

Lakewood Seward Park Neighborhood

COMMUNITY NEWS

Summer 2016



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Save the Dates!

2016 Clubhouse Calendar

Community Wide Yard Sale

July 9, 9am-2pm

Parks Committee Meeting

Monday, July 18, 7 pm

Seafair Hydroplane Races & Air Show

July 31st - Aug. 2nd

Night Out Against Crime

August 2nd 6pm

Summer Streets Festival

LSPNA sponsored



\$100 Prize

Columbia City

August 13, 12 pm

Family Movie Night

August 19, 6:30 pm

Oktoberfest

Live Music

September 16, 6:30 pm

Community Meeting

October 11, 7 pm

Family Movie Night

October 21, 6:30 pm

Holiday Gift Bazaar

December 5, 10-3:00 pm

Annual Meeting of the Members—Italian Dinner

December 13, 7-9:00 pm

Classes at the Clubhouse:

Qigong Meditation & Movement

Weds. 7-8:30 pm info:

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Hello friends and neighbors!

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and ready for another beautiful summer. We've been busy at the clubhouse and expect another great season of events and adventures, both within our organization and around the neighborhood. The clubhouse calendar is brimming with weddings, anniversaries, birthday parties, classes and conferences throughout the summer.

As I mentioned in the spring newsletter, we've been busy beautifying the LSPNA grounds; we have a new retaining wall in the driveway and rainwater cisterns now grace both the field garden and the front of the clubhouse. Together these two cisterns will manage over 45,000 gallons of water per year. We will be posting signage near the entrance of the clubhouse detailing our involvement in the Seattle Public Utilities Rainwise Program as well as the program's benefits to our community.

LSPNA is also proud to announce that we are now listed with the Seattle Office of Emergency Management as a Community Emergency Hub. As such, we will be ramping up our participation in city-wide drills (such as the recent "Cascadia Rising" drill held on June 11th) and city-sponsored disaster preparedness training. We don't have any dates on the calendar yet, but I will be coordinating seminars, drills and training with fellow Hub Captains throughout the city and will keep the website calendar updated as events are finalized.

On a final note, please remember to renew your membership! All memberships expire on June 30th and need to be renewed annually. As always, your membership is an integral part of our funding. Please check out the Membership section of our webpage to see the great benefits of joining at the Family, Lake Washington, or Mount Rainier levels.

Take care, stay safe and enjoy the weather!

Aaron Evanson

President
Lakewood SewardPark
Neighborhood Association

LSPNA Parks Committee Update

By Jeannie O'Brien, Parks Committee Chair



PEOPLE, DOGS and PARKS Parks Superintendent Jesus Aguirre just released a 164 page draft plan for public review. The draft is professionally prepared, and has some awesome photos. You can find **Seattle People Dogs Parks Draft Plan** at: seattle.gov/parks/projects/offleash. A public hearing on the plan by the Board of Park Commissioners will be held on Thursday, July 28 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at the Northgate Community Center, 10510 5th Avenue NE. Public testimony will be accepted at the meeting. Written comments will also be considered and should be submitted to Rachel.Acosta@Seattle.gov by August 17, in order that they Board may consider all comments before they meet to consider the plan on September 8. This draft plan was just released so your Parks committee has not had an opportunity to review and summarize. Stay tuned. And if you are interested in working on this review with us, please attend our next Parks Committee meeting (details below).

ADAMS STREET PARKING LOT Discussion continues over how to balance the interests of those who hang out at the parking lot with those that are bothered by the noise and illegal activity. Parks will not close the parking lot early or utilize automated bollards, so closing continues to be at the whim of Seward Park's caretaker. The Parks committee has discussed options to activate the park with positive uses, including an off leash dog park, a children's play structure, a roller skating/blading outdoor rink, and food trucks. Council President Bruce Harrell promises us funding in the 2017 budget if we present him a viable plan. This continues to be a work in progress.

ANDREWS BAY NUISANCE ISSUES Please see Marty Oppenheimer's summary. Things look good for a quieter summer!

WARSAW STREET END Tom Wolken with the Friends of Martha Washington Park delivered a presentation to the Parks Committee, explaining their many efforts to maintain the natural habitat currently in place at SDOT's Street End at Warsaw. The LSPNA board agreed that this particular Street End serves the neighborhood better in its current state as natural habitat, and its conversion to a trail with lake access and views conflicts with efforts to maintain urban forests in Seattle. Board President Aaron Evanson wrote a letter to Council President Bruce Harrell, CM Debora Juarez (Parks Chair) and SDOT Director Scott Kubly explaining the board's position supporting Friends of Martha Washington Park. Neighbors are encouraged to show support for maintaining Warsaw's Street End as natural habitat by calling Harrell, Juarez and CM Tim Burgess.

