

Maple Leaf Community

MAPLE LEAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL, PO BOX 75595, SEATTLE WA 98175-0595

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A Community Council Publication

Next Meeting

Wednesday

April 26

7:00 PM at

Olympic View Elementary

Art-Public and Private

- City of Seattle Council President Nick Licata
- City of Seattle Councilmember Jean Godden
- City of Seattle Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs
- Northgate Artist In Residence Benson Shaw
- Local Artists
- Executive Board Elections

The arts give us our identity as a community; they also draw new people, fresh visions, and renewable economic opportunity to our community.
Gavin Newsom

Free licensed child-care service - MLCC provides free, on-site, childcare at our general meetings. We offer this service to encourage adult participation at our meetings. If you have kids and would like to attend the meetings, please take advantage of this service.

GENERAL MEETING

Public art refers to any artwork or art treatment situated or presented in locations or contexts where the public can easily access the art or art experience. It can create a sense of communal ownership and attachment to a location. It is created in many ways and for many purposes.

The City has several processes for acquisition of public art and a variety of funding mechanisms. **City Council President Nick Licata, City Councilmember Jean Godden & a representative of Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs** will be at the general meeting to give an overview of public funding for art and how communities can become involved in the selection process.

Benson Shaw, the Northgate Artist in Residence, spent last year cataloging a surprising number of existing public art works in the area, an art plan and designing three new sculptural pieces to be constructed along the new Thornton Creek water channel south of Northgate Mall. Benson is a Ballard-based artist who has completed a large number of collaborative and design team projects in Seattle and throughout the United States. His presentation will include photographs and a discussion of the results of his work. Come and learn more about public art from Benson.

Calling Local Artists: If you're an artist who lives or works in Maple Leaf, would like to display your work at the meeting, learn more about upcoming opportunities, and/or be included in a directory of artists, please contact Tracy Patton at tracy_patton@msn.com.

Maple Leaf Community Garden-Action in April!

Construction to Begin: Great news! On March 14th, we received six competitive bids from contractors interested in helping build the garden. Four of the bids were very close to the cost estimate prepared by our landscape architect, John Barker. Using the guidelines for public works project, and based on very positive references from both John Barker and our Seattle Parks and Recreation construction manager, Andy Sheffer, the garden steering committee and executive board have awarded the contract to Dariotis Construction Company of Mount Vernon, WA. As of the newsletter deadline, details of the construction schedule were under discussion. Construction activity will

begin in April and that the contractor will be on the site for about 90 days.

Volunteer Opportunities: Once we have a construction schedule, we will be able to schedule volunteer work parties. Volunteers will help with several tasks; such as fine grading, trimming and raking out remnants of blackberry roots, helping build a dry stream bed, spreading rock and wood chips on pathways, spreading compost, helping build the straw bale tool shed and benches and planting. We will also need volunteers to help with paperwork and organization of work parties, to take pictures, serve refreshments, run errands, etc. There will be jobs for people with varied of physical abilities and experience. If you have already volunteered to help build the garden, you will be notified of the work party schedule. We still need volunteers, so if you'd like to volunteer, see the contact information listed below. Volunteer time is valued at \$15/hour for matching fund purposes. Volunteer hours dedicated to helping build the garden will also be used to establish the priority list for using one of the new p-patch plots. We also need volunteers to help water plants, weed and maintain the garden in the future.

Fund Raising Opportunity: We are thrilled to have the support of Maple Leaf Ace Hardware for the garden project. Clip the Ace raffle ticket in this newsletter and take it and \$1 (or more) to Ace by May 1st. You get a chance to win a \$10 Ace Gift Card. The garden project gets all the proceeds, plus up to \$250 in match from Ace. Thank you, Mike and Kathy!

You can also support the garden project by purchasing one of our custom printed Maple Leaf Community Garden T-shirts at the General Meetings for only \$12.

Official Name-"Maple Leaf Community Garden": On March 8, 2006, Seattle Parks and Recreation Superintendent Ken Bounds announced that the name is officially Maple Leaf Community Garden.

You can volunteer, see the garden plan, volunteer work party schedule, and find more information at: www.ci.seattle.wa.us/COMMNTY/mapleleaf or by contacting Barbara Maxwell at 524-1502 or [tbmax@juno.com](mailto:tymax@juno.com).

