

# Maple Leaf Community

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

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## Thirteenth Annual Maple Leaf Summer Social, July 30 7 – 9:00 p.m., 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 gives the neighborhood a chance to see art in an informal setting. If you are a local artist who would like to display creations at the Summer Social, please contact Janice Camp at 527-0926. All types of art (painting, drawing, sculpture, pottery, metal work, textiles, glass...) are welcome. Artists must provide their own display boards and other support to show their work.

### Ice Cream Bars

Sponsored by Maple Leaf Ace, the best hardware store in town! A huge "thank you" to Kathy Stephenson and Mike Kelley for their generous support.

### Activities for kids of all ages!

- The Bubble Man, sponsored by the Maple Leaf Community Council.
- A Clown/Balloonist, sponsored for the sixth year by a fabulous Maple Leaf resident, Dawn Porter. Thank you, Dawn.
- Balloons sponsored again this year by Maple Leaf resident Cathy Boyce. Thank you for your continued support, Cathy.

### MUSIC IN THE PARK

#### TUMBUKA MARIMBA BAND

TUMBUKA plays African marimba music drawn from traditional and contemporary styles. The band's name is taken from the language of the Shona people, the largest ethnic tribal group in Zimbabwe (southeastern Africa), and means "to flower or burst out." Their music was arranged and taught for marimba in Seattle by Dumi Maraire of Zimbabwe.

TUMBUKA's instruments—some of them hand-constructed by members in the band—were made from Mozambique's traditional hardwoods. There are seven marimbas (three soprano marimba, two tenor, a baritone and a bass), and a set of gourd shakers that are called by their African name: "hosho."

Many of TUMBUKA's melodies tell a story or have special meaning to their African originators.

As characteristic of much of Africa's music, they are upbeat and infectious, rich in harmony, and often consists of basic musical patterns designed to cross and interlock. One can hear the roots of American jazz, swing, as well as rock and roll. The music appeals to all ages and a festive time should be had by all.

### Community Issues

- ▶ Maple Leaf Community Council Membership Drive
- ▶ Upper Maple Leaf Park Planning
- ▶ Save Waldo
- ▶ Maple Leaf Businesses: Learn more about our great Maple Leaf businesses
- ▶ Public Safety
- ▶ St. Catherine Catholic School
- ▶ Washington State Department of Transportation: I-5 Noise Walls
- ▶ Seattle Climate Action Now
- ▶ Farmers' Market

### Volunteers Still Needed!!

This is a fun and rewarding event. We need volunteers to help make it a success for the 13<sup>th</sup> year. All ages are invited and encouraged to participate. Lots of help is needed to set up the tents/tables/chairs, make signs, run errands, hand out ice cream bars, help clean up, etc. To volunteer, call Janice Camp at 527-0926 or MarLen Kaiser at 524-0592.

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

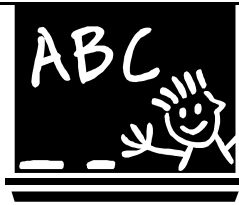
## Business Profile

### Blue Saucer Coffee Shop

9127 Roosevelt Way NE

Weekdays: 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturdays: 8 am – 7 pm Sundays: 8 am – 6 pm



A new neighborhood coffee shop opened recently at the corner of Roosevelt and 92<sup>nd</sup>. Under new business ownership, proprietor Billie Bryan is finally able to live her philosophy of “love what you do and do what you love.” Billie was a barista at several well-known north end coffee shops for five years. She envisioned her own friendly, family-oriented neighborhood place and chose Maple Leaf when the location, size of the shop, and opportunity all fell into place and she took the plunge to open Blue Saucer.

Billie’s goal is to provide a selection of tempting, delicious and high quality products, served up with the best customer service. Her outgoing personality is apparent and many of her clients have followed her to her new location. She is proud that her baristas receive lots of customer compliments because they are so friendly.

Blue Saucer features Stumptown Coffee and the baristas are trained at the Stumptown Coffee Roasters’ professional training facility on Capitol Hill. Barista training involves “cupping”: like wine tasting but with various coffees to learn the different nuances of coffee beans and the regions grown. They are trained on the process of making espresso, the proper grind and temp of coffee, the timing of shots and steaming milk for all varieties of coffee drinks. Blue Saucer baristas aim for perfectly timed shots and perfectly steamed, velvety milk for the best coffee drink every time!

