

Maple Leaf Community

MAPLE LEAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL, PO BOX 75595, SEATTLE WA 98125

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Eleventh Annual Maple Leaf Summer Social, July 26 7 – 9:00 PM, Maple Leaf Park

Call for Maple Leaf Artists to Show Their Works!

The Summer Social provides a great opportunity for community artists to display their work and to give the neighborhood a chance to see art in an informal setting. If you are a local artist who would like to display your work at the Summer Social, please contact Janice Camp at 527-0926. All types of art (painting, drawing, sculpture, pottery, metal work, textiles...) are welcome. Artists must provide their own display boards and other support to show their work.

Ice Cream Bars

Sponsored by Maple Leaf Community Council with support from Ice Cream Express*.

*Ice Cream Express open to the public Call 206-768-1345 or visit www.icecreamexpress.net

Activities for kids of all ages!
The Bubble Man sponsored by the Maple Leaf Community Council.

A Clown-generously sponsored for the fourth year by Maple Leaf resident, Dawn Porter.

Face Painting by "Animal Angels", the first Community Service 4-H club in Seattle.

Fun projects by Campfire USA

Community Issues

- ▶ Maple Leaf Community Council Membership Drive
- ▶ Maple Leaf Community Garden
- ▶ Maple Leaf Businesses-Learn more about our great Maple Leaf businesses
- ▶ New Northgate Library, Community Center & Park
- ▶ Safety Issues: Police, Crime Prevention and Fire Department
- ▶ Lake City Farmer's Market
- ▶ Campus Cats
- ▶ Lake City Neighborhood Service Center
- ▶ Thornton Creek Alliance
- ▶ Candidate/Issues Information
- ▶ Abused Deaf Woman's Advocacy Services (ADWAS) Project at 88th & Roosevelt
- ▶ Seattle Electric Vehicle Association

Balloons sponsored by Maple Leaf resident Cathy Boyce.



MUSIC IN THE PARK

Island Jamz, steel-drum band

Sponsored by the Maple Leaf Council



Volunteers Still Needed!!

This is a fun and rewarding event. We need volunteer to help make this event a success for the 11th year. All ages are invited and encouraged to participate. Lots of help is needed to set up the tents, tables and chairs, to make signs, to run errands, hand out ice cream, help clean up, etc. Call Janice Camp at 527-0926 or Jolene Rolhiser at 524-6711 and let them



SPECIAL THANKS TO THE SEATTLE PARKS DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND HELP

Business Profile

Rick's Chevron

8506 5th Ave NE, Seattle WA 98115
206 525 8821

Hours: Monday-Friday: 7:00-5:00

Saturday: 8:00-2:00

Gas only: 7 days/week 7:00 AM-10:00 PM

Another Maple Leaf institution! Rick's Chevron gas station has been providing top quality service to Maple Leaf residents for 39 years – same location, same owner, same staff, same positive contribution to the neighborhood. Rick's Chevron has been awarded the coveted AAA top rating for years – he has been one of the top 10 rated stations for four of the last five years. This rigorous rating system requires the station have certified mechanics, proper equipment, and strong customer satisfaction.

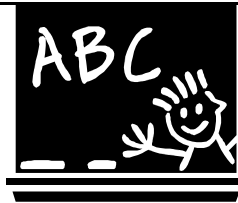
Rick bought the station at the corner of 85th and 5th when he was just 19 and newly married. He was joined a couple of years later by two mechanics who have been with him to this day. Rick's mechanics are ASE certified and they do all manner of service and repair, including 15-minute oil changes.

Rick has continued to build the business, recently adding 2 service bays to bring the total number of bays to seven. He also expanded and improved his parking lot, added a convenience store, and a drive through espresso stand. Rick's commitment to his business, his customers, and the neighborhood has helped him outlive several other gas stations that were in the neighborhood when he opened up shop in the late 1960s.

Rick's sells only Chevron products. "Chevron gas burns cleaner," says Rick. Chevron's after-refinery addition of cleaning agents to their gasoline keeps fuel injectors cleaner and improves performance. The few cents additional cost per gallon for Chevron gas is less than the cost of adding a jug of cleaning additive to your gas tank. Despite the high price of gas we consumers see, the profit margin for small station owners like Rick is a miniscule 2%, after figuring in bank charges, regulatory requirements, and other business costs.

