

# Lakewood Seward Park Neighborhood

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### FALL 2013



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**LAKEWOOD/SEWARD PARK  
COMMUNITY CLUB**

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## SAVE THE DATES!

### Mark Your Calendars LSPCC 2013 Community Events

**Oktoberfest**, October 5th, 6:30 pm

**PCC Move**, October 15th, 7 pm

**Halloween Social**, Oct. 27th, 5:30

**Holiday Bazaar**, Dec. 7th, 10-4 pm

**Annual Meeting**, Dec. 10th. 7 pm

## WHAT DID YOU DO DURING YOUR SUMMER VACATION?

A question asked us many times during the first few days of school, and interesting to ponder. Your community club has traditionally taken a summer hiatus. Not this year.

While we did enjoy the lake, the parks and the amazing weather, we also engaged in productive dialogue with Seattle City Council members and Parks Department Staff. We started in June, questioning whether the City Auditor's recommendations made in 2009 regarding the Southeast District Council (SEDC) had been implemented. A group representing disenfranchised, former SEDC member organizations met with Councilmember Sally Bagshaw, Chair of the Seattle Parks and Neighborhoods Committee, and asked her to follow up on the audit that confirmed the inherent problems with this "democratic" entity. We continue to await the reform of the SEDC and will eagerly return to active membership once the identified issues have been resolved.

We heard from many of you that the unofficial Andrews Bay Yacht Club was getting too loud and not being a good neighbor in Andrews Bay. Some boats have sound systems that any night club owner would envy! Starting last summer, we began a campaign asking for help from Council. In July, a group of us testified in support of the legislation. (See page 2) The two minute limit was intimidating! But we all made our unique points succinctly and were heard—the ordinance passed unanimously.

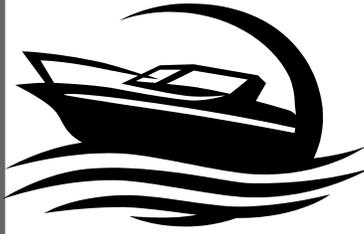
Finally, we took on the difficult issue of how the Lakewood and Leschi Moorages should be renovated. While difficult to comprehend, we learned that revenues generated by the moorages are lumped into the general fund. No reserves were set aside to repair the ailing facilities. With deferred maintenance on all Park properties above \$250 million and rising exponentially, Parks chose to submit a request for proposals asking for a concessionaire to privately fund the renovations, an estimated \$10 - \$13 million dollar investment in public property.

Because the Parks' budget took a hit disproportionate to other City agencies, they sought a private partner to increase their share of the revenue without having to invest scarce city dollars. That solution did not sit so well with the Lakewood Seward Park Community. We talked, we met, we organized on a Facebook page, a yahoo group, and a large email distribution list. We got some media coverage. We are so grateful to Councilmember Bruce Harrell for listening and standing up for us at the tenants and community meeting on August 14th. After hearing from us, Parks Superintendent Christopher Williams changed course, sought budget money for the immediate necessary repairs and cancelled the Request for Proposals process. And you thought all we did was host parties. . .

*Juanita Owen*



# Boat Noise Ordinance Passed in City Hall



On July 8th, Seward Park neighbors testified at the city council meeting in favor of the proposed revisions to boat noise ordinance 25.08.485. The bill led by council member Richard Conlin and drafted by the City Attorney's office passed unanimously. The ordinance authorizes the Seattle Police Department to fine boaters exceeding regular noise levels from watercraft audio and exhaust systems. The following amended ordinance was signed by mayor Mike McGinn and went into affect August 16th.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:** Section 1. Section 25.08.485 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 122923, is amended as follows: **A.** It is unlawful for any person to negligently cause, make or allow to be made from audio equipment under such person's control or ownership sound from a watercraft that can be clearly heard by a person of normal hearing at a distance of three hundred (300) feet or more from the watercraft itself. **B.** It is unlawful for any person to operate any watercraft in such a manner as to exceed the following exterior sound level limits when measured within 50 feet of the shoreline or anywhere within a receiving property: **1.** At any hour of the day or night, the limit for any receiving property is 74 decibel except that; **2.** Between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. the limit for any receiving property within a residential district is 64 decibel. (please find the entire ordinance on the City of Seattle legislation web page).

