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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING and SLATE OF 2016 CANDIDATES

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 Street, Seattle, WA 98118
Date of Meeting: Tuesday, December 15, 2015
Time of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

The business of the meeting shall be as follows:

Election of Officers and Board of Directors to serve in 2016

Vote on Amendment of Bylaws to be provided to current members via email 30 days prior to the meeting

Slate of Candidates:

President: Aaron Evanson
Vice Pres: Bill Muse
Secretary: Sabranie Coyne
Treasurer: John Charles

Board of Directors: Scott McCormick, Jeannie O'Brien, Jason Oliver, Fionnuala O'Sullivan, Marty Oppenheimer, Sheri Richardson, John Zilavy

Italian Dinner provided by Pizzuto's. Please bring your own refreshments.



Belong to your community, it belongs to you!

At LSPCC, we aspire to be a point of connection for our great neighborhood. In March of 2015, the Membership Committee met with the specific goal of getting former clubhouse members to renew their membership. Our goals getting loftier by the day; would ask local businesses for vouchers that could only be used by renewing members, create a map of insider hot spots in our 'hood, and drop off a package to each person and make a face to face plea. Great ideas but the follow-through was more challenging! In the end, we combed through excel spreadsheets, drafted a letter, and mailed it to everyone on our list! It is still too early to determine if we have had any impact on the number of renewals, but we are undeterred! Our job is never ending! We will no doubt convene at the beginning of 2016 and come up with another slew of compelling reasons for you to renew your membership. In the meantime, please check your mailing label for membership status and feel free to renew your membership at any time....unless you want to be the lucky recipient of a letter from The Membership Committee!

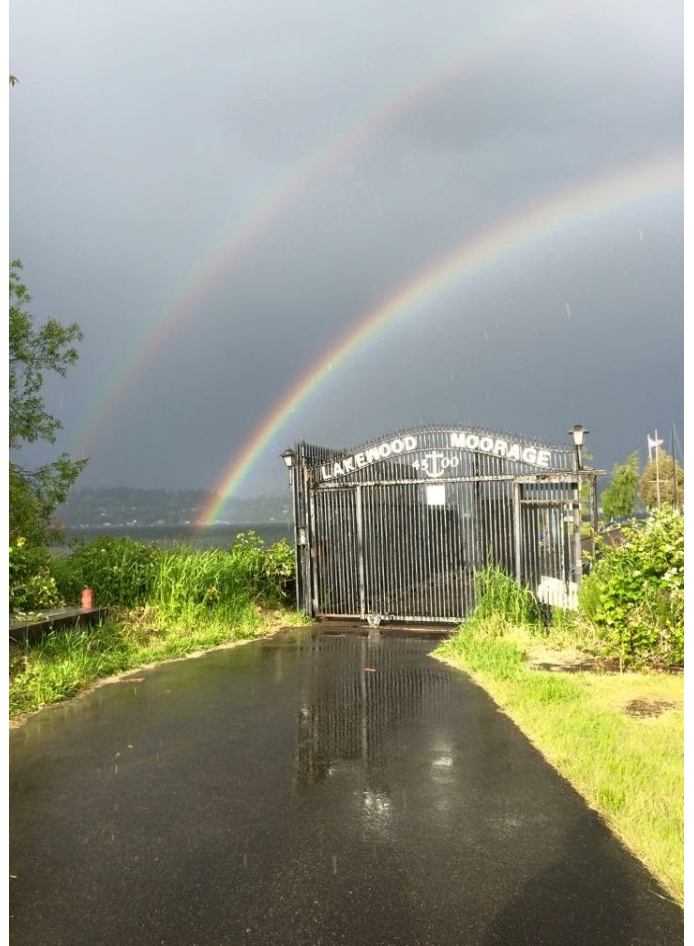
We thank you for your support,
Fionnuala, Scott and Sabranie of the LSPCC Membership Committee

Friends of Lakewood Moorage by Jeannie O'Brien

A group of neighbors and tenants have formed the Friends of Lakewood Moorage (FoLM). Their goal is to be stewards of this public gem, by helping to maintain and preserve its natural beauty. FoLM will work with Seattle Parks and Recreation's Peggy Tosdal and Paul Wilkinson to come up with great parks programming ideas, something missing when Lakewood Moorage was managed by the private concessionaire. There are many opportunities to provide access to boating for our youth! We are considering kayak and stand up paddle board rentals, and kicking around the idea of offering wooden boat building classes for Southeast Seattle high school students. Through Parks, we are asking that the Pronto! Cycle Share program be expanded to park properties along Lake Washington Boulevard South. And, depending on how organized we are, we might apply for a Department of Neighborhoods Matching Fund Grant to remodel the historic building that hasn't seen much remodeling since it was built in 1953.

