

Lakewood Seward Park Neighborhood

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Upcoming Events!



Oktoberfest

Date: October 1st

Time: 6:30 - 9:30 pm



Halloween Ice Cream Social

Date: October 30th

Time: 3:00 - 5:00 pm



Holiday Bazaar

Date: December 3rd

Time: 10:00 - 4:00 pm

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The Lake

Growing up in the Lakewood Seward Park neighborhood, our hangouts were described simply: Andrews Bay was the Cove, the boat launch at Ferdinand was the Lot, Bailey's Peninsula was the Loop, the beach at Dawson was the Rock, Seward Park was the Park, and Lake Washington was the Lake. I didn't know there were any other lakes around until I started high school. Then I had to learn to more clearly identify our Lake, but still didn't bother with the others as we had the most beautiful body of water in the best neighborhood in Seattle.

The Lake's beauty surrounds and defines us, providing us with a year round playground for runners, walkers, swimmers, cyclists, and boating enthusiasts of all kinds. Who can count the number of competitions that take place each summer along the boulevard and in the Lake? So many festivals at Seward Park, so many Bicycle Sundays, so much positive energy abounds.

But tragedy comes with beauty, like any Shakespearean play. Due to our proximity to the lake, our homes and cars are perceived to contain expensive items

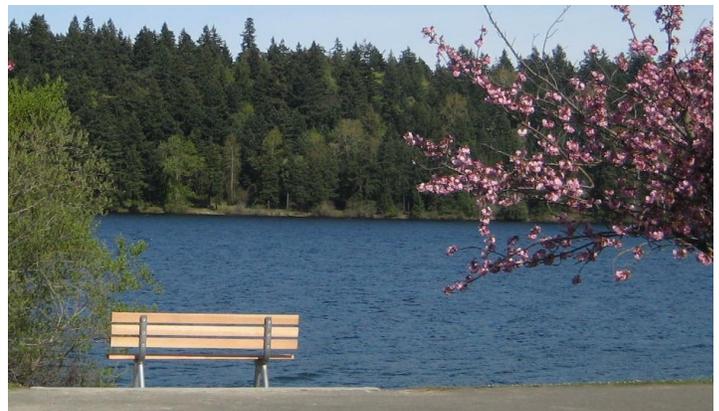
worthy of stealing by break-ins, burglaries or armed robberies, all becoming much too common in our neighborhood. Sure, the "kids" will be back in school soon, but it is not time to turn a blind eye. Crimes will continue with the dire economic situation. The gunman in the robbery on Lake Washington Blvd last week kept demanding gold – somewhat sophisticated, as gold prices are on the rise. And there continues to be so many young, unemployed people addicted to drugs and alcohol. Selling stolen goods and identities has become the only way to fuel their habits.

With beauty also comes danger. While not knowing the person who drowned after falling off of his Wave Runner in the Lake recently, I couldn't help but feel for his family and friends while I witnessed the rescue turned recovery efforts for three

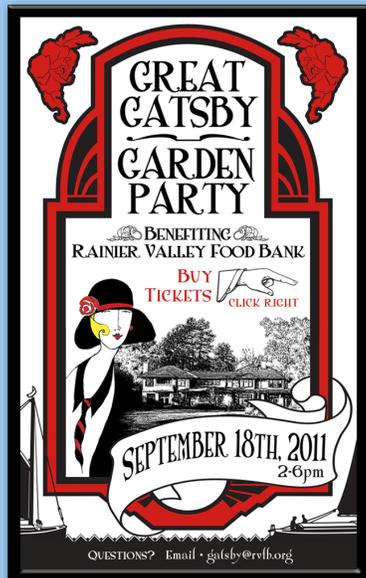
days. The agony may have been avoided had he worn a life jacket. Since the drowning, police presence has increased in and around Andrews Bay on weekends, hopefully encouraging and enforcing adherence to simple boating safety rules and regulations.