The phone number to report excessive boat noise in Lake Washington: dial 911 and you will be dispatched to Seattle Harbor Patrol For general inquiries call: Seattle Harbor Patrol (206) 684-4071

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## Combined Sewer Overflow Projects

**Genesee sites:** You might remember the promise to us whose homes neighbor the two CSO sites along Lake Washington Blvd that the noisiest part of construction would be concluded before Seafair. We now know that is not the case – I think it is louder now than before Seafair. This might be due to their problem they encountered on June 20<sup>th</sup> when the sheet piles hit solid material that they could not penetrate. Heavy vibration could be felt all throughout the neighborhood. So maybe the noise we hear now is SPU's plan B, when installing secant piles instead of the sheet piles. I have inquired about what we can continue to expect in terms of noise, and will keep you posted. No time has been added to the project end date of Seafair 2014. I don't know how much money was added to overall cost.



Genesee Basin Project along Lake Washington Boulevard

**Seward Park site:** A revised final environmental impact statement was issued in early September after a successful appeal taken by the Seward Park Neighbors Coalition of the initial EIS issued January 3, 2013. The issue raised and addressed is project-related operational noise. The Neighbors Coalition would like to hear from you if you have had adverse impact from noise or vibration. Please contact Barb Maher and describe your impact in an email: [BarbMaher@msn.com](mailto:BarbMaher@msn.com).

To get updates from SPU directly, please contact [Mike.Eagan@Seattle.Gov](mailto:Mike.Eagan@Seattle.Gov) and ask to be added to the CSO Reduction-Genesee and/or CSO Reduction-North Henderson (Seward Park) list.

Spaces go fast!  
Sign up now!

## Annual Holiday Bazaar

at Lakewood Seward Park

Community Club

### Saturday December 7th

Local artisans and crafts people interested in participating as vendors should email

[lspccmanager@gmail.com](mailto:lspccmanager@gmail.com)

206.722.9696

Applications now available

# You are invited to join the community in Remembering Buzz Anderson



You are invited to join the Rainier Valley Historical Society in remembering life long Lakewood - Seward Park resident Marvin "Buzz" Anderson on October 19th. Buzz's commitment to family, business, and community stands to be recognized. Buzz worked with his family at the four generation hardware store, Grayson and Brown in Columbia City, that endured for 82 years. Buzz founded the Rainier Valley Historical Society in 1993 to carry on the legacy of the Columbia Pioneers. For the next 15 years Buzz led a tireless effort in establishing an endowment fund, hired a director, and moved the historical society's collection to the storefront on Ferdinand Street where it is today. In addition to his devotion to local history, Buzz played a leadership role in the Columbia City Business Crime Watch Program, formed the Rainier Valley Little League, led the Rainier Rotary Club's annual gift program, and served as president of the Rainier Chamber of Commerce.

# HALLOWEEN ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY OCTOBER 27

Lakewood Seward Park  
Community Club

5:00-6:30 PM

MEMBERS FREE! NON MEMBERS \$3.00 PER PERSON OR \$10.00 PER FAMILY

KIDS COSTUME CONTEST!!



# Clubhouse Remodeled!



**Come take a look!!**

**The LSPCC clubhouse was remodeled over the summer!** The facelift includes new exterior paint color and updates to the kitchen, bathrooms, and entrance floor. Remodeling a 99-year-old building had its challenges. The clubhouse entrance and bathroom flooring turned out to be dyed concrete. After grinding off many layers of old paint, the entrance floor now matches the original red brick color and we love the result. Repairs were also made to the kiosk, porch steps, bathroom windows and gutters. A big thanks to all our members, especially those who contributed to the building remodel fund and to our excellent contractor Don and his brother Tom Verhulp who worked around our tenant schedule. And thanks to our board support team who worked on material choices and paint colors.



Remodeled bathrooms



New kitchen countertops, flooring, paint, and refinished cabinets

**Pizzuto's**  
**5032 Wilson Ave. So.**  
**206.722.6395**



**Family Style Italian Restaurant**

# Good Time Had by Most at Pie Eating Contest



The Lakewood Seward Park Community Club, Rainier Valley Historical Society, and Borracchini's Bakery co-sponsored a pie-eating contest during the Rainier Valley Summer Streets festival on August 17th.

The judges were Seattle Police Chief Jim Pugel, South Precinct Sgt. Ann Martin, and Officer John Marion (bicycle officer assigned to Columbia City). So popular was the event that a drawing was held to determine the field of twenty contestants.

