

Maple Leaf Community

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

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Next Meeting

Wednesday

April 25

7:00 PM at

Olympic View Elementary

- ▶ Future of the former Waldo General Hospital/CAMPFIRE USA site.
 - ▶ Prescott Development LLC.
 - ▶ Scott Kemp, Planning & Development Planner for the Waldo site.
 - ▶ Maple Leaf Board presentation.
- ▶ King County Councilmember Bob Ferguson
 - ▶ Northgate Developments
 - ▶ Mental Health Funding
 - ▶ Public Health Clinics
 - ▶ Executive Board Elections

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

Come to the April 25th General Meeting and be part of the discussion of the future of the former Waldo General Hospital/Camp Fire USA site. How do we help Maple Leaf remain a strong neighborhood with a variety of housing opportunities, healthy small businesses and excellent schools and at the same time, protect our irreplaceable natural resources, such as the Waldo grove of mature trees? Hear about Prescott Development's plans. Learn about the City's review process. Mayor Greg Nickels has been invited to speak to the community about this crucial issue.

King County Councilmember Bob Ferguson will speak about his recent work in King County and will take your questions about King County issues.

MAPLE LEAF COMMUNITY GARDEN - 529 NE 103RD ST.

GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

The grand opening celebration will be held on

Saturday, April 28th beginning at 2 PM

Please come and tour the garden and help celebrate this fabulous addition to Maple Leaf. There will be lively music and delicious refreshments.

Construction Status: Did you know that the idea for preserving open space at this site originated in 1988? Almost 20-years later, our beautiful garden is nearly complete. The community bench at the garden overlook is complete and the view is great. Part of the art created by Tina Carpenter and Olympic View Elementary School students has been installed on the stair risers and it has transformed the steps from ho-hum

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CAMP FIRE SELLS ITS SEATTLE OFFICES TO PRESCOTT DEVELOPMENT

As of March 15th, Prescott Development LLC took control of the former Camp Fire USA/Waldo General Hospital site at 15th Avenue NE and NE 85th Street. Prescott has reported that it is working on an initial development concept that will feature:

40 two-story residential units, between 1,200 and 1,400 sq. ft. 23 of the units will be fully detached, and 17 will be in duplex or triplex configuration.

An underground garage will provide some parking. Units with direct street access will have private garages. Three surface stalls will provide guest parking.

Prescott states they "will make an effort to save as many healthy, significant trees on the site as possible, within the constraints of its development plans," but we believe the continuity of the urban forest on the site will be compromised.

Prescott anticipates the initial development concept will evolve through design review and further architectural and engineering work. Prescott representatives will make a presentation about their plans at the April 25th General Meeting.

MAPLE LEAF'S ACTIONS: In response to neighborhood interest, the Board organized a subcommittee who has been working hard to explore several options to try to preserve the site and its character and, failing that, to positively influence what happens to the site in the future. Here's what the committee has done to date:

Researched the history of Waldo General Hospital and William Earl Waldo, M.D., its founder, retained professional advice on the landmark process, and prepared and submitted a Landmark Nomination of both the building and the site to the City of Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board.

After first learning of the potential sale in the press, met with Camp Fire USA in an unsuccessful attempt to try to convince them of the desirability and long-term financial benefit to remaining in Maple Leaf.

Met with City representatives to discuss the site. Met with Prescott Homes to discuss the site. Circulated a petition

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BUSINESS PROFILES

by Janice Camp

Dartmoor School

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Education is the ticket to success in the changing American economy. Whether its in getting a firm foundation or making a commitment to adult education classes, the bottom line is life-long learning. Maple Leaf is home to two public elementary schools (Sacajawea and Olympic View), four independent schools (Fairview, St. Catherine's, Perkins, and Dartmoor), and numerous home schoolers. The new Northgate community center is offering an interesting collection of community education classes (<http://www.seattle.gov/parks/centers/Northgate.htm>) and North Seattle Community College offers a huge selection of continuing education classes (<http://www.learnatnorth.org/>). Maple Leaf neighbors have great educational resources within walking distance.

Dartmoor school is relatively new to the Maple Leaf scene and offers some unique educational services. Dori Bower, a teacher and reading specialist who saw there was a need to help kids with special needs, started the Dartmoor School in 1990. The Dartmoor program now has 25-30 faculty and 40 staff offering classes and tutoring for 250 K-12 students. Tuition is based on type of instruction.

