

Lakewood Seward Park Neighborhood

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I have ants in my house.



We bought our home in 1997. Built in 1909, it was already remodeled many times. 100 years later we embarked upon its most extensive remodel. We hoped our resident ants would be displaced and not find their way back to invade our home, as they had been doing every other summer for a month or two.

No such luck. Perhaps they spent the year we were out inviting their friends and family to our new home where they planned to reside. When we returned, so did they, with a vengeance. Not just every other year and not just in the summer, we are inundated year round.

My ants are like public meetings. You won't notice them for a day or a week, but they are there, annoying you. You know that you need to do something about them – attend, speak up, tell your friends and neighbors, call the exterminator, set out traps and bait. And then you may feel that you have wasted your time, because no matter how much effort you put in, the result is the same. Nothing has changed. The ants remain.

I used to care more about lack of notice, learning about tax funded projects after final decisions were made. Frustrating, but not compared to the anger when notice is provided, public comment is received yet is entirely disregarded. Just like my ant population increasing exponentially after Monday's exterminator visit.

Our democracy is all about process. We meet, we legislate, we discuss, we research, we provide oral and written testimony, and when we want something as simple as a sidewalk repair or a traffic calming circle, we put in a request, take a poll, survey residents for their opinion, get others to sign on with approval and then present before a district council to maybe get some tax dollars for the project from a limited fund. My ants are snickering about my wasted time. After all I've done, they are healthier than ever.

Remember when Bonnie Bosworth respectfully asked Mayor McGinn and city staff to look into a simple problem: cars parking on both sides of Seward Park Ave in front of Kline Galland creating daily congestion on a neighborhood thoroughfare and clogging up the bike lanes. **Almost two years later and nothing has changed.** The congestion has only increased, especially during rush hour.

I attended the Draft EIS meeting regarding the placement of the 2.4 million gallon storage tank in Seward Park. Of the eight attendees who spoke, seven were against placing the tank in the tennis court location. The eighth speaker didn't express a preference. Not one spoke in favor of the tennis courts location. A few written comments were in favor, but the majority of written comments were also against the tennis courts location. What did SPU decide? **To place the 2.4 million gallon storage tank at the tennis courts location.** Tennis court neighbors are appealing this tax payer funded decision using their own after tax dollars.

Toll I-90? Bow-tie traffic redesign at Rainier and MLK? Privatize city owned moorages at Lakewood and Leschi? Increase building heights at Rainier and McClellan? Reallocate low income housing fairly throughout the city? So many meetings, so many ants.

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\$30 Family Membership _____ \$75 Lake Washington Membership _____ \$300 Mt. Rainier Membership _____

(includes 1 wine tasting ticket)

(includes \$150 off a Saturday clubhouse rental)

Scholarship Fund Donation _____ Capital Campaign Donation _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

Your donation and dues, renewable each June, to the Lakewood Seward Park Community Club are tax deductible as defined by IRS Code 501c3. We graciously accept company matching funds. Please send this form along with your check made payable to: **Lakewood Seward Park Community Club (LSPCC)**

Seward Park Torii Could Return

Girls race at the 1950 Pow Wow, torii in background.
Photo courtesy of the John L. O'Brien family.



At the Seward Park centennial in 2011, community members met by the concrete supports for the old torii and discussed building a new one. The Seward Park torii, a traditional Shinto gate, was built by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce for the 1934 International Potlatch Festival. After the festival, the chamber donated the torii to the city and it was installed in Seward Park. It was demolished in the 1980s because of decay.

The Friends of Seward Park have obtained a planning grant from the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods to design a replacement torii. LSPCC board member Karen O'Brien found the original architectural sketch for the 1934 torii at the University of Washington Special Collections in a file donated from the Seattle Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

The landscape architects Murase Associates will gather public input on the design and placement of the new torii at LSPCC on Tuesday, April 23, at 6:30.

The Friends of Seward Park and their partners will then seek additional grants and raise funds to rebuild the torii. More information at SewardParkTorii.org.

Excerpted from an article in [Seattle City Living](#).

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International Baccalaureate Program Coming to Rainier Beach High School

The landscape of education in Southeast Seattle will shift dramatically in the Fall of 2013 when Rainier Beach High School offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program (ibo.org). This high-quality educational program is in 144 countries and is recognized by the world's leading universities for teaching students to ask challenging questions, to reflect critically, to develop research skills, and to learn how to learn.

The IB Diploma Program gives students a rigorous, internationally respected liberal arts education during high school, meaning they enter college already knowing how to learn and think critically. Studies have shown that taking even one IB course during high school increases a student's success in completing



college, and 80% of students with an IB Diploma complete college within four years. Students can also earn college credit in high school with the IB program, and some universities grant high-scoring IB students sophomore status.

Rainier Beach High School is committed to making the IB program something all students will be able to participate in, whether it is for one class or the full IB Diploma. Students do not need to test into the program, which will be available to all interested Rainier Beach 11th- and 12th-grade students.