While we all love the Lake, we must continue to respect it by being safe while we enjoy it. And we must continue to watch out for each other on our blocks. As I've said before, the best way to combat crime in our neighborhoods is to know who belongs and who doesn't. Hope you all enjoyed your Block Watch Nights Out last month, and had an opportunity to get to know your neighbors better. Be safe, and enjoy our beautiful community these last few days of summer,

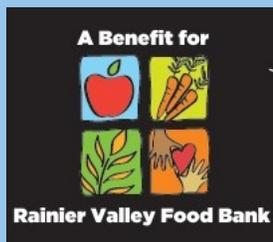
Jeannie



Great Gatsby Garden Party to Benefit Rainier Valley Food Bank Sunday, Sept. 18



Drop in for a swell summer afternoon at a swanky private home on Lake Washington and help us raise some clams for Rainier Valley Food Bank. Enjoy live jazz from the Jason Parker Band, take a float in a boat with the Center for Wooden Boats and nosh on food from Seattle chef Christine Keff's On the Fly restaurant, Enjoy a cone from Half Pint ice cream and drinks by Piscologia and Dry Soda and wine from Abeja, Stonecap & Nobel Wines. Arrive in style by watercraft or motor in. Festive hats are the bee's knees, or get all dolled up. Kids are all wet - 21+ only. Sunday, Sept. 18, 2-6 p.m. Buy tickets at : www.greatgatsbygardenparty.com



Mayor Mike McGinn in Lakewood-Seward Park Neighborhood

On Saturday, July 23rd, Mayor Mike McGinn did a walking tour of our neighborhood followed by a Town Hall meeting outside on the lawn of the Clubhouse. We were pleased that the weather cooperated in welcoming him! What a great use of a great space.

Neighborhood residents were invited to join the Mayor first at the site of the Combined Sewer Overflow project planned for the parking lot on 52nd Ave S and Lake Wash Blvd. Our neighbor Trish Rhay of Seattle Public Utilities was on hand to explain and answer questions about the project.

From there, we walked up Genesee and I had the opportunity to express the community's need for a sidewalk to mark a crossing point at Lake Wash Blvd and Genesee. At the top of the hill, I let him know that a traffic circle at 51st and Genesee would be helpful for pedestrian safety and traffic calming. We walked to the busi-

ness district at 50th and Genesee where we paid a visit to Both Ways Café, the Flying Squirrel, and Windermere Mt. Baker. The mayor was quite happy to purchase some glasses from Flying Squirrel that they were replacing as part of their planned renovation occurring now.

At the Town Hall, representatives from many city departments were there: Department of Neighborhoods, Seattle Police Department, Seattle Parks Department, Seattle Department of Transportation, Office of Economic Development, Department of Planning and Development and the Office of Sustainability and Environment. Believe it or not, there were still more neighbors than city representatives in attendance! And we were happy to have our neighbor Deputy Mayor Darryl Smith there, every step of the way.

Questions and answers ranged from the tunnel to bike lane striping to parking on Seward Park Avenue out-

side of the Kline Galland Home. I was pleased that everyone felt comfortable speaking their mind and asking questions. And while not everyone that wanted to be heard had the opportunity, a great number of issues relevant to our community were discussed.

A huge thank you is due Yun Pitre of the Department of Neighborhoods in planning the event, and to our Executive Director Sheila Harvey for pulling it together on day of show. Thanks also to all of you who came out on one of our few sunny days in July to show the Mayor and his staff that you care about our community and our city.

Jeannie O'Brien



Lakewood Seward Park
Community Club
Presents

Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 1st, 2011

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Lakewood Seward Park Community Club
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Happy Birthday, Seward Park

One hundred years ago, the people of a new city called Seattle bought a funny-shaped chunk of forest from the land-rich Bailey family, who had held out for twenty years for the best price they could get. Maybe that's why Seward Park was named not for them but for William Seward, the secretary of state best known for buying an even bigger parcel of old growth called Alaska.

Seward Park sticks out into south Lake Washington like a hitch-hiker's thumb. It's easy to spot from the air. But to many people in King County, it remains inexplicably remote. A mini-Alaska. It was remote to me, as a child growing up in north Seattle. But not any more. Not by a long shot. For the past 21 years, I've lived a block and a half from the park. It is my 277-acre backyard, my refuge, my second church, my second home.