Interested in what we are doing? Please visit FriendsOfLakewoodMoorage.com and ask to follow our blog. We will keep you up to date on what's happening at Lakewood. Our email address is

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LSPCC adds Vital Support to Colman Park - THANK YOU! by Margy Bressler

In its earliest days, the City of Seattle had an ambitious plan for its parks. In 1903, the City of Seattle hired the most distinguished firm of landscape architects that the United States has ever produced, Olmsted Brothers, to help the City plan its park lands. Within a few years, the City had acquired even more land for parks and brought the Olmsted Brothers back in 1910 to work on designs for the new acquisitions. The Olmsted design featured a string of parks running from what is now Seward Park in the south, along the eastern shore of Lake Washington up through Volunteer Park, and then reaching across the City to Woodland Park and Discovery Park. Colman Park, along with Seward Park, was established by the 1910 plan adopted by the City of Seattle on the recommendation of the Olmsted Brothers. The park's eastern end is anchored to Lake Washington. The western edge of Colman Park terminates in a slope that abuts 31st Avenue.

There is a public sidewalk that skirts the top of the ridge and affords spectacular views of Lake Washington, Seward Park, and Mount Rainier. One of the hallmarks of Olmsted design is the use of "borrowed landscapes" the enhancement of public spaces through the incorporation of distant views of natural features such as lakes and mountains. Unfortunately, part of the brilliant legacy provided to Southeast Seattle by the Olmsteds and those early Seattle leaders has been lost. Big leaf maples began to invade the western slope of the park perhaps 30 years ago.

Twenty years ago, the Parks Department gave permission for these trees to be cut. Unfortunately, the stumps were left in place and no plan was developed to manage vegetation on the western slope. The slope is no longer a bright, inviting gateway. It has become an unkempt tangle.

A group of neighbors who live in the vicinity of the west

slope of Colman decided to work together to restore the slope to its historic vegetation pattern. The ability of park users to enjoy this portion of the park as they walk along the ridge or use the stairways to walk past the slope going to or from the lake below will be significantly enhanced by a program that replaces the unsightly patchwork of big leaf maple shoots and other invaders with low-growing flowering natives that would restore the original design and enhance the beauty of the park for the future.

The project is funded in part by a Neighborhood Matching Fund award from Seattle Department of Neighborhoods. Consequently, our neighborhood group is required to match the City's funds either with funds of our own or with an in-kind contribution of our time and effort. The Department of Neighborhoods grant process also requires that neighborhood groups such as ours work with a fiscal sponsor. One further complication is that the City requires that the fiscal sponsor name the City as additional insured on the sponsor's liability insurance. The Lakewood Seward Park Community Club generously agreed to act as our fiscal sponsor without charge and then went to bat for us with the Club's insurance broker, who agreed to provide the City's required coverage at no charge. Colman Park's neighbors will be forever grateful that the Lakewood Seward Park Community Club provided vital support to our project at a critical time.

Thank you to our friends in the Lakewood Seward Park neighborhood!

Please contact Margy Bressler at 206-323-8767 or email margybr@gmail.com for more information.



View from western edge of Colman Park circa 1995



Recent View of Colman Park

7th Annual Oktoberfest - Happy Hans German Band was a big hit!

Around 100 neighbors attended this most excellent event, full of food, music, community, and fun! This year, to honor and thank our local public school teachers for all their dedication and hard work in the midst of the strike, the LSPCC Executive board voted to offer free admission to all local Seattle Education Association members. Thanks for joining us teachers, we love you! To everyone who attended and all those who helped make this another great community event at the clubhouse - Prost!

Thanks to our donors and volunteer servers!

Potato Salad & Sauerkraut, pickled relish by PCC Natural Markets, a huge shout out to Douglas Chiechi and Selander O'Brien for providing the brats this year. Sheri Richardson, the night wouldn't have been the same without the kegs! To the LSPCC Board - well done!



LSPCC Pie Eating Contest Winner!



The annual pie-eating contest hosted by LSPCC at the Rainier Valley Heritage Parade was another messy showdown between 20 eager eaters and their double-crusts foes. The winner walked off \$100 richer, second place got \$50, and third took home \$25, enough to buy two more pies. Over 200 spectators watched. The pies were generously donated by Borracchini's Bakery.

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The Lakewood Seward Park Community Club will soon be joining the many Seattle Properties which will be implementing steps to manage storm water runoff by participating in the Rain Wise program. In our case we will be installing cisterns to capture water running off of our roof and make it available for use in landscape care. In our next newsletter we will provide an overview of the program and photos of the results. In the meantime check out the program at www.seattle.gov.

Why be RainWise? Simple practices like planting trees, using compost and mulch, and building rain gardens and cisterns help:

Reduce pollution - Reduce flooding - Protect property

Today, Seattle manages nearly 100 million gallons of polluted runoff each year using green stormwater infrastructure methods. Our goal is to manage [700 million gallons](#) of runoff a year by 2025.