Cars are part of Rick's family. His sons and grandson share his passion for car racing; all three generations have won awards in high-speed go-cart and NASCAR racing. And, one of his son's owns Rick's Tire and Service on Aurora. When not working, car racing, telling jokes, or spending time with his family, Rick paraglides or plays with his 1970 Chevy convertible.

Rick encourages the people of Maple Leaf to stop by and give "the oldest independent Chevron station that does auto repair in North Seattle" a try.



Seattle Public School Calendar

September 6	First Day of School
September 27	2 Hour Early Release Day
October 13	Development Day—No School
October 25	2 Hour Early Release Day

SACAJAWEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

By Ellen Yanny

Sacajawea Elementary School, tucked away in the heart of Maple Leaf, is truly a hidden treasure. Surprised to be included on the initial school closure list, the school organized and demonstrated that it did not meet any of the criteria or guiding principles for closure. Superintendent Manhas removed Sacajawea from the list. Sacajawea is home to 309 children where, as the school song states, "no one's left behind".

Sacajawea is a thriving school with increasing test scores over the past 7 years. The UW Master's in Training Program selected Sacajawea as one of three schools in the district for training student teachers. This decision was made based on the quality of teaching at Sacajawea, the commitment and dedication of the staff, the commitment to diversity, and the strong leadership at the school.

Sacajawea is an incredibly diverse school. It is one of two Northeast schools designated as English Language Learner (ELL) sites. Over 10 different languages are represented at the school. Sacajawea PTA created a Family Partnership Program where volunteers integrate our ELL families in every aspect of the school community. Our curriculum at Sacajawea has a unique geographical focus where each year a different continent is studied. The Gateways Arts and Culture Program explores the art, music, writing, drama, and dance of the continent of focus. The culmination of this program is a Little Folk Festival (LFF) that over 600 people attended this past May. The students will have metaphorically "traveled around the world" in the course of their 6 years at Sacajawea.

Sacajawea has amazing community support. Parent volunteers at the school have donated over 8000 hours to the programs at Sacajawea. These include classroom aides, an annual Math and Science Fair (with 134 exhibits in 2006!), fieldtrips, Audubon and environmental education classes and camps, math club, Math Olympiad, family math and game night, gardening, chess club, tutoring, and after-school programs including art, sports, science, language, games, computers and cooking. In addition to parent involvement, nearly 1600 hours have been donated to the school from numerous community and corporate volunteers. The community of Sacajawea and many local businesses (many in the Maple Leaf Neighborhood!) donated goods and services that raised \$130,000 at the school auction this year. This money funds several programs including the Gateways Arts and Culture program, a music program, a school counselor, an advance learning specialist, and a math specialist.

Sacajawea is such a wonderful place to learn that we are currently overenrolled and have had a wait list for kindergarten for the past 4 years. Projections indicate that elementary enrollment in the entire NE school cluster will increase by 468 by 2014. Sacajawea students, parents, teachers, and staff are committed to providing high quality education to many more children in the years to come.

For more information or to volunteer, please call 206.252.5550

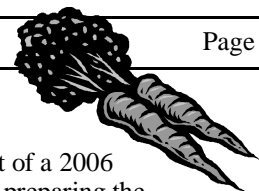
MAPLE LEAF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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.



TREE PLANTING PROJECT

We are looking for volunteers to plant trees on planting strips and public property in our neighborhood this fall. If you'd like more info, or to volunteer, contact Mike Thompson at 522-8184 or michaeljthompson@comcast.net.



Maple Leaf Community Garden Update

The news gets better and better! In June, we were notified that our garden project was selected as a recipient of a 2006 Starbucks Neighborhood Park grant. Special thanks to **Nancy Jenkins**, for donating her talent and creativity in preparing the artistic demonstrations for the Starbucks grant application. Read and enjoy the poem Nancy wrote in 2005 to illustrate her beautiful original watercolor:

Construction Status: Construction activity began in April and the garden plan has begun to take shape. Our contractor, Dariotis Construction will continue work into July under the supervision of John Barker, our landscape architect and Andy Sheffer, our Seattle Parks and Recreation construction manager.

In May, June & July, teams of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers dug the tool shed foundation, poured concrete forms, dug holes for the entry arbor, painted steel poles, weeded, planted wildflower seeds, moved a truckload of cobblestones, and built the gabion foundation for the tool shed.

