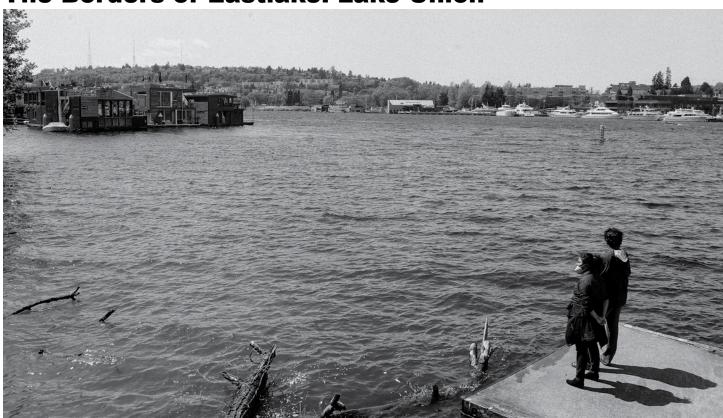
# The Eastlake News

#### The Borders of Eastlake: Lake Union



With masks at the ready, a couple take in the shoreline view from Waterway 11 across from Fairview Park, with new, modern houseboats in the forefront and Gasworks Park and Queen Anne Hill in the background.

by Matt Maberry

The western border of Eastlake is, of course, none other than Lake Union itself (with the legal border somewhere in the middle of the lake). Residents in much of the neighborhood enjoy the ability to look down the hill toward the lake and see the likes of sailboats dotting the water, Gas Works Park in the distance, or seaplanes operating. One does not need to look further than the floating homes or street-end parks along this border to be reminded of the stories that give Eastlake its life.

As previously mentioned in the Borders series, Eastlake is one of the oldest neighborhoods in the city. One of the most significant events here happened in 1915. It was in December of that year that Bill Boeing organized the construction of a three-plane hangar on the lake at what is now the foot of Roanoke Street. The intent was to provide a space for pilot training for WWI. But Bill Boeing quickly developed business ideas and soon began using his hangar space for research and development, as well as construction continued on pg. 7

Inside: Special Section A walking tour of the shoreline; Terry Pettus Park update; Saving our trees; ECC Board of Directors Nominees; and much more!

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## Eastlake Community Council **President's Letter**

We hope this finds all of the residents and those who work in Eastlake managing through the continued COVID challenges. Flexibility seems to be the order of the day.

The ECC Board's list of planned activities for this year received the same edit that we have all faced. Anything that involved a gathering was ultimately postponed. Getting together and seeing neighbors is always fun so not being able to do so has been disappointing.

The board and executive committee meet once a month and continue to plan for the future. Here are some of the things we continue to work on and updates to projects:

Although formal park cleanup projects were not possible, the need for this important work will figure prominently in 2021. The refresh of the Off-leash dog area at The Colonnade is still planned for this year. An exact date has not been set

- The West Precinct Police Advisory meetings, that ECC attends, resumed in August in a virtual format. We are always interested in concerns that residents might have that could be directed to that group. Please email us if you want to bring something to our attention.
- ECC has a terrific new source of news and stories, eastlakenews.org. Feedback and writers are welcomed.
- New by-laws were approved and have been posted on the website.
- A new website is still in progress and we hope to have it launched by the end of the year.

Two community-led projects that the ECC supports with volunteer



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contributions continue to move forward:

- Terry Pettus Park re-development planning is well under way. Thanks to all of you who participated in the on-line discussion of potential designs.
- The East Howe Steps Plaza has moved through design review and we are hopeful that approval and construction will be forthcoming.

We are happy that advertising and delivery of the Eastlake News continues through these challenging times. A big "thank you" to our volunteer delivery folks who work to get the newsletter to every residence and business in the neighborhood. Supporting our local businesses by not charging for the summer edition advertising for those who advertised in the spring issue was the right thing to do, and we thank those that made a contribution anyway. A healthy business community is beneficial for all of us.

Our city is being challenged in many ways. We all must become participants in our Eastlake community and in the larger Seattle community. Your voice is important and elected representatives need to hear from you. Voting is not only a right but a responsibility. Embrace that opportunity this year.



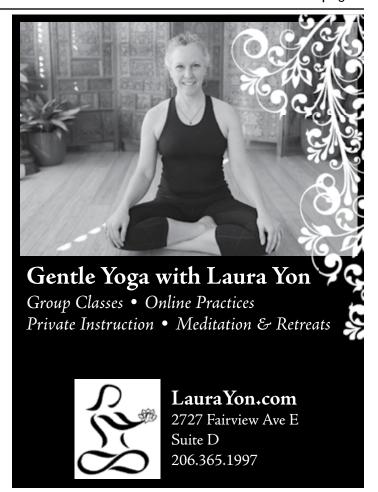
## Eastlake Representative to TOPS at Seward School

ECC provides a representative to the TOPS at Seward Site Council. This group serves as one of the governing bodies of the school, with responsibilities for leadership, advocacy, fundraising, financial stewardship, and strategic planning.

The volunteer from Eastlake must be someone without a child at the school. The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 5:30 - 7 pm. For now, the group will be meeting virtually. Please let us know if you would be interested in volunteering – info@eastlakeseattle. org



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## **Eastlake Community Council Board of Director Elections**

This fall is also election season for the Eastlake Community Council. On Oct. 6, the ECC will hold its annual meeting at which a new board is elected. Because the

coronavirus restrictions are likely to still be in place, we will have our first virtual annual meeting via Zoom. ECC Board of Director ballots, with voting instructions, will be mailed to all members in advance of the meeting.

At its July meeting, the current ECC board recommended 10 individuals for election to the new board - seven existing board members and three new candidates. Earlier this year, the board also approved new bylaws that call for two-year terms for board members.

The new bylaws specify that on alternating years, the President and Treasurer positions will be up for election, or the Secretary and Vice President positions will be up for election. Each Director and officer will hold office for two years following that Director's election. Initial terms will be staggered so that not all Director terms expire at the same time. The people receiving the greatest number of votes at an annual meeting will be Directors.

