobody, there would be very little printed." He has made it G&H Printing's mission to help all comers to affordably reach their intended audience.

One G&H customer remarked on the web about a recent



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visit, “On the desk near the door was a still-used electric typewriter, circa 1970-something.” Kevin does type out each invoice in the old-fashioned way. But G&H is squarely in the digital age. Its classic printing press which



once reeked of chemicals is long gone, replaced by four super-expensive and sophisticated photocopiers that prefer digital PDF files. Only the two black and white photocopiers can even make a copy from a paper original.

While G&H Printing does not have a web site, it is enthusiastically reviewed on-line. There is near-unanimity

on the low prices, good quality, and prompt and pleasant service. Some sample comments:

“This is a very good, very fast, very inexpensive local printshop. This is two guys working at breakneck speed. They do great work, but do not expect to be babysat. Turn in print-ready files. Do not expect confirmation of receipt - if you need that, email and ask for it - but do expect to hear back within a day or three that your job is finished. I have always been very satisfied, if not downright thrilled, with their execution of my projects.”

“They’re not salesmen, they’re printers. So don’t expect a pitch or hand-holding. Expect awkward friendliness, and good solid work.”

“Here’s the deal: they did a simple job for me and they did it fast with friendly service. It was clear by being inside that many Seattle businesses rely on their services.”

“I keep sending them weird jobs with awful deadlines. They keep doing quality work at amazingly affordable rates.”

“Today they performed a Christmas miracle! I sent my email, not even knowing if they were open today, Christmas eve, and they were delivered to my doorstep HOURS later. This was the most fantastic thing EVER. I highly, highly recommend these printers.... so kind! This was really a special thing and this type of good ol’ fashioned kindness is rare these days!!!”

“Unlike most printers, who charge you a lot for small print jobs and only give you discounts on big print jobs, G&H charges you the same great low price no matter how big or small your order might be! I thought Costco had good prices, but they have nothing on these guys. G&H also go through more effort to save me money, printing out orders on larger pieces of paper and then cutting them

down to size, since they charge not by paper size, but by number of prints. And they’re quick to notice possible mistakes and contact me before printing the order. Plus, you’re supporting a local business, which is always a good thing.”

Indeed, Kevin and Wolf are engaged Eastlake community members, and they alert the editor when they notice errors in the *Eastlake News* before it goes to press.

G&H Printing is legendary for coming through when customers have an urgent deadline or an emergency. Kevin routinely comes in at 3 a.m. and on weekends. From the days before photocopiers that automatically fold and staple each copy, ECC has a photo of Kevin, his wife, their two children, and dog all around a table, feverishly assembling the *Eastlake News* on a Sunday.

G&H is quietly generous with discounts or free work to schools, nonprofit organizations, and volunteer causes. Aware of this, ECC has always minimized its requests for donated copies, more so once we discovered a few years ago that Kevin had, without our request, for decades already been discounting the price charged for printing the *Eastlake News*.

ECC agrees with another customer who comments: “I hope they charge enough to keep in business.” Few businesses do so much to enhance community in Eastlake, in Seattle, and beyond. We thank you.



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that in part addressed RapidRide.

Although the Mayor and City Council originally authorized SDOT's study as the Eastlake Corridor Transit and Street Improvements study, and although Eastlake Avenue has more of the project's mileage, SDOT now calls it the "Rapid Ride Roosevelt project." This renaming distracts from recognition that Eastlake will bear the greatest impacts from the project.

SDOT's RapidRide Roosevelt web page (use that title to search with your browser) has important SDOT documents, among them (1) the project map; (2) presentation from the Oct. 23 public meeting; (3) analysis of impacts from removing on-street parking from Eastlake; (4) analysis of bicycle route alternatives through Eastlake; (5) the August 2017 project report and various supporting documents including a detailed summary of public comments. Other documents reference SDOT's ongoing review to determine whether an environmental impact statement is needed. For this review, SDOT is the local lead agency and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is the lead federal agency.

