

Maple Leaf Community

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Next Meeting

**Wednesday,
January
31
7:00 PM at
Olympic View
Elementary**

- ▶ City Councilmember Peter Steinbrueck, Chair Urban Development & Planning Committee
- ▶ City Councilmember Richard Conlin, Chair Environment, Emergency Management & Utilities Committee
- ▶ Diane Sugimura, Director of Planning & Development
- ▶ Bill Ames, City Forester -Tree Protection
- ▶ Liz Ellis, Seattle Department of Transportation Urban Forestry
- ▶ Sustainable Ballard

FREE ON-SITE CHIL 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.

Land Issues

The focus of the January 31st General Meeting is Land Use in Maple Leaf. Learn the basics about Maple Leaf zoning and development standards and how these can affect the look and feel of Maple Leaf in the future as property uses evolve. Will Maple Leaf remain a strong neighborhood with a variety of housing opportunities, healthy small businesses and excellent schools? What can we do to keep Maple Leaf a safe, livable and desirable neighborhood? What are other neighborhoods doing to support a vibrant, sustainable community?

Councilmember Peter Steinbrueck will talk about annexation, public safety and police staffing, zoning changes and requiring public benefits, such as affordable housing from developers.

Councilmember Richard Conlin with talk about a Sustainable Single Family Housing Ordinance he will introduce in 2007. If approved, the Ordinance would change the base height limit of single family homes from 30 to 25 feet, make the maximum lot coverage 35% (current policy states 35% or 1,700 sq. ft. whichever is greater), and prohibit two lots from being consolidated to build one house if two houses currently exist.

Diane Sugimura, Director of the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) will provide an overview of Maple Leaf zoning designations and the process involved in reviewing land use applications and building permits, etc.

Bill Ames, Forester with the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is paid by DPD to work on projects with code requirements for new trees, tree protection, and impacts to trees in the street right of way. Bill reviews new development proposals and

plans and coordinates tree requirements with the contractors and DPD. Bill has been able to successfully save trees on a number of projects and to collect for damages when trees are improperly injured or removed during site preparation and construction. Online information: 1. DPD overview of tree issues-www.seattle.gov/dpd/codes/Tree_Landscaping_Regulations/Overview/. 2. DPD Client Assistant Memo (CAM) on Tree Protection Regulations in Seattle online go to

<http://www.seattle.gov/dclu/publications/cam/cam242.pdf>.

Liz Ellis, is with SDOT's Urban Forestry Program. An American Forests Analysis report states that since 1972, Seattle has lost more than half of its tree canopy cover. Experts consider tree canopy cover the best index for the benefits trees provide urban areas. Currently, only 18% of the city is covered by tree canopy as compared with 40% just 35 years ago. (The American Forest report is online here: http://americanforests.org/downloads/rea/AF_PugetSound.pdf.) Trees provide environmental, community, and economic benefits including improving air and water quality, reducing stormwater runoff, increasing property values, protecting wildlife, absorbing global warming pollution and making the city more attractive. The City has developed a Draft Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP), a 30-year plan intended to guide a broad range of actions that will help achieve the goal of increasing the canopy cover by two-thirds over the next 30 years to 30% cover citywide. Liz will present an overview of the UFMP. The draft UFMP can be seen on line here: http://www.seattle.gov/environment/documents/Draft_Forest_Plan-Final.pdf.

A member of the Ballard neighborhood will talk about how they developed a plan to improve their sustainability.

BUSINESS PROFILE

Café Piccolo

9400 Roosevelt Way NE — 206 957 1333
 Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday 5-9PM
 Friday and Saturday 5-10 PM
 Sunday Brunch 10 AM -3 PM
 Closed Monday

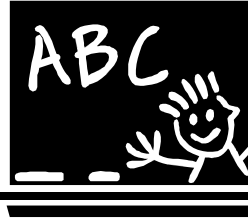
It's the little things that make the difference. The storefront at 9400 and Roosevelt has seen different eateries come and go; small changes along Roosevelt. Now Café Piccolo occupies the space and has made small changes to the place. Flowerpots on the front porch have been added, and so have a new awning and a few new tables and small changes to the décor. But these small changes have come with a big change in philosophy and food.

Nick and Trisha Carlino and their staff of 8 believe in small, comfortable, neighborhood places where the working person can go for an affordable meal that truly tastes like home cooking - because it is. They modeled their first restaurant, the Italian trattoria Café Piccolo (meaning small), on the slow food movement where food is made in house, by family, by scratch, with organic products. Just like in the old country.