BUSINESS PROFILES

by Janice Camp

Sanford Design/Laffoon's

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Seattle WA 98115

206 522 1677

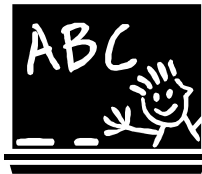
Tuesday – Friday 10:00-6:00

Two Saturdays a month 10:00-4:00

Jewelry has much to say. It is for personal expression, it is art form for the creator and the wearer, it is a way to secure wealth in uncertain times. Dan Sanford has been helping people express themselves through their jewelry for more than 30 years. Using the ancient craft of lost wax carving, Dan creates personalized pieces out of 14 and 18 carat gold. Working with clients or drawing from nature, he carves, by hand, interesting and clever designs in wax using dental and other small tools. The wax piece is placed in a flask into which molding material (plaster-type substance) is poured. Once the molding material is dried and solidified, the wax is cooked out of it, which leave a cavity. Molten metal (yellow, white, green, or pink gold) is then poured into the cavity in the mold. Once the piece is hardened and cooled, the mold is removed and the gold piece is cleaned and buffed and receives other treatments such as inlay of gems. It's an art that dates back to ancient Egyptian times.

Dan started making jewelry while in high school and ultimately found work in a small, family owned jewelry store that was located in the Roosevelt district. He was so good that he became the chief designer for the small company and created a large following of clients who asked him to create jewelry pieces for them. In 2003 Dan bought the business from the family and in August 2005 he moved the business to Maple Leaf. Dan and his co-worker, Jorge, create new and unique pieces such as a dancing jester pendant in yellow gold and inlaid with precious stones. They also repair and rebuild jewelry. They once combined two family heirloom rings into one pendant that allowed the owner to wear their memories more frequently, confident the fragile old rings would not be lost or broken.

Dan enjoys being in the Maple Leaf neighborhood. Not only does the store have more visibility than his previous location in the Roosevelt district, but he also finds Maple Leaf a friendly and relaxed area with more foot traffic past his shop. If you want to recreate or repair grandmother's rings or use your own creativity to design a unique, new bracelet, stop by Sanford Design and talk with Dan.



Seattle Public School Calendar

April 10-14

May 29

June 21

Spring Break

Memorial Day Holiday

Last Day of School

Olympic View School

The Annual OV PTA Plant Sale, 504 NE 95th

Friday, April 28th 2:30-6:00 pm

Saturday, April 29th 9:00 am-6:00 pm

Sunday, April 30th 10:00-4:00 pm

Perennials, annuals, grasses, vines, herbs & organic.

We are buying fresh from multiple wholesale nurseries and are able to keep prices at a fraction of what you would pay at retail nurseries. Proceeds from this sale directly benefit the children at Olympic View!

Sacajawea Elementary School

Volunteering

There are many opportunities to volunteer. Please contact Ki Pemberton, the school Volunteer Coordinator at 206-252-5572.

Maple Leaf Cellar

9634 Roosevelt Way NE, 206 523 1333

wine@mapleleafcellar.com, www.mapleleafcellar.com

Hours: Wednesday – Saturday 1:00-7:00; Thursday 1:00-8:30.

For those of us who enjoyed Clinton Wilson's Roosevelt Cellars, we were all sad when Clinton's health forced him to put the business up for sale. But we're thrilled that Jill and Paul Zawatski bought the cellar the end of 2005, renaming it Maple Leaf Cellar. The shop is actually in a cellar at the corner of 96th and Roosevelt with the entrance on 96th.

Jill manages the cellar most days with Paul taking time from his day job in sales for a stock photo startup company to help out on Saturday and during Thursday evening wine tasting. Jill's effervescent personality and enthusiasm for exploring wine gives the shop the sense of community and feeling of possibility the pair is working to maintain, the legacy of Clinton Wilson's effort to make wine approachable and unintimidating.

The shop has a strong showing of Pacific Northwest and Californian wines, many from small wineries whose product is often hard to find. They also have wines from France, Italy, Australia, New Zealand, South America, and Spain. In addition to seeking out new wines during their road trips, Jill and Paul encourage their customers to share their own discoveries with everyone learning about new wines together.

Jill often makes Thursday night tasting fun as well as educational, like the recent March Madness taste-off to find the 'best' white and red wine. She has also paired her wines with food from nearby Samba, turning Thursday tasting into a veritable party. Frequently local wine makers are in the shop on Saturday pouring their wines and talking about wine making with the customers. And, the wines are affordable. Jill can help you find a nice and interesting wine for considerably less than \$20.

Not only can you get a bottle of good, everyday wine at the Maple Leaf Cellar, but you can also get custom wine labels made for a unique birthday, housewarming, or anniversary present. You can join their wine club or just read their newsletter or website to expand your own wine expertise.

Omar Khayyam had it right. A loaf of bread, a jug of wine, and thou... is all one needs in the wilderness. Jill and Paul are giving Maple Leaf the jug of wine; now we just need a good bakery.