Approximately half of Dartmoor students have identified learning issues, such as Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), ADHD, and autism spectrum disorders. Approximately 4-6% of the US population has ADD with, and males are 2 to 3 times more likely to be diagnosed with ADD than females.

To help these kids, Dartmoor offers one-on-one instruction and individual attention; that helps them succeed academically and build self-esteem. Courses offered include math, sciences, English, social studies, and a variety of electives. Instruction is flexible with open enrollment and courses offered all year round. Some students participate in Dartmoor programs as well as public schools and get academic credit through Dartmoor. The school is accredited by Northwest Association of Accredited Schools and National Independent Private School Association and approved by the State of Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

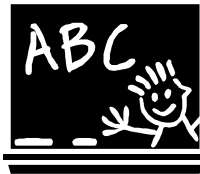
The Maple Leaf was the second of the four Dartmoor sites and the only site in Seattle. The Maple Leaf site was selected because of its location and the supportive neighborhood. Stop by the Dartmoor school if you have a special need student or would just like to learn more about their programs.

Available newsletter routes:

79th & 80th: 5th-8th (65)
100th: 5th-8th; 102nd: 5th-8th (40)
89th: 2nd-5th; Latona: 89th-90th (28)

Also, needed are volunteers to deliver newsletter bundles around the neighborhood.

Please call Sydnie 206-524-2512 if able to offer assistance.



Seattle Public School Calendar

April 9-13
May 28
June 22

Spring Break
Memorial Day Holiday
Last Day of School

Olympic View School

The Annual OV PTA Plant Sale, 504 NE 95th

Friday, April 27th 3:30-7:00 pm
Saturday, April 28th 9:00 am-6:00 pm
Sunday, April 29th 10:00-4:00 pm

High-quality 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

7th Annual Auction, Evening at the Copacobana

The fabulous Sacajawea Auction will be held on Saturday, April 21. 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 <http://www.seattleschools.org/schools/sacajawea/pta/auction.html> or phone the school office at 206-252-5550.

CAMP FIRE SELLS ITS SEATTLE OFFICES TO PRESCOTT DEVELOPMENT—continued

to document community support for preserving the building and site. Sought professional counsel and advice.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Complete and return the enclosed "Save Waldo" petition.

Help defray expenses by sending a tax-free contribution to the Maple Leaf Community Council, "Save Waldo Fund," (Make checks payable to MLCC-Save Waldo Fund) and mail to PO Box 75595, Seattle, WA 98175-0595.

Call and write Mayor Greg Nickels and tell him you support the preservation of the Waldo building, site and trees. Call the Mayor at 684-4000 and write to him at PO Box 94749, Seattle, WA 98124-4749.

Call and write City Councilmembers and tell them you support the preservation of the Waldo building, site and trees. Write to councilmembers at PO Box 34025, Seattle, WA 98124-4025. Call councilmembers as follows:

Sally Clark-684-8802	Richard Conlin-684-8805
David Della-684-8806	Jan Drago-684-8801
Jean Godden-684-8807	Nick Licata-684-8803
Richard McIver-684-8800	Tom Rasmussen-684-8808
Peter Steinbrueck-684-8804	

Attend the public meetings at which the project will be discussed. The City will schedule an early design guidance meeting in the near future. (See below for contact information.)

Sign up for a community-wide e-mail information list at http://groups.google.com/group/save_waldo

NORTHGATE URBAN CENTER UPDATE

For 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 COMMUNITY GARDEN - 529 NE 103RD ST.—CONTINUED

to stunning. Depending on weather (rain and temperatures), the labyrinth and the tool shed tiles created by Olympic View third-graders will be installed before the grand opening. Once the site is safe for general public access, the construction fence will be removed.

P-Patch Plots: Our p-patch plots will be gardened by the dedicated volunteers who helped with construction over the past year. We will also have a food bank plot so our garden will donate fresh produce to our local food banks. In addition we will have reserved some space for senior gardeners who reside in our local senior care facilities. It is likely that p-patch plot vacancies will become 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. Please contact Jenn Zanella at 527-0895 to place your name on the local p-patch plot wait list.

Volunteer Thanks & Opportunities: Thank you to all the volunteers who helped build the garden and who helped organize 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.