Since this is the first election with two-year terms, the ECC board has split the candidates into two groups. One group will be elected to one-year terms while the other group is elected to two-year terms.

Following the bylaws, the President and Treasurer candidates will be elected to one-year terms and the Vice President and Secretary candidates elected to two-year terms. When we meet again in 2021 - hopefully in person - five positions will be up for election to two-year terms including the President and Treasurer. In 2022, the other five positions will be up for election to two-year terms including the Vice President and Secretary. That becomes the ongoing process into the future.

According to the bylaws, here is the election process: A ballot will be distributed to all members at least 10 days prior to the annual meeting. It will list all nominees and will be accompanied by brief biographies. Each ECC member may write in one candidate per election ballot.

Written ballots will be received by the Nominating Committee Chairperson. However since this year's annual meeting is virtual, all ballots will need to be mailed or delivered to the ECC mail box at Lake Union Mail prior to the meeting. The Nominating Committee Chairperson will report the election results at the end of the Annual Membership Meeting.

Newly elected directors will take office at the close of the annual meeting.

Here are brief biographies of the 10 individuals standing for election to the board:

#### One-year terms:

President: Detra Segar (Minor Ave. E.) has been an at-large member of the ECC board for two years and has volunteered as the advertising coordinator for the Eastlake News for four years. As president she is most interested in getting more community involvement in the ECC. She is a homeowner and has lived in Eastlake for 10 years. She retired after a long career as an executive in retail and has served on the board of PONCHO (Patrons of Northwest Civic, Cultural and Charitable Organizations) and takes an active interest in urban development in Seattle. She was active in retail merchant groups in Seattle, Chicago, Dallas and Manhattan.

Treasurer: Ben Wildman (Franklin Ave. E.) is a current board member. He is establishing new policies and procedures for tracking ECC funding. He was born and raised in St. Louis and has lived in Seattle since 1978 and in Eastlake since 2012. Trained as a chemical engineer, he retired in 2016 after a career in government and as a consultant. He and his wife own, live in and manage a small apartment building. Other family members include two adult stepsons, an adult daughter, adult son, four grandchildren and a dog. He has led ECC work parties to help maintain the I-5 Colonnade Open Space.

Peter Haley (Fairview Ave. E.) is fairly new to Eastlake. In 2018 he and his wife, Toni, decided to downsize and leave their three-story house in Madrona. Then after 40 years of newspaper photojournalism, he was nudged into retirement. He describes himself as an urbanite and loves Eastlake's mix, from shoreline parks, to houseboats, to restaurants, to biotech firms, and even heavy industry. Pre-COVID, Peter was able to bicycle 10 minutes to his volunteer shift at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance and a part-time job at The Hutch. Peter is committed to Eastlake for the long haul and will stay until he croaks.

Allison Peryea (E. Lynn St.) has been an Eastlake resident for nine years. Among other ECC projects, she oversees the ECC Facebook page. She is attorney/co-owner at Leahy McLean Fjelstad, a law firm that specializes in the needs of homeowner and condominium associations. Allison is or has been a columnist, editor or writer for many legal periodicals, and also served as a legal intern with the *Seattle Times* in covering state government. She currently serves on a social committee at the Washington Athletic Club and on the communications committee for the Washington State Community Association Institute, which produces WSCAI's trade magazine.

**Judy Smith** (Boylston Ave. E.) has been editor/producer of the Eastlake news since 2010. She has lived in Eastlake for over 20 years, where her daughter grew up. A native Seattleite, she has also lived in France, Boston, and Portland. In Portland, she founded the feminist newspaper Blue Stocking (1993-1996).

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#### **Board of Director Elections**

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She has written for local and national publications. This spring she launched the Eastlake News blog and would love more help with it. Writers, editors, photographers, artists, and tech help are welcome. Contact editors@eastlakenews.org with your ideas.

#### Two-year terms:

Vice President: Margaret Sanders (Fairview Ave. E.) served as an ECC board member beginning in 2018. She too is most interested in getting more community involvement in the ECC. She has lived in Eastlake since 2017 and currently is Captain of the Eastlake Emergency Communications Hub. She has broad experience in the not-for-profit sector, including service on boards and as a trainer for boards. Her last position was Senior Program Manager at the Philanthropy & Nonprofit Leadership Center, Rollins College. She has served on her neighborhood association board, a planning and zoning commission and chaired the district advisory committee for a large school district.

Secretary: Steve Dunphy (Franklin Ave. E.) has lived in the Eastlake community for more than 50 years, both on a houseboat and on land. He has served on the Eastlake Community Council board since 2016 and is involved in many Eastlake projects and a regular contributor and advisor to the Eastlake News. He worked at the Seattle Times for 37 years, retiring in 2004. After the Times, he led communications for the Cascade Land Conservancy (now Forterra) for five years. He also serves on the board of the Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra. Steve and his wife have two grown children and he frequently can be seen pedaling his bike on Eastlake Avenue.

J.P. Harlow (Minor Ave. E.) is a Seattle-area native and has been an Eastlake resident for over three years. He holds a B.A. in Business Administration from the University of Washington and an M.S. in Real Estate from New York University. He is currently the Senior Vice President at Lincoln Property Company and oversees the firm's Washington State office efforts including acquisitions, development, asset and property management, and repositioning of existing commercial, retail and mixeduse properties. Additionally, J.P. currently serves on the board of Construction for Change, a non-profit that partners with NGOs and government ministries to build spaces where people can become healthier, better educated and increase economic mobility. J.P. will bring his passion for developing healthy, inviting communities to the ECC.

**David Taft** (Fairview Ave. E.) is a performer and consults as a freelance movement coach for stage, screen and television. He has performed and worked in movement theater for over 45 years. He was Professor of Theatre at Cornish College of the Arts from 1993-2017. David is a graduate of the Dell'Arte School, holds a BA from the University of Washington and a Master's in Teaching from Seattle University. He and his wife Dana have owned a floating home on Wandesforde's Dock off of Fairview Ave. E. for 15 years.