I wish I could travel back in time and thank those Seattle voters, who were willing to tax themselves to wrest this little paradise away from the Baileys and give it to their children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In our current era, when spending on anything other than military might or bailing out Wall

Street is viewed as indulgent, it seems an astounding gift.

Like the rainbow coalition of south-enders who frequent Seward Park today, those Seattle voters of yesteryear were probably nearly all from somewhere else, from older countries and older cities graced by parks and gardens. They saw the sawmills springing up everywhere, the trees coming down, the streets mired in mud, the trolley tracks criss-crossing the town. They embraced the vision of the Olmstead Brothers, the renowned landscape architects who were hired by Seattle in 1903 to lay out a necklace of green through our frontier city, with paths graded for bicycles and Sunday strollers. They knew that the Bailey Peninsula would be the perfect pendant for the Olmstead necklace.

This weekend, Seward Park celebrates its centennial. There will be classic cars, pie-eating contests and people in costume mingling with the usual picnicking families and runners and birders and bicyclists. There will also be many people who will see a story in the paper or on TV and say to themselves, Now where is Seward Park exactly?

But that may be changing. The park is now home to the Seward Park Environmental and Audubon Center. It

brings in classroom groups throughout the school year, day camp groups in the summertime, and runs dozens of programs for nature lovers of all ages. Bicyclists, runners, swimmers and triathletes have staged races here for years. And the park's lovely amphitheatre hosts more and more concerts, cultural and ethnic festivals every summer.

Last month my husband and I went to the amphitheatre to see Freehold Theatre's production of Shakespeare's Pericles. It's the story of a king who suffers one loss after another—father, wife, daughter. King Pericles rails against the cruelty of time itself. But in the end, time is his ally. It brings his daughter and his wife back to him.

Seward Park was quieter when we first moved here. It remains an oasis of stillness, compared to, say, Green Lake. But this centennial celebration makes me feel like Pericles: grateful to step back and see what time has done. This green peninsula, this quiet corner of the city, lives and thrives in exactly the kinds of ways those voters of a hundred years ago probably had in mind when they checked "yes" on their ballots. Let's lift a toast to them on their park's 100th birthday. - Ann Hedreen



The Lakewood-Seward Park Community association was awarded a **4 Culture Heritage Special Projects** grant to publish a history book about Seward Park. Local historians are collaborating authors of the project. The Seward Park history book will be released on December 3rd at our holiday fair at the clubhouse. Proceeds from book sales benefit the youth Scholarship fund at Lakewood-Seward Park Community Club and the stewardship program at Friends of Seward Park non-profit organization.

Car Parade Around the Loop - Seward Park Centennial Festival



On Saturday, July 16th 2011 a 100th anniversary celebration of Seward Park's acquisition by the City of Seattle was enjoyed by all who came to the park for its Centennial Festival. Time rolled back as the peninsula,

the "loop" was temporarily open to a parade of antique cars which followed the promenade of walkers dressed in period garb. The antique car show, arranged by Richard Ranhofer, featured a 100 year old 1911 Baker Electric automobile, voted first place Peoples Choice Award and second place went to Franklin graduate Tony Zauer and his 1948 Chevrolet.

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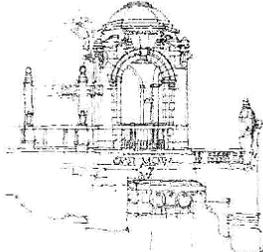
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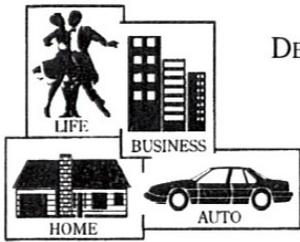


