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LEAP Team Update

The last few months have stunned us with the number and severity of disasters hitting our world. A theme rises through all the stories: the galvanization of the affected community. Report after report tells of local folks helping local folks and in most instances being the first responders.

This is the reasoning behind LEAP's cluster divisions. LEAP volunteers are hoping to encourage this community to prepare as households by building disaster kits, having a family plan, and educating themselves through the classes brought to the community center by LEAP.

LEAP is also working to create and locate a HUB, a predesignated site through which information will be relayed to the neighborhood. Clusters are the connecting layer between the family unit and the HUB. The community in a cluster will most likely be our first responders.

Clusters comprised of about 20 neighboring families are small communities sharing the caring and responsibility for each other. A successful cluster will know of the skills and resources (carpenter, nurse, chainsaw, boat, etc.) in their community as well as who comprises each household. This information will be used in a disaster situation to check on the well-being of each household and provide assistance to the cluster community.

Leadership of the cluster will fall to a captain and co-captain. We need volunteers for these important roles. Information and support for cluster leadership will be at the ready from LEAP. Knowing that successful survival clearly depends on neighbors helping neighbors, why not discover what cluster you live in and offer a hand? Please contact LEAP at LCCearthquake@outlook.com. ■

Subscribe Now to LCC's Private Security Patrol

Good news! Neighborhood crime has decreased over the past year. Word is out that Laurelhurst neighbors and patrols are watchful and alert. This collaboration helps deter incidences. There have been about three-and-a-half reported car prowls and two burglaries per month this year.

A reminder notice about sign up will arrive in mailboxes soon. The patrol's success depends on neighbor participation — the more families who subscribe, the more coverage the patrol can offer. Over the past eight years, LCC has had very positive response to this program to deter the increasing number of burglaries, car prowls, auto thefts, and vandalism in Laurelhurst. Coverage is planned for six days/nights a week, but hours will vary depending on funding contributed.

The annual cost per family is \$200 for the period ending December 31, 2018. Neighborhood institutions such as schools, churches, etc. are encouraged to participate, too, and can contact LCC for cost details.

Sign up now to ensure coverage during the holidays.

This is what your family receives in return for your participation:

- Uniformed, off-duty Seattle Police officers patrol the neighborhood approximately six nights/days a week for five hours each shift. Officers are in uniform, carry police radios and their police firearms, and drive unmarked personal vehicles. They monitor incoming 911 calls and will respond to any Laurelhurst calls if on patrol and work with the official response from the on-duty police officers.
- Vacation check. You can notify crimeprevention@laurelhurstcc.com of your vacation plans and officers will do a walk around of your premises during each shift to secure open doors, packages, or remove door tags.
- LCC contact link. Email crimeprevention@laurelhurstcc.com to request vacation checks or to report any criminal activity (after you have called 911), neighborhood concerns, etc.

To participate, please either use LCC's secure online payment option (preferred) at www.laurelhurstcc.com, or send your \$200 check payable to LCC to the PO Box listed on the back of the newsletter. If you pay by check, *please be sure to include your name, address, email, and emergency contact information.*

If you have questions about the LCC Private Security Patrol, please contact **Brian McMullen**, Crime Prevention co-chair, at 206-367-9325, or email crimeprevention@laurelhurstcc.com. ■

Time Again to Give a Gift of Holiday Warmth

LCC trustees **Linda Luiten** and **Kay Kelly** invite Laurelhurst neighbors to donate to the **North Seattle Police Precinct Sock Drive** on behalf of the Laurelhurst Community Club Foundation. Every year, neighborhoods in the North Precinct collect new socks, hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens for men, women, and children (all ages) to distribute to family shelters and the homeless.

Laurelhurst neighbors have always donated generously. This season, drop off donations at **Flooring America**, 3605 NE 45th Street. Donations through the LCC Foundation are tax-deductible. Contact LCC treasurer Emily Dexter, edexter4@comcast.net to request a receipt.

Please make your donations by December 15. Thank you! ■

Kudos and Appreciation for SUBA Achievements

LCC commends Save Union Bay Association (SUBA) for their 47 years stewardship of the waters in Union Bay. With its active programs, SUBA has effectively restored the quality of water in the bay over these past six years through various applications of environmentally safe, in-water and targeted herbicide treatments.

Since the new treatment plans were implemented, Union Bay waters have been clear, safe, and milfoil free, even as warmer climates have created toxic conditions elsewhere in the area. There were no reported toxic blooms in Union Bay in 2017, and recreational water users – swimmers, kayakers and boaters have seen a vast improvement in their ability to navigate through clearer water throughout the summer. Fish habitat continues to be enhanced, and their ability to thrive is central to the health of the entire ecosystem in Puget Sound. SUBA's on-going methods to reduce the non-native water lilies is also critical as it provides more natural light and open waters that native fish need for navigation.