**Zach Wurtz** (Minor Ave. E.) is a 5-year resident of Eastlake and works mainly in political campaigns. For the last ten years Zack owned and operated a strategy and research shop with a specialty

in tracking opposition messaging. His work has been featured nationally as well as locally. Most recently, he became one of the original 45 test subjects for the Moderna COVID vaccine. He said he looks forward to seeing our neighborhood grow together.

### The Borders of Eastlake: Lake Union cont. from pg. 1

of his first aircraft, the Boeing Model 1 "Bluebill". The initial flight was made from Lake Union in June of 1916. What would become the Boeing aircraft company started with military aircraft, later expanding to air-mail service, and finally passenger service. The Boeing Company's time on Lake Union was brief; it effectively moved off the lake by 1920. But the "hangar" remained – what was left of it anyway, one quarter of a dilapidated marina – until 1971. Most of the ramp, the essential component for connecting the structure to aviation, had been removed in 1944, all of it by 1950. What was left of the hangar was demolished for construction of a residential project, "Roanoke Reef," which itself was never finished amid pressure from both the Eastlake Community Council and the Floating Homes Association.

One of the staunchest advocates for the floating homes which have become so iconic and tied to the character of Eastlake was a man named Terry Pettus. A former journalist living on a houseboat since 1958, Pettus helped form the Floating Homes Association in 1962 and worked along with others for legislation to protect the shorelines on Lake Union and statewide, resulting in the Shoreline Management Act of 1972.

Today, a street-end park is dedicated to him at the base of E .Newton Street (Editor's note: the park is being expanded and improved see article on page 14). The first houseboats in Seattle were built in the 1880s by loggers and other laborers. These origins as cheap living arrangements for workers would set the tone for struggles with other Seattle citizens who would lodge complaints citing everything from unsanitary conditions to the reputation of the people inhabiting them. Over the years the number of houseboats in Seattle would dwindle though zoning and eviction for construction projects from over 2,000 in the 1930s to around 500 today. However, thanks to advocacy of people like Pettus, they have retained a place in the visage of the Eastlake, and it is hard to imagine the neighborhood without them.

For more photos of Eastlake's west border and to see past border stories and photos, visit our blog eastlakenews.org. Next up: The north border -- University Bridge.

#### Correction

A photo caption of Roanoke Street-end Park in our initial printing of the Summer issue said water for the park was provided by neighbors who were tending the park. That was incorrect; water for the park is provided by the Roanoke Reef Floating Homes Association. The second printing had the correct caption.



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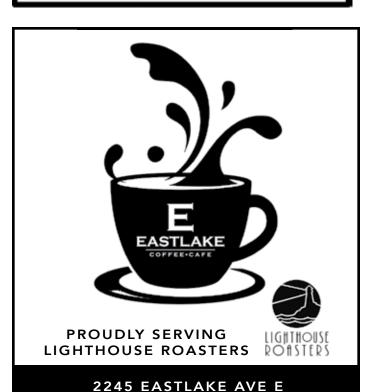
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Workers on the Fairview Bridge project prepare support structures for the new bridge.

### Fairview Bridge on schedule

by Steve Dunphy

Construction of the new Fairview Avenue North Bridge is currently on schedule, according to the Seattle Department of Transportation, with the replaced bridge opening to vehicles, transit, bikes and pedestrians in Spring 2021.

#### Recent work included:

- Continued constructing bridge abutments. This work includes forming and pouring concrete.
- Continued constructing temporary in-water bridge support structures
- Removing portions of the temporary work trestle, temporary trestle piles, and concrete piles from the old Fairview Bridge
- Placing a sand cap (cover) in areas where piles have been removed
- Mobilizing a crane that will be used to set bridge support beams

Typical work hours are Monday through Friday, 6am to 6pm. Crews can continue work activity until 10 PM. Expect noise and vibration from heavy machinery and trucks in the area. Crews also worked Saturdays and at night until 10 PM during parts of August.

Nighttime work was used to place concrete girders that will serve as the primary horizontal support structure for the new Fairview Bridge.

# Special pullout section -- take it with you! A walking tour of public shoreline sites in Eastlake



With the pandemic and having to stay close to home, our parks and green spaces have never been more important.

Take a walking tour and get to know our public spaces better. Each is unique, with its own story to tell. This tour moves along the Eastlake shoreline from north to south.

First a quick overview: The eight blocks of Fairview Avenue East between Newton Street (Terry Pettus

Park) and the Ship Canal (where I-5 crosses the water) have been classified as a Neighborhood Green Street for more than 20 years, a designation intended to protect and give priority to pedestrians and bicycles as they mix with motor vehicles on the roadway. Part of Fairview along this stretch also extends out underwater between East Roanoke and past East Edgar Street. You'll be able to spot that submerged right of way on the tour.

It is a wonder that Fairview has so far survived as a kind of country road. In the 19th century, railroads almost put a freight line here, and in the 1920s, the City considered it for a six-lane highway like Aurora Avenue.

Fairview Avenue south, between Newton Street and the Fairview Bridge (under construction), has seen improvements in the recent past from an industrial carcentered area to a more pedestrian friendly environment. More about that later in the tour as well.

All the public access improvements along Fairview have occurred just in the last 50 years, so these sites are still relatively new. And the Eastlake Community Council has led or been a participant in making improvements happen. One of the founding purposes of the ECC is to "maximize public use and enjoyment of the inland waters and shorelines adjoining the Eastlake community."

Some remaining public access sites are still in planning—or should be. Volunteers are welcome and needed to help maintain established sites or achieve public access at new ones.

Beginning at the University Bridge:

## EASTLAKE AVENUE E. | Street-end under the University Bridge – still in planning

Under the south end of the University Bridge is the Eastlake Avenue East street-end. Access is via a narrow road to the east of the bridge, Portage Bay Place. ECC is trustee of a \$20,000 fund for public access improvements here, and some years ago a public process produced a draft

design to create a viewpoint and to improve the plantings. Volunteers are needed to finalize and implement it. In the meantime, houseboat residents have installed some native wetland vegetation for waterfowl and muskrats.

