

# Maple Leaf Community

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## Next Meeting

**Wednesday**

**April 29**

**7:00 p.m. at**

**Olympic View Elementary**

- ▶ Seattle Councilmember Tim Burgess: Public Safety
- ▶ Seattle Police Dept. Reps: Gangs, Drugs, and Budget Concerns
- ▶ City Attorney Ed McKenna: New Prosecution Criteria
- ▶ David Miller: Waldo Hospital Superior Court Ruling
- ▶ Crime Prevention Coordinator Diane Horswill: Neighborhood Vigilance
- ▶ Sgt. Dianne Newsom: Crime Prevention
- ▶ More Community Updates
- ▶ 2009 Executive Board Elections

Public safety is atop the neighborhood priority list for many residents. Come to the April general meeting and share your concerns with Seattle's civil servants. Be there to vote in Maple Leaf's election and show support for your neighborhood's leadership.

**Free licensed childcare service provided.** The MLCC sponsors free on-site childcare in order to encourage adult participation at our meetings. Please take advantage of this service by bringing your children with you to the General Meeting, where they will be cared for by professional childcare workers.

## CM BURGESS TO ADDRESS MAPLE LEAF

A message from Seattle Councilmember Tim Burgess:

*I am looking forward to meeting with all of you at your upcoming meeting on 4/29, and am especially interested in listening to your concerns regarding the safety of your neighborhood. As chair of the council's Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee, I have been working with my colleagues to make our neighborhoods safe for everyone. We are actively working to tackle problems ranging from gang and youth violence, all the way down to the "quality of life" crimes that plague our sidewalks—like graffiti, open-air drug markets, prostitution, and the like. We all have a right to feel safe and secure while taking a walk in our neighborhood, and the council is working hard to make this a reality across Seattle.*

*You can catch up with my work on the City Council at my blog – [www.timburgess.com](http://www.timburgess.com). You can also read my email newsletter, *City Views*, at [www.seattle.gov/council/burgess/](http://www.seattle.gov/council/burgess/).*

## STATE DENSITY BILL STALLED FOR NOW

Maple Leaf is located close to two future light rail stations: Roosevelt and Northgate. As such, future land use decisions will likely be guided by the availability of mass transportation alternatives.

You may have read about controversial proposals (HB 1490 & SB 5687) that would have directed cities to rapidly and dramatically increase housing density around light rail stations. Neither the House nor the Senate proposal was presented for a floor vote by a March deadline, so the proposals died. These concepts were supported by pro-transit and environmental groups but opposed by many neighborhood residents. Members of Seattle government opposed parts of the proposals and were concerned about the state mandating density in city neighborhoods. Leaders such as Councilmember Sally Clark say that although the attempt "died... don't expect that this will be the last you've heard on the issue."

## CHANGES COULD AFFECT SINGLE-FAMILY ZONING

by Barbara Maxwell

### Mayor's Proposal

Locally, Mayor Nickels is proposing amendments to the multifamily chapter of the City's Land Use Code. The stated purpose of the proposal is to advance the City's growth management objectives and better achieve the City's goals and policies for new development, and to make the code easier to use and understand. Over the next 20 years, Seattle expects to add 100,000 residents and 84,000 jobs. In 2006, new zoning was adopted for downtown and neighborhood commercial areas. Multifamily zones were next in line because of their important role in the City's ability to accommodate this expected growth. The Mayor recently sent his recommendations to the City Council where the Planning, Land Use, and Neighborhoods Committee (PLUNC), chaired by Councilmember Sally Clark, will review them.

Included in the Mayor's final recommendations are proposed development standards that would "encourage growth where it is most appropriate and reduce development pressures on fragile natural environments and low-density, single-family areas; promote housing affordability with zoning incentives; and reduce automobile dependence by eliminating or reducing parking requirements based on local conditions."

How Could This Affect Maple Leaf?

See **Zoning** on page three

## BUSINESS PROFILES

by Dale Marston

### Jeanne Rosner PA-C

#### Classical Five Element Acupuncture

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Jeanne Rosner is a certified physician assistant (PA-C) and acupuncturist who has practiced nursing, medicine, and acupuncture for over twenty-five years. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and PA diploma from the University of Washington and worked as a family practice PA at UW Medicine for ten years. She has been practicing Classical Five Element Acupuncture at the **Maple Leaf Clinic for Superior Human Nourishment** since 2005. The clinic is located next door to the beautiful trees of the old Waldo Hospital in Maple Leaf.

Jeanne uses both traditional Western medicine as well as her knowledge of Eastern medicine, specifically acupuncture, to help bring balance, health and clarity to her patients. She wanted to spend more time working with individual patients than today's managed healthcare allows, so she studied acupuncture at the Tamalpa Institute in San Francisco, training with Khosrow Khalighi.

Classical Acupuncture is a holistic healing form based in five elements of nature. It seeks to help individuals achieve a clear, healthy balance and strength. Like the seasons moving through the year, in this place of balance, the natural process of healing can proceed.