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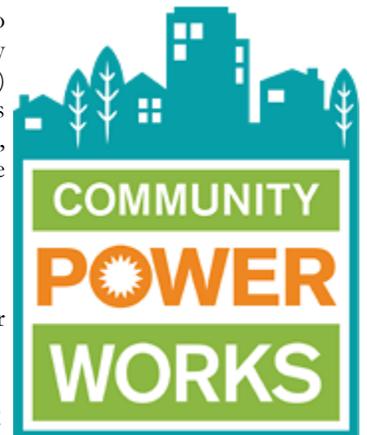
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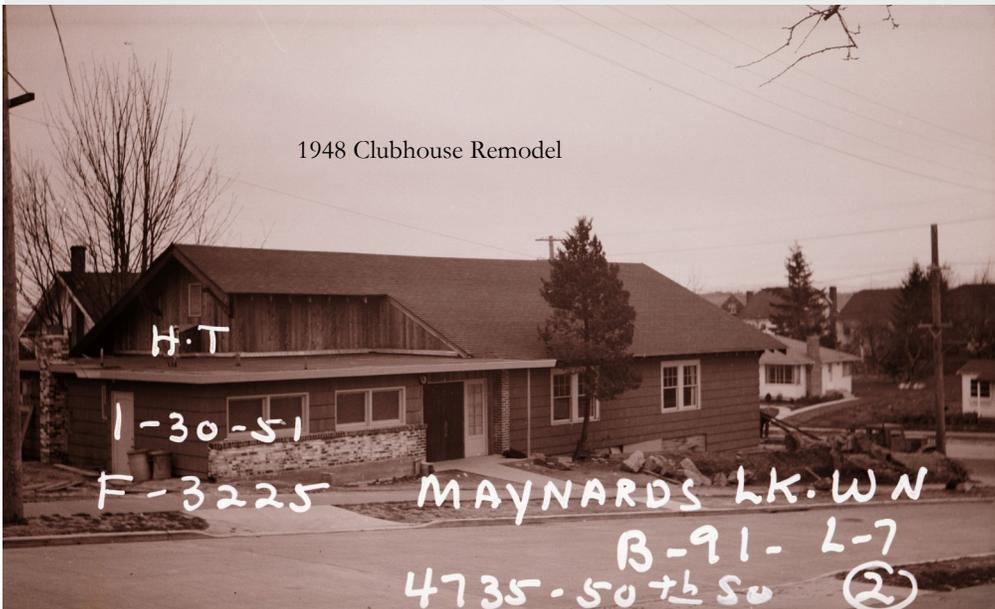
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Big Improvements Completed at the Lakewood Seward Park Community Clubhouse



Over the summer major improvements were accomplished to add energy efficiency and improved comfort at the clubhouse. A new energy efficient furnace was installed to replace the old inefficient furnace which was installed in the late 40's. In addition, insulation was blown into each of the exterior walls, the attic and secured under the floors to better maintain temperatures efficiently. Thanks to everyone who helped with this project as well as for all the people who have contributed to the capital fund which supports clubhouse improvements.
Sheila

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**Candidates for City Council
Forum October 18th 7:00 p.m.
Lakewood-Seward Park
Community Clubhouse**

Position 3:

Bruce Harrell and Brad Meacham

Position 9:

Sally Clark and Dian Ferguson

Get to know the candidates before the November General Election on Tuesday, November 8th! Candidates for City Council Positions 3 and 9 will be featured at Candidates Night at the Clubhouse. Bring your questions, and compare the candidates' answers to help you decide. Our city council faces many important, cost cutting measures right now. Share your views with them and with your neighbors and see what we can accomplish.

**Mark Your Calendars!
2011 Community Events at the Clubhouse**

- September 20th, **Business Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.– 8:30 p.m.
- October 1st, Saturday, **Oktoberfest**, 6:30—9:30 p.m.
- October 18, Tuesday, **Candidates Forum**, 7:00 p.m.
- October 30th, Sunday, **Halloween Ice Cream Social**, 3:00 p.m.
- November 15th, Tuesday, **Community Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.
- December 3rd, Saturday, **Holiday Gift Bazaar**, 10 - 4 p.m.
- December 13th, Tuesday, **Annual Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.
- December 31st, **New Year's Eve Party**