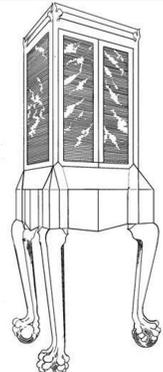
*Twenty hands-free eaters versus twenty apple crisp pies. From these summer streets a hungry hero did arise Ms. Fawn Sterling (pictured above) won the \$100 prize. Fawn finished her pie in approximately 12 minutes.*



*Nineteen others took home messy semi-eaten pies.*



Police Chief Jim Pugel judges pie eating contest in Columbia City



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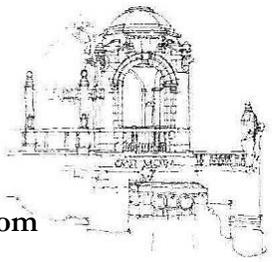
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## PCC Breaks Ground, Hearts

In January 2013, PCC Natural Markets confirmed the early 2015 transition from its location in Seward Park to a new and much larger store in Columbia City. For more than ten years PCC actively pursued the possibility of upgrading and expanding the existing store but ultimately had to accept that the store's limited sales growth potential, as well as other issues, made realizing that goal impossible. The opportunity to move to Columbia City was a way not only to continue serving Seward Park residents but also offer a much improved shopping experience.

PCC is well aware that closing the Seward Park store is a significant disappointment to shoppers who have supported it for the past 28 years. The good news is that PCC owns the Seward Park store property and is resolute that any future occupant of the site will be a welcome neighborhood asset.

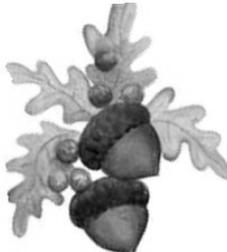
Several suggestions have been made but PCC's management very much wants to hear - directly from Seward Park residents - what kind of business they would like to have as a new neighbor. Please come to the **October 15** meeting with your suggestions and questions.

Scott McCormick - Store Director Seward Park PCC - [206.723.2720](tel:206.723.2720)

The Lakewood Seward Park neighborhood grocery store is packing up and moving to the city: Columbia City. While many lament the closing of the small Seward Park store (opened in 1985), others are excited by what the larger more modern Columbia City location will offer less than a mile west. If you are curious about the new PCC (scheduled to open in 2015), come to the Lakewood Seward Park Community meeting on **October 15 at 7:00 pm** to hear store manager and neighbor Scott McCormick talk about the new store. Scott and PCC are providing snacks.



Columbia City PCC model



**Lakewood Seward Park  
Community Club  
Presents**

**Oktoberfest**

**Saturday, October 5th, 2013**

**6:30 to 9:00 p.m.**

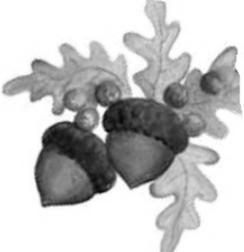
*Food and Beer \$20 (\$15 members)*

*Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverage \$15*

**\$5 Children 12 and under**

**Live music performed by the Onlies!**

Lakewood Seward Park Community Clubhouse  
4916 S. Angeline, across from Lakewood Playfield






**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. Updated bathrooms, entry floor, and exterior painting are some of the remodeling projects completed this past summer. Check us out!



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- Sheila Harvey, Executive Director

## Special event coming up?

### Clubhouse Rental Information (**CHECK RENTAL CALENDAR**) [Lspcc.org](http://Lspcc.org)

For Information about renting the Lakewood Seward Park Community Clubhouse please contact Sheila Harvey at [Lspccmanager@gmail.com](mailto:Lspccmanager@gmail.com) or call (206) 722-9696. The clubhouse has a seating capacity of 150 persons, your tables and chairs or ours.

*Weekday and Off-Peak Rental Rates:\**

Standard Rate: \$35 per hour, 2 hour minimum (member Rate: \$25.00 per hour, 2 hour minimum)

*Friday and Saturday Rental Rates:\*\**

Standard Rate: \$75 per hour, 4 hour minimum (member Rate: \$65 per hour, 4 hour minimum)

*Sunday Rental Rates:\*\*\**

Standard Rate: \$50 per hour, 4 hour minimum (member Rate: \$42 per hour, 4 hour minimum)

All Day Rental Rate (Fri/Sat/Holiday) is \$750 with \$200.00 deposit. Hourly rental deposit requirement is \$100.00

### Lakewood Seward Park Community Club - Class Information

**Classes Currently Offered:** (while classes are held at the LSPCC they are hosted by independent tenants and you should contact the hosts directly for cost and availability)

Music for Everyone - Wednesdays 10-12 am and Thursdays 10-12 am (except summer) **Enroll** [musicforevery1@gmail.com](mailto:musicforevery1@gmail.com)

Southside Booty Camp - Mon - Thursday mornings beginning in late October through February (206) 792-9512

Kanjin Yoga Thursdays 7-8 pm (in 6 week sessions) [info@thekanjinyogacenter.com](mailto:info@thekanjinyogacenter.com)

Playgroup - Playgroup is currently on hiatus - anyone interested in managing the playgroup please contact us.

Yoga Butter Thursdays 5:00-6:15 pm contact 206.325.2475 | [julie@yogabutter.com](mailto:julie@yogabutter.com)