CROSSWALKS AND SPEED HUMPS ON LWB LSPNA Board Members Marty Oppenheimer, Sheri Richardson and Jeannie O'Brien attempted to gain approval of a plan to improve pedestrian safety in the neighborhood by presenting to the Southeast District Council on May 25, 2016. Unfortunately, there were many worthy projects and only five of 22 could advance to the next round. Our Land Use / Transportation and Parks Committees have not given up on the plan to add crosswalks and speed humps throughout the neighborhood, and will continue other sources of funding for this much needed work.

LAKEWOOD MOORAGE A plan created by Jeannie O'Brien, founder of Friends of Lakewood Moorage, was vetted by the Parks Committee and approved by the LSPNA Board, with the ultimate goal of keeping Lakewood Moorage publicly managed and improved with public funds generated by the moorage. This plan has been circulated and has been well received. We expect to learn Parks' final decision in September, when the involvement of Foss Waterways Management in public moorage operations may be less than originally anticipated by Parks.

NEXT PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING Monday July 18th, 7:00 pm @ LSPCClubhouse, 50th and Angeline

LSPNA Community Achievement Award

By Jeannie O'Brien, Scholarship Committee Chair



Elinor Jones Toutant
\$3000 LSPNA Award



Audrey Conrad
\$3000 LSPNA Award



Hannah Mummey
\$3000 LSPNA Award

2016 is the 7th year of Lakewood's scholarship program and the first year of Dine Out For Scholars, a fundraiser for our program that was held at the Flying Squirrel Pizza Company on March 22. Thanks to the generosity of our friends at Flying Squirrel and awesome promotional materials, the percentage of dining dollars donated to our program amounted to \$500! We love the spirit of giving in our community and are happy to work with our neighborhood businesses on great causes.

Looking at the 2016 budget, the LSPNA Board decided that we could offer \$3000 awards, a boost from \$2000 in years past. Then, because we had so many excellent applicants, the scholarship committee decided to increase the number of \$3000 awards from two to three. And even then, the decision process was difficult. We truly have an awesome community full of people willing to take the extra step to make the neighborhood a better place.

So hard to summarize the many accomplishments of **Elinor Jones Toutant**, but here goes: a volunteer track coach at Rainier Beach Track Club, a member of the Columbia Library Teen Advisory Board, a Reading Buddy, a homework helper and Double Dutch leader at Hawthorne Elementary, a volunteer babysitter at the Rainier Community Center's community dinners, and a participant/volunteer with Rainier Valley Rowing. All of this, while helping her parents raise foster children in their home. Wow. Elinor's educational goal is to earn a Political Science Degree and eventually become a civil rights attorney, to come back and serve the people who are underrepresented in our community. Elinor currently attends Seattle Central College.

Audrey Conrad is a Seattle Academy high school graduate who will attend the University of Washington in the Fall. Audrey is a dancer who started out in the neighborhood at Spectrum Dance Theater in Madrona, and moved to Cornish at the start of high school. She immediately recognized the different communities of the two dance schools, and chose to get involved with the Sisterhood Program at the Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club to stay connected to her South Seattle community. This is an after school program where the Cornish dancers meet with girls aged six to fourteen once a week, girls who don't have the means to attend dance class. The sessions start with discussions directed toward leading healthy lifestyles, and the girls bond with the dancers by playing games, talking, doing homework together, painting fingernails and braiding hair. Then the Cornish dancers instruct the Rainier Vista girls in a dance class. Through this experience, Audrey was reminded that dance is a gift most enjoyable when shared with others, and felt gratified when seeing the joy on the young girls' faces when they performed a new dance move that she taught them.

To round out our winners is **Hannah Mummey**, a Garfield graduate committed to resource conservation and climate issues. Her most special event while serving as President of Earth Corps was producing a powerful school assembly on the topic of "Climate Change and Systems of Oppression." Activists known as Women of Color Speak Out discussed with the Garfield students how issues like racism and colonialism tie into environmental issues, and this presentation generated many discussions about social and environmental injustices. Hannah also tutors an elementary student in violin once a week through Seattle Music Partners. She has served as a Link Crew Leader at school, helping freshman transition to high school and has served as Captain of her swim team. Hannah will attend Wellesley College this fall.