#### FUHRMAN AVENUE E. | South Passage Point Park

This park on the south shore of the Ship Canal directly under the freeway bridge includes land that was once several homes as well as a Fairview street-end. The land has been owned by the Washington State Department of Transportation since construction of I-5. This park was built in 1973 on a design by the late landscape architect Richard Haag, who also designed Gas Works Park. As Elizabeth Berg wrote in the Autumn 2017 Eastlake News, "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.

[There is also] 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."



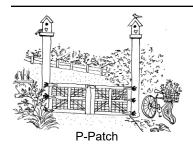
#### E. MARTIN ST. | Good Turn Park

This park is quite large, offering a natural shoreline experience. The park was begun in 1991 by abutting landowners Homer Bergren and Jim Nordstrom, naming it after the Boy Scouts official slogan to "Do a Good Turn Daily." Although SDOT had authorized paving the other two-thirds of the site for parking, Bergren and Nordstrom embraced a fundraising campaign by the community, and repurposed the paving money toward green improvements. The park was completed in 1998 jointly by ECC and the Olmsted-Fairview Park Commission. The landscape architect was Tom Zachary, who donated the second phase design. There is a custom-designed cedar picnic table and an informal gravel play area. The serviceberry trees in the center were donated by Richard Haag, and the logs marking the entrance were donated by the Army Corps of Engineers. There is a large California redwood tree that a neighbor planted many years ago. The park's history is engraved on a granite boulder near the shore.

#### E. ALLISON ST. | Allison Street-End Park

On a formerly paved and bleak site, this small park was built in 2018 by the Seattle Department of Transportation. Designed to be accessible for people with disabilities, it features greenery, direct access to the water, a picnic table, and colorful log stools by artist Sam Trout.

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#### E. SHELBY ST. | Fairview Park and the Eastlake P-Patch

Before this area was a park, the Eastlake P-Patch and the adjacent shoreline and wooded hillside were threatened by a

1990 development proposal to replace all the greenery between Eastlake Avenue and Fairview Avenue with a huge building containing offices, residences, a multiplex movie theater, and a parking garage with access at Shelby Street adjacent to Fairview Avenue E. ECC mobilized to save the area, working with the newly formed Olmsted-Fairview Park Commission, and with the renters who were then living on the property. Against all odds, five years of grassroots struggle secured City, County, and State funding and the cooperation of the landowners and developer, and the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation purchased the property in 1995. With continued extensive community involvement, Fairview Park opened in 1998. The park provided for a larger P-Patch and protection of the wooded hillside. Fairview Park includes a zigzag staircase connecting Eastlake Avenue and Fairview Avenue; walkways; a lawn; a floating dock (Waterway 11); a narrowing of Fairview Avenue E. to calm traffic; and a landscaped path along the Fairview shoreline.

One of Seattle's earliest community gardens, the Eastlake P-Patch started in 1981 with an Eastlake News notice inviting volunteers to join in reclaiming the overgrown Shelby Street right of way. Now a part of the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation's Fairview Park, the P-Patch is a beautiful, intensively farmed garden that is free and open for the public to wander through and enjoy. There are 47 plots, public art, and a honeybee hive. As one participant notes on the City web site: "Along with the steady stream of smiling, strolling visitors, rendered briefly carefree through the power of flowers, the gardeners produce a staggering amount of top quality hyper-local, organic produce for local food banks." For a photo, historical background, rules, and how to sign up for a garden plot, see the City's web page.

### FAIRVIEW AVE. E. SHORELINE BETWEEN SHELBY AND HAMLIN STREETS

The Fairview Avenue East right-of-way between Shelby and Hamlin Streets extends into the water, and thus the entire lake bank is in City ownership. The Eastlake neighborhood is fortunate that to accompany its nearby townhouse/houseboat/office/moorage development, the Wards Cove company built on the public right of way at its own expense a full block of landscaped shoreline pathway, completed in 2009.

#### E. HAMLIN ST. | Hamlin Street-End Park

A three-year effort by ECC and the Hamlin Shores Homeowners Association turned this formerly overgrown and garbage-strewn street-end into a lovely and much-used park with views, picnic tables, trees, shrubs, and flowers, paths, and steps down to a bench and shallow beach. Opened in 1992, the park has been maintained and further improved by volunteers, especially the Hamlin Shores Homeowners. SDOT added a curb and sidewalk along the Fairview roadway in 2012.

## FAIRVIEW AVE E. STREET-END BETWEEN HAMLIN AND EDGAR STREETS| Our smallest park and a connection challenge

South of Hamlin Street and where Fairview enters the water, residents maintain a tiny landscaped park. Standing here and looking southeast, the Edgar streetend is tantalizingly close--and the gap to be closed is less than meets the eye when one realizes that parts of both public rights-of-way are occupied by a private marina and parking lot that block what was once an historic walking and bicycling route. Until this link is restored, we must backtrack north on Fairview, climb up the steep Hamlin Street, then walk up, down and up again on the one-block roller coaster of Yale Terrace East, a named alley, to reach Edgar Street. For a detailed history of this connection challenge, see the ECC website, eastlakeseattle.org Shoreline Gap under Parks/Lake Union. For what might be done about it, see our next stop.

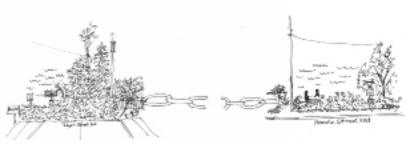
#### E. EDGAR ST. | A Future Possibility

In July the Seattle Times sketch artist, Gabriel Campanario, featured the E. Edgar Street end in one of his weekly Sunday sketches for the Times Pacific Northwest Magazine. His title summed up this street end's dilemma: "There's no sitting on the shoreline at this designated public right of way in Eastlake – just signs and brambles."

He noted the dubious sign saying it's a "Wildlife Sanctuary."

"It might not be feasible to extend Edgar Street all the way to the shoreline," writes Campanario, "due to the elevation drop between the roadway and the lake. But I could picture a restful lookout with a couple of benches in place of the brambles and those unofficial-looking signs."

