

Lakewood Seward Park Neighborhood

COMMUNITY NEWS

November 2012



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To **RSVP** for the annual dinner meeting, respond to the emailed invite when you receive it, or to Sheila at 722-9696.

We'd love to see all of our members attend this year!

Holiday Gift Bazaar

Saturday, December 1st
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Holiday Toy Cycle

Thursday, December 6th
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



What's New in the Neighborhood?

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

I, Jeannie O'Brien, being the President of the Lakewood Seward Park Community Club, hereby announce the Annual Meeting of the Lakewood Seward Park Community Club:

Place of Meeting:

Lakewood Seward Park Community Clubhouse
4916 S. Angeline St., Seattle, WA 98118

Date and Time of Meeting:

Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

The business of the meeting shall be as follows:

Election of Officers and Board of Directors to serve in 2012

Slate of 2012 Board Candidates:

Executive Committee:

President: Jeannie O'Brien

Vice President: Bill Muse

Secretary: TBD

Treasurer: Aaron Evanson

Board Members at Large:

Willie Gregory

Karen O'Brien

Sabranie Coyne

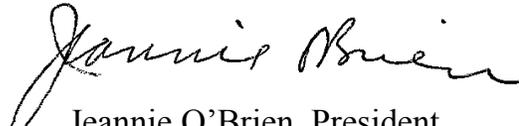
Sheri Richardson

Fionnuala O'Sullivan

Michelle Huelmann

To review all the club's legal documents, please see our website, LSPCC.org. Further agenda to follow, and delicious food provided by our friends at Pizzuto's Italian Café. Wine is welcomed as long as your bring some to share.

Dated this 1st day of November, 2012


Jeannie O'Brien, President

2.4 Million Gallon Sewer Tank in Seward Park?

By Jeannie O'Brien

I attended the public hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement about putting a 2.4 million gallon combined sewer overflow tank in Seward Park. I spoke at the meeting and followed up with written comment, as a resident and not as President of the LSPCC. The excerpts that follow represent my personal views and not those of the LSPCC.

Notice: My understanding is that 2000 nearby residents, and the LSPCC, received notice of this meeting. However, notice about a project of this magnitude should be given to every resident of the City and County for two reasons: use of Seward Park is enjoyed by many outside the immediate vicinity and will be disrupted for at least two years, and every rate-payer will pay \$20.00 more per month in their

utility bills: \$10 to the City and \$10 to the County.

Cost of North Henderson Basin:

Estimates for this one tank range from \$50 million to \$80 million. With the 496 single family homes in the Seward Park Basin 44 area, that amounts to about \$121,000 per single family home. This money could subsidize SPU RainWise systems that divert stormwater from the sanitary sewer to the street stormwater drains, thus alleviating many of the overflows. (Cost of the entire Combined Overflow System may be more than \$1.3 billion.)

Alternatives: In 1911, city leaders purchased private property and Seward Park was born. I am sure the Olmsted Brothers never anticipated that Seward Park would house a sewer tank of this size. We all know the rainy season is when sewers overflow and there could be

a discharge into Lake Washington, but the rainy season is not when we are using Lake Washington for recreation, when we might ingest sewage and become ill. Fortunately, Seattle ordinance 118477 prohibits the use of a park for any non-park use unless it is replaced with like, kind property in the same neighborhood. My personal choice for this draft EIS is the No Action Alternative. Seward Park is no place for a sewer tank of this size.

With my written comment, I included a Seattle Times article published on July 30, 2011 by Lynda V. Mapes entitled "Costly sewer program may have little benefit", online at tinyurl.com/9gmxnkj

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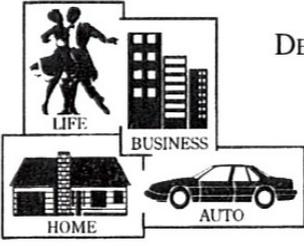
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Buy & Sell New Gifts

The Annual Holiday Gift Bazaar at the Community Clubhouse is Saturday, Dec 1st, from 10:00 to 4:00. Local artisans and crafters interested in selling should email lsppccmanager@gmail.com.