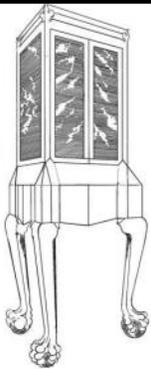
By the end of this year, over 90% of general education teachers in core subjects will have gone through the IB training program. This supports the school's plan to teach all students at the high

school, including 9th- and 10th-grade students, in a way that makes the transition into IB classes seamless. IB programs at Ingraham and Chief Sealth high schools have been extremely successful and there are now waiting lists to attend those schools. Rainier Beach expects the IB program to have a similar effect on student enrollment in the coming years.

Come see the ways that Rainier Beach is creating a successful and academically challenging environment for students, and helping to strengthen our community. Any interested parents or community members are encouraged to visit Rainier Beach and meet with the principal, Dwane Chappelle, and the IB coordinator, Colin Pierce (cpierce@seattleschools.org), and everyone is invited to attend an open house or tour the school and see what the IB buzz is about.

Rainier Beach school tour and open house dates:

- February 7th**
School Tour 8-9:30am
- February 13th**
Open House 6:30-8:30pm
- February 28th**
School Tour 8-9:30am
- March 7th**
School Tour 8-9:30am



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Seattle Districts Now

Seattle Districts Now is a campaign seeking to change the way Seattle city council members are elected. Currently, the nine city council members run a city-wide race; all voters vote for all nine open positions.

Seattle Districts Now proposes to create seven geographic districts, each containing about 50,000 voters. Residents in each district would elect one council member for their district. In addition, there would be two city-wide (also called “at-large”) council positions voted on by all city residents.

There are two goals to for having voting districts:

- More local accountability, less influence for city-wide interests
- Candidates could run successfully without the money needed for a city-wide campaign

If this change is adopted, it will make Seattle like all other cities its size (as well as all state legislatures and the federal government).

Learn more by attending Eugene Wasserman’s presentation at the LSPCC, Tuesday March 19th at 7pm, or by visiting SeattleDistrictsNow.org.



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PCC Relocating to Columbia City



The recently announced construction of a PCC in Columbia City has Seward Park residents wondering what they might expect as a result. The new store opens in 2015 on the site of the current Columbia Plaza. There are many unknowns to be worked out, but Scott McCormick, store director for the Seward Park PCC, has shared some information in response to questions from his shoppers and neighbors.

The Columbia City PCC, just one mile from the present store, will be the ground floor tenant of a 5-storey multi-use project called The Angeline (shown below), which will have 193 apartments. The new PCC will be more than twice the size of the Seward Park PCC and offer almost five times the parking. The larger space, like the other new PCC stores in recent years, allows PCC to offer more products from local producers and to hire additional staff. The current location will be closed, likely at the same time the new store opens. PCC has no plans for the Seward Park site at this time but is very mindful of the concern of nearby residents that it be used in a way that complements and supports the neighborhood.



PCC is also aware of the opportunity the new location in Columbia City presents to serve a wider range of customers and interests, and welcomes input from local organizations and individuals as to how the co-op can continue to be a valued community resource and member. Anyone with suggestions is invited to share them with Scott at the store, or through Diana Chapman at PCC's business office at :
206-547-1222.



\$2000 College Scholarship Lakewood Seward Park Community Achievement Award



The LSPCC is offering a \$2000 scholarship to a resident of the Lakewood Seward Park neighborhood who has demonstrated a commitment to improving our community. Applicants can be current high school seniors, current college students, or adults returning to college who reside in the Lakewood Seward Park neighborhood.

For more information, visit LSPCC.org/Scholarship.

Clubhouse Improvements! Stop by or rent the clubhouse and experience our new chairs, soundproofing, projector and screen, blinds, and furnace. The clubhouse is a much warmer, quieter, and enjoyable place for all.

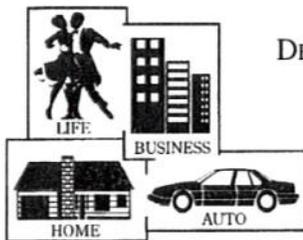
First Same Sex Wedding at Clubhouse



Claudia and Pam, 21-year residents of Columbia City, held their wedding at the Lakewood Seward Park community clubhouse December 8th. Said Pam, "We wanted our wedding at LSPCC so we could be close to the home and richly diverse area we love so dearly." After the wedding, Pam and Claudia repeated their vows with their officiator at midnight, becoming one of the first same-sex couples in the state to be legally married.

Claudia is a musician and a film professor at UW-Tacoma, and Pam is an artist and nurse at Swedish hospital.

Congratulations Claudia and Pam.



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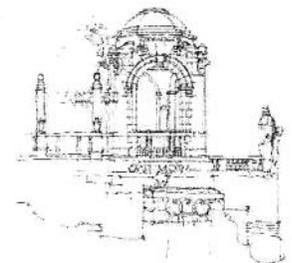
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**Mark Your Calendars
Community Events at the Clubhouse**

Seattle Districts Now, March 19, Tuesday, 7:00

Wine Tasting, April 6, Saturday, 6:30-9:00 pm

Seward Park Torii, April 23, Tuesday, 6:30

Beer Tasting! Date TBD

Garage Sale, June/July

Oktoberfest, October 5th

Halloween Ice Cream Social, October 27th

Holiday Bazaar, December 7th

Annual Meeting, December 10th