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SAVE THE DATES!

LSPCC 2013 Community Events



Toy-Cycle, Dec. 4th, 5:30-7:30 pm

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



Annual Membership Meeting

Dec. 10th, 7 pm

Dinner provided by Pizzuto's
wine is welcomed to share

LSPCC 2014 Community Events



Wine Tasting, March 29th, 6:30 pm

Oktoberfest, date TBD

Ice Cream Social, Oct. 27th, 4 pm

Happy Holidays Everyone!

Please remember our Annual Members Meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lakewood Seward Park Community Clubhouse. And please remember to RSVP! The business of the meeting shall be to recount 2013 operations, discuss plans for 2014, and to elect Officers and Directors to serve in 2014. I am so proud of what this board has accomplished and look forward to continue working with them. All board members have agreed to extend their terms for another year, and we are most fortunate to add Scott McCormick to the group.

Slate of 2014 Board Candidates

Executive Committee:
President: Jeannie O'Brien
Vice President: Bill Muse
Treasurer: Aaron Evanson
Secretary: Sabranie Coyne

Board Members at Large:
Sheri Richardson
Karen O'Brien
Willie Gregory
Michelle Huelmann
Fionnuala O'Sullivan
Scott McCormick

Members please RSVP to the annual dinner meeting to Sheila by Monday, Dec. 9th: LSPCCmanager@gmail.com or (206) 722-9696. Interested in getting more involved? We welcome any resident members to join the board – we will ask for nominations.

At November's board meeting, we voted to support the placement of the sewer tank in the south parking lot of Seward Park rather than in the tennis courts location, believing that wildlife will be better protected, fewer native trees will be removed, and a large impervious road between the tennis courts and the lake will be avoided. In the south parking lot location there will be fewer permanent above ground, unsightly features. Greater opportunities exist in the south parking lot for improvements that will increase park benefits for all. We also voted to support Mayor McGinn's \$4 million inclusion in next year's budget for emergency repairs to South Leschi Moorage.

Living in Seattle makes it easy to become an activist. Neighborhood issues that will demand our attention in 2014 include the proposed bowtie traffic redesign and 12 story upzone at MLK and Rainier, the management and renovations of Lakewood Moorage, the final decision regarding the placement of the large Combined Sewer Overflow tank at Seward Park, crime (of course), recruiting and vetting a tenant for PCC's property, and a transportation plan for Lakewood Seward Park neighbors to access Light Rail.

Thanks to all of you for making our Lakewood Seward Park Community so unique!


Jeannie O'Brien

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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What's Happening in Columbia City - December 7th



Columbia City Holiday Festival is December 7th starting at 6:00 p.m. on the corner of Rainier and Hudson, featuring the *Beaconettes*, a local favorite, singing holiday carols specific to Seattle. What will the 12 days of Christmas bring Seattle this year? Local jazz bands will also play and a visit from Father Solstice will be there—hot cider, cocoa and baked goods to enjoy by the fire while Columbia City lights up for the holiday season. Fun for the whole family! Learn the winner of this year's Columbia City window decorating contest – whose shop will be home to the gnome for 2014?

Beaconettes, Dec. 7th, 6 pm Columbia City

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annual
HOLIDAY GIFT
BAZAAR
THIS SATURDAY 10:AM
4916 South Angeline
at 50th Avenue South
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What our non-profit neighbors

Friends of Seward Park (FoSP)

Torii Replacement Project

The *Friends of Seward Park* has provisionally been awarded a grant from the Department of Neighborhoods to collect oral histories about the former Seward Park torii and develop construction drawings for its replacement. The former torii (Japanese gate) stood in Seward Park from 1935 until the mid-1980s. The torii was a community icon and served as a backdrop to many park events such as the Rainier District Pow Wow, an annual festival that began the same year that the torii was constructed. FoSP intends to work with youth volunteers to collect memories about the torii and what it meant to community members. In a previous grant, FoSP worked with Murase Associates landscape architect firm and Takumi Company to collect community input on a design for a replacement torii. The grant will pay to prepare the drawings to construct the new torii. The Seward Park torii was originally built by the Seattle Japanese American Chamber of Commerce for the 1934 Golden Potlatch Festival downtown. It survived unscathed through a period of anti-Japanese vandalism during World War II until it succumbed to decay in the 1980s. A fragment of the torii survives at the Wing Luke Museum. If you remember the torii and have a story to share, please contact sewardparkfriends@gmail.com, or talk to Karen O'Brien @ 760-1304.



