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Sock Drive!

A chill is in the air and it's time for the annual Seattle Police North Precinct Sock Drive.

Sergeant Dianne Newsom of the Community Police Team, asks North Seattle community groups to donate **new socks, hats, and gloves**. SPD distributes them to service organizations, such as Solid Ground and Harborview Clinic, and to foster children, domestic violence shelters, and the homeless.

Solid Ground placed 461 families in transitional housing last year. A spokesperson there said they distributed 75 percent of the socks in the first couple months after receiving over 1,000 pairs from SPD last December. They particularly need socks for ages 10 to 12 and men's and women's dress socks. Tube socks and sport socks for teens are also needed.

Laurelhurst donated 416 items last year and came in second to the University District's 1,349 donations. We learned Laurelhurst has a talented group of knitters who made wonderful children's hats.

Donations needed by Dec. 1.

Please drop off your donations in the "Sox Box" on the porch at 4557 46th Ave. NE (corner house with white picket fence across from Laurelhurst Elementary School). If you would like your donation picked up, email carypillo@mac.com or phone 206-524-1928. ■



Illustration: Cary Pillo

Mayor's Plan Threatens Community Center

LCC president Jeannie Hale wrote an impassioned letter to the City Council urging that the Laurelhurst Community Center not be closed. The full letter can be found on LCC's website. Following are some excerpts:

"Under the Mayor's proposed budget, the Laurelhurst Community Center would cease to operate as the neighborhood community center and would be transformed into a satellite program site for senior programs, special populations and office space. The LCC Board of Trustees understands that the City is facing a \$67 million budget shortfall, but we urge you to study some other method to equitably distribute community center hours throughout the city. LCC urges you not to close the Laurelhurst Community Center to our families.

The \$378,000 cut to funding for the Laurelhurst Community Center and the creation of an experimental "senior focused program model" would close our center to the public, as stated in Parks Department documents, other than for private rental. Our expanded center, funded through the 2000 Pro Parks Levy, meant supplementing the one-room facility to add over 4,000 square feet to meet the needs of our community. The upgraded facility opened in Spring 2007. Now, barely four years later, the Mayor proposes closing our beloved center.

Under the Mayor's plan, the lower level of the center would be reconfigured to add offices for the Lifelong Recreation program. This would eliminate the lower level activity room and could possibly affect the pottery studio and workspace—the best pottery program in the city. The Laurelhurst Community Center would never recover from the closure of the center. We will have lost our valuable staff and programming would be transferred to Ravenna-Eckstein and Magnuson Park.

... Closing the Laurelhurst Community Center violates the Parks Department's own guidelines for distribution of community centers. Those guidelines state that "A community center shall be located within one mile of every Seattle household..." This is considered "desirable." Parks guidelines further state that it is "acceptable" to provide a community center within 1 1/2 miles of every household. The Ravenna-Eckstein Community Center is approximately 2.2 miles away and Magnuson Park is 1.9 miles.

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Livable Streets Workshop: Sat., Nov. 13

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Gould Hall, University of Washington

This Seattle Children's workshop, co-sponsored by LCC and others, will be a large public event with stations and areas where people can give input by drawing on maps, learn about pedestrian and bike facilities such as bike boulevards, watch videos and look at photos posted by community members and many other interactive ways to identify opportunities, and barriers for making the streets around Seattle Children's more livable. The event will be family friendly with programming for kids including pedestrian safety packets for walks to school, low-cost helmets and fitting, and a bike skills and thrills workshop.

Children's is required to spend nearly \$4 million on transportation improvements in Northeast Seattle as part of its Major Institution Master Plan. For more information, email LivableStreets@seattlechildrens.org. ■

Laurelhurst Blog

<http://thelaurelhurstblog.blogspot.com/>

News, events, issues, restaurants, businesses and lots more. If you have a tip or story idea, send an email to laurelhurstblogger@gmail.com. ■

Grant Awarded to Start Yesler Swamp Design

Friends of Yesler Swamp were recently awarded a Small and Simple grant from the City of Seattle Neighborhood Matching Fund to hire a landscape design firm to provide planning and design services for an all-weather trail. The trail may include a boardwalk section and a wildlife viewing platform. Once a design firm has been selected, there will be three community meetings about the trail design.

Since January, a group of Laurelhurst volunteers have been clearing ivy and blackberries in the swamp and have placed wood chips on a temporary trail. Volunteers also have held a series of special events to acquaint neighbors, including children, with the swamp. An Nov. 14 event called Swamp N Chips will give kids an opportunity to spread wood chips on the trail and learn about the site's plants and wildlife.