SPECIAL THANKS: To Andrew Carson and Shelly Corbett for their extremely generous donation an incredible wind sculpture. It will be a highlight of the garden to be treasured and enjoyed by all.

It will never be too late to join in the fun. Volunteer work parties will continue on a regular basis. We expect to announce the time for a work party on one Saturday morning each quarter in the newsletter so everyone in the community can come out and help maintain the garden. Volunteers will help with tasks such weeding, watering, and spreading mulch. 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. 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.

CRIME PREVENTION

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

Maple Leaf Residential Burglaries*

January 2007

- 01/01 10700blk 8TH Ave NE, Apt., called in at 4:00AM, report of a forced entry burglary
- 01/05 500blk NE 103rd, Apt. called in at 4:42PM, resident arrived home and interrupted a burglary in progress, he described the burglar as a white male about 25 years old, 5'5" and thin, nothing was taken
- 01/06 800blk NE 106th, Apt. called in at 1:47PM, resident says someone kicked her door and her alarm went off, officers made contact with a group of six Eckstein M.S. kids playing in the area and they admitted kicking her door, no damage was done
- 01/07 1500blk NE 106th St., called in at 1:11PM, report of a forced entry burglary that occurred during the day
- 01/18 8200blk Latona Ave NE, called in at 4:30PM, resident heard a noise in his basement that sounded like someone was trying to break in, he also saw a man he described as a white male about 30 years old and 6' tall leave from the alley, no entry made
- 01/22 800blk NE 105th, called in at 12:34PM, resident called to say she heard someone try her back door knob, when she opened the shade he took off, she described him as a Hispanic male
- 01/25 2300blk NE 103rd St., called in at 7:14PM, report of a forced entry burglary that occurred during the day

February 2007

- 02/06 9200 blk 1st Ave NE., called in at 3:32PM., report of a forced entry burglary
- 02/12 9400 blk 17th Ave NE, called in at 2:05PM., report of a forced entry burglary
- 02/17 7500blk Banner Wy NE., called in at 7:08PM., report of a forced entry burglary
- 02/18 500blk NE 78th St., called in at 10:19AM., report of a forced entry burglary
- 02/27 1100blk NE 106th St., called in at 7:25PM., report of an attempted burglary, no entry made

*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

THORNTON CREEK WATERSHED OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (TCWOC)

by Janet Waringer, 523-9774

How many soft and pervious surfaces did you walk on today? They are the friends of our creeks (unless chemically degraded). They retain some rainwater and run-off, instead allowing it and the contaminants it gathers along the way to shoot into the creek like impervious surfaces such as concrete do. Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) and Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) are acting pro-environment on some projects in Maple Leaf and neighboring Pinehurst. SPU's Thornton Creek 5-year Action Agenda Status Report is 20 pages long, but here are some highlights: The Thornton Creek Water Quality Channel project will reduce 2.7 acres of impervious surface at the headwaters of Thornton Creek. It will create a "hybrid" creek that will be seen in the new Lorig "Thornton Place" development on the lot south of Northgate Mall, maybe as soon as 2008. In the Mall's north parking lot, construction is underway on a telescoping bioretention drainage improvement project. Another alternative to traditional sidewalks, curbs and gutters that promotes creek health was completed in the Pinehurst neighborhood in 2006. It reminds me of the ditches with native plants that I grew up with in the 50s—a good sight. Catch basin infrastructure prioritization is another current SPU project. One effect that should come from this is steep slope stabilization.

Upcoming Event: "Longwalk" of the South Fork of Thornton Creek, May 12. You may register at www.homewatersproject.org.

A good read: [Saving Puget Sound: A Conservation Strategy for the 21st Century](#) by our own John Lombard. www.savingpugetsound.com.

I have served my two-year appointment as your representative on this committee. Please call me if you are interested in taking on this work. We can all do something for environmental conservation right here in Maple Leaf.

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

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will delay the design and construction of the noise wall on the east side of I-5 until after the outcome of the November 2007 ballot measure is known. The delay will allow both WSDOT and Sound Transit the opportunity to coordinate the next steps for light rail and for noise wall projects. More information about the project is available at the following website: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/15/5thAveNEtoNE92ndNoiseWall/>

If you have any questions about the project, please contact: **Kinyan Lui, P.E.**, Project Engineer, (206) 770-3503, LuiK@wsdot.wa.gov.

