

LAURELHURST

L E T T E R

Published by the Laurelhurst Community Club ... serving the Laurelhurst community since 1920

July/August 2017

Change of Date and Location for July LCC Trustee Meeting

July 17 (Mon.) 7 p.m.

Wu Hsing Tao School of Acupuncture

Talaris Campus, 4000 NE 41st St.
(Seattle Parks closes the Laurelhurst Community Center Monday nights during summer.)

New Westbound SR 520 Exit Ramps Coming Soon

In mid-July, WSDOT will open new off-ramps from the new West Approach Bridge North. Westbound drivers will travel on the new approach structure and use new off-ramps to Montlake Boulevard and Lake Washington Boulevard.

The new bridge westbound mainline lanes from the floating bridge to Montlake are scheduled to open in late August.

The opening of the new WABN structure will take place in phases so that crews can remove the existing ramp to make space for completion of the mainline construction. Detailed information with graphics, videos, weekend work impacts, and the specific date of the off-ramp opening will be posted on the WSDOT website: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge/WABN/default.htm>. ■

Tuesday, August 1, is the annual Seattle Night Out Against Crime.

www.seattle.gov/police/nightout/ Block Watch, a program based on the principle that neighbors working together are the first and best line of defense against crime, has been shown to be an effective deterrent of crime at the neighborhood level. ■

Clusters for Emergency Preparedness

I'm your neighbor and have been concerned for my household and the safety of our neighborhood during a major earthquake. Attending the emergency preparedness seminar has helped me be more informed and prepared. It has reduced my and my family's anxiety. We have better learned what to have on hand, what type of plan to create, first things to do after a disaster and so much more. Volunteering has helped me even more. Let's hope a major earthquake never happens, but the probability is just too great for me to ignore. — SNAP attendee

The next chance to learn is the SNAP class July 20, 7 p.m., Laurelhurst Community Center. See sign-up details on page 2.

In a major earthquake or emergency neighbors will need to look to each other for help. Seattle's police, fire, and medical help may not be available for days or possibly weeks. Neighborhoods may need to be self-sufficient.

Laurelhurst Earthquake Action Preparedness (LEAP) volunteers are now clustering houses in groups of 20. Each cluster needs a captain to gather pertinent data. One of the first steps is to identify any special needs of every household. Resources within the cluster also need to be identified. For example, are medical professionals available to support a triage center until the injured can get to the hospitals? Do engineers and architects reside in the cluster who could be called upon for structural assessments and to recommend solutions for shelter, travel, and general building safety? Are there boats or ATVs available as a possible means of transport? Are bikers willing to carry information to our HUB or neighboring HUBS?

After an earthquake, designated volunteers within the cluster will relay the status of their neighbors as well as needs and current resources both

continued on page 2

Explore Our Neighborhood's Hidden Gems

Laurelhurst enjoys several public shoreline properties – six street ends, with two of those wrapped in state waterways, and one stand-alone state waterway. There are also several stairways hidden around the 'hood that will hike the heart rate. These areas afford stunning views of the Olympic Mountains, Lake Washington, the Cascades, Mount Rainier, the top of the Space Needle, Union Bay, Husky Stadium, and more. Check out the variety of birds, count turtles sunning on logs, or launch a kayak.

Start exploring with some of the following:

- Waterway No. 1, NE 35th St. and 43rd Ave. NE
- Waterway No. 2, NE 41st St., Yesler Swamp area
- NE 42nd St. stairs
- NE 43rd St. end; stairs and lake access (huge sequoia)
- 51st Ave. NE street end (Beach Club area)
- NE 31st St. end; lake access from both the east and west ends
- NE 32nd St. end; lake access
- NE 33rd St. end; viewpoint from street with lake access below
- Belvoir Park lake access; 42nd Avenue NE near Surber Drive NE
- The Laurelcrest stairs near the Beach Club: about 100 steps!!
- Stairs at 55th Ave. NE and NE 43rd St.
- Stairs between NE 45th St. and 54th Ave. NE ■

Preparedness continued from page 1

in manpower and in supplies to the hub. Is anyone hurt? Does anyone have or need food, clothing, shelter, baby supplies, etc.? Are there situations needing attention such as burst waterlines or major gas leaks? McGyver moments will prevail and we will need to be ingenious in our solutions. Thus, we will ultimately depend on the spirit of neighbors caring for neighbors. Please volunteer to be a cluster captain or co-captain. LCC trustee John Temple said, "We will be depending on each other. Being organized is critical to minimizing the impact of a local disaster and increases the odds of survival."

Contact LEAP by emailing:

LCCearthquake@Outlook.com.