In June, **Shawn Olesen of Olesen Construction**, generously donated his time, expertise and crew to install the framework for our tool shed roof. It was a thrill to see the tool shed take shape. Thank you very much, Shawn!

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteer work parties will continue through October. 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.

You can see the garden plan, information about the garden project and pictures of the garden under construction 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. You can also see garden and work party pictures taken by Doug Daily at: <http://www.gruffducks.com/mlcg/mlcgmay30.html>.

CRIME PREVENTION

Diane Horswill, our Seattle Police Department Crime Prevention officer, spent several months working on disaster preparedness public education while the City worked on hiring new staff for the emergency preparedness department. She has now been able to focus on crime prevention and will be able to provide monthly recaps of primary residential burglary data for Maple Leaf. Updates will be reported in the quarterly Maple Leaf newsletters. Diane will also be at the Summer Social and have block watch and crime prevention information for us.

"Night Out Against Crime" will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2006, 6 to 10 PM. This is a great opportunity to build community by starting a Block Watch, to reinvigorate an existing block watch or to update block watch maps. The program is open to everyone. To register and learn all you need to know about what to do and how to do it go to: www.seattle.gov/police/nightout/.

For more information, or to set up a block watch, come to the Summer Social and talk to Diane. Or you can contact her at 684-7711 or E-mail her at diane.horswill@seattle.gov.

ABUSED DEAF WOMEN'S ADVOCACY SERVICES (ADWAS)

By Karen Bosley

ADWAS is getting very close to moving into the new building on 88th and Roosevelt. We are very much in need of household items for the apartments and outdoor toys for the kids play area. The kind owners at Ace Hardware down the street have offered anyone who comes into their store to purchase items for the ADWAS housing project a 10% discount on the products they buy. For a list of needed items, contact Karen Bosley at 206-525-2843 or klboz@comcast.net. (New items only, please).

We are very excited to be joining the Maple Leaf community at last and we are extremely grateful for the tremendous support the community has provided for this project. In the Month of July, there will be lots of activity with the ADWAS staff moving in first and then the program participants living in the apartments. We will be having a series of open house parties in September so look for a notice on the one for the neighborhood.

Many businesses have asked for a basic sign language class so that they are better able to communicate with ADWAS staff and the Deaf women living in the apartments. ADWAS will be offering a one-time class in the late fall. We will post information at the various businesses and on our web site for the date and time. Anyone is welcome to attend.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact Karen Bosley, Project Manager at 525-2843 or via e-mail at klboz@comcast.net.

Maple Leaf Magnifico

By Nancy Jenkins

Let Starbuck's help our garden grow!
Flowers clustered, all in a row.
Carrots and beans.... in a tight line,
Northwest natives, like columbine.

Colors and textures all aglow,
Lawns are pretty, none here to mow.
Clean land and water, man's lifeline,
Let's keep it green and crystalline.

A quiet space, simpatico.
Let perennials re-self-sow.
Surely, a sound garden design,
Gives back to mother earth, a shrine.

Grow mint, basil, oregano.
Those big slugs are not escargot.
Coffee grounds make compost quite fine,
Plants grow with that, rain and, sunshine.

A rest, look up, see the black crow.
This pea patch life's not status quo.
Weeding's now done, my valentine.
Celebrate harvest with some wine.

Tuck tools tight in the bungalow.
Sit on the bench, play tic tac toe.
This tiny plot of land is mine.
It gives rich food on which to dine.

If Starbuck's helps our garden grow
It will create the "Dream" of Rousseau.
Lush tender leaves view the skyline.
The best use of this great ridgeline.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONSIDERED FOR 5TH & BANNER WAY

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) Traffic Management Division reports that Banner Way had been ranked second on a list of ten intersections based upon the number of right angle crashes that may be correctable with a traffic signal. In addition, traffic volumes through this intersection are high for several hours a day. The signal being considered at this time would be a two-phase signal; i.e. traffic would be allowed to flow on 5th and then on Banner Way. There would be no left-turn arrows associated with this signal operation. If SDOT decides to build this signal, a grant application would be submitted in October 2006. If a grant were to be awarded, SDOT would be notified in early 2007 and would work on a design mid-summer 2007. Construction is unlikely to begin before January of 2008. SDOT has received letters from nearby property owners who are concerned about view and aesthetics. SDOT reports that they would be sensitive to this issue but must make sure the design allows signal heads to be seen by drivers. Additional issues under discussion between SDOT and Maple Leaf representatives include intersection safety improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists, such as pedestrian scale lighting, curb bulbs, pedestrian islands, channelization and arterial traffic calming.