Nick started his cooking career nearly 20 years ago and has worked in eateries in Oregon and Washington, notably Duke's and Dahlia Lounge. Over the years he worked to learn the restaurant business from the inside out with a goal of some day having his own neighborhood place where he could support local producers or make things in house. Trisha started out in the world of business and finance, but found her people skills were better used in the restaurant. She now helps with the front of the house activities. She truly makes the place feel like a home.

At Café Piccolo families with kids, senior citizen, and lovers can all find a comfortable place. Homemade pasta with a big selection of delicious homemade sauces to pick from (Bolognese, marinara, puttanesca, napoletana, pesto, al burro, sage and brown butter....) and homemade bread make up the staples of the menu. Great chicken and seafood dishes round things out, as does a Rib Eye steak, with an anchovy-based sauce that lends a real depth to the steak. Nearly all the wines on the menu are Italian and at a price point that makes getting a bottle a good deal. They also have an interesting collection of 'digestives' such as house made limoncello and mintcello.

Nick and Trisha participated in the Lake City Farmers Market this past summer where they sold their pasta and sauces to high acclaim. They are contemplating a sidewalk café this summer, have already started a Sunday brunch, and will continue to offer take-out. The Maple Leaf neighborhood has shown Café Piccolo their appreciation through much repeat business to this little Italian café on Roosevelt. Viva la Pasta!



Seattle Public School Calendar

January 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Feb 2	Day between semesters—no school
February 19-23	Mid-winter Vacation
March 16	Professional Development Day
April 9-13	Spring Vacation

Olympic View School

Open House, February 1

Kindergarten Information Night & an opportunity to meet the teachers on Thursday, February 1st from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

School Tours

School Tours will take place on January 11, 16, 26 & 29 and in February 5, 13, 16 & 27. 9:30 to 11 a.m. Please call 206-252-5500 to schedule your tour.

School Auction, Saturday, February 10

The fun OV Auction will be held on Saturday, February 10 at the new Northgate Community Center. For information about the amazing items that will be auctioned off that night or for information about making a donation to the auction, please phone the school office at 206-252-5500.

Sacajawea Elementary School

School Tours

School Tours will take place on Tuesdays in January and February. Please call the school office, 206-252-5550, to get more information

An Evening at the Copa Cabana Auction, April 21

The fabulous Sacajawea Auction will be held on Saturday, April 11. 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 206-252-5550.

In Memory of Verne J. Wilkins

by Mary Norris, Long-time Maple Leaf Resident of NE 97th St. & Current Resident at The Hearststone

Many Maple Leaf residents will remember **Verne Wilkins**. He worked at Olympic View Elementary School as engineer for many years. One of his favorite past times was walking along Roosevelt to visit Maple Leaf Ace Hardware, Maple Leaf Pharmacy and QFC with either an empty or full cart of purchases. Sometimes, Verne would cruise down Roosevelt to QFC in his battery-powered scooter. Verne passed away December 5, 2004.

Verne truly made lemonade out of lemons. He was born in Seattle 1923 to an abusive, alcoholic father. He enlisted in the Washington National Guard in 1938 and became active with the U. S. Army in 1941. He devoted his life to "Uncle Sam," retiring in 1961. The Korean War left him with damaged legs and vision and hearing impaired. He was never bitter and always loyal to his Country. He enjoyed his home, flowers, politics and hobbies. He loved to dance and won many ballroom dancing trophies. After retirement, he served as an advisor on the King County Metro Transit Elderly and Handicapped Transit Committee. He was our friend and neighbor for over 30 years. He chose me to be the executrix of his will and directed her to use his estate to assist the hearing impaired.

Through the [Virginia Merrill Bloedel Hearing Research Center](#) at the University of Washington, Verne's estate provided funding in three areas: Research to improve the lifetime communication skills of infants with a hearing loss; Hearing Regeneration Research that will benefit the hearing-impaired of all ages and the Listen and Talk School.