Email to RSVP for the preparedness class on July 20 at 7 p.m. and include ATTEND in the subject line.

If you are interested in helping, include the word HELP in the subject line.

A break-out session will be available for those who have already been to a class and want to help. ■

Summer Crime Time

Open house windows and unlocked doors. Unarmed alarms. Unlocked cars. These are the easy ways criminals get to our stuff. Let's lock up and keep them out.

LCC's crimeprevention email is the central location used to collect and communicate information to LCC's off-duty security patrol officers in our neighborhood. While not instantaneous, the quicker you alert the email, the faster LCC can get the word out to the officers on duty. Please send email immediately AFTER you call 911 on all crime-related issues or concerns you would like the patrol to know about.

If you would like other neighbors to be aware of a crime or issue, LCC highly encourages you to continue to email the Laurelhurst blog with information you wish to share. For security purposes, any information you share with the Crimeprevention@Laurelhurstcc.com address will be kept confidential. ■

SR 520 Lessons for the Rest of the West

Noise

LCC has participated for two years in the collaboration with the City of Medina and the Washington Department of Transportation seeking a solution for the expansion joint noise on the high rises of the new floating bridge. The result of the analyses and remedies have been compiled in a white paper on the SR 520 web page.

The bottom line is WSDOT measurements indicate the decibels of noise generated are below the Federal Highway Department's requirements for mitigation, so WSDOT is not obligated to reduce the noise.

Noise mitigation requires Washington State's legislators to allocate funding to either fix or replace the joints. The estimated price tag is \$2.3 to \$3.3 million to install and monitor noise-absorbing materials infused into the existing joints. The materials degrade and require replacement every two to five years at an additional cost of \$1.5 to \$3 million. Thus, it seems that unless the legislators allocate funds on a long-term basis, the noisy joints will remain so on the floating bridge portion of the corridor.

The Union Bay span of the bridge called West Approach Bridge North will open in early fall. WSDOT is already underway with testing of the new expansion joints featuring sinus plates that slide over the indentation that produces some thumping noises. It also will have under-bridge absorption materials to prevent bounce back from the bay.

Laurelhurst and Madison Park will be first to report the differences in noise when it opens.

Lights

Many in the community may already know that WSDOT, State Senator Frockt, and a group of Laurelhurst citizens concerned about the environmental damage of the bright lights on Lake Washington have agreed on a solution. The exposed lights will now be shrouded to reduce glare onto the north side of the lake and to nearby residences.

It is a testament to the constructive and continued efforts to find a solution from Laurelhurst shoreline neighbors who understood the threat to the viability of young salmonids from the bridge overlighting that attracted their predators.

The work on the lighting shrouds will be finished before the Regional Shared Use Path is open, and funding will be paid from the existing SR 520 Floating Bridge contract.

Montlake Market And Gas Station

The SR 520 Bridge Project has determined that the existing Montlake Market and the adjacent gas station must be removed to build out the new Montlake Interchange. A lawsuit has been filed by its owner, Kemper Freeman, and as well by the local Montlake neighborhood in an attempt to preserve its only option for fueling.

The Request for Proposal for this next section of the bridge project has not yet been finalized. LCC has worked directly with State Legislators in the 46th and 43rd to require that more specific designs on lighting, noise, and demolition requirements be part of the next contract to avoid recent problems at the outset. The RFP will be out for bid this fall, and construction will start in late 2018.

Ombudsman

David Goldberg was recently hired by WSDOT to serve as a liaison, an ombudsman, between communities impacted by the SR 520 bridge and WSDOT. He has lived in north Seattle for more than seven years, has experience from another states' transportation department, and has been a reporter as well as a neighborhood activist. LCC's Colleen McAleer met with him to share constructive approaches to building the "Rest of the West" and offer Laurelhurst's support for his role. ■

UNCLASSIFIEDS

BABYSITTING AND PARTY HELP: Responsible teen available to babysit in your home or the Beach Club. Safe sitter and CPR certified. Cooking, art projects & fun! Also available for party set-up, serving and cleanup. Contact Grace at 206.489.8083 \$12/hour.

BEST CLEANING LLC: 24 years cleaning Windermere and Laurelhurst homes. Regular cleaning and special projects; references from current clients; quality guaranteed. 206-948-2433. bestcleaning@outlook.com.

CERTIFIED SAFE SITTER. Laurelhurst teen has taken hospital-administered Safe Sitter Class and has experience volunteering in Preschool programs. Fun, energetic, responsible and loves kids! Call Libby at 206-258-3335. Also available for dog sitting/walking.

