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Annual LCC Meeting Wed., June 29

6:45 to 8:45 p.m.

Laurelhurst Community Center

In addition to an opportunity to visit with neighbors and the election of trustees, the program features:

■ Design History of Battelle Property (Now Talaris)

David C. Hoedemaker, FAIA,
Richard Haag, FASLA, Hon. AIA

LCC has worked for decades to preserve this site. The Battelle Seattle Research Center was established in 1967. It was intended to sponsor educational seminars, conferences, and workshops and to serve as an advanced study center. Its use was expanded in 1971 to include self-sustaining contract research in the social sciences.

NBBJ, the architectural firm commissioned to develop the master plan and buildings for the campus, took great care in assuring that the center would harmonize with the surrounding residential Laurelhurst. A master landscape plan by Richard Haag Associates shaped an 18-acre tract through grading, sculpting and creation of a large pond that acknowledged the bowl-like topology of the site. The unobtrusive, low-rise buildings were situated in a wooded setting defined by broadleaf evergreens, conifers, and deciduous trees.

Despite changes in ownership and use, the campus continues to be a tranquil urban retreat because of the excellence of its initial master plan and the thoughtful execution of architecture and landscape by the design team.

Excerpted from an article by Irv Blumenfeld in *Puget Soundings* and notes by Rich Haag.

■ Bring your ideas for neighborhood pedestrian and bicycle safety projects and traffic calming.

Visual and Environmental Impacts of Proposed SR 520 Replacement Unacceptable; Better Plan Needed

On May 25, Laurelhurst Community Club in conjunction with the Coalition for a Sustainable SR 520 presented a comprehensive look at WSDOT's "Preferred Alternative" for the new SR520 Bridge. The meeting was held at the Laurelhurst Community Center.

A series of slides, several taken directly from WSDOT's website, illustrated many of concerns that have been presented in numerous issues of the *Laurelhurst Letter*. Those in attendance were shocked by the visuals presented and had little idea that the Seattle City Council already has endorsed this plan.

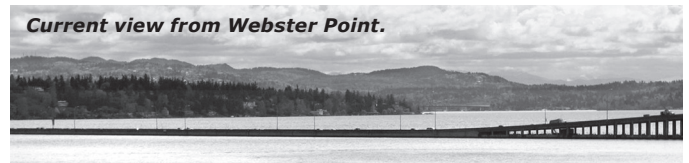
City Council members Rasmussen, Harrell, and Burgess (who are up for re-election) attended the April 28 Puget Sound Regional Council meeting where the plan was endorsed and raised no objections at all on behalf of Seattle commuters or its neighborhood issues. They appeared ignorant about any adverse affects for residents and the environment. Council president Richard Conlin was LCC's invited guest at the May board meeting where he fielded many tough questions about the plan.

In a few months, the state plans to sign off on its final review of the environmental impacts of its design, award contracts, and start building the floating bridge. The state doesn't have the money to build the Seattle segment of the highway, but once the environmental review process is complete, there is no room for design changes. The approved plan can be built when the state does find financing.

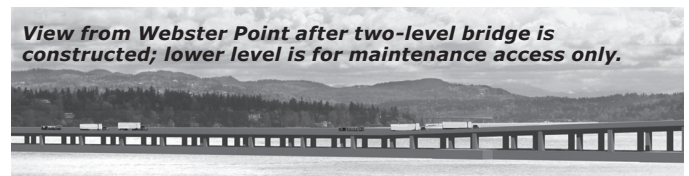
The Coalition for a Sustainable 520 hopes to pursue legal action before the state secures funding. To stop the current plans, the group needs money for legal action and experts to support the legal action. For more information, including illustrations of the impact of the "Preferred Alternative," or to donate, visit www.sustainable520.org. ■



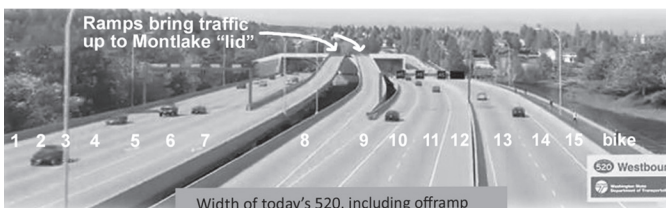
Pontoons jut out from bridge



Current view from Webster Point.



View from Webster Point after two-level bridge is constructed; lower level is for maintenance access only.



