

Maple Leaf Community

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Next Meeting

**Wednesday,
January 26
7:00 PM at
Olympic View
Elementary**

- ▶ Presentation of the Maple Leaf Community Garden Design Plan by Barker Landscape Architects
- ▶ Action Meeting-Improve Public Safety in Maple Leaf
- ▶ Hear from City Councilmember Nick Licata, Chair of the City Council Public Safety Committee & the Seattle Police Department
- ▶ Learn How to Prevent Crime: Diane Horswill, Seattle Police Crime Prevention Coordinator will help you form or update a Block Watch for your block, teach you how to prevent car prowls & share the latest Crime Prevention Tips
- ▶ Order a Block Watch Sign
- ▶ Home Security Recommendations from the local experts at Stephenson's Ace Hardware

FREE ON-SITE CHID CARE

Free on-site, professional child care is offered at our General Meetings. This complementary service is offered by the Maple Leaf Community Council to encourage families with children to attend .

Public Safety and Crime Prevention in Maple Leaf

In 2004, there were multiple forced entries, reported home prowls, car prowls, a report of a dangerous sex predator, and multiple reports of an exposer in the Maple Leaf neighborhood. At the same time, the City has faced revenue shortfalls that have led to significant budget cuts to City services, including to public safety programs. The Crime Prevention Unit of the Seattle Police Department an example of one program that suffered drastic cuts in budget. As a result, data on residential burglaries is no longer readily available or published in the "Safe and Sound" newsletter once distributed by Block Watch Captains. The active listing of Block Watch Captains is outdated and our Crime Prevention Coordinator's responsibilities have been expanded to the extent that it is very difficult to revive existing and form new Block Watch groups.

In 2005, the Maple Leaf Community Council is taking the initiative to increase public awareness and to prevent crime in Maple Leaf by encouraging residents to take an active role in public safety and crime prevention. The January 26th General Meeting will present residents with an opportunity to learn what they can do and to take action. Councilmember Nick Licata, the chair of the City's Public Safety Committee, will speak about the City's budget priorities and constraints for funding public safety programs and departments. We have also invited Captain Dan Oliver, of the North Precinct, to speak about these

issues from the Seattle Police Department's perspective and tell us about the work his officers are performing.

Diane Horswill, the Seattle Police Crime Prevention Coordinator will also be on hand to help Maple Leaf revive existing block watch groups and to form new block watches. There will never be a better time for you and your neighbors to form a Block Watch group. Usually, a block watch includes both sides of one street but a successful block watch can start from a smaller core group. Identify one person who will be the block watch captain. The main duty of the block watch captain is to act as a communication link between residents on the block and the Seattle Police Department. All active or inactive block watch groups in Maple Leaf should come to the general meeting so we can prepare a current list of block watch captains and get active communication links set up with SPD. We will have sample crime watch signs and information about how to order one for your block. Diane will also present the latest information and advice about crime prevention strategies.

Stephenson's Ace Hardware staff will also be on hand with information about their recommendations for improving home security and proper installation of security items, such as dead bolt locks.

Meet Maple Leaf's North Seattle Police Precinct Representative: A big thank you to Dave Klim for volunteering to be the Maple Leaf representative to the North Precinct Citizen Advisory Committee. This group meets the first Wednesday of the month at North Seattle Community College at 7 PM and hears from the Police Department and other neighborhood representatives about criminal activity and other related topics. Dave will report Maple Leaf issues to the committee and reports committee information back to the Maple Leaf Executive Board.

BUSINESS PROFILE

Home Cake Decorating Supply Company

9514 Roosevelt Way NE

Seattle WA 98115

206-522 4300

Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 to 6:00

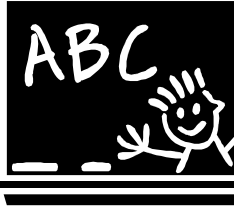
Saturday, 10:00 to 4:00

Some people can bring an artistic sense to everything they do. Forty-five years ago Irene Amundsen and her sister Thelma saw the possibilities for artistic expression in decorating cakes. They took a class in home cake decorating and loved it. They were soon disappointed to find out that they could not get the supplies in Seattle they needed to pursue their art form. So they started their own business in Pinehurst, but within a year they needed more space. In 1961 they move to the shop's current location in Maple Leaf. Twenty years later Irene's daughter Greil joined the business. It was a great opportunity to help her mother, have the flexibility to raise her son, and support others in their pursuit of the art form of cake decorating and candy making. Greil now owns and manages the business after the recent death of her mother.