Seward Park Audubon Center

Gail Gatton, founding director of the Seward Park Audubon Center, has been promoted to Executive Director, Audubon Washington. Inspired by Audubon's commitment to engage with diverse communities, Gail led the charge to create a thriving Center in our neighborhood that introduces more than 23,000 people each year to the wonders of nature right here in southeast Seattle. After seven years at the helm of the Center, Gail will now focus her efforts on developing effective conservation programs for Audubon statewide. Andrew Jay has been hired and began as the new director for the Seward Park Audubon Center in late October. Andrew brings 14 years of experience as an environmental educator helping young people cultivate wonder in the natural world. Andrew was director of the YMCA's Boys & Girls Outdoor Leadership Development program. As director, he built BOLD & GOLD into a thriving program serving 1,400 students from diverse backgrounds in six states. He is a neighbor to Seward Park, thrilled to serve his local community and put to use his skills in environmental education, youth empowerment, communication, management, and relationship building. Andrew has a master's degree in non-profit leadership from Seattle University and serves as board treasurer for Bike Works.

Winter's Eve Open House & Welcome to New Center Director!
Argosy Christmas Ship
December 04, 2013 6:30 PM

Winter Wonderland Hayrides!
Dec. 4th, 6:30 - 8pm
Dec. 7th, 2:00 pm
Dec. 21st 10-2 pm

Mount Baker Community Club

Mount Baker Home Tour

The Mount Baker neighborhood welcomes visitors to its 33rd Biennial Home Tour, December 7, 10:00am to 4:00pm, starting at the Mount Baker Community Clubhouse (2811 Mt. Rainer Drive S). Free shuttle transportation is available among tour residences.

This fundraising event for the Mount Baker Community Club offers the public a rare opportunity to view the interiors of six historic Mount Baker homes built between 1912 and 1926, including Prairie, Spanish Colonial Revival, and Bungalow architecture.

Also on the tour is the 100-year-old Clubhouse, where visitors can enjoy an Arts & Crafts Fair featuring local artists and complimentary tea, coffee, and cookies.

Tickets: \$25, Seniors 65+ \$20, available through mountbaker.org. Tickets day of event available at the Mount Baker Community Clubhouse for \$35.

For more info, email hometour@mountbaker.org.

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Rainier Valley Historical Society

RVHS Benefit Dinner

The Rainier Valley Historical Society remembered life long Lakewood Seward Park resident Marvin "Buzz" Anderson on October 19th at their first annual benefit dinner. Buzz's commitment to family, business, and community was celebrated by over 150 guests. The benefit dinner was held at Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Parish Hall in the Mt. Baker neighborhood. The Italian themed dinner and raffle raised over \$12,000. Buzz Anderson 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. The historical society plans for a 2nd annual dinner next fall.

You are invited to RVHS:
Holiday Open House
 3710 S. Ferdinand, Columbia City
 Dec. 7th, 5-8 pm
rainiervalleyhistory.org

Southeast Seattle Senior Center

"Let the Good Times Roll," the 2nd Annual Dinner and Auction Fundraiser, was held on November 9, 2013. With over 135 guests, the brightly decorated social hall was filled to capacity. Senior Center members, family, friends and local area business owners attended and bid on a wonderful array of items in the auction. They were there to have fun and to show their support for the seniors. With enthusiastic bidders, program book ad sales, donations, and a lively dessert dash, the event generated over \$21,000 in revenue. In the spirit of the carnival theme, live Brazilian music was played while the guests enjoyed viva salad, succotash, jambalaya, and grilled jerk chicken, prepared by Seasoned in Seattle. Delicious red and white wine, compliments of various donors, was poured freely, by wonderful volunteers, who catered to the needs of the guests. The success was made possible by Rainier Valley Business owners, community organizations and individual donors. It takes a concerted efforts of Senior Services, City of Seattle and the local community to keep the center open. Proceeds will be used for maintenance, updates, and operating costs of our center, including nutritious meals for the members. The SESSC members, staff and board thank the community for its continued investment and support in helping us meet the needs of our seniors. **Up-coming fundraisers include the Holiday Brunch, Bazaar and Bake Sale, Friday, December 6th, 10 -1pm, and Rainbow Bingo Mistletoe Madness, Friday, Dec. 13, 6-9 pm.** See you there! *Evelyn Fairchild*

Holiday Toy-Cycle Sale at LSPCC Clubhouse

A neighborhood event to benefit Rainier Valley Food Bank.