Actually, with consultation and design, a shoreline path



The broken link -- a connection challenge.

that would also protect habitat is possible (see the ECC website, eastlakeseattle.org Shoreline Gap under Parks/ Lake Union). But at the moment Edgar Street end is not on the City's radar for improvement. Omar Akkari, City of Seattle Shoreline Street Ends Program Coordinator, suggests anyone interested in improving it should work through Friends of Street Ends, a volunteer-run group dedicated to assuring public access to the city's waterfronts. Karen Daubert, a lead of that FOSE, says she would be glad to help a neighborhood group interested in creating a street-end park and shoreline pathway connection at Edgar. She suggests contacting her through the web site https://www.streetends.org/if you're interested (let the ECC know as well).

#### E. ROANOKE ST. | Roanoke Street Mini Park(s)

This park has two sections – a south section which is in the Roanoke street-end and a little-known, hidden north section which is in the Fairview Avenue E. street-end.

First built by volunteers in 1971, the two sections were remodeled in 1976 by the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation. In 2012 the south section was again improved, this time assisted by the volunteer Roanoke Street-End Improvement Committee with design and survey services donated by several firms and individuals.

The south section of the park has two plaques, one of which recognizes the City's 2010 designation of a Lombardy poplar as a heritage tree, and it and three weeping willows as a heritage grove. The other plaque, installed in 2016 by the Boeing company as part of its centennial, commemorates the site's former use as a hangar where its first plane was assembled and painted, and as the base for the first test flight, which William Boeing himself piloted in 1916 (after which he announced: "Gentlemen, we are in the airplane business"). The first U.S. international airmail flight also originated here in 1919.

The north section of the park, which is down a slope, has an excellent view of the block-long submerged segment of Fairview Avenue; look down and to the left to view bass spawning beds. Unfortunately, this north section has deteriorated and was never accessible for people with disabilities. Volunteers are needed to coordinate with the City and community for design and funding of a much-needed renovation.

In between the two sections of the park is the entrance to the Roanoke Reef houseboats and boat moorage. Their docks use the pilings originally installed for a much larger proposal, a nearly block-long 60-foot-high over-water condominium complex. A court challenge by ECC and the Floating Homes Association, known as the "Battle of Roanoke Reef," stopped the project.

## E. LOUISA ST. | Louisa Street-End Park (aka "The Bouledrome")

Built in 2006 as an ECC project with donations and hundreds of hours of volunteer labor, and \$15,000 from

Seattle's Neighborhood Matching Fund. Prior to that the site had been vacated by a boat repair business, and there were proposals to pave it for parking. The most prominent feature of this park is its "bouledrome" for playing the French ball game, petanque. The bouledrome's walls are City-donated granite curbs more than a century old, and the playing surface is (or at least, was) "Turface" brand pitching mound clay donated by the Seattle Mariners. A modular bench (donated in memory of Evelyn Sebaste, a local French woman and houseboater) can be used to watch the game or be reversed for the shore view.

#### E. LYNN ST. | Lynn Street Mini Park

One of Seattle's first, this street-end park was built in 1971 by local volunteers led (and fed) by Pete Omalanz, founder of the market across the street. The original design, featuring a shallow beach, was by the late Dick Wagner, founder of the Center for Wooden Boats. The park soon became the responsibility of the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation, which rebuilt it in 1976. But in 1995 an unattended beer truck rolled three blocks down Lynn Street, ditching in the lake and damaging the park in the process. The Parks Department extensively remodeled the park in 2002. The walls, benches, and sign feature art tiles created by members of the community and public-works artist Maggie Smith. (An unsuccessful City effort to censor a tile portraying the beer truck created a small media sensation.) A Gaudi-style stone bench memorializes residents Peg and Tom Stockley, who perished in the 2000 Alaska Air crash. Just to the north is a City-required public access walkway and dock on the southern edge of the overwater Union Harbor condominium building.

## E. BOSTON ST. | Public access opportunity

Fairview Avenue E. is unusually narrow at this undeveloped street end, unsafe for pedestrians and for enjoying views of the lake. As its steepness would not easily accommodate a park, the 1998 Eastlake Neighborhood Plan proposes a cantilevered pedestrian walkway to allow safe passage and views while preserving the street-end's greenery.



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## E. NEWTON ST. | Terry Pettus Park (remodeling is now in planning)

This was also among the first parks in Seattle to be created out of a street-end. It was built in 1970-71 by volunteers including Terry Pettus, the late labor journalist and longtime secretary of the Floating Homes Association. (After Pettus' death in 1984, his name was given to the park.. In 1976, the park was remodeled by the Parks and Recreation Department. The park includes picnic tables, a beach and a floating dock. One of the cherry trees was planted in memory of Doris Shanley, a founder of ECC. The park will be remodeled and expanded in 2021; see further details in an article on page 14.

## FAIRVIEW AVE. E. SOUTH OF E. NEWTON STREET | Improvements through cooperation

Thirty years ago, the area south of Terry Pettus Park and to the Fairview Bridge was uninviting and dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists. Years of good will and constructive compromise brought a common front among residents and businesses that convinced City officials to make many needed improvements.

In 1994 the ECC-led Eastlake Transportation Plan designed a pathway, landscaping, and optimized parking for the two blocks between Newton and Blaine Streets, and in 1996 Seattle Public Utilities built these features that you're walking on and through now as mitigation for a disruptive combined sewer expansion project. The adjacent U.S. Seafoods site (formerly occupied by the NOAA Pacific Marine Center) is on fill where there once was the lake and a colony of houseboats. East Howe Street also falls between these two streets.



New Howe Street stairs.

## E. HOWE ST. | East Howe Steps Plaza (in process)

The Howe Street right-ofway does not reach the lake, but it does connect Eastlake Avenue to Fairview. A coalition of community volunteers successfully campaigned for a public stairway, recently constructed, that further lengthens the Howe Street steps (already the City's longest) down from Capitol Hill.

The volunteers have also worked for and secured City Neighborhood Matching Funds that in 2021 will help build a public plaza where the new stairway ends at Fairview and where a parking lot now exists.

