

Maple Leaf Community

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Next Meeting

**Wednesday
October 25**

7:00 PM at

**Olympic View
Elementary**

We will be holding our annual **Candidates/Issues Forum** at our October meeting. No activity in a democracy is more important than being an informed voter. The Maple Leaf Community Council works diligently to get all candidates for offices representing our neighborhood and speakers on all sides of ballot issues to come to our forum. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet the candidates, hear their positions and ideas, and learn about ballot measures before you make up your mind and vote. Come to the meeting and ask questions about the issues of importance to you.

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.

Camp Fire Selling Its Seattle Offices

In early July, the Puget Sound Business Journal reported that Seattle's Camp Fire USA affiliate will sell its headquarters at 15th Avenue NE and NE 85th Street. Proceeds from the sale would be used to build up Camp Fire USA's endowment, which is used to support operations and programs.

Camp Fire occupies the former Waldo General Hospital on a 1.61-acre lot appraised at \$3.16 million. Camp Fire's broker, Cushman and Wakefield of Washington, said it would not name an asking price for the property but would entertain offers. No further updates were available at the newsletter deadline.

The Camp Fire property currently falls in one of Seattle's multifamily residential zones, Lowrise 2. Building types allowed in the L2 zone are 2 to 3 story lowrise apartment buildings or townhouses. If you are interested in more information on this potential change in our neighborhood, contact Janice Camp (206) 527-0926.

City of Seattle Annexation

The Seattle City Council will vote in a few weeks whether to annex the unincorporated North Highline area, a collection of 32,000 people sandwiched between Seattle, Tukwila, and Burien. The Maple Leaf Community Council has taken a position against annexation due to the extra cost burden this represents for current Seattle residents.

The Mayor's office has estimated there to be \$6.5 million in one-time costs and between \$4.5 and \$5.6 million in ongoing annual costs depending on how much of the area is annexed (more is cheaper for Seattle). Seattle City Council staff and the Maple Leaf Community Council both believe actual one-time and ongoing costs are likely to be higher than current estimates. The Mayor proposes the costs be partially covered with money from the state and county, but it is not apparent that the proposed funding currently exists.

There is also considerable uncertainty surrounding the South Park Bridge, located in the proposed annexation area. It must be replaced and the current cost estimate exceeds \$90 million. The county has said they will pay for part of the replacement if Seattle goes ahead with annexation.

The city of Burien has determined they want to annex the entire area. If both Burien and Seattle's City Council voted to annex the area, a state board and/or the citizens of the area would make the final decision.

The Maple Leaf Community Council communicated to the Seattle City Council the following:

1. It is the responsibility of Seattle elected officials to take care of current Seattle citizens first. Budgetary concerns already make it difficult for Seattle to fully serve the needs of existing citizens (road, police, social services, etc.)
2. A budgetary plan based upon covering annual revenue/cost deficits does not adequately quantify the long-term financial burden to existing citizens of Seattle.
3. An annexation decision should not be approved, even conditionally, until all funds are secured to replace the South Park Bridge.
4. An annexation decision should not be made, even conditionally, until detailed budgetary assessments are available from SDOT, SFD, SPD, library, city utilities, and especially Human Services departments.
5. An annexation decision should not be made, until all Special Service District and other contracts have been fully negotiated and ratified by the appropriate parties.
6. The Seattle City Council should put this issue out for public comment and a public vote via an advisory ballot measure on annexation, as provided under State law.

The City Council members working on the issue have been receptive to Maple Leaf's concerns and have thanked us for participating in the debate on whether annexation is good for Seattle. If you'd like more information on the annexation issue, please contact MLCC member-at-large David Miller at davidmiller@comcast.net.

BUSINESS PROFILES

by Janice Camp

Revolution Cycles

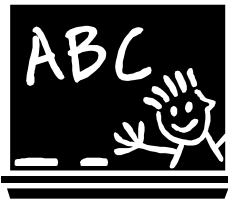
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Seattle is experiencing a revolution. More people are pushing back on the American car culture and are taking to their bikes. Seattle Department of Transportation has published a Seattle Bicycling Guide Map showing convenient cycling routes throughout the city – and they are working to expand it. Right here in Maple Leaf, Revolution Cycles is doing its part to support an emerging Seattle bicycle transportation culture.