NORTHGATE URBAN CENTER UPDATE

The City of Seattle, with the advice and consultation of the Northgate Stakeholders Group, continues to work on revitalization of the Northgate Urban Center. Some highlights include:

- ▶ Construction on the Northgate South Lot is expected to begin in spring of 2007 with some utility work starting possibly as early as February or March. Lorig has secured a new movie theater tenant, and ERA Living (formerly ERA Care) will add approximately 14 more senior housing units to its initial proposed development. Seattle Public Utilities's (SPU) Thornton Creek Water Quality Channel Project is at 90 percent design, which was presented to Northgate Stakeholders at the October 2006 meeting.
- ▶ The Wallace Phase I project, at the corner of Northgate Way and 5th Ave, is moving forward and construction is anticipated sometime in the spring of 2007. This project emphasizes a pedestrian friendly design and streetscape that will set a great precedent for other private development in Northgate. Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is working to acquire property and fund a Coordinated Transportation Improvement Plan (CTIP) project to improve circulation and flow for the intersection of 5th Avenue and Northgate Way NE.
- ▶ The City of Seattle hosted a Northgate Phase II Design Charette on December 2, 2006 at the new Northgate community center. Participants representing the community, Northgate Stakeholders Group, property owners, and public agencies were asked to consider issues pertaining to public and private development opportunities for the area around the future Northgate park and along Northgate Way NE. The workshop yielded good discussions related to the character of potential public realm improvements (e.g., streetscape, edges of the future park, pedestrian, bicycle, and traffic access and circulation) and the potential for increase density for mixed-use, residential and commercial development in the Northgate Urban Center. The findings from the Design Charette will be presented to the Northgate Stakeholders Group in early 2007.

The Mayor and Seattle City Council proclaimed October 17, 2006, as Northgate Stakeholders Day in recognition of their dedication, energy, and contributions to implementing the Northgate vision and investing in its future. The Northgate Stakeholders Group is a citizen advisory group to the Mayor and City Council that meets periodically at North Seattle Community College. For more information on projects and planning for Northgate or the work of the Northgate Stakeholders Group, visit the "Northgate Revitalization" website at www.seattle.gov/dpd/planning/northgate or contact: Mark Troxel, DPD Planner, (206) 615-1739, mark.troxel@seattle.gov

MAPLE LEAF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNI-

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.

THORNTON CREEK WATERSHED OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

by Janet Wartinger, 523-9774

I have served two years on this committee and would welcome participation by another Maple Leaf resident who could take my place. Please call me if you are interested.



**If you can volunteer to
deliver newsletters, please
call Sydnie at 206-524-2512.**

MAPLE LEAF COMMUNITY GARDEN —529 NE 103RD ST

Construction Status: The garden construction is nearly complete. Work will begin on the community bench at the garden overlook in January. Depending on weather (rain and temperatures), the labyrinth and art created by Tina Carpenter and Olympic View Elementary School students will be installed in the next few months. Once the site is safe for general public access, the construction fence will be removed.

P-Patch Plots: We anticipate that our 22-patch plots will be initially gardened by the dedicated volunteers who have helped with construction over the past year. However, it is likely that space will be come available as time goes by. A wait list will be maintained for our garden p-patch plots by the local steering committee and the City's p-patch program.

Grand Opening Celebration-To Be Scheduled: We anticipate that a grand opening will be held in the spring 2007, hopefully when all the bulbs are in bloom and the weather warms up. Check the Maple Leaf web site for updated information.

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 in 2007 and beyond. Volunteers will help with several tasks; such weeding, watering, spreading mulch and cutting out the labyrinth design. There are 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. If you'd like to volunteer, see the contact information listed below.

You can see the garden plan, information about the garden project and pictures of the garden 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.

ABUSED DEAF WOMEN'S ADVOCACY SERVICES

ADWAS, located at NE 88th & Roosevelt Way NE intends to offer 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 with the date and time.



CRIME PREVENTION

Diane Horswill, Seattle Police Crime Prevention Officer, has provided an updated report on criminal activity in Maple Leaf.

***Maple Leaf Residential Burglaries: Nov 2006**

11/26 1000blk NE 94th St., called in at 5:15PM, victim arrived home after being gone to discover a unlocked sliding window had been opened and his handgun and a large amount of cash was gone, the victims suspects an ex-girlfriend of the crime.

11/28 1000blk NE 100th St., called in at 5:36AM, resident called 911 to report that a woman in her 50's just entered his home through the unlocked back door and is screaming and throwing things around, she appears to be mentally ill, residents are able to get her to sit down, she is taken to Harborview for evaluation.