GRAFFITI VANDALISM 684-7587 [685-PKUP, ALSO FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING]

by John Wolff

Maple Leaf says THANK YOU to all of our residents and businesses who've cleaned-up graffiti over the years. Remember, for every "Thank You" you've heard, there were 1,000 you didn't hear because we didn't know who to thank or because you cleaned it up before we even saw it.

Please do not tolerate graffiti vandalism. Report it to the Graffiti Hotline. If it's on public property, they'll clean it up. If it's private property, they'll notify the owner. This does work. Sometimes it takes more than 1 call. It is REALLY IMPORTANT to remove this stuff quickly. This does discourage the vandalism. This is fun: thank neighbors & businesses after graffiti disappears it - always get a smile.

HINTS: If you do-it-yourself, do it immediately. Paint takes days to harden fully. It's much easier when it's still soft. You can do a lot with a quick trip to Ace. Acetone is cheap, works well (can damage underlying paint). Get the higher-quality abrasion-resistant gloves since it's easy to scrub the fingertips and make leaks. **WARNING:** Acetone is as flammable as gasoline. Acetone in rags is a dramatic spontaneous combustion hazard, esp. if the rags contain oil, like diesel. Air-dry them completely and don't bring them indoors at all. Ace also has water-based paint strippers that can work well but may take longer.

For cleanup tips, go to <http://www.seattle.gov> and search on "graffiti". Police reports: 625-5011. Graffiti Hotline: 684-7587 (684-PKUP). For free paint call the ReUse Store: 386-4093.

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.

KING COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER BOB FERGUSON'S NEWS

The Northgate Mall has been growing lately and I wanted to update you on recent County Council actions to move the progress along in a positive way. The County Council recently approved a revised lease agreement that helps consolidate all Northgate-area transit commuter parking near the Northgate Transit Center and increases total parking capacity for local transit users.

The amended agreement is part of a legislative package approved last year that includes the sale of the Northgate Park and Ride just north of the mall (behind Target) to the city of Seattle. The city plans to convert the parcel into a park for the Northgate community. The lost parking spaces will be replaced by those to be provided near the Transit Center with a net increase of 80 new parking stalls for Northgate area transit users. Those stalls are included as part of 630 parking stalls to be provided in two new parking garages built close to the Center.

I live in Maple Leaf and am a daily user of the Northgate Transit Center. I am interested in ensuring that the changes occurring at Northgate are positive for our community. The revised lease agreement guarantees a critical element needed to tie together essential neighborhood attractions and components—including new green spaces, a new library and community center, a revitalized shopping mall, an urban stream, & attractive housing.

If you have any questions about the Northgate development, or any other issue that involves the County, please call my office at 206-296-1001 or email me at bob.ferguson@metrokc.gov.

Bob Ferguson and his wife Colleen, an international education officer at Shoreline Community College, live in the Maple Leaf neighborhood.

ABUSED DEAF WOMEN'S ADVOCACY SERVICES

For our Maple Leaf friends and neighbors, back by popular demand! We held this class in February and we had a GREAT response so we are presenting the class again.

A FREE 6 week sign course is being offered at Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Svcs located at 8623 Roosevelt Way NE **Beginning April 26th, Thursdays, 6 to 7 PM at ADWAS***

This is a 6-week BASIC SURVIVAL sign language class taught by Deaf instructor, Crystal Green. Sign up by emailing your name and contact information to: Carol Brown at Carol@adwas.org.

***Space is limited. Deadline to register is April 16th.**

ADWAS Wish List for new or gently used and current model:

*High chairs *Cribs *Car Seats

If you have any of these items you wish donate, please feel free to contact Carol@adwas.org or drop by the office at 8623 Roosevelt Way NE.



12th Annual Summer Social July 26th-Maple Leaf Park!

Mark your calendar now to make sure you and your family do not miss the most popular Maple Leaf event of the year. The Maple Leaf Summer Social is your opportunity to meet neighbors, see the work of our talented local artists, hear great music, eat delicious ice cream, entertain the kids, learn what's happening in the neighborhood and have lots of fun. There is no charge for this event. Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Please contact Janice Camp at 527-0926 to volunteer.