Buy & Sell Used Gifts

Whether your goal is saving money or the planet, you'll find many gently-used toys and books for children of all ages at the Annual Holiday Toy-Cycle Sale, Thursday, December 6th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Community Clubhouse.

To buy toys, simply show up with the \$1 entry fee or a can of food for the Rainier Valley Food Bank.

To sell toys, reserve a selling table for \$10 by contacting cambriacox@comcast.net. All fees are donated to the Rainier Valley Food Bank.

Columbia City Holiday Festival December First

Columbia City is getting ready for the Holiday Festival on December 1 by filling the business district with holiday cheer. Beginning mid-November, trees on Rainier Ave will be wrapped in lights, and lights and garlands will decorate storefronts throughout the district. Shop owners will show off their creative side in the first annual Window Display Competition. Shoppers and neighbors are encouraged to visit participating stores (look for the poster in the window) and vote for their favorite display from December 1st to 15th.

The Holiday Festival kicks off at **6:30 Saturday, December 1, at the corner of Rainier and Hudson**. Come hear performances from local musicians and enjoy outdoor fire pits, free treats and beverages, vote on your favorite Window Display, and take photos with Father Solstice. The Holiday Festival is sponsored by Harbor Properties and produced by the Columbia City Business Association. More information can be found at ColumbiaCitySeattle.com.

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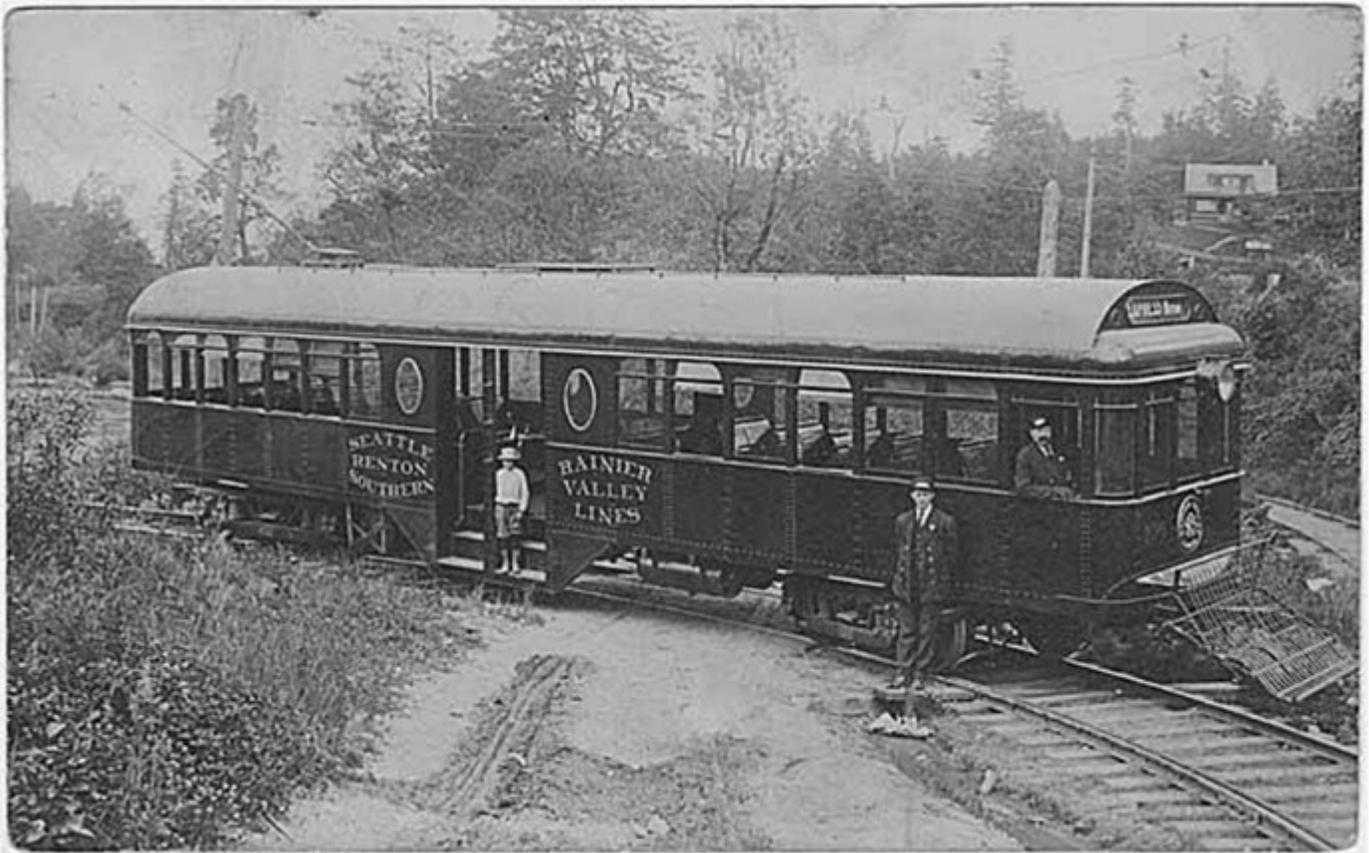
Memories of a Rainier Valley Street Car Operator