LCC supports the work of SUBA in its next new multi-year grant cycle for these treatment programs from the Washington State Department of Ecology, the State Department of Natural Resources, and its partnering with the University of Washington Athletics and student activities programs for the in-water maintenance. LCC also commends the more than \$20,000 in donations by SUBA's members, primarily Laurelhurst shoreline homeowners, that are used to co-pay for these treatments, benefiting all public users of Union Bay.

LCC also supports SUBA's work in protecting Union Bay from other harmful impacts, such as those from the new SR520 bridge replacement. SUBA's efforts to prevent harmful open barging of toxic waste debris, halt the non-permitted dredging and the attempt to increase night time noise variance have worked to protect the most vulnerable wildlife species, and the humans whose habitat is Union Bay.

SUBA's resource of the Aqua Technex in-water maps that identify locations of the invasive weeds for both current, and future records of Union Bay is a public asset. They are especially important for documenting potential adverse impacts from the construction of the new SR520 bridge. LCC supports the request from SUBA to WSDOT that additional mitigation may be needed for the removal of any new invasive in-water plants brought in by the SR520 construction processes of the West Approach Bridge North (WABN), and its remaining phases, and will partner on those efforts.

Many thanks to SUBA president Susan Holliday, board members Steve Sultzbacher, John Impert, John Jacobs, and Colleen McAleer, and members for all you do for the restoration and continued vitality of Union Bay, and its efforts to protect its delicate ecosystem.

SUBA is a 501-C-3 nonprofit organization. Please support matching funds for this important work. Send tax-deductible donations to: SUBA Treasurer Steve Sulzbacher, 4115 Surber Dr. NE, Seattle, WA 98105.

The public is invited to SUBA's Annual Meeting November 14 at 7:30 p.m. Center for Urban Horticulture, Isaacson Classroom. ■

5K Turkey Trot for Food Bank and Fun

Join the Sixth Annual Laurelhurst Turkey Trot Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, 9 a.m.

Meet at NE Corner of Laurelhurst Park (by the overpass) at 8:45 a.m.

Last year, more than 250 people turned out for the Turkey Trot. Everybody that finishes within 45 minutes gets a ticket for the pie raffle, donated by Metropolitan Market. Non-perishable food or cash/check donations accepted for the University Food Bank.

If you do not want to Trot but would like to help coordinate or direct traffic, please contact Brian Larson at 206-681-0826, or e-mail at brianjonlarson@me.com. ■

Accessory Dwellings

LCC submitted environmental scoping comments on the proposed changes to regulations in the Land Use Code removing restrictions on accessory dwelling and detached accessory dwelling units (ADUs and DADUs) to Seattle's Legislative Department. LCC supports the "no action" alternative or development of a third alternative that would more adequately preserve and protect single-family neighborhoods. The current proposal would essentially duplex or triplex single-family neighborhoods with no assurance that affordable housing would be created.

- Single-family homes should not be allowed to have both an ADU and a DADU.
- Requiring one parking space off-street for each dwelling unit must be retained.
- Require owner occupancy. We need that assurance of owner commitment firmly in the Code.
- Minimum lot size should not be decreased for DADUs.
- The 1,000-maximum square footage should include garages and storage area and square footage for DADUs should not be increased from 800 to 1,000 square feet.
- The maximum height of DADUs

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Winter Coat Drive for Homeless Women

Your gently used winter coats, rain coats, and/or ponchos will be greatly appreciated by women who are homeless and rely on Elizabeth Gregory Home!

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Nov. 13 (Mon.) 9 a.m.
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Nov. 23 (Thurs.) 7 p.m.
5K Turkey Trot
Laurelhurst Park

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.) Please deliver coats to U District address on page 2.

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should not be increased by one to three feet.

■ Rear lot coverage limits should not be increased from 40 to 60 percent. The City must protect wildlife habitat by saving the trees and greenery we have and prevent further lot coverage within the built environment.

■ The EIS should study the privacy impact of allowing DADU entrances on any façade to provide some protection to adjacent neighbors.

■ The number of unrelated people allowed to live on a single-family lot should not be increased from 8 to 12 and other options should be explored. Numbers are too high and create maintenance issues, excess noise, and lack of parking.

■ The EIS must address the affordability issue for lower- and middle-income families.

■ Displacement impacts and the impacts on existing housing, the potential elimination of housing, and destruction of our tree canopy require study in the EIS. ■

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A grove of redwood saplings, cloned sequoia trees originated from the giant sequoia trees in California, will be planted soon in the northwest corner of Laurelhurst park to continue the legacy of the Giant Redwoods, which are dwindling in number each year. Parks cleared a thicket of blackberries where approximately 10 sequoia trees will be planted by volunteers (Plant for the Planet Climate Ambassadors).

LCC will follow up with additional information on the project. ■

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