For more information, contact Joe Couples, SDOT, at 684-5246 or via e-mail joseph.couples@seattle.gov.



THORNTON CREEK WATERSHED OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

By Janet Wartinger, 523-9774

We hope to do better than this: the pre-spawn mortality of Coho salmon in Thornton Creek was 76% annual average from 2000-2005. Pipers Creek was 50%, and Fauntleroy Creek bested us all with just 24%. Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) does smolt trapping the first two weeks of May, targeting Coho salmon out migrating Thornton Creek. They also got sunfish, three-spine Stickleback, lamprey, cutthroat trout and rainbow trout 2004-2006. For healthier water, culverts are being repaired, codes for businesses connected to storm drains are being enforced when complaints are received by SPU, car dealerships in our watershed are washing cars in an eco-responsible way, a new inspection of 50-60,000 catch basins citywide within 5 years is mandated, the new Aquatic Habitat Matching Grant Program, and of course, other improvement tasks. What, if any, pesticides do you use? Residential Diazinon use was cancelled in 2004, so it's nearly gone from Thornton Creek. However, residues from the wood preservative Penta and herbicides such as Caseron, Microprop, Karmex, 2, 4-D, Pramitol 5 P and Tricholopyr still toxify it. Can you positively modify your choices, and get your neighbors to as well? Recommendations: Integrated Pest Management, reduce use, read the label and check restrictions, dispose of waste properly.

There is an issue regarding the North Seattle Police Precinct wetlands: in 2001, SPU drained it, citizens protested to the Department of Construction & Land Use (DCLU).

DCLU said SPU acted illegally. In 2004, it was re-designated a "wetland," and sparsely planted with non-native plants. Now there is a plan to expand the police station, and that would in all likelihood end this wetland. The land floods, it's spring of Licton Springs. Residents' goals are: no expansion of the police station, secure the wetlands declaration, restore the wetlands, and be heard by the City. Dr. Sarah Cook donated a professional landscape plan for this turn-around to health for the headwaters of Thornton Creek. Naming suggestions for Thornton Creek Parks #1, #2 and #6 are still being welcomed by the Oversight Council.

NORTHGATE LIBRARY, COMMUNITY CENTER & PARK

The new Northgate Branch, Community Center and Park are thrilled to be serving Northgate area residents of all ages!

Please visit the Northgate Branch of The Seattle Public Library during its open hours:

Monday, Tuesday: 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday, Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday: Noon - 5 p.m.

Address: 10548 Fifth Ave. N.E

Phone: (206) 386-1980

Bring your preschooler to weekly story times at 10:30 a.m. Thursday or your child to a Summer Reading Program event:

11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 3: Akimbo Puppets

2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12: Puss in Boots puppet show

11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23: The Snake Experience with local zookeeper Nick Sutton

Adults are invited to take part in the Adult Summer Reading Program. Read three books or listen to three books on tape between June 15 and Aug. 31, write a brief review of the books and earn a Literary Latte, good for \$4 at any Starbucks (while supplies last). Please talk to a branch staff member for more details or check the Library's Web site at www.spl.org.

The Northgate Community Center's summer hours are:

Monday-Thursday: Noon - 9 p.m.

Friday: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Address: 10510 Fifth Ave. N.E.

Phone: (206) 386-4283

The community center, operated by Seattle Parks and Recreation, offers classes in fitness, cooking, art, crafts, acting, dance and Spanish, in addition to sponsoring a volleyball camp and drop-in pickleball, volleyball, and basketball. It also operates Kid Depot, a fee-based babysitting service for program participants or families who are going to the Northgate Mall. In early 2007, the community center expects to open a state-licensed child care center. Parks invites community members to volunteer to be on an advisory council to help with special events and suggest classes.



If you can volunteer to deliver newsletters, please call Sydnie at 524-2512.

Thank you again to all the volunteers who help make this newsletter a success.