The photo below shows car 106 of the Seattle, Renton, and Southern Rainier Valley Lines, taking time-out on a curve somewhere along Rainier Avenue. This particular car was one of nine placed into service in 1910 and was built in Seattle at the Moran Shipyards.

The Seattle City Council ordered the line to cease at the end of 1936. Car 106 was the last car left, and it

clattered across the switches at the Hudson Street Car-Barns at 1:45 am, January 1, 1937, ending 45 years of street car service to Rainier Valley and Renton.

The following are excerpts of a talk given by Charlie Fletcher, the last surviving motorman from the Rainier Valley Street car line. He died in 1994 at the age of 93.



Property of Rainier Valley Historical Society, Seattle WA

“We moved to Seattle in 1915 and rented a house at 51st and Lucille St. My brother-in-law was a good friend of the superintendent and got me a job on the S.R.S. Lines, sweeping cars. At 17, I became night foreman, a position I held until 1927 when I moved to operator.

Our first stop is Pine Street, where a group of passengers get

on the car. One gentleman asks me, 'Do you stop at Oscar Street?' Taken aback, I ask him, 'Do you mean Orcas Street?' 'No, Oscar Street, taking an envelope out of his pocket and showing me. It was clearly Orcas, but he was still calling me dumb when he left the car.

We move on to Jackson Street. Here a lady, accompanied by a

Red-Cap, placed a dozen pieces of luggage on the car, then called to me, 'What streets do you cross?' I guess I was a little dumbfounded and asked what street she wanted. She said she would know when she heard it. I told her I always call out the names so she decided to get on board. She got off, luggage and all, when she heard 'Oregon'.

Now we arrive at Columbia. Passing the car-barn we see old 300, the freight locomotive.

Continuing our trip, we come to Rainier Beach, Taylor's Mill, and the city limits, where I must collect an additional fare. Then we ride along the lake shore to Bryn Mawr. Here in 1917, one of the cars ran over a cougar. My crew had to clean up the trucks, and believe me it was a mess.

Buffalo station is next, then Earlington, where we make a sharp turn east and head into Renton, the end of the line.”

This article is excerpted with permission from a story originally printed by the Rainier Valley Historical Society. The full story, which includes more recollections from Charlie Fletcher, can be found at RainierValleyHistory.org.

If you enjoy learning about Rainier Valley History, please consider becoming a member of the Rainier Valley Historical Society during its “50 in 50” 2012 Membership campaign. The Rainier Valley Historical Society relies on the community to provide financial support to further its mission to collect, preserve, and share the rich history of the Rainier Valley and its people.