Trask and Laura Fredrickson opened Revolution Cycles June 9, 2006. After a decade of working as bicycle mechanics for others, they decided that the building for rent at 92nd and Roosevelt was an indication it was time to open their own shop. Not only do they provide tune-ups (for \$55); they also sell bike parts, new and use bikes, accept trade-ins, and sell bikes on consignment. Revolution Cycles has the biggest selection of BMX bikes in town (see their website for cool demonstrations of BMX tricks).

When not fixing bikes at Revolution Cycles, Laura does more bike maintenance for other shops and Trask does auto-cad, graphic design, and web design. Clint Potter, a cyclist himself, helps them out one day a week, fixing bikes and managing the store. The shop has become a hub for Maple Leaf cyclists and friends who drop in to talk about cycling and bikes and eat licorice. Talk Trask and Laura about tuning up and waxing your skis and snowboards for the snow season.

Che Guevara, whose picture hangs on the wall of Revolution Cycles, said, 'Liberators do not exist. The people liberate themselves'. And so it is - each of us will find a way to liberate ourselves from the car; some of us will find that way through Revolution Cycles. Drop in for some inspiration.



Seattle Public School Calendar

November 10	Veteran's Day Holiday
November 23-24	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 18—Jan 1	Winter Break
January 15	MLK Jr. Day Holiday

Olympic View School

First Annual Fall Carnival at Olympic View Elementary!

Bring your family and friends for a fun-filled afternoon of carnival food, games, and prizes **Saturday, October 28th from 12 - 4pm** at the Olympic View gymnasium and eastside parking lot. Come as you are or come in costume and enjoy warm homemade donuts ready to decorate while drinking fresh apple cider from the old-fashioned cider press! Don't miss the pumpkin patch, dunk tank, pie eating contest, cake walk, 50/50 raffle, and much, much more!

Tickets \$1 at door. For more information contact Diane Jones at 366-0356. This is an OVPTA sponsored event, all proceeds benefit the OVPTA.

Sacajawea Elementary School

Volunteering

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

ABUSED DEAF WOMEN'S ADVOCACY SERVICES (ADWAS)

By Karen Bosley

WE DID IT! A Place of Our Own is open. ADWAS moved its offices on site in late August and residents moved in the beginning of September. We love our new building and the neighborhood. Our neighbors have been so wonderful and patient with all the noise and dust and we thank you all!

We had a very successful grand opening on September 7th for our major donors and two open houses September 21 and 27th. It was nice to see so many of you at the open houses. Thanks for your warmth, support, and donations.

We are offering a sign language class for the neighborhood. If you are interested, please email Carol at carol@adwas.org. A date has not been set yet, but if Carol has your email address, she will notify you the date and time.

We are always in need of items donated for our building so if you would like a "wish list," Carol will send you one.

Our staff are:

Administrative Staff

Kay – Office Manager
CarrieLou – Office Assistant
Stacey – Facilities Coordinator
Misty – Business Manager
Anne – Interpreter

Carol – Donor Development Coordinator
Michelle – Donor Development Assistant
Marilyn – Executive Director
Trish – Accountant

Services Staff

Tamara – Community Advocate
Libby - Community Advocate
Allie – Hotline Advocate
Cathy – Advocacy Specialist

Jaine - Community Advocate
Sheli – Therapist
Jeannie – Hotline Coordinator
Linda – Positive Parenting Coordinator

Any questions? Contact Karen Bosley, 206-522-8643 or klboz@comcast.net

MAPLE LEAF COMMUNITY GARDEN

Construction Status: Construction activity continued throughout the summer and the first plants were planted by volunteers in mid-September. We hope our contractor, Dariotis Construction will complete work in early October.