Stumptown Coffee Roasters is not only fair trade, but deals directly with coffee farmers around the world, and all Stumptown coffees are organic. Many are shade grown also. Billie’s current favorite is a good, old fashioned Americano made with beans from the Sharasi Farm Coop in Yemen. They use hormone-free milk in their lattes, and delicious chocolates in their mochas and hot cocoas. The vanilla flavored, handmade marshmallows are dense and heavy and pair perfectly with a Hellfire Mocha. Blue Saucer also offers 14 varieties of Rishi Teas: all looseleaf, 100% organic teas. Other beverages include house-made lemonade, fruit smoothies, Italian sodas and blended frappes. Sweet or savory fresh pastries from local bakeries such as Macrina, Essential, Boulangerie Nantaise, Mighty-O Donuts and Seattle Bagel Bakery round out the fare.

Blue Saucer has beautiful new countertops and cabinetry built by Billie’s husband, Eric, who also helps on weekends. Her father, Bill Ritchie, was an art professor at the UW for many years, and is well-known for his print making. Not only did he help with shop décor, logo and sign design, but his artwork provides a rotating art display.

In addition to free wi-fi and easy parking, free coffee grounds for your garden compost are always available in a bin at the back of the shop. To introduce Blue Saucer to the neighborhood, Billie is offering a **10% discount on your entire one-time purchase** if you bring in this newsletter article through August 31<sup>st</sup>. At the Summer Social, be sure to visit the Blue Saucer table for lemonade and welcome them to Maple Leaf!

## Seattle Public School Calendar

September 3	First Day of School
September 24	2 Hour Early Release Day
October 10	Development Day—No School
October 29	2 Hour Early Release Day

## OLYMPIC VIEW PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Kids at Maple Leaf’s Olympic View Elementary School could soon get a new place to play, thanks to an all-out effort by parents, kids, and the entire community. The OV PTA has approved a plan to replace the aging and worn out play equipment with new “state of the art” KOMPAN play equipment, along with a retaining wall around the wood chip play space. It is part of a three-phase project to improve the entire playground area. The school recently repainted the asphalt playground, and future plans call for replacing the old field with brand new grass, creating a lush new play area for the entire community to enjoy. The Seattle Department of Neighborhoods and Lowe’s awarded grants to help pay for the projects, and OV students even donated \$500 in coins during a student council led coin drive. However, committee members say they still need to raise a substantial amount of money to complete all three phases. They are selling tiles anyone in the community can decorate (before they are attached to the new retaining wall) for \$25. Neighbors can also take part in the “name a bench” program with a \$1,000 donation. Order forms and additional information are available at Olympic View, in a plastic “real estate flyer” box located at the playground, or through the school office at 252-5500.

## MAPLE LEAF RESERVOIR COVERING: NEW OPEN SPACE

by Donna Hartmann-Miller

### What’s up with the reservoir?

**Recap:** Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) is burying Seattle’s reservoirs, and Maple Leaf is next. The open spaces created will be made into parks. Construction on our reservoir will begin next summer.

**What you can do:** A planning committee (*Friends for a Greater Maple Leaf Park*) is working to facilitate planning, fundraising, and community participation in the design & development of the Maple Leaf Reservoir site into the adjacent Maple Leaf Playground, thereby creating a new, unified park. We are first concentrating on (1) communicating with the neighborhood about the park and (2) raising funds to develop a Park Plan.

**What you can do:** First, let us know you think about this future park. Second, look at your budget and determine if you can make a contribution to this effort. With enough people sharing, we can make a real impact on our neighborhood. Third, join in letter writing to various to-be-named-later groups to show support for this park — sign up on the community website for e-mail notices or, if you don’t have e-mail, send your name, address, and phone number to the Maple Leaf Community Council (see top of newsletter cover page) and ask to be contacted with when, who, where, and letter writing suggestions.

**For more information:** Visit the [MapleLeafCommunity.org](http://MapleLeafCommunity.org) website to get more park details. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the Summer Social!