CHEERFUL AND RESPONSIBLE BABYSITTER: Laurelhurst high school junior with 3 years experience and loves children (and pets!) is available to babysit evenings & weekends. On-line booking! www.laurelhurstbabysitter.com

COACHING: It IS possible to prepare your child for a successful academic year! Let's partner for the best year yet! Let's talk! www.SeattleSuccessCoaching.com or call Erin directly at 206-696-3837

Laurelhurst Blog

http://thelaurelhurstblog.blogspot.com/ News, events, issues, restaurants, businesses and lots more. Email a tip or story idea or subscribe at laurelhurstblogger@gmail.com. The blog and LCC are separate entities. ■

FOR SALE: KHS Urban Xpress bicycle, 15", with accessory rack, panniers, Topeka cat eye, and handlebar mirror. Shimano 21 speed. Excellent condition. \$250. 206-523-5922.

MOVING: Let Moves Made Simple pack. We specialize in packing, unpacking, downsizing, organizing, de-cluttering and simplifying your life. Contact Katie Hennings Larson, 206.307.9424, www.movesmadesimple.com for free consultation.

PAINTING: Luis Ramirez 465-3593. Interior and exterior. Great Laurelhurst references. Bonded and insured. Any size job welcome.

RAPID COMPUTER HELP: PC/Mac. Upgrades; hardware, software installation; troubleshooting, repair. Spyware, virus removal. Windows, MS Office certifications. Local References. Matt, 206-498-8901.

REMODELING/HANDYMAN SERVICES: "Bob of All Trades." Licensed, Bonded, Insured. Lic#BOBALAT936N3. Reasonable rates, experienced, professional, reliable. www.BobOfAllTrades.com. Email: bobstocco@gmail.com or call 425-301-9265.

SUMMER READING FUN: Laurelhurst teen would love to help your young children with reading and writing this summer. In your home or at the library. Georgia 206.489.8083 \$12/hour.

WANTED: Laurelhurst Homes - As Is. Top Dollar Paid. I will buy your house as is. Don't worry about problems or cleaning up or preparing for sale. Quick and easy cash sale. I live in the neighborhood. Call Mike, LREA, at 206-459-9375.

CALENDAR

July 17 (Mon.) 7 p.m.
LCC Board of Trustees
Wu Hsing Tao School of Acupuncture
Talaris Campus, 4000 NE 41st St.

July 20 (Thurs.) 7 p.m.
Laurelhurst Earthquake Action Preparedness (LEAP) Meeting
Laurelhurst Community Center
Come early to meet the volunteers.

August 12 (Sat.) 10 am. to noon
SUN Park Weed and Sweep
47th Ave. NE and NE 47th St.

Drop off donations for Elizabeth Gregory House, a U District women's shelter: Huda Giddens at 4338 NE 44th St. (Leave in dark green, covered bin at the front of the house.)

Master Gardener Clinic
Mondays, 4 to 8 p.m.
Center for Urban Horticulture Atrium

The Laurelhurst Letter is published ten times a year. DISPLAY ADS cost \$75 per space per issue, with a five-issue commitment paid in advance. UNCLASSIFIED ADS are free for PAID members of the Laurelhurst Community Club, except that repeat ads or ads deemed commercial cost \$20; 25-word maximum. Email copy to laurelhurstnews@comcast.net.

U Village Concerts

The **U Village Sounds of Summer Concert Series** takes place on Wednesday evenings. Live music from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

- July 19** Blake Lewis
- July 26** The Nowhere Men
- August 2** The Paperboys
- August 9** Kalimba
- August 16** BowieVision
- August 23** Hit Explosion

Sample gourmet bites from University Village restaurants, cool off in the RAM Restaurant beer garden, enjoy free activities for kids, and more! ■

Reminder to Yesler Swamp Boardwalk Users

Please do not jog on the boardwalk. The pin piles that support the boardwalk are "floating" on the peat bog beneath the trail. Jogging pounds them into the peat and will ruin the boardwalk. Thank you. ■

Sign up for LCC's Constant Contact electronic newsletter for time-critical communications: email laurelhurstnews@comcast.net.

YOUR AD HERE!

Contact
laurelhurstnews@comcast.net
\$375 for 5 issues
Your advertising supports
the newsletter and community.

Partnership for a Lifetime
Excellence Education Prevention
Comfort Compassion
206-528-1980
www.hvh.net




Dr. Robin E. Riedinger, DVM
Dr. Brandi L. Eskesen, DVM
4020 NE 55th St Seattle, WA - across from Metropolitan Market

Living Laurelhurst, Selling Laurelhurst

Chet Crile
Integrity • Commitment • Results



206-498-4606
ccrile@windermere.com

Annual New Years Specials!