Emergency Hub Access - Aaron

Thanks to all for the survey responses! We got some great data on our neighborhood emergency resources and how best to help our community in the event of a disaster.

If you didn't have a chance to fill out the survey, don't worry - you still have time to do so; just go to the LSPCC website (www.lspcc.org) and click on the "Emergency Hub" tab. There is a link to the survey on the next page.

Seattle Office of Emergency Planning will be holding a series of informational seminars throughout the winter, the first held [on October 22nd](#) focused on our region's transportation plans in the event of a disaster.

Stay safe and have a great holiday season,
Aaron

**Halloween
Ice Cream Social**
Sunday October 25
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Raising the Spirit for Boomers and Beyond by Kate Harkins

We are proud to announce the **4th Annual Dinner and Auction!** The theme is **"Raising the Spirit for Boomers and Beyond."** The auction will be held on **Saturday, November 7, 2014, 6-9 pm, \$60 per person, at Southeast Seattle Senior Center, 4655 S Holly St, Seattle WA, 98118.** This annual auction is one of our main fundraising events. The auction was attended last year by 120 supporters and we expect an even larger turnout this year. Our goal this year is \$30,000. Our guest will enjoy wonderful Brazilian Music by Adam Hunter and his band, a delicious meal by Duos Catering, and live and silent auction bidding, featuring a range of exciting items. All of the proceeds from the auction will support the Center's programs and activities.

The success of this auction will be made possible with the help of local area Business owners, community organizations, SESSC members, members of the staff, the board and individual supporters like you. It takes the concerted efforts of Senior Services, King County and the local community to keep our Center open and functioning. We want to thank the members of local Corporations, Columbia City Business Associates, Rainier Chamber, the Rainier Lions Club, the Historical Society, and Lakewood Seward Park Community Club for their support by purchasing ads, donating items for our Auction and advertising our event. We also want to thank all of the individual supporters who will attend our event and those who will give cash donations but are unable to attend. Tickets are on sale now, for more information about making a tax deductible donation, sponsorship or attending this event, call SESSC, (206) 722-0317 or purchase tickets on line at www.sessc.org.

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Planning an event in 2016? We are booking now for 2016 !

The use of the Lakewood Seward Park Community Club for private events exploded in 2015. We are sorry to have to turn away our neighbors who are planning events but find that the clubhouse has already sold out. We are already booking Spring and Summer dates for 2016. Our rental calendar is current and viewable any time on our webpage at lspcc.org.



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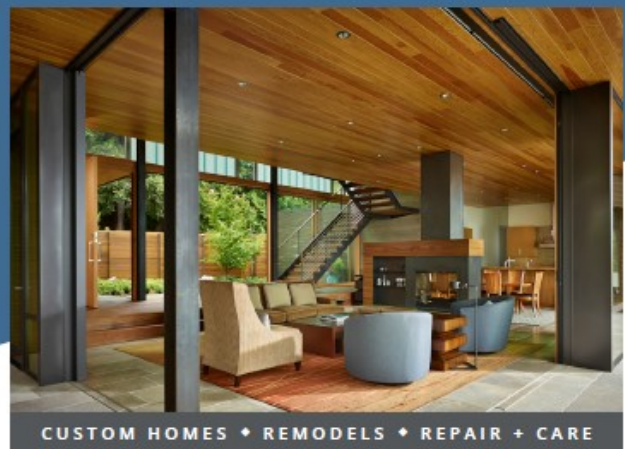
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Seward Park Torii Project Received 100K Matching Fund Grant

On September 21, the Seward Park torii project was awarded a Department of Neighborhood matching fund grant of \$100K from the city. Fundraising is now underway for the match portion of the grant. To date, \$155K has been raised toward the \$275K new torii. Once fundraising is complete, the torii projected construction date is May of 2016. If you'd like to support the project, donations for the torii are being accepted now. Please email project committee member Karen O'Brien at Obrien.bantrybay@gmail.com. Project history including the "Seward Park Torii Story" documentary can be viewed at sewardparktorii.org.



Artist rendition, new torii, Ted Weinberg

In Japan, tall wooden gates known as torii are often found at Shinto shrines, serving as a portal into a sacred space. In the United States, torii are sometimes built as emblems of Japanese culture and to promote friendship and trade. For 50 years, a 26-foot-tall torii graced the entrance to Seward Park. Built in 1934 by Seattle's Japanese American community as part of the International Potlatch celebration, it stood until the mid-1980s, when age and decay necessitated its removal.

With Seward Park having entered its second century, the Friends of Seward Park are working with other community groups on plans for a new torii. The design will reflect the original torii while also celebrating the Seattle of today. It will have granite columns and red cedar cross-pieces topped with a metal roof to guard against the weather.

The idea gained momentum when Seward Park celebrated its centennial in 2011. Organizers are seeking funds to replace the lost architectural icon with an equally graceful structure that augments the natural beauty of the park and the surrounding landscape.

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