Ramps bring traffic up to Montlake "lid"

Width of today's 520, including offramp

Current width compared with Preferred Alternative plan

To see these photos and others in color, visit [Sustainable 520](http://Sustainable520.org) and [WSDOT websites](http://WSDOT.org).

Women's Shelter "Bowled Over" by Generosity

Laurelhurst neighbor **Huda Giddens** extends a huge thank you to the many neighbors who dropped off donations for Elizabeth Gregory House at University Lutheran Church.

Giddens makes a regular delivery of neighborhood donations to the Gregory House on the last day of each month. Appreciated items include unused travel products such as soaps, shampoos, toothbrushes, etc., as well as garbage bags and sanitary pads.

Please place your donations in the dark green, covered bin near her mail box at the front of the house. Huda Giddens, 206-527-1291, 4338 N.E. 44th St. (just off the 43rd Ave. NE Boulevard). ■

Homes for Homeless Open at Magnuson

Brettler Family Place, a program of Solid Ground, is new permanent housing for formerly homeless families who have been referred by a case worker. Fifty-one family units house approximately 125 children now. All the units were occupied by the end of March. There are two case managers for adults and a children's case manager on site.

Their community building holds activities that include a cooking class, parenting support group, story time, tutoring, monthly community meetings, and many other fun and educational activities for both children and adults.

If you have any questions, or are interested in volunteering at Brettler Family Place, please contact Joanna Tarr at 206-694-6843 or joannat@solid-ground.org. ■

Classical Music Concerts at Ida Culver House

FREE / 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on the last Saturday of each month.

Ida Culver House Ravenna invites you and friends or family to attend these free performances by the Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity.

June 25 Jeannie Duval-Hemmen, Soprano, Gershwin and Porter songs; **July 30** Patricia Jaeger, Concert Harp; **August 27** Monica Chilton, Soprano. Ida Culver House Ravenna, 2315 NE 65th Street, 206-523-7315 ■

Check Out Lifetime Learning Center Offerings

The Lifetime Learning Center, a nonprofit educational institution that began in 1981, provides programs "for older adults to enrich their educational and cultural knowledge and physical well-being in an intellectually stimulating and socially supportive environment."

The Center is currently taking registration for their summer program. Eleven classes will be offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during July. The class schedule can be found at: <http://lifetimelinelearningseattle.org>. The Center is located at 520 NE Ravenna Blvd., 206-524-3778. ■

New 98105 Life-style Clothing Shop Opens

Jack Jerome, a shop for both men and women, "provides a welcoming, neighborhood destination designed to make finding current fashion less of a chore," says Kevin Kane, Laurelhurst native and store owner. Jack Jerome features a carefully selected, unique collection of current and classic looks.

Jack Jerome is located a few blocks north of University Village at 2906 NE 55th St. Store hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Hours vary for holidays and UW Husky game days. Reach Jack Jerome at 206-524-JACK (5225) or www.jackjerome.com. ■

Can You Lend Your Enthusiasm, Expertise to the Neighborhood?

LCC's **Crime Prevention** committee is still looking for new members. If this appeals to your inner sleuth, please contact LCC trustee **Brian McMullen** at crimeprevention@laurelhurstcc.com or 206-367-9325.

LCC also would like to form a committee to work on **Emergency Preparedness**. This new group would develop plans to help neighbors cope in the case of a large-scale emergency caused by an earthquake, severe winter storm, or other disaster. If you have interest or expertise in planning for emergencies, or just want to dive in and get involved, please contact LCC trustee **Emily Dexter** at edexter4@comcast.net or 206-526-2927.

New trustees will be elected at the annual meeting June 29. If you are interested, please contact Emily.

Board of trustee responsibilities are posted on LCC's website. The strength and effectiveness of LCC depends upon the active involvement of neighbors. Working together, Laurelhurst can continue to make a positive difference in our neighborhood and in our community. ■

CALENDAR

June 11 (Sat.) 10 a.m. to noon
SUN Park Weed and Sweep
47th Ave NE and NE 47th St.

June 13 (Mon.) 7 p.m.
LCC Board of Trustees Meeting
Wu Hsing Tao School of Acupuncture,
Talaris campus

June 24 (Fri.)
Deadline for Laurelhurst Newsletter Copy and Ads

June 25 (Sat.) 2:30 p.m.
Classical Music Concert - FREE
Ida Culver House Ravenna

June 29 (Wed.) 6:45 to 8:45 p.m.
LCC Annual Meeting
Laurelhurst Community Center

Laurelhurst Garden Club
Second Friday of the month, 11 a.m.
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Call Cheryl for more info at 386-9106.

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