The small shop is full of very wide variety of cake making supplies, cake pans, cake decorating books, and every possible decorating idea you could think of to delight kids and adults alike. The traditional doll cake, pirate cake, dinosaur cake, a glorious wedding cake, fancy candy molds – you can find ideas for them all at the Home Cake Decorating Supply Company. Professional cake pans can make your cakes look like they are straight from the best commercial bakery around.

There are still very few places in the country that have such an extensive inventory of cake decorating supplies; consequently Greil ships all over the US. Local professional bakers, chocolatiers, and pastry chefs frequent the shop for one-of-a-kind items. Craft shops or kitchen stores may have some cake decorating supplies, but no store has the range and depth of cake, cupcake, candy, wedding cake, birthday cake, and groom's cake items. In addition, Greil takes great pleasure in helping the home baker make their first fancy cake. Four generations of home bakers come to the shop for ideas and help making that special celebration cake. Some local schools encourage students and their parents to come to the shop for ideas for bake sales or cake contests. Those looking for cake decorating classes are referred to North Seattle Community College adult education program, Whole Foods classes, or a list of independent teachers

Cake decorating uses the art of baking, technical expertise of decorating, and an artistic sense of putting an idea into this artistic medium. And even practice cakes can be eaten or mistakes can be scraped off and the frosting reapplied – like a painter's canvas. Greil is very enthusiastic and supportive in helping people make the cake they dream of. There is a wall of pictures of success stories (and great ideas). Stop by and get inspired for your next celebration.



Seattle Public School Calendar

January 17	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Jan 31	Day between semesters—no school
February 21-25	Mid-winter Vacation
March 18	Professional Development Day
April 11-15	Spring Vacation

Olympic View School

'Swing into Spring' Auction, February 12

Swing into Spring and sow the seeds of knowledge! North Seattle Community College on February 12, 2005. For more information you can contact the school or Steffanie Foster @ (206) 789-9421.

Plant Sale, April 29 & 30

Olympic View is having their annual plant sale on April 29 and 30. Come get your bedding plants and veggies for your garden and help raise funds for the school.

Sacajawea Elementary School

Kindergarten Open House, February 10

Kindergarten Information Night & an opportunity to meet the teachers on Thursday, February 10th from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Then join us for our annual Science and Math Fair from 7 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome!

School Tours

School Tours will take place on Tuesdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25 and Thursdays, February 3, 10, 17 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Please sign in at the Main Office upon your arrival.

Night of the Golden Dragon Auction, March 11

The fabulous Sacajawea Safari Auction will be held on Saturday, May 7 at the Shoreline Convention Center. For information about the wonderful items that will be auctioned off that night or for information about making a donation to the auction, please check out www.sacauction.org or phone the school office at 252-5550.

MAPLE LEAF SUMMER SOCIAL

The Tenth Annual Maple Leaf Summer Social will be held at Maple Leaf Park on Wednesday, July 27th, 2005. It is not too early to mark the date on your calendar and to volunteer to help with the event. Not many people realize all that is involved in something that seems simple, for example, like serving ice cream cones from bulk containers. We need a health permit, ice cream scoopers who are supervised by a person with a health certificate, and a hand cleaning station. The ice cream has to be picked up, taken to a grocery store freezer and "warmed up" or tempered for two days before the social. Then a volunteer has to transport the ice cream from the grocery store to the Social as it is served. Volunteers have taken care of these tasks. Many hands make light work—volunteer to help spread the work around by calling Janice Camp at 527-0926.

**If you can volunteer to deliver newsletters, please call Sydnie at 206-524-2512.
Available route: 88th—5th to Roosevelt (40)**



NORTHGATE UPDATE

New Mall Development: Simon Property Group, Northgate Mall owners, have applied Design Review for a proposal for approximately 106,000 sq. ft. of new retail and restaurant uses and a three-story parking garage on the mall site. For more information regarding this application or the Design Review process, you may contact Scott Kemp, Land Use Planner at (206) 233-3866.

Northgate Goals and Policies in the City's Comprehensive Plan: This summer, the Northgate Stakeholders Group endorsed a set of 8 goals and 17 policies from the Northgate Area Comprehensive Plan (NACP). In early December, the City Council voted on adding NACP goals and policies to the Seattle Comprehensive Plan, so that Northgate is treated the same as the City's 36 other adopted neighborhood plans.

There was agreement on the goals and policies between the Council and the Stakeholders with one notable exception, single-family rezones. The policy endorsed by Maple Leaf representatives and the Northgate Stakeholder Group continued the effect of the NACP and would have precluded proposed up zones from single family. Councilmembers Conlin, Rasmussen and Licata supported this policy. However, Councilmembers Steinbrueck, Drago, Compton, Della, Godden and McIver supported an amended single family policy that supports preservation of single-family zoned areas, but also allows the Council to weigh and balance other factors set out in the Land Use Code in making a determination of whether a site meets single-family locational criteria. The latter policy will now dictate how single-family rezones are considered within the NACP boundaries.