ECC's web page, <http://eastlakeseattle.org/?page=corridor>, has the key SDOT links and also provides background, including a series of five letters that ECC has sent to SDOT on the project. The most recent letter (January 12, 2018) includes the following statement by ECC:

ECC supports a format for Eastlake Avenue that makes buses more frequent, reliable, and swift; makes bicycling safer with protected lanes; does not widen the roadway (preserves or expands sidewalks); and continues and expands the current planted medians and center turn lanes, allowing left turns to all side streets. We recognize that the combination of these steps is likely to sacrifice most or all of the on-street parking on Eastlake Avenue. But we cannot support the removal of this parking unless SDOT fully and

fairly analyzes the impacts of the loss of this parking upon neighborhood residents and businesses, and unless the Mayor and City Council take steps to restore on-street and on-site parking elsewhere in Eastlake, thus helping to mitigate the expected loss of this parking on Eastlake Avenue that would result from the Roosevelt RapidRide proposals.

The Jan. 12 letter reiterates ECC's longstanding request that SDOT conduct parking studies of the entire Eastlake neighborhood:

From the beginning of the Roosevelt RapidRide planning, the Eastlake Community Council has requested that SDOT analyze all of the Eastlake neighborhood's on-street parking supply and demand and thus the full consequences of removing parking from Eastlake Avenue. Unfortunately, SDOT has consistently failed to do so. The on-site parking utilization studies that SDOT has conducted in Eastlake have been limited to just a fraction of the available block faces—as if those seeking parking that is no longer on Eastlake Avenue will not go to the other block faces in search of a parking space.

ECC discovered just last week that SDOT has a contractor doing an on-street parking utilization study that is continuing to repeat this mistake of looking at only a fraction of the block faces in the neighborhood. This study should not have been done during the scoping period, but rather should have been shaped by the scoping comments. The parking study will need to be redone to respond to these scoping comments that reasonably request parking studies of the Eastlake neighborhood as a whole. Otherwise the environmental assessment will fail to accurately assess the negative consequences of the Roosevelt RapidRide project and will fail to show the need for mitigation of these consequences.

Unfortunately, as of SDOT's Oct. 23 public meeting, the agency still refuses to do on-street parking utilization studies of all blocks in Eastlake. Such studies were not included in the Oct. 2018 Curb Space Management Study, which therefore is faulty and must be redone.

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A Portland art, activism, and resistance project has found its way to Lake Union shores. Bronze children's shoes have shown up on the fence in front of TOPS Seward School near the Louisa Street bus stop and on a tree along the Cheshiahud Lake Union Loop at Roanoke Street. A note attached to both sets reads, "These bronze shoes represent the children separated by I.C.E. They serve as a reminder to all of us, and their families, that they are precious, and we will not forget them."

They're part of a movement started by artist Aimee Sitarz who wanted to channel her outrage at the Trump administration policy of separating migrant children from

Bronze Shoes Project



Shoes Installation Project.

their parents at the US-Mexican border. She began bronzing children's shoes and hanging them around Portland. The project has also been featured in a couple of Portland galleries.

Now others are taking up the cause, requesting bronze shoes from the artist and hanging them around their city.

For more information, see the project's Facebook page at Bronze

Editor's note: As of press time both installations of Bronze Shoes, at Eastlake and Roanoke, were missing.

The effort to defend and strengthen Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance

by Steve Zemke

In September 2018, the Seattle City Council's Planning, Land Use and Zoning Committee agreed to slow down the process of drafting a new Tree Protection Ordinance. Many citizens and community groups as well as the City's own Urban Forestry Commission had expressed concern about the complexity of the legislation and the lack of time to evaluate and comment on specific language. The City Council Committee will restart the public process in December after the Council has completed its budget process.

Proposed ordinance draft D7 which was successfully appealed in September (see at right below) would require permits for landowners to remove trees over 6 inches in diameter as measured at 54 inches above the ground. It would also require that trees of that size removed need to be replaced either on site or off site or require an in-lieu payment for the city to replace and maintain the replacement tree. The draft ordinance would apply to all land use zones, both during development and on developed property. These provisions are what many other cities already require, like Portland, OR and Atlanta, GA and Sammamish, WA.

Objections were raised that draft D7 would remove the protections for exceptional trees which under current City law cannot be cut down on developed property. These are usually the large older trees like Douglas fir, western red cedar and big leaf maple trees over 30 inches in diameter that provide the most benefits to citizens and the city. These benefits include helping to clean the air, reduce storm water runoff and provide habitat for birds and other wildlife.