## BOUNDARY EXPANSION UPDATE

The area bounded by the Thornton Creek Ravine on the north, NE 103<sup>rd</sup> Street on the south, Roosevelt Way on the west, and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE on the east is now part of the geographic area represented by the Maple Leaf Community Council. An amendment to the bylaws expanding Maple Leaf’s boundaries was passed in a vote by members in good standing (current dues paying members) at the April 30<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. If you have comments or questions relating to this issue, contact: [David.Miller@MapleLeafCommunity.org](mailto:David.Miller@MapleLeafCommunity.org).

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. 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 David Miller at 517-5520 or via e-mail at [David.Miller@MapleLeafCommunity.org](mailto:David.Miller@MapleLeafCommunity.org).

## WALDO HOSPITAL UPDATE

On May 1, Mayor Nickels' DPD issued a decision that the site and planned development of 39 townhomes at Waldo Hospital (former Camp Fire site) would have no significant impact on the environment, traffic, or pedestrian safety. The MLCC Executive Board appealed the decision to the City's independent Hearing Examiner. The decision and our appeal are available on our website.

The City's permit granters either ignored or discounted evidence presented by us, our fellow neighbors, city experts, and even the developer's own experts in making this decision. We're hopeful about our case, and thankful that the developer is prohibited from cutting trees or making any changes to the building while the Hearing Examiner appeal is taking place.

Thanks to the generous contributions of neighborhood residents and businesses, we've been able to hire land use attorney Kathy George to represent us in the Hearing Examiner appeal. We also thank Kathy's law firm, the Law Offices of Charlotte Cassidy, for their willingness to work with our community.

As of this writing, the hearing is scheduled for July 22. That may change, so watch our website for updates. The best way to do that is to join nearly 400 of your neighbors and sign up for the Waldo e-mail list.

We will have a Waldo information table at this year's Summer Social. If you have questions in the meantime, you can contact me at David.Miller@MapleLeafCommunity.org or (206) 517-5520.

## ABUSED DEAF WOMEN'S ADVOCACY SERVICES (ADWAS)

by Carol Brown

ADWAS will be hosting a benefit breakfast on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the W Hotel.

Kerry Kennedy, International Human Rights Advocate and Author of Speak Truth to Power: Human Rights' Defenders Who Are Changing Our World, is the keynote speaker at the event. We are looking for folks to host a table or to be a sponsor.

Interested in light gardening for a good cause? We are looking for gardeners who might like to volunteer some time over the summer.

For more information on either opportunity, please contact Carol Brown at carol@adwas.org or (206) 726-1346. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Maple Leaf Summer Social. Please stop by and say "hello."

## WIPE OUT GRAFFITI

by John Wolff

Graffiti season is upon us again. You can call the graffiti hotline, 684-7587 (684-PKUP), but there is too much "micro graffiti" for the city's crews to handle. We have to deal with much of this ourselves, or our neighborhood will be covered with it. This charming hobby requires only a few more volunteers. Think of it as weeding the garden.

Basic graffiti removal kit from our friendly neighborhood hardware store: Neoprene gloves, paper towels, lacquer thinner (won't harm the new type of road signs), acetone (optional, don't use it on signs; better for bare metal), and a small backpack. Bring along: Elbow grease (it doesn't take much).

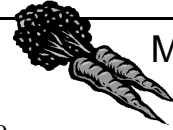
The secret to graffiti removal with solvents is SPEED: next day is easy, next week is simple, next month takes elbow grease, next year is impossible. Paint dries slowly, but it does dry. The longer graffiti stays up, the more graffiti it attracts. Solvent-soaked rags can be a spontaneous combustion hazard: evaporate them fully outside, NEVER bring them indoors. Minimize inhalation. Don't get the stuff on your skin.

Best of all: when you're done, you have nothing to show for your work!

## WSDOT 1-5 Noise Wall

WSDOT is moving forward with the design of a proposed noise wall on the east side of I-5 in the Maple Leaf neighborhood. This is Stage 2 of the I-5 / 5th Avenue NE to NE 92nd Street Noise Wall project. The proposed noise wall includes two segments: Wall 1-North is proposed between NE 92nd Street and NE 85th Street, and Wall 1-South is proposed between NE 85th Street and NE 80th Street. WSDOT will begin a public involvement process with property owners near I-5 in the Maple Leaf neighborhood this summer. In addition, the project team will continue to monitor Sound Transit's plans for the North Link light rail project that is proposed to be built in the same area.