Northgate Coordinated Transportation Investment Plan: This investment plan will prioritize transportation projects and include a funding strategy for the City and the community. Recommended projects may be implemented by the City, other regional transportation agencies and private developers. The project list may include intersection improvements, pedestrian and bicycle routes, neighborhood traffic calming projects, demand management strategies such as carpooling incentives or delivery truck and transit access and mobility improvements. For more information about CTIP, contact Tony Mazzella at (206) 684-0811 or e-mail tony.mazzella@seattle.gov. We will have copies of the Winter 2004 CTIP newsletter available at the January general meeting.

For updated information about Northgate go to the public web site at <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/planning/northgate> or contact:

Mark Troxel, DPD, (206) 615-1739
mark.troxel@seattle.gov



MAPLE LEAF COMMUNITY GARDEN

Come to the January 26th General Meeting and see the exciting development plan for the Maple Leaf Community Garden site at 529 NE 103rd Street. John Barker Landscape Architects under the supervision of Susanne Friedman, a Seattle Parks and Recreation planner and Rich Macdonald, P-Patch Manger, and the Community Garden Steering Committee created the development plan. Interested citizens attended public meetings on December 1, 2004 and January 5, 2005 had the opportunity to express their ideas for how to develop the garden. After the public meetings, John Barker met with Parks and P-Patch review teams and the Steering Committee to develop the final development plan and cost estimates for the plan.

Thank you to Barker Landscape Architects, to Susanne Friedman and Pam Kliment of Seattle Parks and Recreation, and to Allynn Ruth and Rich Macdonald of the Department of Neighborhoods. A special thank you to the dedicated Garden Steering Committee Volunteers: Amy Bernard, Janice Camp, Tina Carpenter, Doug Daily, Nancy Huzo-Podegracz, Nancy Jenkins, Dorthea King, Frank Lufkin, Dale Marston, Christin Morrison, Jolene Rolhiser, Kim Sink, Cindy Young, Janet Waringer and Isa Werny.

Community Garden Phase III: We have already initiated the next steps to help the garden plan become a reality. Now that we have an adopted plan and development cost estimates, Maple Leaf will submit a full application for Pro Parks Levy Opportunity Fund development funds on February 1, 2005 and will also apply for a third matching fund grant for garden development funds. We need to raise 25% of the funds in the neighborhood so we will also be seeking development funding from several other sources, including donations from our local residents and businesses. If awarded, these funds would become available in late 2005.

10 Ways You Can Help Build Maple Leaf Community Garden

1. Make a tax-deductible contribution to the garden development fund. Contributions will be leveraged dollar for dollar by the matching fund. Make your checks payable to the Maple Leaf Community Garden Project and mail to Maple Leaf Community Council, P.O. Box 75595, Seattle, WA 98175-0595.
2. Pledge volunteer time to help with the garden project. There will be tasks for all ages and abilities. Volunteer time is valued at \$15/hour for the matching fund if we provide signed pledge forms with our application. Garden P-patch plots will be assigned to gardeners who earn volunteer hour credits when they help build the garden. (See below for information about the pledge forms.)
3. Support the garden project by purchasing one of our custom printed Maple Leaf Community Garden T-shirts for only \$12 at the January 26th General Meeting.
4. Support the garden project by purchasing one of Dorthea King's exquisite laser-cut metal garden decorative flowers for \$25 at the January 26th General Meeting.
5. We need a heavy-duty semi flatbed truck and forklift to move several heavy pallets of brick pavers from the Gig Harbor area to the Maple Leaf area. If you are in the trucking business or know someone who might be willing to volunteer to help make this move, please contact Barbara Maxwell.
6. We need plumber to help install water lines at the garden. Professional time that is donated will be valued at the customary rate for our matching fund.
7. We need carpenters to help build arbors & trellises, etc.
8. Got rock? We will need 30-40 ton of rock for retaining walls & pathways.
9. Donate tools, wheelbarrows, etc.
10. Adopt a section of the garden common area. You could volunteer to adopt a perennial bed or to prune fruit trees or to help maintain a few feet of a path area.

You can see the garden plan, get a pledge form or find more information about the garden project on the Maple Leaf web site: www.ci.seattle.wa.us/COMMNTY/mapleleaf or by contacting Barbara Maxwell at 524-1502 or via e-mail at: tbmax@juno.com.

LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Townhouse Project: No decision has been issued in the application for a Master Use Permit to construct four two-unit townhouses at 9101 Roosevelt Way NE was submitted in June. The project number is 2400133 and the land use planner assigned to the project is Dawn Bern (684-5876). Eight townhouse units with attached garages and eight parking are proposed. Existing single-family residences would be removed.

89th & Roosevelt: Sam Viskovich, the property owner, and his consultants held a community meeting on October 28, 2004. Several re-development scenarios are under consideration including, using the site as a parking lot; or rebuilding a single story similar to the former building; a 2-story building with ground floor retail and a second floor office; a 4-story building with ground floor retail, office on the second floor and two floors or residential with parking at-grade, the same 4-story building configuration, but with underground parking. The City's land use planner assigned to this project, Colin Vasquez, attended the meeting and briefly reviewed the formal City approval process that Mr. Viskovich must complete; i.e. apply for a master use permit and initiate the Design Review process. Two public meetings will take place as part of Design Review and there is also a public comment period that will take place as part of the master use permit process.

On Thursday, February 3, 2005 at 7 PM, a follow-up meeting will be held to bring the community up-to-date on what Mr. Viskovich and his consultants have accomplished since October, as well as to show new design scenarios. The meeting will be held in the Social Hall at Olympic View Community Church, 425 NE 95th Street.

The consultant leading the public process for Mr. Viskovich is Rod Hash of Autumn Consulting. Mr. Hash can be contacted at (206) 459-0917 or via e-mail Rod@wolverinewest.com. Colin Vasquez, the City's land use planner, can be reached at 684-5639 or via e-mail at Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov.

ADWAS (Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services) Project:

The Dept of Planning & Development has issued a decision approving (with conditions) the ADWAS Master Use Permit for 8623 Roosevelt Way NE. ADWAS plans to build three floors of residential units (20 units) above its office space and meeting rooms on the ground level. A children's play area, a garden and a parking lot for 11 vehicles are proposed for the western portion of the property. You can view the 19-page decision (Adobe) by going to: <http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/dpd/notices> and then entering the Project # 2301097. ADWAS plans to break ground this spring 2005. For more information about ADWAS, contact Karen Bosley, Project Manager at 525-2843 or via e-mail at klboz@earthlink.net.

Transportation: The Committee's application for funding from the City's Cumulative Reserve Fund resulted in funding for two Maple Leaf projects. The project to improve

pedestrian safety, especially for school children, in the 800 block of NE 95th Street, a residential street, is almost completed. The project involved installing a curb and planting strip to protect an existing at-grade sidewalk. Residents worked together to plant the parking strip and report that they are very pleased with the outcome of the project.

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) has begun design work for the second project, improvements to the at-grade asphalt walkway on the west side of 15th Avenue NE north of NE 92nd Street. SDOT plans to coordinate construction of the walkway improvements with a Metro bus stop project.

Special thanks to Shauna Walgren and John Marek of the Seattle Department of Transportation for their invaluable assistance in helping Maple Leaf improve pedestrian safety.

Traffic Circle Damage

Traffic circles are planted and carefully maintained by dedicated volunteers. It is very discouraging when traffic circle plantings are damaged by carelessness. Circles are designed so that a long-wheel base vehicle can safely drive around them, not through them. If you observe a vehicle causing traffic circle damage, please try to get a description of the vehicle and a license plate number and call Barbara Maxwell at 524-1502 with the information.

Committee Meetings: Until further notice, the Committee will not meet on a regular basis. Land Use and Transportation issues can be raised at the regularly scheduled general meetings. Please direct land use and transportation questions to Barbara Maxwell at 524-1502 or via e-mail at tbmax@juno.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD LIGHTING

Seattle City Light can help keep our streets safe by providing lighting for public streets, sidewalks and flood lights for commercial properties. Call 684-3000 to report street lights that are not working or need adjustment, request new streetlights or flood lights for commercial properties.

LIGHT RAIL LINK

Where do you want the light rail to travel through the north end?? On January 25 Sound Transit Board will take final public input on the route of the light rail through the Roosevelt district. Will it be along 8th street or along 12th. Will it be in a tunnel or overhead. These are the decisions to be made. The Roosevelt Neighborhood Association is hoping for the 12th avenue tunnel option to enhance their business district and community livability. Help support our sister neighborhood to the south by attending the public meeting on January 25 at 7:00 PM at Calvary Christian Assembly (6801 8th Ave. NE). Or, visit their website: www.NLN12.org. The Sound Transit Board will vote on this alignment on January 27.