To learn more about the swamp, go to <http://yeslerswamptrail.wordpress.com/>. To become a volunteer, please email yeslerswamptrail@gmail.com. Yesler Swamp is part of the Union Bay Natural Area and is managed by the University of Washington Botanic Gardens. The swamp is a 6.4 acre wooded wetland on Union Bay located near the intersection of NE 41st Street and Surber Drive NE. ■

Aquatic Vegetation Management for Union Bay

Save Union Bay Association (SUBA) hosted a public meeting October 5 to present the integrated aquatic vegetation management plan prepared by Herrera Environmental Consultants for Union Bay. LCC studied and discussed the plan and voted at its Oct. 11 board of trustees meeting to endorse the preferred control strategy outlined at the public meeting. The preferred option will result in the suppression of the milfoil and future colonization of the elodea population. This treatment option will help to provide a more diverse habitat for fish and other aquatic life and address many other problems caused by these invasive noxious weeds. Use of glyphosate, fluridone and triclopyr is safe for salmon, birds and mammals when applied at the approved levels. Extensive testing has shown no cancer risk to humans or animals even in high doses and long exposure. LCC appreciates SUBA's comprehensive work under the leadership of its president, Susan Holliday, and SUBA's involvement of the community in the development of a management plan. <http://saveunionbay.org>. ■

University's U-Pass Program in Jeopardy

Managing the impacts of traffic and parking demand are important to neighborhood quality of life in our region of Seattle. For nearly 20 years, the University of Washington's U-PASS program has enabled the University to successfully manage the transportation impacts of students, staff, and faculty with commute options other than driving alone.

The future of this successful program is now under threat due to a set of compounding factors that are jeopardizing the financial viability of U-Pass—including an increase in the commercial parking tax from 10 to 17 1/2 percent. Parking fees help pay for the University's multi-modal transportation demand plan.

The UW has learned that when they increase the cost of the pass, usage goes down considerably. The UW is seeking an exemption from the increase in the commercial parking tax to ensure that the U-Pass program remains viable. The program benefits the entire university area community as well as students, faculty, and staff.

LCC supports an amendment to the City Council's bill to exempt the UW from the tax increase, because their excellent transportation program decreases the number of single-occupancy vehicles traveling to and from campus and reduces street parking in neighborhoods by UW students. ■

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Community Center Closure

In 1927, the Laurelhurst community council formed an LID (local improvement district) and purchased the four tracks of land where the Laurelhurst Community Center and playfield are located. The community then gave that property to the Park Department "for park and playfield purposes." With the Great Depression, times were hard, but the original one-room community center was finally completed in 1935.

According to 2010 tax records, the property and improvements are now valued at \$29,416,100. The community gave this property to the Parks Department for a community center and playfield—not to serve as a satellite site for senior and special population programming to the exclusion of our families. The Center currently provides programming for our seniors and special needs population. We do not want the Mayor's proposed budget to displace the much-needed vital programming, activities and services to our neighbors. That is not what we bargained for in giving the property to the Parks Department." ■

CALENDAR

Oct. 23 (Sat.) 9 a.m.

Bird Walks on the Burke

Email jim.corson@comcast.net to reserve a spot. Meet at the small park on the trail just south of Metropolitan Market at 40th Ave. NE. Space is limited to 12.

Oct. 23 (Sat.) 7 p.m.

Masks and Faces

Wu Hsing Tao School, Talaris World Campus, 4000 NE 41st St., Building D. RSVP for complimentary guest list or \$10 at door. school@wuhsing.org or 206-324-7188. www.wuhsing.org

Oct. 29 (Fri.) 5 to 8 p.m.

Kid's Carnival Fun for the entire family! Laurelhurst Elementary School

Oct. 29 (Fri.)

Deadline for Laurelhurst Newsletter Copy and Ads

Nov. 8 (Mon.) 7 p.m.

LCC Board of Trustees Meeting

Wu Hsing Tao School of Acupuncture, Talaris campus

Nov. 13 (Sat.) 10 a.m. to noon

SUN Park's Weed and Sweep Brigade
SUN Park, 47th Ave. NE and NE 47th St.

UNCLASSIFIEDS

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Film Viewing Nov. 4

The new "must see" documentary, **Race to Nowhere**, will be shown at a special screening at Villa Academy Thurs., Nov. 4, 7 p.m. The film explores America's obsession with the illusion of achievement and challenges all parents to question current assumptions on how to best prepare American students.

Tickets are \$10 online: <http://www.racetonowhere.com/postcard/november-4th-seattle-wa>

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