If you have questions about the project or would like to be added to the e-mail list, please send an e-mail to [NNNoiseWalls@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:NNNoiseWalls@wsdot.wa.gov) or call 206-770-3633. You can also visit our project Web site for more information: [www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/5thAveNEtoNE92ndNoiseWall](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/5thAveNEtoNE92ndNoiseWall).



## Maple Leaf Community Garden

### Open Garden & Work Party Schedule

- Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 p.m. to 1 p.m.

If you haven't seen it yet, these are perfect opportunities to bring the whole family to visit the garden at 529 NE 103<sup>rd</sup> Street. See the wonderful art created by Olympic View Elementary School students for the stair risers and tool shed, and our fabulous wind sculptures. Tour the garden, see our native plant garden, admire P-Patch gardens, walk the labyrinth, relax on one of our benches, stroll the pathways, or enjoy complimentary refreshments.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Community volunteers are needed to help care for our garden on an ongoing basis. No special skills are necessary--just sprinkling some water, sweeping, or pulling some weeds. **Everyone in the neighborhood is welcome.** There will be jobs for people with varied physical abilities and experience. Come out and meet your neighbors. Get a little exercise and fresh air. Contribute to our Maple Leaf community. For more information, contact Barbara Maxwell at 524-1502 or via e-mail at [tbmax@juno.com](mailto:tbmax@juno.com), or Jennifer Zanella, our local P-Patch site coordinator, at 527-0895 or [ilgirasole@att.net](mailto:ilgirasole@att.net).

## VISIT MAPLE LEAF'S NEW WEBSITE:

[www.MapleLeafCommunity.org](http://www.MapleLeafCommunity.org)

One of the best features of the new MapleLeafCommunity.org website is the ability to sign up for e-mail notifications of neighborhood activities and issues that interest you. Nearly 400 of your neighbors are already signed up for one or more of our lists. We will add more options, but currently you can sign up for the following:

- ▶ The Everything List
- ▶ MLCC Meetings and Events
- ▶ MLCC Garden List
- ▶ MLCC Land Use and Transportation Committee
- ▶ Upper Maple Leaf Park List
- ▶ Save Waldo

To sign up for any of these lists, go to our new [www.MapleLeafCommunity.org](http://www.MapleLeafCommunity.org) web

## LAND USE

The City's Land Use Code has specific requirements for notifying the public of opportunities to comment on development proposals. Depending on the type of the proposal, notice may be given by a large white sign, a smaller yellow sign, or a mailing. Information is also available on the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) website at [www.seattle.gov/dpd](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd). These notices include details

### Land Use Applications:

Project: 3006648

Address: 844 NE 78<sup>th</sup> St.

Contact: Galen Page (425) 827-7850

Planner: Scott Ringgold (206) 233-3856

Allow a 20,048 sq. ft. addition to an existing religious facility (Fairview Church). Project includes new sanctuary, chapel, administrative office and childcare expansion. Existing private school to remain in existing building. Parking for 187 vehicles to be provided.

### Land Use Decisions:

Project: 3008688

Address: 1249 NE 88<sup>th</sup> St.

Contact: Cramer NW (253) 852-4880

Planner: Nora Gierloff (206) 684-8125

Status: Decision - Approved with conditions

Subdivide two parcels into three parcels of land. Proposed parcel sizes are: A) 6,678.7 sq. ft., B) 4,426.6 sq. ft.; and C) 4,766.3 sq. ft. Existing structure on proposed Parcel A to remain. Existing structures on proposed Parcel B to be demolished.

Project: 3006480

Address: 8511 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE

Contact: Greg Kappers (425) 822-2829

Planner: Scott Kemp (206) 233-3866

Status: SEPA Determination of non-significance with conditions / Conditionally Grant Design Review - an appeal has been filed by the Maple Leaf Community Council

Land Use Application to allow cluster development consisting of 24 townhouse and 15 single family residences for a total 39 units. Parking for 50 vehicles to be provided within the structures. Review includes demolition of existing structures. Project includes 12,000 cu. yds. of grading. Additional environmental documents and traffic study available for review.