Draft D7 would also remove the limit on the number of trees that can be removed on developed lots and on vacant lots. In the view of the Coalition for a Stronger Tree Ordinance, it is less a tree protection ordinance than an ordinance providing rules and regulations on how to remove and replace trees.

The Seattle Urban Forestry Commission has sent the City Council a number of recommendations, including opposing the removal of protections for exceptional trees. The Commission's recommendations can be found at <http://seattle.gov/urbanforestrycommission/meetingdocuments>

The recommendations of the Coalition for a Stronger Tree Ordinance can be found at <http://friends.urbanforests.org>.

E-mails to support a stronger more effective ordinance to protect our urban forest should be sent to council@seattle.gov and jenny.durkan@seattle.gov. See page 21 for individual e-mail addresses of the Councilmembers and the U.S. mail addresses of the Council and Mayor. Following are some of the points worth mentioning.

- Maintain protection for exceptional trees which include Heritage trees, largest trees of a tree species, and exceptional tree groves. These trees cannot be cut down unless hazardous.
- Maintain protection for trees on undeveloped lots (existing protections were weakened or removed in previous drafts).
- Set the minimum size for inclusion as exceptional as any tree greater than 24 inches in diameter.
- Limit tree removal on developed lots to a maximum of 2 significant, non-exceptional trees.
- Support tree permits and replacement for all trees removed in all zones on both developed property and property undergoing development.
- Support replacement of all significant trees (over 6 inches in diameter).
- Base permits on tree species and diameter, not tree canopy.
- Support two-week posting of all tree permit applications on line and at the physical site.
- Require tree care professionals to register with the city.
- Support funding to implement the tree ordinance and enforce it.

The author will be speaking at the ECC's public meeting about tree policy on Wed., Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E.

Zemke chairs the Coalition for a Stronger Tree ordinance. Questions or comments are welcome, to SteveZemke@Friends.UrbanForests.org.

Statement by the Eastlake Community Council: *ECC joined 11 other community and environmental groups in a successful Sept. 13 appeal of the City's claim that the then-proposed tree ordinance revision would not have significant impacts and did not require an environmental impact statement before it would come before the City Council. The appeal letter (available at <http://friends.urbanforests.org/2018/09/25/appeal-of-dns-on-proposed-seattle-tree-ordinance-update-filed-city-withdraws-dns>) was written by Toby Thaler of the Fremont Neighborhood Council and Steve Zemke of TreePAC. The two-pronged challenge also included public testimony before the City Council and messages and calls from many people, including from Eastlake. Rather than attempt to defend its position before the Seattle Hearing Examiner and the public, the City of Seattle on Sept. 24 withdrew the ordinance proposal and its determination of nonsignificance, triggering the discussions on a better ordinance proposal that are outlined in Steve Zemke's accompanying article. Thank you to the many people who helped in this hopeful result. Please stay involved, as the struggle is just beginning.*

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building size and weakened and then eliminated occupancy ceilings; reduced yard requirements needed to protect or add trees; zeroed out required parking in newly constructed multifamily structures; and exempted most projects from requirements for transportation and environmental analysis and for public notice, comment, and appeal.

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 repeal of about two-thirds of the Comprehensive 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 weakening of neighborhood protections in the Comprehensive Plan facilitated the City's program for Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) which currently applies to development in downtown, South Lake Union, Lower Queen Anne, and the University District, and is now proposed to apply also to many other neighborhoods including Eastlake that have multifamily zoning. Under MHA, developers of multifamily or commercially zoned projects would pay a housing fee that goes into a fund to support affordable residential construction by nonprofit housing developers. Multifamily projects would not need to pay the in-lieu fee if they include a certain number of housing units that are affordable to rent or purchase.

Under state law, the City can charge the housing fee because it is in lieu of "inclusionary zoning" that requires affordable housing units in each project, and which most developers prefer to buy out of having to do. State law allows cities to require inclusionary zoning only if developers receive something of value in return. That something of value could be as small as a jump ahead for earlier action in the permitting line. It could be logical, like exemption from on-site parking requirements that would apply to projects without affordable units (but of course the City has already given away this benefit without getting anything in return, by repealing on-site parking requirements for virtually all projects).

