

Maple Leaf Community

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Eleventh Annual Maple Leaf Summer Social, July 25 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 fifth 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 Garden Club
- ▶ Maple Leaf Businesses-Learn more about our great Maple Leaf businesses
- ▶ Northgate Library, Community Center & Park Programs
- ▶ Safety Issues: 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

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

Treehouse Barber Shop
8815 Roosevelt Way NE
206 525 8821

Tuesday-Friday 10:00-6:00; Saturday 10:00-4:00

No appointment necessary; Walk-ins only

The Treehouse Barber Shop is secluded, fading back from Roosevelt behind big cedar trees. It is a reflection of old Maple Leaf, like a faded photograph. If you aren't paying attention or looking for examples of a bygone era, you'd miss it.

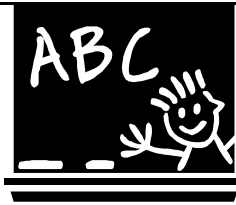
Mike Sharp's father (a Tennessee coal miner) learned how to cut hair in the Navy in 1928; he could trim 100 sailors in a couple of hours. After knocking around in the Navy for 20 years, he, his wife, and three kids settled in the north end of Seattle where he continued to cut hair. He was so good and so fast that customers would line up for him - to the consternation and jealousy of several of his employers. While cutting hair for a barber in the Sporting Goods building (Now 'The Jones' and "Maple Leaf Pharmacy"), he noticed that the house across the street was for sale. He bought it in 1952, renovated it, and set up his own barbering business.

In 1958 when Mike got out of the Navy himself, his dad offered to send him to barber school and have Mike join the barbering business at 8815 Roosevelt Way NE. Mike's been cutting hair there ever since. Business was booming in the 1960s and early 1970s. There were three barbers working full time with more than 250 customers a week, but those were the days when guys got buzz cuts every two weeks.

Mike met his wife while barbering. She frequented the gas station next door and worked at Julie's restaurant (now 'Snappy Dragon') as a waitress. The Roosevelt businesses were close knit then and the 'professional restaurant sitters' would sit and drink coffee, smoke cigarettes, and eat hot beef sandwiches at Julie's sharing gossip and watching the neighborhood change.

When the 'surfer cut' (AKA 'Beatle cut') and longhaired hippy hair became the craze and men started going to 'style shops', the number of Treehouse customers started to drop. A lot of barbers actually went out of business then, but the Treehouse Barber Shop had a good reputation and lots of local customers. Mike's dad worked well into his 80s, but when he retired, it was pretty much just Mike keeping up the barbering business.

Sadly the era of the \$11 hair cut (\$10 for seniors) and an old fashion barbershop in Maple Leaf is fading into our memories. Mike is just about ready to hang up his scissors; he's retiring next March after 50 years in the business. He has already sold the property to support his retirement. Mike says the new owner (who also owns the adjacent old gas station, now car repair business) is going to put up a condo building with retail shops below. Mike says he's going to miss his remaining customers and they are really going to miss him. Many of them have been coming to the shop for nearly as long as Mike's been cutting hair. If you need a good, old-fashioned haircut, or want to experience Maple Leaf life from another time, or just want to say thanks and goodbye, stop by the Treehouse.



Seattle Public School Calendar

September 5	First Day of School
September 26	2 Hour Early Release Day
October 12	Development Day—No School
October 31	2 Hour Early Release Day

THE MAPLE LEAF NEIGHBORHOOD POWER PROJECT

The City of Seattle's award winning *Neighborhood Power Project (NPP)* has chosen Maple Leaf as its focus for the next 12 months!

NPP uses a community-based strategy to promote conservation and community building programs in selected neighborhoods of Seattle. NPP goals are to:

- Increase awareness of resource conservation and environmental stewardship
- Help neighbors and businesses reduce utility bills
- Improve neighborhood safety
- Build sustaining partnerships to continue efforts after NPP moves on

NPP began in 1995 with Fremont. Since then, it has served eleven neighborhoods with West Seattle as the latest. Seattle City Light is the primary sponsor of NPP but works closely with other City departments concerned with conserving resources and improving neighborhoods such as Seattle Public Utilities, Department of Neighborhoods, Office of Housing, Parks Department and the Seattle Police Department.