NORTHGATE LIBRARY, COMMUNITY CENTER & PARK

Construction of the new Northgate Branch of The Seattle Public Library, the Northgate Community Center and Park at Fifth Avenue Northeast and Northeast 105th Street is nearing completion. Brickwork and window frame installations are complete on the exterior and the windows and doors are being installed. Inside the structures, crews are painting and doing finish work. Utility trenching is continuing as workers prepare to install the plaza between the two buildings.

Adjacent to the project along Fifth Avenue Northeast, the Seattle Department of Transportation has started streetscape improvements that include landscaping medians, widening sidewalks, planting trees and creating a pedestrian promenade with an improved crosswalk connecting the new community center and library to the Northgate Mall.

The Seattle Public Library's 10,000-square-foot branch, and the 20,000-square-foot community center and 1.67-acre park, operated by Seattle Parks and Recreation, are expected to open mid-year. The community will be invited to attend a festive community celebration & dedication ceremony.

Seattle Parks and Recreation will begin formation of an advisory council for the new Northgate Community Center in early May 2006. If you are interested in knowing more about a community center advisory council, and what the Associated Recreation Council (ARC) is, go to www.seattle.gov/parks/arc and look at the organization, read the newsletter "Connections." A major role for the advisory council in the first couple of years of the center will be fundraising. If you are interested in committing time and energy to our local community center advisory council and wish to be considered, get your application in by May 1st. Go to the ARC Documents link on the website, fill out the application form, attach a resume, and return it via regular mail (USPS) to: Northgate Community Center Coordinator, c/o Seattle Parks and Recreation, Operations Division-Densmore, 8061 Densmore Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98103. In you are interested but are not available now, please note that Parks will also be considering future applicants.

For more information about the projects, call the Library's capital program office, 386-4624, or Parks at 233-7929, or visit www.spl.org or www.seattle.gov/parks.

May 13, 2006 Thornton Creek Watershed Day Celebration

Thornton Creek Alliance and Homewaters are sponsoring a Watershed Day for Thornton Creek on Saturday, May 13, 2006 that will include several fun and educational activities for watershed residents, visitors, friends and family.

Start the day with a **Pancake Breakfast** served up by the North Seattle Sunrisers Kiwanis at the Wedgwood Presbyterian Church at 8008 35th Avenue NE in the fellowship hall. \$5.00 gets you as many pancakes as you can eat, ham, fruit, orange juice and coffee with all the condiments. Plenty of free parking. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast.

A **Garden Tour** is scheduled for the north fork basin that will feature several gardens and include a stop to view restoration work at Twin Ponds. A guided tour of Matthew's Beach wetland and creek restoration will also be provided where the garden tour starts at 10:30 a.m. Displays and demonstrations at Matthew's Beach help viewers better understand the function and benefits of the creek, the wildlife, and provide resources to those who wish to use "green" gardening ideas and/or create habitat areas. Gardens close at 3:30 pm. Maps & self-guided tour information will be sold for \$10.00 each, but TCA members can get a 50% discount. Anyone who joins TCA and pays their membership on the day of the Garden Tour gets a free map. TCA T-Shirts will be available and provided free for \$50 donations or more to Thornton Creek Alliance. Proceeds support education and restoration projects.

A **Long Walk** is scheduled for the south fork basin lead by Todd Burley from Homewaters which is a network of educators within Thornton Creek Watershed. Discover the creek's hidden habitat areas and learn about it's history on a free, guided tour. 8:30 am -12:30 pm OR 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm tours depart Matthews Beach via Metro Bus (\$1.25) and returns on foot by no later than 12:30 pm for the first tour and 5:30 for the second tour. Walk back to Matthew's Beach, enjoy a late lunch in the park and you should still have time to view a few gardens the rest of the afternoon. For more info contact Todd Burley at tburley@scd.ctc.edu (Reservations required)

On your way to or from Matthew's Beach between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, be sure to stop in at the **Plant Sale at Nathan Hale** Horticulture Center on 36th Avenue NE at the northern edge of the Meadowbrook Detention Ponds. A variety of native plants carefully tended by Nathan Hale students will be on sale for very affordable prices to help raise funds for their horticulture program. Tadpole Haven Native Plant Nursery will also be on hand with some of those "not so easy to find" but sought after native plants for sale. They will be answering questions and helping you with advice on where and how to plant natives. Contact Jessica Torvik at jjtorvik@seattleschools.org

For information, visit the website at <http://www.scn.org/tca/> or call Cheryl at 367-4635.