Unfortunately, the benefit that the Mayor and City Council propose is disproportionately beneficial to developers and damaging to livability—an upzone to higher intensity uses and/or greater heights. This upzone is already in effect in downtown, South Lake Union, Lower Queen Anne, and the University District where developers are subject to inclusionary zoning with the option of paying an in-lieu fee, but it is now proposed for a much wider area of the City including Eastlake. The upzone would shift some properties to a more intense zone (such as from low-rise 2 to low-rise 3). And for most multifamily and commercially zoned properties in an urban village like Eastlake, it would increase allowable heights 10 to 20 feet, heights that do not seem compatible with a village-like setting.

A City web site gives the current zone of any lot: http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Research/Zoning_Maps/default.asp. The City's maps of proposed MHA upzones are not broken out by lot; see them at http://hala.consider.it/?tab=draft_zoning_changes). For background on how to interpret the maps, see the ECC web site at <http://eastlakeseattle.org/?page=HALA>).

The proposed upzone has an unfortunate history. In July

Before and After 2512 Yale Avenue East



2015, then-Mayor Ed Murray and City Councilmember Mike O'Brien (then chair of the Planning, Land Use, and Zoning Committee) secretly struck a "grand bargain" with large private and non-profit developers, with no notice to or consultation with neighborhoods, smaller developers, etc. The large private developers were promised a great increase in potential building capacity and, through a scandalously low in-lieu fee (just a fraction of similar fees in other cities), a way to avoid having to include affordable units in their projects.

In the "grand bargain," nonprofit developers were promised a new revenue stream (the in-lieu fee) and the freedom to build their subsidized affordable projects far from where many of the in-lieu funds would be raised (again unlike other cities, which require these units to be in or near the neighborhood generating the in-lieu fee).

The flaws in the "grand bargain" have carried over to the Mandatory Housing Affordability program that is now in effect in some areas and proposed for expansion to Eastlake and other neighborhoods that are classified as urban villages. The inclusionary zoning requirement is limited to units subsidized for the poorest (those below 60 percent of the median income), with nothing offered to those who are above 60 percent of the median income but not high enough to afford a market-rate rent. And inclusionary zoning would be largely absent in neighborhoods like Eastlake, with developers using the in-lieu fee to buy out of affordability requirements.

The Mandatory Housing Affordability program would have serious, irreversible consequences for Eastlake. The inclusionary zoning requirement and the in-lieu fee to buy out of it would apply whether or not the new building maxes out the allowable space. Developers thus would be pushed to use up every square inch of the upzone's new development capacity, with no room for large trees. Redevelopment would displace existing affordable rentals, without meaningfully adding any. With up-scale units being so profitable, developers would have no incentive to build affordable units, using the in-lieu fee to buy out of the inclusionary zoning requirement.

And while absorbing the in-lieu fee revenue generated in Eastlake, non-profit developers would be unlikely to build subsidized housing in Eastlake, for the same reason they have not built here in the past: Subsidized housing projects depend on at least some 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, which would be further boosted by the proposed upzone. The "Mandatory Housing Affordability" program would make Eastlake less affordable, while using Eastlake as a cash cow to fund subsidized housing elsewhere.

And although it is part of the City's supposed "Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda," MHA would devastate Eastlake's livability. On-street parking would become even scarcer. Formerly sunny sidewalks would be shadowed by higher buildings. Views from sidewalks and

streets would be privatized. Large trees would be lost, with no room for new ones.

Livability is a human right. Science and everyday experience tell us that trees, landscaping, urban wildlife and open space and sunlight promote psychological and physical health. Eastlake chose to become an urban village based on promises that its growth would occur only with livability. In an Orwellian reversal of meaning, the "urban village strategy" has become a way to deny neighborhoods like Eastlake the balancing protections for village-like livability that they were promised in the 1994 Comprehensive Plan and in the neighborhood planning process.

A livable and affordable Eastlake is being undone by the policies of its own City government. These changes have occurred because the previous Mayors and City Councilmembers who were once so supportive of Eastlake's needs have been replaced by other office-holders who are more remote and unsympathetic. We must find ways to get our Mayor and City Council back on our side, or elect others who will be. A first step is for people who live or work in Eastlake to ask their help regularly and respectfully. For that purpose, see p. xx for ways to contact our Mayor and City Council. The Eastlake Community Council always welcomes your questions, comments, donations, and/or offers of volunteer help, to info@eastlakeseattle.org or at <http://eastlakeseattle.org>.