Services offered only through NPP include:

- 1) A free "Green Audit" home inspection where a Seattle City Light conservation expert does a walk-through of the home to help the residents identify ways to reduce energy and water consumption
- 2) Two free compact fluorescent bulbs per household distributed by neighborhood volunteers. (Over 12,000 were distributed last year in West Seattle!)

Other services include lighting, window and insulation incentives for multifamily buildings and lighting incentives for small businesses.

The boundaries of the Maple Leaf NPP are I-5 on the west, Northgate Way to the north, 15th Ave NE to the east and Lake City Way to the south.

The NPP staff looks forward to working with volunteers, community based organizations, and business groups to make the Maple Leaf Neighborhood Power Project a successful partnership. For more information, please contact Juan Peralez, NPP Manager at (206) 684-3868 or juan.peralez@seattle.gov.

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.

PR Opportunity: The council is also seeking people with experience in designing and implementing public outreach, communications, and media relations strategies to help the community to have a proactive and effective voice in shaping public policy affecting the neighborhood. Familiarity with communicating with government decision-makers and the general public is a plus. This is a great opportunity to roll up your sleeves and work with other spirited volunteers on projects such as influencing the direction and form of development at the Waldo General Hospital site, fundraising, transportation, design of a Maple Leaf neighborhood plan, reservoir park planning, etc. If interested, please contact Jill Ohara (522-7470 or j.public@comcast.net) or Janice Camp (527-0926)

SAVE WALDO

The Maple Leaf Community Council efforts to Save Waldo Hospital took a serious hit on June 20th when the Seattle Landmark Preservation Board voted to not designate historic hospital as a Seattle Landmark.

Waldo Hospital is located near the intersection of 15th NE and 85th NE and was built in 1924. It was one of the first osteopathic hospitals in the state and possibly the last remaining example of the numerous small, neighborhood hospitals that once served the city. Washington Historic Trust placed Waldo on its Most Endangered Historic Properties list in May. In addition to the historic building, the Waldo Hospital site contains a rare urban forest of over 80 mature trees.

Camp Fire Puget Sound, which bought the building from the Waldo Foundation in the early 1960s, decided to place the building and 1.6-acre grounds up for sale in 2006. The community first learned about the sale via a newspaper article last July. Camp Fire rejected offers from the MLCC to help raise money to renovate the building or find a buyer interested in development that would respect the site's unique character.

Dr. Waldo was very active in osteopathy on the local, state, and national level. He was President of the Washington Osteopathic Medical Association, the King County Osteopaths, and the American Osteopathic Association. He helped author medical school standards, formulate model legislation for osteopathic practice, and lectured about osteopathy to tens of thousands of Americans in the 1920s and 1930s. Locally he offered free care to patients who couldn't afford it and to student athletes of three local high schools. Dr. Waldo delivered over 2,400 babies at Waldo Hospital. He was also the team physician for the UW Husky football team and the Seattle Indians Baseball Club.

We are very disappointed that the Landmark Preservation Board did not agree with us that the Waldo Hospital is a significant representation of Dr. Waldo and his life's work as well as being a notable and distinctive feature of our neighborhood. We are however, extremely proud of the enormous amount of volunteer time that went into developing and defending the application and to trying to save a piece of Maple Leaf history. Our next steps include continuing to provide input into the development process.

To learn more or to get involved - see www.SaveWaldo.org.

ABUSED DEAF WOMEN'S ADVOCACY SERVICES (ADWAS)

by Carol Brown

Thank you Maple Leaf Neighbors

We would like to thank our many neighbors for responding to our requests to assist the women we serve. Many of you have come forward with new or gently used items that have helped women and their children rebuild their lives in the community. The dresser, TV, clothing, high chairs and car seats have been very useful in this process. As you man know, it is not possible to pack up your belongings when you are fleeing an unsafe situation. Thanks again, Maple Leaf neighbors.