## FAIRVIEW AVE. E. SOUTH OF E. BLAINE STREET | A diamond in the rough

In the two blocks of Fairview between E. Blaine Street and the Fairview Bridge (currently being rebuilt), the western boundary of the right-of-way is entirely in the lake. Lake Union Drydock (founded in 1919) does not own the lake bank; it owns submerged lands, and its docks, shops, and headquarters are over water.

For much of the 20th Century, this shoreline was blocked from public enjoyment by a wall of weeds and parked cars. The 1999 Eastlake Neighborhood Plan took up the neighborhood's 1994 Transportation Plan's call for a pathway between E. Blaine St. and the bridge, and with \$20,000 from the City, ECC hired a contractor to scrape off the weeds, build the pathway, and protect it from cars with concrete stops. In the ensuing years, hundreds of volunteers replaced blackberries, ivy, clematis, and scotch broom with native plants, and ECC hired a barge crane to lift vintage Douglas fir logs donated by the adjacent Peterson Yacht Services and place them between the pathway and lake bank. A decade later the ECC successfully nominated the area for \$750,000 in Neighborhood Street Funds, with which SDOT in 2013 widened and paved the path, protected it from cars with wooden bollards, installed retro streetlamps, planted native trees, shrubs, and ground cover, and reconfigured the Fairview Ave. E./Fairview Ave. N. intersection to make it safer for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians. The area is still a diamond in the rough. Volunteers from among businesses and residents are always needed to help maintain it.

#### FAIRVIEW BRIDGE | Floating Walkway

When the current Fairview Avenue North bridge reconstruction is completed in 2021, SDOT will bring back the popular floating walkway that formerly paralleled the bridge. It will again provide water-level walking (and fishing) and an open water view.

For more information about any of the above sites, or to volunteer to help maintain or improve them, please contact ECC at info@eastlakeseattle.org, or c/o Lake Union Mail, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle, WA 98102-3278.

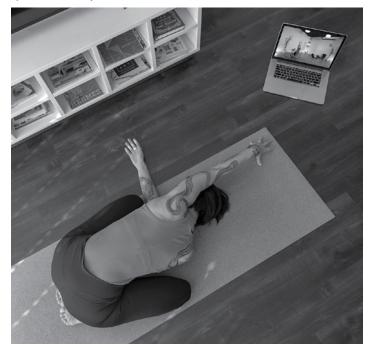
Judy Smith and Chris Leman contributed to the creation and writing of this tour. Sketches by Karen Berry.



The floating walkway will be coming back.

# Field Guide to Eastlake Characters

by Annie Gustafson



Name: Datza Uldrikis, owner of Datza Studios

Locations Found: online/virtual, datzastudios.com, and the rooftop of 2201 Eastlake Ave. E, Suite B

**Mythbusting - no pretzel'ing required**: "Yoga does not require Cirque du Soleil-level acrobatics. Yoga is about breathing and being physically and emotionally present. It's about listening to your own body in each moment and accepting it."

**Snake tattoos on your arms**. "I was born and raised in Riga, Latvia, and I grew up hearing myths about snakes as positive omens. The nonvenomous grass snake, in particular, signifies good fortune, especially if you find one near or in your house. Snakes represent the constancy of change... and remind me to gather strength from within when I'm feeling uncertain."

**Favorite pose?** "The end-of-class resting pose, savasana. It's an opportunity to be still. Our daily lives demand decision-making and productivity, and savasana is the opposite of that...an invitation to be motionless. To let it all go."

Why does yoga matter? "For me, it's all about integration. Yoga nudges us to ask how our mind, body, and spirit are

relating to each other – almost like stars in a constellation. What patterns do you see? Are some places more radiant than others? It's a check-in. And no two sessions are alike."

Yoga in the time of COVID. "Yoga cultivates resilience. That's my biggest take-away from more than 15 years of practicing and teaching. Yoga reminds us to be adaptable. To accept the things we can and cannot change. COVID has ramped up the uncertainty in our lives, and yoga gives us the choice -- and the power -- to be OK with the feeling of not knowing."

Why Eastlake? "It's the people, of course. Eastlakers are passionate about at least one thing – be it paddleboarding, fly fishing, or growing vegetables. That's why I wanted to bring my passion, yoga, to this neighborhood."

Editor's note: Longtime readers of the Eastlake News may remember when writer Diana Wurn penned the popular "Field Guide to Eastlake Characters." Diana moved out of the neighborhood in 2013 leaving behind her important studies. Now Eastlake writer Annie Gustafson has picked up the mantle, and we're happy to see the research into Eastlake Characters continue. Annie says her favorite spot for contemplating story ideas is Terry Pettus Park. If you have a suggestion, email her at GoAnnieGus@gmail.com



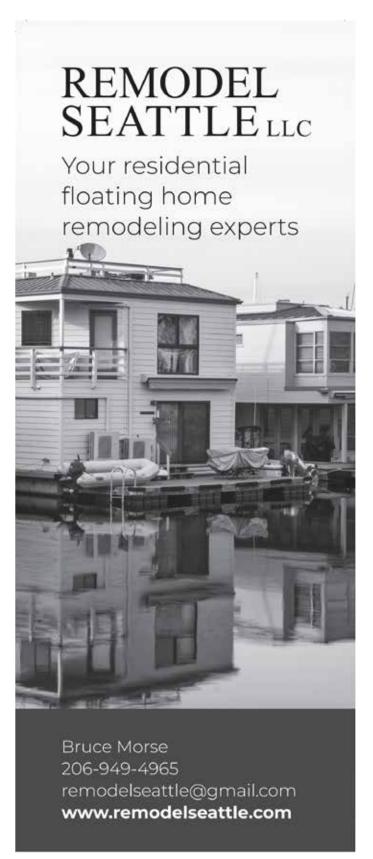


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# Terry Pettus Park project moves forward

By Steve Dunphy

Four different concepts for the \$1.6 million remodel and renewal of Terry Pettus Park were presented July 26 at a community "webinar" attended online by nearly 100 people.