Steve Dunphy also contributed to this report.

Mandatory Housing Affordability Appeal Follow-up

On Nov. 27, 2017, a coalition of 26 non-profit organizations including the Eastlake Community Council formed the Seattle Coalition for Affordability, Livability, and Equity (SCALE) and filed an appeal to the Seattle Hearing Examiner, challenging the final environmental impact statement (EIS) regarding the Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) proposal.

During the course of the appeal, SCALE raised and spent more than \$200,000 for attorneys and expert witnesses, analyzed 100,000 City documents, prepared hundreds of filings, and presented the case in 19 days of hearings. The Eastlake Community Council donated \$4000 in this effort, and thanks the many Eastlake residents who made individual donations. Donations are still welcome and needed, at <http://www.scaleseattle.org/donate.html>

On Nov. 21, 2018, the Hearing Examiner released a 38-page decision that criticized the City's EIS for failing to describe impacts on individual neighborhoods, but ruled the EIS as "adequate" under SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act). The only exception was ordering the City to redo its historic analysis. The decision, filings, and audio are on-line at <http://web6.seattle.gov/Examiner/case/W-17-006>.



The Eastlake Community Council thanks **Lake Union Mail, Pete's Super, Sebi's Bistro, and Grand Central Bakery Company** for hosting donation barrels (in place Dec. 10 to Jan. 10) for the annual drive for the University District Food Bank (see separate article, p. 22, for addresses and what to donate). ECC also thanks **Champagne Cruises** (1611 Fairview Ave. E., www.champagnecruise.com) for use of its historic ferry the Spirit of 76 in the Dec. 23 **Eastlake holiday cruise** (see separate article, p. 24).

ECC also thanks **Cicchetti** for co-sponsoring our Oct. 9 celebration, and **Eastlake Bar and Grill, Le Messe, Little Water Cantina, Mammoth, Pecado Bueno, Pazzo's, Pomodoro, Sebi's Bistro, 14 Carrot Café, and Siam on Eastlake** 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.

Le Messe (1823 Eastlake Ave., lemesseseattle.com) has just been named by *Seattle Times* restaurant critic Providence Cicero as one of the 10 "best new restaurants of 2018". ... Eastlake businesses that will be open on Christmas Day include **Eastlake Market** (2244 Eastlake Ave. E., normal hours), **Eastlake Zoo** (2301 Eastlake Ave. E., normal hours) and **Armistice Coffee Roaster** (2201 Eastlake Ave. E., 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.). If your business will also be open Christmas Day, write to info@eastlakeseattle.org to be listed on ECC's web calendar.

Located just north of Eastlake across the University Bridge, **Hardwick & Sons, Inc.** (4214 Roosevelt Way N.E., hardwickandsons.com) is a remarkably compact and complete hardware store with high-quality hand and electric tools, fasteners, paint, cleaning and garden supplies, furniture, furnishings, plumbing and electrical supplies, dishes and cooking pans, kitchen and garden items, and key duplication services. ... Now for the first time in generations, an Eastlake business also duplicates keys: **Vybe Communications Hub** (2226 Eastlake Ave. E., vybehub.com). In addition to mailboxes, shipping, graphic design services, lockers and a photo copier that can make and send PDFs, it offers shared and private offices and a conference room with 65-inch monitor and electronically printable white board.

EDX Exhibits (2200 Eastlake Ave. E., edxseattle.com) produces exhibits for museums, zoos, science and cultural

centers, parks, public agencies, non-profit organizations and companies. Its work is encountered and enjoyed by the public throughout the United States. Locally the company has built exhibits for the Northwest African American Museum, Burke Museum, Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, and Bartell Drug Stores. ... The website for **Equinox** (<http://www.equinoxseattle.com>) has a stunning one-minute video consisting entirely of aerial views not of only its apartment complex, but a considerable part of Eastlake and Lake Union.

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

Mention here does not imply endorsement by the ECC, writer (Chris Leman), or editor. To submit news items, for questions or to volunteer: info@eastlakeseattle.org or c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102, or (206) 322-5463.