Over the summer and into fall, teams of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers built the tool shed straw bale walls, built pathways and steps, weeded, planted and watered. We had the good fortune to have a Maple Leaf resident, **Cyndy King**, volunteer her skills as a carpenter. Cyndy helped with the tool-shed roof and also installed the tool-shed windows and make the arch for the tool-shed door/gate. Cyndy will also help volunteers build compost bins. The tool shed is very charming and is getting lots of attention and interest. As of the newsletter deadline, we are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the stucco contractor, who will apply three layers of stucco to the inside and outside of the tool shed.

Garden Art: Tina Carpenter is working with Olympic View Elementary School students on art for the garden. Younger children are making garden-friendly bugs and leaves from clay for step risers and older children will help make history tiles for the tool-shed walls. We are fortunate to have Tina's creativity and experience in working with the school and with kids of all ages. Thank you, Tina.

Nancy Jenkins, another of our talented neighborhood artists, will be working with garden club members and other volunteers on making fabulous concrete leaves. Thank you, Nancy.

Volunteer Thanks & Opportunities: Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped build the garden and who have helped by organizing work party food. We are building community through this project as people are getting to know one another as they work side-by-side or share something to eat.

It's not too late to join in the fun. Volunteer work parties will continue through the end of 2006. Volunteers will help with several tasks; such planting, weeding, watering, spreading rock and wood chips on pathways, spreading compost, helping build compost bins and benches and cutting out the labyrinth design. 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 will 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>.



When you turn your clocks back for daylight savings time on **October 29**, remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Northgate Coordinated Transportation Investment Plan

The Northgate Coordinated Transportation Investment Plan (CTIP) is a blueprint to guide public and private transportation investments through 2030. Most of Maple Leaf is included in the boundaries of the CTIP study area and the CTIP includes some project recommendations on Maple Leaf streets. For example, the CTIP recommends a raised walkway on one side of 8th Avenue NE from NE 92nd Street to NE Northgate Way, a raised walkway on one side of NE 98th Street from 15th Avenue NE to Lake City Way, and crossing improvements on Roosevelt Way NE around NE 90th to NE 92nd. The estimated cost of funding the CTIP project recommendations exceed available funding resources so it is not clear which of these projects will actually be built.

You will find the full CTIP Final report along with the EIS at the SDOT Web site, <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/nctip.htm>

THORNTON CREEK WATERSHED OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (TCWOC)

By Janet Wartinger, 523-9774

On July 26, 2006 there was a fuel spill of 167 gallons of gasoline into Thornton Creek. Our council was on a van tour of the creek, and we encountered a Hazardous Material Team working on the emergency. The smell of gasoline in the air by the creek was very strong. The report was that a fuel hose from the tanker broke, the escaping fuel went down the drain of the gas station at Northgate Way and Roosevelt Way, and from that drain into Thornton Creek. Pictures of dead fish in the water were televised. The accident happened at about 3:30 PM according to the televised report, and we were noting that heavy volatile odor from the creek four hours later! Seeking answers from Thornton Creek Alliance, Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Stormwater Pollution Prevention and Seattle Watershed Management, and the Department of Ecology has only gotten me "I don't know" responses or no reply by the newsletter deadline. The televised report indicated Union Oil would be held financially liable for the damage. A creek observer noted minnows and crawdads living in that stretch of Thornton Creek last week. Will this accident result in eliminating gas station drains from emptying into creeks?

For a map of storm drains that empty into bodies of water in Seattle, go to www.seattle.gov/util/aquaticgrant and click on the drainage outfall locations. Seattle Public Utilities oversees this matter.

On a positive note, riprap was installed where Thornton Creek passes along Jackson Park Golf Course. This slows the water so it doesn't badly erode the creek bed edges, plus it makes safer living places for fish. You may visit this area, entering it at 10th Avenue NE north of NE 125th Street, at an access abutting the Jackson Park P-Patch. While you are there, how about packing out some litter? Thanks.