A hearty congratulations to our three winners! And a sincere thank you for enriching our community with your efforts.

**Andrews Bay - is the Boat Noise Ordinance Enforced?
by Marty Oppenheimer, Parks Committee**

On Tuesday, June 21, Tom O'Connor and Marty Oppenheimer, of our Parks Committee met with Lt. Von Levandowski, head of the SPD Harbor Patrol, to discuss summer at Andrews Bay. From the outset, it was clear that Lt. Levandowski and his team understood the issues of summer in Andrews Bay at least as well as the neighbors AND that they considered the issues serious. Lt. Levandowski is looking to the Parks Dept and the City Attorney's Office for clarification on both rules and a commitment to prosecute offenders.

The Harbor Patrol knows the primary offenders of the loud party / loud music / excessive drinking, and they are clear that the core group is really a small minority of perhaps six boats that are habitual offenders. One of those offenders sunk last summer in the bay!

To enforce amplified music regulations, an officer must experience the loud amplified music personally. That is often difficult. When a 40' police boat cruises into the bay, the music magically goes away. When that boat leaves, the music returns. But SPD has some ideas on how to challenge that problem.

Drunk-and-disorderly is more difficult, though not impossible, to enforce. Underage drinking, ie. Minor-in-possession is a still more difficult challenge . . . who carries ID in a bikini?

New to us was the outline of the confines of the "anchorage" in Andrews Bay. The Lt. provided a map showing the Andrews Bay Anchorage. SPD can immediately tell boaters outside the anchorage boundaries to depart, and if there is no room within the anchorage boundaries, they would need to leave the bay. Then, if encountered again anchored outside the anchorage boundaries, they could be cited for criminal trespass, a real enforcement tool.

SPD is looking for clarification within city departments as to what will be prosecuted within city guidelines, but they also noted some things that the rest of us can do to aid their efforts. Each of you can help.

First, identify problems as they arise and contact 911 so that there are timely police reports. Second, contact Councilmember Bruce Harrell's office stressing the problems and the impact on the rest of us. Be as specific as possible. Third contact City Attorney Pete Holmes, stressing the problems that the drinking/partying/music/underage participation is causing to the quiet enjoyment of your home, use of Seward Park, and use of Lake Washington Blvd.

We can make changes to improve our neighborhood if we work together. (Please see Andrews Bay map opposite page).

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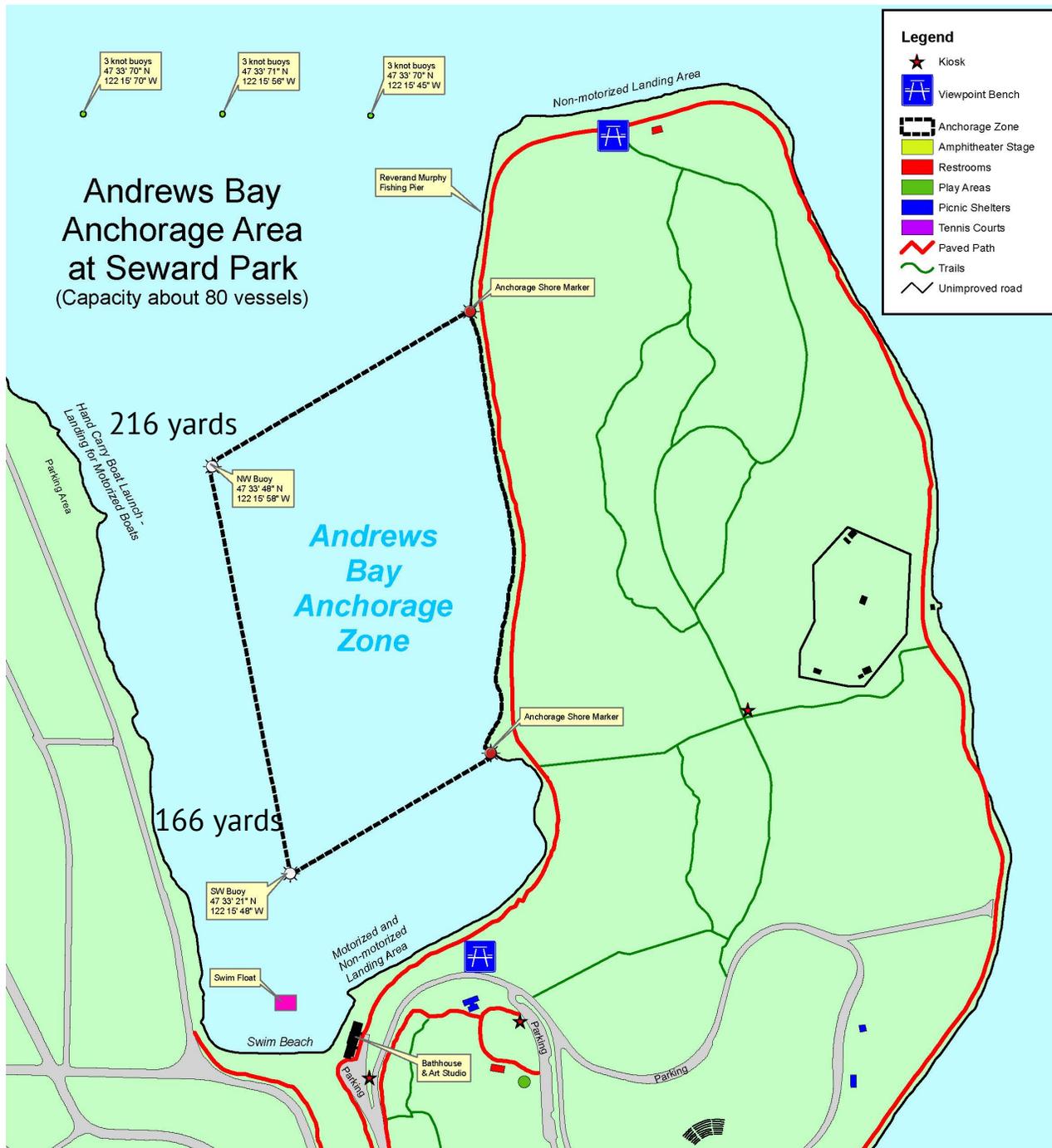
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The clubhouse is available for classes, meetings or private celebrations at affordable rental rates—check out your member discount below!