Where To Find The Eastlake News

The Eastlake Community Council, an all-volunteer neighborhood association, publishes the quarterly *Eastlake News* both in paper form and on-line. The current and all previous issues going back to the first in 1971 are available at <http://eastlakeseattle.org>. More than 40 volunteers deliver the paper version to all households and businesses in Eastlake. ECC thanks them as well as the following businesses that have also committed to keep a stack available for three months until the next issue comes out (please contact ECC if your business could be added to help in this way).

Armistice Coffee Roaster (2201 Eastlake Ave. E.)
 Dad's Diner-a-go-go (2236 Eastlake Ave. E.)
 East Howe Steps Apartments (1823 Eastlake Ave. E.)
 Eastlake Specialty Market (1540 Eastlake Ave. E.)
 Equinox Apartments (leasing center, 1524 Eastlake Ave. E.)
 Fred Hutch (Arnold Building dining hall, 1100 Fairview Ave. N.)
 G&H Printing (2370 Eastlake Ave. E.)
 Grand Central Baking Co. (1616 Eastlake Ave. E.)
 Great Northwest Soup Co. (1201 Eastlake Ave. E.)
 Hamlin Market (2729 Eastlake Ave. E.)
 Lake Union Mail (117 E. Louisa St.)
 Pete's Super and Wines (58 E. Lynn St.)
 Terry's Custom Auto Works (1601 Eastlake Ave. E.)
 20 OZ Tea (1823 Eastlake Ave. E. E.)
 Voxx Coffee (2245 Eastlake Ave. E.)
 Vybe Hub (2226 Eastlake Ave. E.)
 Washington State Employees Credit Union (1500 Fairview Ave. E.)

Let's Get Healthy

It's almost time for the annual ritual of New Year's resolutions. Many people will want to lose weight, get in shape, try something new, get rid of something old, etc. The Pocock Rowing Center (PRC at 2230 Fuhrman Ave. E.) is here to help you! And NO we aren't asking you to get up at 4:20 a.m. to row in the dark.

Briefly: Worrying about weight is often pointless. What you really need to understand is how much of you is made up of muscle and bone, and how much of you is made up of fat. What you want to do is lose some fat – but NOT lose muscle. Most diets and exercise programs don't focus on that (and don't work).

It turns out that truly getting healthier has more to do with sustained moderate aerobic exercise and losing excess body fat. Doing something that uses all your muscles and gets your heart rate up into a zone that will burn fat – but not muscle – will do that. Another thing that helps is a target – and to create a target, you need to know what you are shooting at. So...

The Pocock Rowing Center is hosting a health testing service in the form of a **hydrostatic body composition truck** on Sat., Dec. 8, from 6 a.m. to noon. By brief immersion in a mobile pool, you will learn your body fat percentage, which you can use to set measurable personal fitness and health goals and a plan to reach them. (For background, see <http://www.bodyfattest.com>.)

For a fee, the company will measure anyone who makes a reservation and shows up. Just send an e-mail to Brian Lee, bftbrian@outlook.com, with **POCOCK** in the subject line and suggest one or more 10 minute appointment times between 6 a.m. and noon on Sat., Dec. 8.)

The Pocock Rowing Center encourages our Eastlake neighbors to take advantage of this health opportunity. Please send any questions to bpickard@pickard-murphy.com.

Author Bill Pickard is Co-Founder and Director Emeritus, George Pocock Rowing Foundation



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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 blind 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 Jenny Durkan accepts comments from the public by e-mail (jenny.durkan@seattle.gov). You can also reach her by letter 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, where you can also leave a voice mail.

You can send a message to all nine City Councilmembers at once with this address: council@seattle.gov. However, it is always better to communicate with each City Councilmember individually (and not by one e-mail that uses all nine addresses!). The City Council e-mail addresses are as follows: rob.johnson@seattle.gov, sally.bagshaw@seattle.gov, teresa.mosqueda@seattle.gov, bruce.harrell@seattle.gov, lisa.herbold@seattle.gov, mike.obrien@seattle.gov, lorena.gonzalez@seattle.gov, debra.juarez@seattle.gov, and kshama.sawant@seattle.gov.

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. (A signed letter may actually be noticed more than an e-mail.) Each Councilmember also has a voice mail number listed at <http://seattle.gov/council> or by calling 206-684-8888.