FREE ENROLLMENT
Reduced rates and save 20% - 40%
3811 NE 45th Street • 524-9246
www.theseattlegym.com

We help people age where they're most comfortable. At home.

- Meal Preparation
- Light Housekeeping
- Errands/Shopping
- Hourly/Live In
- Skilled Nursing
- Care Management

FamilyResource HomeCare

www.familyresourcehomecare.com
206.545.1092

ALJOYA
Where senior living is full of JOY.

Call (206) 306-7920 for a personal visit & to learn more.

450 NE 100th Street, Seattle • aljoya.com

era living

Premier Residential Retirement Since 1987

Call (206) 523-7315 for a personal visit and to learn more about Ida Culver House Ravenna.

2315 NE 65th St, Seattle • eraliving.com

JEFFS AUTO REPAIR

Present this coupon and receive **\$20.00 OFF** your next visit.

(206) 523-9192 • www.jeffsauto.com

LAURELHURST

July/August 2017

L E T T E R

Laurelhurst Community Club
PMB #373, 4616 25th Ave. NE
Seattle, WA 98105

PRSR STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Seattle, WA
Permit No. 1793

Carrier Route Presort
Postal Customer

OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

Jeannie Hale, President 525-5135
email: jeannieh@serv.net

Colleen McAleer, VP 525-0219	Liz Ogden	517-5862
Emily Dexter, Treas. 526-2927	Connie Sidles	522-7513
Robin Chalmers 525-2028	Stan Sorscher	522-7660
Kay Kelly 522-6773	John Temple	276-1119
Linda Luiten 522-5607	Don Torrie	524-4316
Brian McMullen 367-9325	Leslie Wright	229-1505

Newsletter: laurelhurstnews@comcast.net; 229-1505

Aircraft Noise Hotline 433-5393

Animal Control 386-7387

Community Center 684-7529

Laurelhurst Beach Club (business) 729-3724

Police Emergency or Reporting 911

Police, Non-emergency 625-5011

24-Hour Crisis Line 461-3222

Security: crimeprevention@laurelhurstcc.com

Visit our website @ www.laurelhurstcc.com

Door-to-Door Sellers

Door-to-door sellers in the city of Seattle must have a regulatory endorsement in addition to a business license. Their identification would clearly state the "Residential Seller" endorsement.

Only Comcast currently has this endorsement. The other company, Washelli, let theirs lapse. So, almost all door-to-door sellers are unlicensed. Ron Halas at the city recommends residents call 911 when they see someone, and tell the police that an unlicensed solicitor is in the neighborhood. Mr. Halas said if you can get a picture of the person and send it to him that would be great. He's open to more questions. Email Ronald.halas@seattle.gov. ■

Q U O R U M L A U R E L H U R S T

Locally owned Real Estate Company
Excellent reputation,
customized customer service, team approach.

Helen Kelleher Senseney	909-9367
Dick Loudon	818-2972
Sharon Johnson	745-2673
Eddie Muanda	915-7041
Cynthia Williams	769-7140
Jenn Flynn	427-3900

Quorum-Laurelhurst, Inc. 3505 NE 45th St.
(206) 522-7003 Seattle 98105

Karen Pecota
Licensed Electrologist since 1977

Sandpoint
electrolysis

206.794.1258
www.sandpointhelectrolysis.com

Hawthorne Hill Professional Center
4026 NE 55th Street, Suite E

LASER Childcare

Offering before and after-school childcare,
day/summer camp, Parent Night Out,
and enrichment classes



Located at Laurelhurst
& Bryant Elementary

www.laserchildcare.org (206) 525-9160

Windermere REAL ESTATE

Kate Allen	612-8424
Chet Crile	498-4606
Kim Dales	235-7772
Mary Gibson	650-4341
Dale Kaneko	947-1223
Cathy Millan	228-8558
Renee Menti Ruhl	850-1800
Barbara Shikiar	484-2446
Jeri Smith	295-8785
Maggie Weissman	226-0543

As a family company since 1972, our relationship with the Laurelhurst neighborhood and our commitment to community are at the heart of everything we do. It's the Windermere Way.

Windermere Real Estate Company

524-1100



In the heart of Laurelhurst

**ALL ARE
WELCOME**

Independent | Progressive | Catholic
Preschool - 8th grade

206-524-8885 | www.thevilla.org

Benjamin Law Group

Andrew L. Benjamin Nathan S. Benjamin
Laurelhurst Office

(206) 622-8953 www.benjlaw.com

Divorce / Wills / Personal Injury

Thanks to our advertisers for their support.