MAPLE LEAF SUMMER SOCIAL A BIG SUCCESS



The 11th Annual Maple Leaf Summer Social, held July 26th in the Maple Leaf playground, was a huge success! We had nearly 1,000 people come to enjoy ice cream from Ice Cream Express and Caribbean sounds by Island Jamz, the Bubble Man, balloon clown, face painting by local 4-H club, "Animal Angels" and others, food samples from local restaurants, such as Cloud City & LC's Kitchen, and information from a wide range of city and county services. The fire fighters from Engine 16 brought their red fire truck around for the kids to play on and the Seattle Parks Department crew helped set up and break down the tents and tables. Thanks to Seattle Parks and Recreation for their continued support of our community event.

The 11th year of the Maple Leaf Summer Social was a fun and informative as the first one. We have **Jolene Rolhiser** and **Barbara Maxwell** to thank for their energetic and generous work organizing this event. Their behind-the-scenes tireless efforts coupled with many volunteers, such as the **Maple Leaf Community Council Executive Board** and **Maple Leaf Evangelical Church volunteers**, are what make the event happen.

We also had the generous financial support of **Dawn Porter**, who sponsored the clown and **Cathy Boyce**, who sponsored the balloons and **Stratford at Maple Leaf** for helping sponsor the entertainment. A huge thank you to **Mike Kelley and Kathy Stephenson of Maple Leaf Ace Hardware** for sponsoring the ice cream. If you see these volunteers or visit these businesses, tell them thank you and let them know how much we appreciate them being a part of Maple Leaf!

NEW MAPLE LEAF NEIGHBORHOOD SIGNS

The Maple Leaf Community Council, with some funding support from a City Department of Neighborhoods Small & Simple Matching Fund, worked with Seattle Department of Transportation to have new Maple Leaf Neighborhood signs place on all arterials coming into the neighborhood and in the business districts on Roosevelt Way and 5th Avenue. Thanks **David Miller**, for writing the grant and facilitating this activity to increase our neighborhood visibility.

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.

Maple Leaf — Home to Interesting People

Would you enjoy knowing more about people in the neighborhood? This issue, we are going to include an article written by a Maple Leaf resident. Let us know if you would like to see more stories like this in the future.

Maple Leaf Twins & the Annual Twins Days Festival

by Ross R. Andrews

Doug and Ross Andrews of Maple Leaf recently attended the 31st Annual Twins Days Festival in Twinsburg, Ohio on August 5th and 6th, 2006. This event, held in the only city in the world named after twins, hosted more than 2,064 sets of multiples (including twins, triplets, quads and quints) from around the world. This year's event was the largest known annual gathering of twins (and multiples) in the world, as documented in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Twinsburg is located between Akron and Cleveland and was named in honor of Aaron and Moses Wilcox, early settlers from Killingsworth, Connecticut. The town's name was changed from Millsville to Twinsburg in 1817, at the request of the twins, who also donated six acres of land that is now the city square and twenty dollars to start the first school. The Wilcox twins were so identical that only their closest friends could tell them apart. They married sisters, held property in common, were stricken with the same ailment, and died the same day. They are buried in the same grave in Twinsburg's Locust Grove Cemetery.

The Twins Days Festival features 64 different contests. Doug and Ross competed in the "Most Look Alike Males" contest and placed third. They work together and have a promotional merchandise business in the Maple Leaf neighborhood called THINKALIKE that supplies personalized gifts and marketing solutions to help promote businesses and events. (See THINKALIKE's ad in this newsletter or visit www.thinkingalike.com)

CITYWIDE SKATEPARK PLAN

A City Council-appointed Skatepark Advisory Task Force and Seattle Parks are creating a citywide plan to help provide public facilities for participants in skateboarding. The plan will provide for a long-term vision for skatepark facilities.

Maple Leaf Reservoir is included on a draft map of locations proposed by the task force and is under consideration for inclusion in the Citywide Skatepark Plan. Maple Leaf Reservoir is proposed as a "district" skatepark defined as about the size of two tennis courts; 10,000 to less than 30,000 square feet. The development of individual sites will depend on availability of funding, and in cases of reservoirs and other properties not owned by Parks, on working with the owner and on the creation of a plan for each site.

You can find more information about this planning process on the web at: www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/skatepark.htm.