Write for the Eastlake News

Volunteer reporters sought to write for the Eastlake News. Send queries or submissions to info@eastlakeseattle.org.

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Please join other Eastlakers in donating to the University District Food Bank

The Eastlake Community Council is again sponsoring a holiday drive for the University District Food Bank (UDFB). Collection barrels will be available Dec. 10 to Jan. 10 at Grand Central Baking Co. (1616 Eastlake Ave. E.), Lake Union Mail (117 E. Louisa St.), Pete's Super (58 E. Lynn St.), and Sebi's Bistro (3242 Eastlake Ave. E.).

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; 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, UDFB has provided free and nutritious food to anyone who is hungry and resides in Eastlake's zip code, 98102, or in other northeast Seattle zip codes. In addition to in-kind donations, funds are also needed. To donate on-line : www.udistrictfoodbank.org. Or checks made out to UDFB may be mailed or dropped off c/o ECC to 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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February 12 Transportation Public Meeting cont. from page 16

Comments to SDOT should be sent to RapidRide@seattle.gov or by U.S. mail to Sandra Gurkewitz, Senior Environmental Planner, Seattle Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 34996, Seattle, WA 98124-4996. More importantly, comments should be sent to Seattle's elected Mayor and City Council who are ultimately responsible for how RapidRide will affect Eastlake. Their contact information is available on page 21 of this newsletter. Please also send a bcc or paper copy to the Eastlake Community Council at info@eastlakeseattle.org or c/o Lake Union Mail, 117 E. Louisa St. # 1, Seattle, WA 98102. ECC encourages you to attend the Feb. 12 public meeting (further information above), and in any case welcomes your comments or suggestions.

Wanted: Graphic Designer for the Newsletter

This is a volunteer position with the Eastlake Community Council. Design and reinvent the Eastlake News and/or create a web version based on material provided -- ads, stories, sketches and photos. Must know InDesign. Please contact ECC with statement of interest and qualifications: info@eastlakeseattle.org

**Mandatory Housing Affordability Appeal Follow-up
cont. from page 19**

While hampered by the state and City SEPA laws (weakened over the years by the legislature and the City), SCALE is reviewing the decision and the possibility of further appeal. See the accompanying article for how the Mayor and City Council could make appeals unnecessary by rewriting the MHA proposals to better protect affordability and livability.

And don't forget the ECC public meeting on land use and housing issues: Tues, Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School 2500 Franklin Ave. E.

March 12 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 up, or hear your neighbors out, on [your topic, or

theirs, here]. The meeting is Tues., March 12, 6:30 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. Can't come? Please send your questions and thoughts to ECC at info@eastlakeseattle.org.



Happy New Year!

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Dec. 23 Eastlake Cruise amid grand finale of "Christmas ships"

The Eastlake Community Council and Champagne Cruises welcome those who live or work in Eastlake (and their invited guests) to the Friday, Dec. 23, holiday cruise on the

Spirit of 76.

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 p.m.

concert in Portage Bay and 8:45 p.m. grand finale in Lake Union by Gas Works Park; return is about 9:30 p.m.

The ticket price is \$50. Dinner, salad and dessert are catered by Blue Ribbon Cooking School. Beverages containing alcohol must be purchased on board (by cash or a debit or credit card), but for a \$25 corkage fee, passengers may bring their own wine.

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

Purchase tickets on the Brown Paper Tickets website, by phone at 1-800-838-3006 or over the counter at 220 Nickerson St. Questions to info@eastlakeseattle.org or (206) 322-5463.

Become an ECC Member and/or Make a Donation

The Eastlake Community Council is volunteer, so dues and donations go a long way, and your involvement is welcome and needed.

name(s) _____

street address or PO box _____

city, state, zip code _____

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- Household Membership \$35
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- Business Membership \$75
- Donation \$ _____

Today's date: _____

Please send this form with a check made out to ECC to:
ECC, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle, WA 98102-3278

Or you may join and pay by credit or debit card or just volunteer at <http://eastlakeseattle.org>

For questions: info@eastlakeseattle.org or (206) 322-5463.

Be a cornerstone for your community.



Volunteer!

We invite you to check off one or more interests (need not be a member or donor to volunteer):

- Events and fundraising
- Help with web site, database, 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

The Eastlake Community Council membership is open to all who live, work, or own property in Eastlake.