11/30 9400blk 1st Ave NE., called in at 1:55PM, report of a forced entry burglary to an apartment unit

Commercial Robberies

11/04 9100blk Roosevelt Wy NE, called in at 2:16AM, male robber flashed a weapon and grabbed lotto tickets, fled in a white Honda which turned out to be stolen.

11/27 8800blk Roosevelt Wy NE, called in at 11:49AM, pharmacy reports being robbed by a white male in his 20's who implied that he had a weapon

Commercial Burglary

11/05 7900blk Roosevelt Wy NE, called in at 4:37AM, neighbors sees an intoxicated man between his house and the restaurant next door swinging a milk carton around, the neighbor called 911 when he heard breaking glass, officers arrive and find a broken restaurant window and arrest the man

*Unofficial statistics

For more information, or to set up a block watch, contact Diane at 684-7711 or via e-mail at: horswid@Seattle.Gov

LISTEN AND TALK SCHOOL MOVES TO MAPLE LEAF

Listen and Talk is a school that teaches spoken language and listening skills to deaf children birth through school age. The school started 10 years ago in the Laurelhurst neighborhood and later moved to Bothell. In December, Listen and Talk moved from Bothell to the former convent just north of St. Catherine's School and church in Maple Leaf. The school served more than 75 deaf children and their families.

According to Eileen Brickley, Director of Development for Listen and Talk, hearing loss is the most common birth defect, and most deaf children are born to hearing parents. Deaf children who know spoken language have the ability to lead independent lives, attend regular classrooms in neighborhood schools, achieve normal literacy, and lead totally independent lives instead of being dependent on sign language, interpreters, and society for social services and economic support. With rapid changes in hearing technology such as digital programmable hearing aids, FM systems and cochlear implants, more parents than ever before are choosing to have their children learn spoken language and listening skills so that they can achieve full literacy.

For more information, contact Eileen Brickley at eileenb@listentalk.org or see www.listentalk.org.

CAMP FIRE SELLING ITS SEATTLE OFFICES

Seattle's Camp Fire USA affiliate intends to sell its headquarters at 15th Avenue NE and NE 85th Street and use the proceeds to build up Camp Fire USA's endowment, which is used to support operations and programs.

Camp Fire occupies the former Waldo General Hospital, the first osteopathic hospital in the Pacific Northwest. The site is a 1.61-acre park-like property with mature trees and vegetation and is much loved by many residents and a home to birds and wildlife. The property currently falls in one of Seattle's multifamily residential zones, Low rise 2. Building types allowed in the L2 zone are 2 to 3 story low rise apartment buildings or townhouses.

In response to neighborhood interest in the future of this site, the Board has organized a subcommittee who is investigating options for preservation of the site and on whether or not the site and/or building would qualify as a Seattle Landmark. Because the building is over 50 years old, an evaluation of it's historic significance will be required. If you are interested in more information on this potential change in our neighborhood, contact Janice Camp (206) 527-0926.

CITY OF SEATTLE ANNEXATION

In December, the Seattle City Council voted 6-3 to advance to the next step in annexing the North Highline area. This is not the last vote on whether to annex the area, but it was a disappointing vote nonetheless. Annexing North Highline will cost Seattle over \$5 million annually plus at least \$10 million in one-time costs. This money will come directly out of Seattle's current budget either immediately or eight years from now, reducing services to current Seattle residents.

50 years ago, much of our area was annexed by Seattle with the promise of building new sidewalks. That has not happened. If you are interested in helping convince the Council to focus more on meeting the needs of current Seattle residents instead of spending millions to annex new territory, contact Maple Leaf Executive Board member David Miller at daviddmiller@comcast.net or see him at the January General Meeting.

I-5 / 5TH AVE. NE TO NE 92ND ST. — NOISE WALL PROJECT UPDATE

The I-5 / 5th Avenue NE to NE 92nd Street Noise Wall Project received \$7.7 million in funding as part of the 2005 Transportation Partnership Account. The project is currently in the planning phase with preliminary design anticipated to begin in early 2007. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2008. Before designing and constructing any noise walls, WSDOT will conduct neighborhood polls to gauge public interest for each wall and help determine whether or not to install the walls. More information about the project is available at the following website: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/5thAveNEtoNE92ndNoiseWall/>

If you have any questions about the project, please contact:

Kinyan Lui, P.E., Project Engineer, (206) 770-3503, LuiK@wsdot.wa.gov.