THORNTON CREEK WATERSHED OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (TCWOC)

By Janet Wartinger, 523-9774

The City of Seattle Aquatic Habitat Matching Grant Program is an incentive for citizens to partner with the City in restoring aquatic habitat. Mayor Nickels "Restore Our Waters" is a key component. In 2005, "Maple Leaf Reach," a neighborhood of "creeksiders" won a grant. On April 19th, there will be a technical workshop for these grants. The drainage funds from your property tax fund this program, so projects must have a direct connection to the City's storm drain system. Grants start at \$2,000. A study is underway to credit private parties who manage stormwater on site. Contact: www.Seattle.gov/util/aquaticgrant, or Kathy Minsch at (206) 615-1441.

The TCWOC park naming committee will gather input for descriptively naming Park 2, Park 6, etc., then submit solid possibilities to Seattle Parks and Recreation for selection as part of the official Parks naming process.

The TCWOC "Art On the Wall" Committee is exploring nature-themed art design for the cement wall near the Pacific Medical Center clinic on NE 105th Street east of 5th Avenue NE. They have just been offered a second wall. Benson Shaw is the public arts coordinator for the community.

“A PLACE OF OUR OWN”

By Karen Bosley

Construction of the Abused Deaf Women’s Advocacy Services’ (ADWAS) housing project, “A Place of Our Own”, at NE 88th Street & Roosevelt Way NE is proceeding. Synergy Construction Company is managing the project and the building is scheduled to be completed June 22nd. ADWAS will move their administrative offices into the first floor of the building over the July 4th weekend. Several weeks later, program residents will move into the apartments on the upper floors.

Businesses in the area have requested a sign language class to learn basic signs to better serve Deaf customers. Marilyn Smith, Executive Director of ADWAS, says: “we are thrilled that the community is so welcoming to us and the project.” Basic sign classes will be offered after we have settled into the new building. ADWAS staff is looking forward to meeting all their neighbors and to introducing themselves.

For further information, contact Karen Bosley at 206-525-2843 or klboz@comcast.net

11TH ANNUAL SUMMER SOCIAL JULY 26TH- MAPLE LEAF PARK!



Mark your calendar. Make sure you and your family will not miss the Maple Leaf Event of the Year. It is a completely free opportunity to meet neighbors, see the work of local artists, hear great music, eat delicious ice cream, entertain the kids, learn what’s happening in your neighborhood and have lots of fun. Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Please contact Janice Camp at 527-0926 to volunteer.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Executive Board: The Maple Leaf Community Council continues to need energetic, dedicated people to be actively involved in the community by serving a two-year term on the Executive Board. The Executive Board meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at Olympic View Community Church. You can come to any Executive Board meeting and get a feel for how you can help shape the future of Maple Leaf and keep it the greatest place to live. Contact Janice Camp at 527-0926.



If you can volunteer to deliver newsletters, please call Sydnie 206-524-2512 if able to offer assistance.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MOMS IN MAPLE LEAF?

Hello! I am a resident of the Maple Leaf neighborhood (along with my husband and 3 month old daughter) and was looking for moms in the area interested in getting their similar aged children together once or twice a month for play time. We love the neighborhood and would welcome the opportunity to expand on the community. Reply to: Mandi George at (206) 417-6215 or mandi_e_george@yahoo.com

ELECTION REFORM

By Marjorie Rhodes

Marjorie Rhodes, a long-time Maple Leaf resident and election reform advocate, invites the community to get involved in election reform through the following non-partisan organizations:

1. The Washington Citizens for Fair Elections, a recently formed organization which seeks election integrity through open, fair and verifiable elections. Areas of interest include voting machines, software, the printing and counting of ballots. Meetings are held monthly at the University Heights, 50th and University Way NE, and include guest speakers. <http://www.wafairelections.org>.

2. Washington Citizens for Proportional Representation, which represents Washington State voters of all political persuasions, and is dedicated to full and

fair representation in local, state and federal elections through increased voter awareness of alternative methods of elections that will give us all a greater voice in government. Free public meetings are held monthly at the public library at 50th and Roosevelt Way NE. <http://fairvote.net/washington>.

Interested persons may contact Marjorie at 222-8940, her 24-hour voice-mail.



First Friday Out!

Join your Maple Leaf Neighbors for board games, card games – Cribbage anyone? – (no betting) and old-time neighborhood socializing

The first Friday of each month — 7:00-8:30 p.m.
(April 7, May 5 & June 2)

Olympic View Community Church, 425 NE 95th St

ALL Ages Welcome

Refreshments (Donations appreciated) — Games
(Provided, or bring your own)

Donations appreciated to pay rental fee for hall

Questions, or to volunteer to help: Chris: 523-7083 or
Karen: 527-8353