Restoring The Seward Park Torii

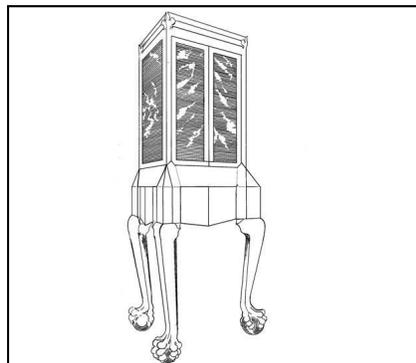


For over 50 years, the entrance to Seward Park was dominated by a 25-foot tall torii, or Japanese Gate. The torii was a gift from the Seattle Japanese Chamber of Commerce to the city of Seattle. It was produced for the 1934 International Potlatch celebration (ancestor of Seafair) and relocated to Seward Park, where it stood until removed due to rot in 1986. The torii was a source of pride for the Japanese-American community and an icon of the neighborhood for those who grew up in Rainier Valley. During the Seward Park Centennial celebration in 2011, several people suggested restoring it.

The Friends of Seward Park (FoSP) received a grant to develop a plan for restoring the torii. The FoSP are seeking a design-build team to conduct public meetings on design and construction, then additional funds will be raised.

There are contests (deadline Dec 1) to design a torii-themed T-shirt and write Seward Park haiku. The T-shirts will be sold to raise funds.

Details at sewardparktorii.org



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Argosy Christmas Ships

The Seattle Parks Department invites you to enjoy the annual Argosy Christmas Ships:

Sunday, December 2, featuring the Dickens Carolers

- 1 Ferdinand Street Park, 5:40-6:00
- 2 Stan Sayres Memorial Park, 6:15-6:35
- 3 Mt Baker Beach Park, 6:45-7:05

Tuesday, December 11, featuring the Kirkland Choral Society

- 4 Pritchard Beach Park, 7:50-8:10
- 5 Seward Park, 8:25-8:45

The Parks Dept will have bonfires at each location. Walk to the shore following the luminaria along the lakeside path.

Rainier Valley Historical Society 50 in 50 Membership Drive

11/11/12
50 New Members



12/31/12
In 50 days

Your \$30 family membership is critical so that we can...print walking tour maps...update our web site...buy archival supplies...spread the word...staff the office...distribute a newsletter...expand the collection engage the community...support education, and so much more...

Our mission is to collect, preserve, exhibit, and interpret the history and heritage of Rainier Valley and its people, and to promote public involvement in and appreciation of its history and culture.

Join today via PayPal at rainiervalleyhistory.org

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New and Improved Community Club

The Lakewood Seward Park Community Clubhouse is available for classes, meetings, parties, now with these great new features:

-  **Padded Chairs.** The old hard metal chairs are gone. Brand new upholstered chairs provide hours of seated comfort.
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LSP helps with funding Neighborhood Schools

LSPCC donated clubhouse rentals to the Orca K-8, Graham Hill Elementary and the Denise Louie Early Childhood Education Center Auctions. LSPCC also supported the Rainier Chamber Scholarship Foundation, and the LSPCC continues its college scholarships for neighborhood students. (More information at LSPCC.org/Scholarship.)

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Mark Your Calendars
Community Events at the Clubhouse and in the Neighborhood

Saturday, November 3: Volunteer Tree Planting Event at Orca K-8, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 13: FAA/Port of Seattle Public Meeting at Cleveland H.S. 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 20: Business Meeting at LSPCC, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 1: Holiday Gift Bazaar at LSPCC, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 1: Columbia City Holiday Festival, 6:30 p.m. (Rainier at Hudson)

Sunday, December 2: Christmas Ship at Ferdinand Street Park, 5:40 p.m.

Thursday, December 6: Holiday Toy-Cycle at LSPCC, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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