American Sign Language ABC cards

It has come to our attention from one of the Maple Leaf neighbors that a person is selling ABC cards door to door. This individual claims to represent ADWAS. ADWAS does not solicit or promote door-to-door sales or peddling of any kind. The organization does fund-raising in the traditional manner using letters, auctions, etc. If someone stops by your home, please do let us know.

In the meantime, if you would like to learn the alphabet in sign language for free, you can get started at this website: www.lifeprint.com

We also teach free BASIC sign language classes for the Maple Leaf Community Members at ADWAS! If you are interested in signing up for survival sign language class, contact Carol at carol@adwas.org.

ADWAS Children's Program

We love to meet new friends. If you would like to come in to volunteer in the children's program, or become a childcare provider, please contact me at ashley@adwas.org. Also, since we're a new program, if you have any donations or would be able to give the items on our wish list, please let me know.

Children's Program wish list:

Toys - Legos, K'nex, Magic Kit, Mind challenge toys, Puzzles, Educational Toys

Books: Harry Potter, Science Topics, Encyclopedias

Videos/Movies: Harry Potter, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Board Games: Operation, Risk, Apples to Apples, Scattergories, Pictionary, Cranium, Scrabble, Chess, Checkers, Monopoly - Disney Version, Battleship

ADWAS Auction

ADWAS has an annual auction. This year, it will be hosted at the Westin Hotel on Sunday, October 28th. If you would like to volunteer, host a table, attend the auction or give an item to the auction, please contact Carol@adwas.org.



Maple Leaf Community Garden Update

Grand Opening & Thanks: Thank you to everyone who helped celebrate the grand opening of Maple Leaf's Community Garden on April 28th. If you haven't seen the garden, plan to visit on your next walk around the neighborhood. The p-patch gardens are growing and the p-patchers would love to show them off to you. You can also stroll and visit with your neighbors, walk the labyrinth, or enjoy the view from the community bench.

Special Thanks: To Andrew Carson and Shelly Corbett for donating a second piece fabulous and perfect artwork to crown the tool shed roof. To Ken Edleman at Teeter's Metal Fab for donating his time and expertise to help complete the tool shed roof. To Cyndy King for cheerfully coordinating and completing the tool shed roof. To Tom Maxwell for finishing the tool shed fascia. To Doug Daily, Sevgi Baran, and Sean McGinnis for recording history with their beautiful photographs. To Maple Leaf Ace Hardware for donating bulbs. To Scot Eckley for donating his talent and skill in designing and installing the entry arbor. To all the garden volunteers who helped transform the site from an overgrown, littered and weedy vacant lot into our beautiful community garden.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed to help take care of the garden on an ongoing basis. **A community work party will be held on Wednesday, August 15th from 6 to 8 PM. Everyone in the neighborhood is invited to come and help pull a few weeds, rake the gravel paths, tidy up the garden, etc.** There will be jobs for people with varied of physical abilities and experience.

You can see pictures of the garden under construction and the grand opening 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: tymax@juno.com. You can also see garden and work party pictures taken by Doug Daily at: <http://www.gruffducks.com/mlcg/> and link to Sevgi Baran's photos from there.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS:

Our p-patch gardeners are tending a food bank plot in addition to their own plots and have already begun donating fresh produce- arugula, lettuce, bok choy, onions and spinach- to the Lake City and University District Food Banks. If you'd like to help or have extra produce from your own gardens, contact Jenn Zanella at ilgirasole@att.net or Sean McGinnis at mc_sean107@yahoo.com. Many thanks to Jenn & Sean for leading this effort.