A group of neighbors with Michelle Huelmann are holding the 4th annual Toy-Cycle. The Holiday Toy-Cycle sale raises money for the Rainier Valley Food Bank while helping reduce the impact of holiday excess on the environment by re-using and recycling gently used toys. The LSPCC donates the clubhouse so all money generated from table rentals, entrance fees, the bake sale, and donated toys goes to the Rainier Valley Food Bank.

We hope you will join us on Wednesday, **December 4th from 5:30-7:30**. The entrance fee for the event is a \$2.00 donation to the food bank.

All the tables have been reserved for this year's event but you can still participate by shopping at the Toy-cycle, baking an item for the bake sale, or donating gently used toys.

If you want to volunteer, bake an item, or donate toys, please contact mhuelmann@yahoo.com and help make it a brighter and greener holiday for all. *Michelle Huelmann*

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Rainier Beach Grads to get First year of College Free

Starting with the class of 2014, Rainier Beach High School graduating seniors will be able to attend the first year of South Seattle Community College for free. The graduating seniors at Rainier Beach High School have every reason to plan to attend community college, regardless of their family's finances — it will be free for a year. The South Seattle school has been added to the 13th Year Promise Scholarship Program, a private scholarship fund run by South Seattle Community College. Cleveland and Chief Sealth high schools are already in the program. Among students at Seattle's highest poverty schools, students are often discouraged from even thinking about college because "They hear that college is expensive, or their parents say, 'We can't afford to send you to college,'" said Elizabeth Pluhta, South

Seattle's associate vice president of college relations and advancement. Only about 47 percent of Rainier Beach's graduating class last year went to college. When Cleveland High joined the program in 2008, it had a similar profile. After the 13th Year program started there, the numbers "doubled, and almost tripled," she said. "This is an amazing opportunity for our kids," said Rainier Beach Principal Dwane Chappelle. "I think this is going to be a huge motivation for our students. I think this program will definitely change lives."

A full load of community-college classes for a year costs about \$5,000, including required fees.

(Excerpts from a Seattle Times article by Katherine Long, Nov. 20, 2013).

Clubhouse Remodeled!



The LSPCC clubhouse was remodeled over the summer!

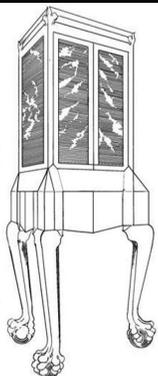
The facelift includes new exterior paint color and updates to the kitchen, bathrooms, and entrance floor. Remodeling a 99-year-old building had its challenges. A big thanks to all our members, especially those who contributed to the building remodel fund and to our excellent contractor Don and his brother Tom Verhulp who worked around our tenant schedule. And thanks to our board support team who worked on material choices and paint colors.

Come take a look!!

Web Site Designer Wanted

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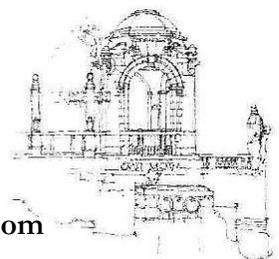
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Soon-to-be Vacant PCC Discussed



Columbia City PCC model

On October 15th, approximately 80 neighborhood residents met at the clubhouse to hear directly from PCC about its plans for the current location of the Seward Park PCC store, which will be closing when the Columbia City PCC

opens. At the meeting were Scott McCormick (PCC store manager and long-time area resident), Diana Chapman (PCC media relations), Randy Lee (PCC chief financial officer) and Jean and Cathy from Securities Properties (developer of the Columbia City PCC store). The history of the Seward Park PCC and its space challenges were presented along with a description of the new building in Columbia City. The new building

will have a 25,000 sq ft PCC store, 3000 sq ft additional retail space, 193 residential units, and parking.

The big topic of the night and the main reason that most attended was to learn what PCC has planned for the current location after the move. Randy and Scott agreed that PCC wants the economic vitality of the Seward Park business district to remain. They are looking for the right fit for the community, whether that's a tenant or new owner. Community input, feedback, and ideas are greatly welcomed. Many ideas were discussed at the meeting with about 60% in favor of a Leschi Mart type grocer (definitely not the first choice for PCC) and 40% in favor of a mixed-use retail or food business. Ideas? Contact Scott (Scott.McCormick@pccsea.com) or drop off a note at the Seward Park Store. There is no deadline for idea submissions and no date has been chosen for a final decision.

Sabranie Coyne

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