The meeting was led by Seattle Parks and Recreation as well as Jones & Jones, a landscape architecture and planning firm hired to develop the project. The Zoom platform used for the meeting was effective, allowing participants to comment and for live polling of participants.

Planning and design for the park will continue through the fall with bids for the work opened in winter and early 2022. Construction will follow with the work scheduled to be completed by 2023.

Goals for the project include:

- Maintaining the waterfront recreational use and character of the small, green pocket park serving the Eastlake neighborhood, enhance the park features with more durable materials, improve accessibility, and incorporate shoreline restoration, as appropriate
- Incorporating a 4,000-square-foot addition into the park, located directly south of the present park area
- Enhancing waterfront recreational activities as well as water views and water access of the park, restoring pier, dock and float
- Enhancing the park entrance and connection to the adjacent Cheshiahud Lake Union Loop Trail, meeting the standards of the Americans Disability Act (ADA)
- Enhancing landscaping, installing irrigation, and incorporating shoreline habitat restoration, as appropriate

The design team said it tried to keep in mind what earlier surveys of residents favored. Habitat enhancement, native plants and trees, shoreline restoration, more seating, better dock and launch area for kayaks and canoes, and better access to the water were top priorities along with better visibility into the park.

Participants in the on-line meeting said they wanted to save as many trees as possible. They wanted to have elements that honored Terry Pettus. They want limited parking and to maintain the sense that it is a neighborhood park.

The Eastlake Community Council urged the creation of an osprey nest platform as part of the park renovation. The council has funding for a nest that resulted from a previous project.

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# Frank Wetzel, 1926-2020

by Chris Leman

Longtime Eastlake resident Frank Wetzel passed away on January 19

with family at his bedside. Author of articles for the Eastlake News, he also served as an Eastlake Community Council board member after a long and distinguished career as a journalist and U.S. Army service in two wars.

Frank was born in and grew up in Bremerton. As part of the "greatest generation," he served during World War II, and shortly after the Nazis were defeated, he visited Buchenwald, the first and the largest of the concentration camps located on German soil. His historical and ethical reflections on the experience occasioned his first publication (in the Bremerton Sun) at the age of 19.

Upon his return to civilian life, Frank completed an undergraduate degree in journalism at the University of Washington on the G.I. Bill and worked for the Tacoma News Tribune, but soon returned to the Army to serve in the Korean War.

Beginning in 1953 (when he also married his wife Jan), Frank served for 25 years with the Associated Press, with primary postings in Salt Lake City, Portland (Oregon), Denver, and Baltimore. His reporting and editing ranged widely, notably including airplane crashes, riots, and presidential conventions. AP was (and remains) the country's largest press syndicate, and so his writings appeared in hundreds if not thousands of newspapers across the country and around the world.

Frank later served as editor of the Bellevue Journal-American, when he also found time to earn a master's degree in values from the San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Then in 1987 he became ombudsman for the Seattle Times (with a three-year contract stating that he could not be fired or rehired). In that role he worked to ensure that the newspaper's owners and top editors "be held to the same standards as an elected public official" and also reported on comments from the public. His regular column reflected an incisive writing style and deep humanity and ethics.

Reflecting Frank's love of the water from an upbringing on Puget Sound, he and Jan retired to a shoreline townhouse in Eastlake. They also maintained a beloved second home on Dabob Bay (part of Hood Canal).

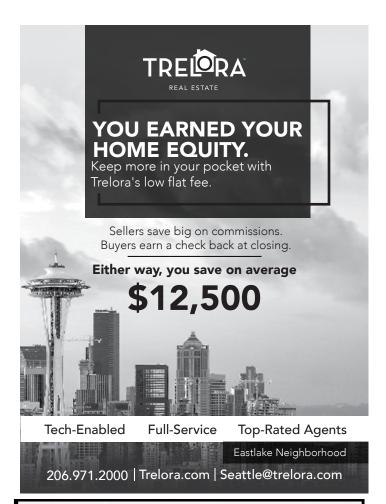
It was certainly an active retirement, producing four books including *Victory Gardens and Barrage Balloons* (1995), a memoir and social history of Bremerton in the 1940s, and *Diamond in the Emerald City: The Story of Safeco Field* (1999). And a lifelong athlete, Frank was particularly fond of racquet sports.

In moving tributes, fellow journalists told Frank Wetzel's story. According to the Kitsap Sun: "For Wetzel, death

came suddenly; a fast-spreading pancreatic cancer that had reached his liver. Receiving the diagnosis, the quick-witted Wetzel proclaimed, "What the hell, I've had a great 93 years," before adding a joke to his doctors: "Other than that, Mrs. Lincoln, how was the play?"

And according to the Seattle Times article: "Services are still being planned, but Catherine Larkin knows what music her father wants played: Something from Scott Joplin, 'September Song,' and 'The Party's Over.""

He is survived by his wife, Janet Schroder Wetzel; their three children and their spouses; and four grandchildren, Frank, Eleanor, and Sylvia and Nathaniel. The Eastlake Community Council extends its condolences to the family and honors Frank Wetzel for his contributions to Eastlake and to the world.





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# Commission and Coalition press Mayor and City Council for stronger tree protections





The multi-family zone for most of Eastlake's residential land no longer requires yards large enough for large trees, and small trees are no substitute. Fortunately, some developers recognize that trees enhance property value and livability. In these photos of apartment houses recently completed on Yale Avenue East, note how a mature tree was dramatically incorporated into one design, while another lacks sufficient yard for any large tree to grow in the future.

#### by Chris Leman

Eastlake once had a profusion of large trees in private yards and along the streets. But in recent decades, many of our neighborhood's large trees have been cut down even amidst growing evidence of how essential they are for a healthy city and planet. Most trees now being planted in Eastlake will always stay small, and can't make up for the loss of large trees and a failure to plant new trees that will become large.

Trees reverse global warming, moderate the microclimate on every block, and are habitat for songbirds, raptors, and other wildlife. Trees supply clean air, slope stability, runoff control, shade, beauty, and noise insulation. Trees grace our public spaces, and increase the value of private property. Trees are important to the physical and mental health of all who live or work in Eastake.