THORNTON CREEK WATERSHED OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

by Janet Wartinger, 523-9774

Do you wonder what successes come from our action agenda? Five are:

- ▶ Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) conducted a naturescaping workshop that was attended by over 100 property owners.
- ▶ The City of Seattle acquired the remaining parcels in a long contiguous stretch of the South Branch of Thornton Creek near NE 98th Street and 20th Avenue NE, at the downstream end of Park 2.
- ▶ Opportunities to daylight streams in the Thornton Creek watershed were identified through the Watershed Assessment, the Comprehensive Drainage Plan, the Restore Our Waters Initiative, and SPU planning efforts.
- ▶ The Neighborhood Business District Strategy and new zoning for neighborhood commercial business districts incorporated the new Seattle Green Factor, a menu of landscaping strategies intended to increase the amount of urban landscaping. The Seattle Green Factor also encourages vegetated walls, green roofs and permeable paving.
- ▶ SPU's creek monitoring team evaluated the Jackson Park Golf Course Detention Pond Project, the Lake City Way Fish Ladder, the Littlebrook Culvert and the Homewood Park project.

One thing we need you to do is keep your street curb gutter and storm drain grate clean. This reduces silt that degrades our creek and fish life. Thanks.

GRAFFITI VANDALISM 684-7587 685-PKUP, also for illegal dumping

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 and businesses after graffiti disappears it -- always gets 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.



Crime Prevention

"Night Out Against Crime" will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 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/.

Maple Leaf Residential Burglaries: April & May 2007*

04/14 200blk NE 94th St., called in at 11:12AM, neighbor sees a man in a long time vacant house on his block, he says he spent a long time walking around the house and left with nothing, officers see a rear storage area forced open by foot, the house is a tear down and the man is likely the new property owner.

04/20 8500blk 1st Ave NE., called in at 7:20PM., neighbor sees two white male teens going into the back yard of an unoccupied house about 15 or 20 minutes ago, no entry made and they are gone when police arrive.

04/22 300blk NE 92nd St., called in at 2:18AM., resident heard a prowler in his back yard and let his dogs out, he saw a young male jump the fence, officers arrive within 4 minutes but he is gone.

04/24 800blk NE 106th, called in at 10:52AM, Apt manager sees two juveniles about 12 years old trying to break into a shed with an axe, officers arrive and take them into custody.

04/25 7400blk 9th Ave NE., called in at 9:52PM., report of a non forced entry burglary.

04/20 8900blk 12th Ave NE, called in at 12:10AM, neighbor thinks someone might be breaking into the house across the street as he sees two males at the front door & then saw them leave in a truck, officers check house and it is secured.

04/30 8000blk Roosevelt Wy NE, called in a 10:04PM, report of a non forced entry burglary, possible suspect is a friend of the homeowner's 17 year old son.

05/03 800blk NE 78th St, called in at 5:09PM, report of a forced entry burglary.

05/12 800blk NE 100th St., called in at 4:17PM, report of a forced entry burglary.

05/27 8600blk 15th Ave NE, called in at 2:56PM, resident called 911 to report there is an unknown person hiding in her garage, she is concerned because the house can be accessed from the garage, officers arrived and check the garage but the suspect is gone, no entry was made to the house.

5/30 500blk NE 86th St., called in at 10:16PM, report of a attempted forced entry burglary that happened four days earlier.

*Unofficial stats.

For more information, or to set up a block watch, contact Diane Horswill at 684-7711 or E-mail her at diane.horswill@seattle.gov.

Noise Wall

For information and input on the design and construction of the noise wall along I-5 between 80th and 92nd go to the WSDOT website listed below or contact Elizabeth Faulkner at 206-963-2039; FaulkneE@wsdot.wa.gov

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/5thAveNEtoNE92ndNoiseWall/Poll.htm>

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

Available routes are: 79th & 80th: 5th-8th (65)
12th: 80th - 82nd (20) 103rd: 5th - Roos. (35)
100th: 5th-8th; 102nd: 5th - 8th (40) Also, could use vacation fill in volunteers and bundle delivery volunteers.

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