For Information about renting the Lakewood Seward Park Community Clubhouse please contact Sheila at lspccmanager@gmail.com or call 206 722-9696. The clubhouse has a seating capacity of 150 persons, your tables and chairs or ours. The kitchen is included in your rental.

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)

We offer an all day rental rate 8:00 am - 12:00 am for \$750. We do often get requests to book multiple events in a single day so if you want the building to yourself consider an all day rental.

What Can You Do To Help Keep Our Neighborhood Great?

Seattle is the fastest growing city in the nation and we can feel it. Car driving and single family homeowners are quickly becoming dinosaurs in this millennial age. Please work with us as we try to understand the many changes happening in the Emerald City, especially as they impact the Lakewood Seward Park neighborhood. We are adding Zoning and Transportation, Parks and Public Safety to our list of committees that now includes Membership, Scholarship, Emergency Hub and Facilities. **If you are interested in joining or chairing one of our committees, please send an email to: LWSPNA@gmail.com with the name of the committee in the subject line.** Help us transition into the new Seattle!



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The 5th annual Lakewood Seward Park Community Garage sale is on Saturday, July 9th, from 9am-2pm.

LSPNA, in partnership with Windermere Mt. Baker, will be creating a map to the homes holding garage sales in the neighborhood on Annual Garage Sale Day in Lakewood Seward Park. Come join in! Maps will be available on our website and at the clubhouse at: 4916 S Angeline. Thank you Windermere for printing the maps!

Interested in adding your sale to the map? just email your address to: lsppccmanager@gmail.com!

SEAFAIR WEEKEND HEATS UP WITH JAW-DROPPING NEW EVENT !!!

What's new on the hydroplane race course this Seafair? 100 mph water skiing! Bolt on the Blue, a water ski race expo presented by Overload Productions, is set to make a splash and turn some heads during Seafair Weekend. Elite racers reach speeds of up to 100 MPH. Overload Productions signed a three-year contract with Seafair to bring the event to Seattle. Overload, together with the National Water Ski Racing Association (NWSRA) and USA Water Ski, will also host the 20th annual World Water Ski Racing Championships next Seafair.



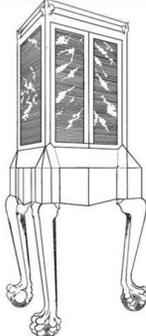
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This newsletter was delivered to households within the boundaries of the Lakewood Seward Park neighborhood. We ask you to take a moment to explore membership opportunities and consider belonging to your community club.



Belong to your community club; it belongs to you!

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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 rental)

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