The Seattle Urban Forestry Commission, an official advisory body, is on almost an emergency footing because Seattle's weak and still more weakly enforced Tree Protection Ordinance is dooming many large trees without providing for their replacement.

A citywide coalition is pressing the Mayor and City Council to support proposals by the Forestry Commission to update and more strongly enforce the Tree Protection Ordinance, which has not been amended since 2009. The website DontClearcutSeattle.org provides background and a one-click opportunity to send a letter of support to the Mayor and City Councilmembers.

See the tree page on the ECC web site (www. eastlakeseattle.org) about this coalition effort and for the ECC board's previous letter to the City.

Also on the tree page: how to help ECC's conservation efforts by doing an inventory of trees in your yard or block, in a park, or anywhere else in the neighborhood. Property owners may be less likely to remove or damage a tree if they know that the neighborhood values it. Included are an inventory form and instructions, and links for identifying and measuring trees. For questions or further information: info@eastlakeseattle.org.



Self-portrait by A.V. Eichenbaum. Besides being an artist, A.V. Eichenbaum, who lives and works in Eastlake, is also a writer. He's written three pieces for the Eastlake News. You can find his fourth piece, a personal essay, "You don't have to be fine," about dealing with mental illness and living through the pandemic, on our blog -- eastlakenews.org



#### **Terry Pettus Park**

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There were also concerns, including maintenance. Susanne Rockwell, Parks and Recreation project manager, said the department has heard "loud and clear" the concern about maintenance and pledged better maintenance going forward. "We want a park to last 50 years," she said.

The four concepts were labeled the Lawn, the Terraces, the Cove and the Restoration. Here is a link to the presentation, which goes into greater detail on the four concepts: https://www.seattle.gov/parks/about-us/current-projects/terry-pettus-park-renovation

In an on-line poll, 36% of poll respondents preferred The Terraces but also suggested incorporating elements from Restoration concept and preserving more existing trees. The Lawn was least favored since many thought it would attract Canada Geese.

In another poll, residents were asked the biggest challenges facing the park. Seating, lack of a sense of safety and the general sense of disrepair were "pretty high up there," according to Duane Dietz, Jones & Jones project manager.

Rockwell said the designs would go to the Seattle Design Commission on September 17 and another public meeting will be scheduled later in the fall.





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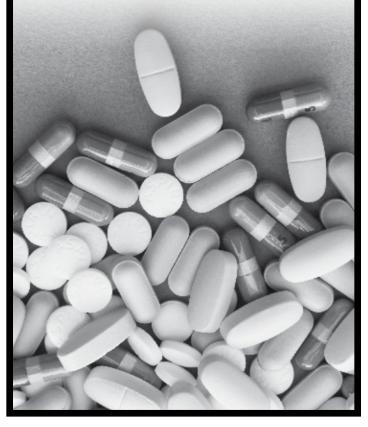
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Pack a safety kit if you don't have one prepared already. If you have one, check expiration dates on food and medications. Most standard packs include clothes for each family member, a tool kit, canned goods, medications, important documents, and electronic power chargers. There will be items in your pack specific to where you live and your family's needs. And, don't forget supplies for your pets!

#### **Five Facts About Earthquakes**

- Most earthquakes occur at depths of less than 50 miles from the surface of the Earth
- Almost 80 percent of all the planet's earthquakes occur in and near countries that border the Pacific Ocean, commonly known as the Ring of Fire.
- About 100 of the 500,000 earthquakes that occur every year are strong enough to cause notable damage.
- The Moon has quakes, too, known as moonquakes, that are usually weaker than the ones we know on Earth.
- The sun and moon can create tides in the planet's crust that can cause tremors deep underground.

For more information about the ShakeOut and how you can prepare, visit https://www.shakeout.org/washington/

Information provided about the International ShakeOut Day at https://nationaltoday.com/international-shakeout-day/





# September is National Preparedness Month 2020

Information adapted from https://www.ready.gov/september (Department of Homeland Security)

#### Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today

**September 1-5 - Make a Plan -** Talk to family and friends about how you will communicate before, during and after a disaster. Make sure to update your plan based on the CDC recommendations due to the coronavirus.



**September 6-12 - Build a Kit** - Gather supplies that will last for 14 days after a disaster for everyone living with you, including your pets.

#### **September 13-19 - Prepare for Disasters**

- Know the risk of disasters so you can act fast if you receive a local warning or alert. Sign up for Alert Seattle at https://alert.seattle.gov Check your insurance coverage.

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### Please volunteer for the Eastlake News door-to-door delivery effort

The quarterly *Eastlake News* is available both on-line and in print; it is an essential source of information and a builder of community. Countless people volunteer, donate, engage with a public issue, support a small business, or otherwise are empowered because of something they read in the newsletter.

As it has done for almost 50 years, G&H Printing prints (at nominal cost for the ECC) enough paper copies to reach every home, business, and public place in Eastlake. The *Eastlake News* is produced entirely by volunteers, including the more than 40 people who deliver the newsletter door-to-door. Some of these volunteers deliver to more than one route, or fill in temporarily for a block or dock that does not have a volunteer regularly assigned.

ECC invites your help in this *Eastlake News* delivery effort. It is not necessary to live on the route to which you deliver, although we try for a match if that is your preference. Routes

are available throughout the neighborhood, but there is a special need for new volunteers in the southeast sector that is south of E. Newton Street and between I-5 and Eastlake Avenue.

To volunteer for *Eastlake News* delivery, please e-mail to info@ eastlakeseattle.org, or call/text 206-322-5463. Written background/guidance is available and you can choose from specifically described routes. Based on informal dialogue, you will decide whether and where to help.

To the current delivery volunteers, ECC offers our deepest thanks to you and your loved ones, who may not even know how much you are doing to inform and involve the Eastlake community. To potential volunteers, ECC asks your participation in this important mission, whose best compensation is your satisfaction in knowing that others have gained knowledge and empowerment because of something they read in a newsletter that YOU delivered.



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