Project: 3006087

Address: 850 NE 94<sup>th</sup> St.

Contact: Britanni Ard (206) 282-7990

Planner: Catherine McCoy (206) 684-0532

Status: Approved with conditions

Land Use Application to subdivide one parcel into four unit lots. The construction of townhouses is being reviewed under Project #6091502. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots.

Project: 3008174

Address: 8524—8<sup>th</sup> Ave NE

Contact: Stuart Stovin (206) 285-3555

Planner: Paul Janos (206) 233-7195

Status: Approved with conditions

Land Use Application to allow an 11,600 sq. ft. gymnasium at existing school (St. Catherine of Siena Parish). Existing gymnasium to be demolished. No additional parking provided.

For more details visit <http://web1.seattle.gov/dpd/luib/Default.aspx>, or contact either the assigned planner whose name and phone number appears above, or contact the Public Resource Center (206-684-8467, [prc@seattle.gov](mailto:prc@seattle.gov)).

## NORTHGATE REZONE PROPOSAL

The City recently issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on a proposal to rezone several properties in the Northgate Urban Center to the next more intensive zoning classification. In some cases, building height limits would be raised to 125 feet. The presented rezone alternatives all assume that growth in the selected area to the year 2030 will meet or exceed the City's adopted household (2,500) and job (4,220) targets for the Northgate Urban Center. You can find the DEIS on the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) webpage at [www.seattle.gov/DPD/Planning/Northgate\\_Revitalization/Overview/](http://www.seattle.gov/DPD/Planning/Northgate_Revitalization/Overview/), or review a copy at the Northgate Branch Library.

The MLCC has a number of concerns about DEIS assumptions and the potential impacts of new development under a rezone, such as traffic and transition areas where more intensive zones abut single-family zoned properties. Because of these concerns and the Northgate Urban Center development already on schedule to meet the comprehensive plan's growth targets, Maple Leaf takes a position against these rezones. See our website for more information.

## NORTHGATE URBAN CENTER PARK

The future park is located at the intersection of 5th Ave NE and NE 112<sup>th</sup> Street; it is currently a King County Park and Ride facility. This project will convert 3.73 acres of mostly asphalt into a new green urban park.

Please visit the project website for updates and to view image boards:

[www.seattle.gov/parks/maintenance/NorthgateUrbanCenter.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/parks/maintenance/NorthgateUrbanCenter.htm). For information about the project contact: Kim Baldwin, Project Manager, 800 Maynard Avenue S., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Seattle, WA 98134-1336 or [kim.baldwin@seattle.gov](mailto:kim.baldwin@seattle.gov).

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

## Crime Prevention

Diane Horswill, Seattle Police Crime Prevention Officer, has provided the following personal safety tips: Be aware of your surroundings. Look at behaviors, not appearances. If you hear bad language, see hostile behavior, or a weapon, walk away and do not be confrontational. Report the activity by calling 911 as soon as you can, but keep yourself safe at the same time.

Diane has also provided an updated report on criminal activity in Maple Leaf:

### Maple Leaf Residential Burglaries\* May

5/3 800blk NE 89<sup>th</sup> St. 7:05 p.m.: non-forced entry

5/13 8500blk 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE 10:09 p.m.: forced entry

5/16 800blk NE 80<sup>th</sup> St. 10:29 p.m.: forced entry

5/18 800blk NE 106<sup>th</sup> St. 9:09 p.m.: non-forced entry

5/22 1700blk NE 91<sup>st</sup> St. 4:33 p.m.: forced entry

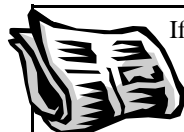
5/23 8200blk 18<sup>th</sup> Ave NE 5:41 p.m.: forced entry

5/24 1800blk NE 58<sup>th</sup> St. 5:41 p.m.: forced entry

5/28 1200blk NE 88<sup>th</sup> St. 5:28 p.m.: forced entry

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\*unofficial statistics



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