Acupuncture is an ancient medicine which treats the body, mind and spirit. It teaches that treating the spirit of an individual is the first and most important step in the process of healing. The spirit of an individual is the most fundamental part of their being, the person as they really are. Spirit is more than our thoughts and emotions; it is our most basic sense of feeling connected to and in harmony with the workings of the Universe.

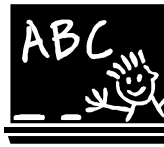
The way in which our life energy or chi (qi) flows or is blocked is directly related to the patterns of physical and emotional nurturing and also bruising that we have received throughout our life.

Acupuncture is effective at healing the spirit by understanding that each acupuncture point located on the individual has a unique energetic connection

to the spirit. With each session, the energetic force within the person is strengthened. The physical and emotional bruises of our lifetime are slowly healed and the flow of chi is slowly brought into balance.

As the spirit gradually heals, the person begins to feel more connected and also more alive, more awake and healthier. Acupuncture addresses the underlying causes of illness and brings the whole person into a healthy alignment of energy. In this way physical problems such as a painful back, indigestion, insomnia, or depression can be healed. The process of healing brings clarity and direction as well as an improved ability to form close relationships.

If you're interested in learning more about Classical Acupuncture, feel free to call and ask Jeanne. To welcome local residents to the practice, she is offering a *25% discount on a 2 hour initial evaluation and first time treatment*. Please call for an appointment and mention this article.



## Seattle Public School Calendar

May 25  
June 19

Memorial Day Holiday  
Last Day of School

## Olympic View School

### The Annual OV PTA Plant Sale, 504 NE 95th

Friday, April 24, 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 25, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 26, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Rare Plants \*\* NW Native \*\* Vegetables

#### SPECIAL SATURDAY EVENT: 11:00 a.m.

**Peggy Gaynor**, a celebrated pioneer in landscape architecture, will provide inspiration and direction. She can recommend just the right plants and elements to create an artistic and engaging outdoor space.

Proceeds from this sale directly benefit the children at Olympic View!

## Sacajawea Elementary School

### Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, April 18—9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Lake City Community Center (Next door to the Lake City Library)

Advanced ticket reservations \$7 or \$9 at the door the day of the event.

Pancakes with all the toppings, eggs, sausage and OJ

Contact Theresa Venice 206-306-8907 or knotheresa@hotmail.com

## OLYMPIC VIEW BEGINS PROGRAM TO COMPOST FOOD WASTE

Olympic View Elementary recently began a student-run Food Waste Composting Program in the lunchroom every day. Twenty-five fourth and fifth graders received training from Seattle Public Schools' Conservation Department and Cedar Grove Composting, and participated in a field trip to observe West Woodland Elementary's student compost crew in action. After practicing for a couple of weeks, the OV crew got going in earnest at the beginning of February. They work in teams each day to help all grades sort the lunchroom waste into garbage, recycling, and compostable materials. The crew also has responsibility for taking the food waste to the dumpster each day, where they weigh the bags to keep an accurate record of the savings.

In one month, Olympic View composted around 400 pounds of food, which would otherwise have gone into a landfill.

The program is sponsored by Liz Devlin, Gail Blaine, Sarah Ketchley and Ann Tracey, with funding provided by Seattle Public Utilities Waste Prevention and Recycling Matching Fund.

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

by Carol Brown

ADWAS presents a special one-night engagement of THE ROSA LEE SHOW!

A unique Deaf one-woman show featuring live performance, music, and video, this performance will be voice interpreted for hearing audience members.

When: April 18, 2009. Time: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Kane Hall, UW campus. Tickets: see www.adwas.org for more information and discounts.

## Zoning—Continued from page one

The Mayor's proposal also includes this statement: "No changes are proposed to existing rezone criteria used to guide rezones for single family zones." However, the proposal does include several new rezone criteria of concern. Currently, the land use code includes a policy that single-family zoned areas that meet the criteria for single-family designation may not be rezoned to multifamily "except as otherwise provided in Section 23.34.010 B." The Mayor's proposal relocates several criteria from other places in the land use code specific to individual multifamily zones onto the list of exceptions listed in Section 23.34.010 B *that could allow a rezone from single-family to multifamily*. The criteria that are especially of concern to single-family neighborhoods like Maple Leaf are:

- ▶ "Generally, reclassifications of areas to L3, MR and HR zones are appropriate in urban villages, urban centers or areas served by regional transit."
- ▶ "Multifamily zoning is appropriate for areas that are generally within one half (1/2) mile of existing or projected facilities and services used by residents, including retail sales and services, schools, parks and community centers."

### About Zoning in Seattle

Rezone criteria address general planning considerations, such as effective transitions between different zones, impacts that might result from different zoning scenarios, and specific criteria that help to decide what zone best fits the desired function and characteristics of an area. When current multifamily zoning was adopted in 1982, new zones replaced those first adopted in 1958. Criteria were developed to identify when a new zone designation was appropriate for a particular parcel of land. Generally, these criteria were written to recognize the existing character of an area, and to explain the mapping decisions made in 1982. Over the years, many rezones involving multifamily zones have occurred throughout the city. In some cases, this was necessary to accommodate new housing opportunities, especially for neighborhoods within urban centers and villages. Some rezones were proposed as part of a neighborhood planning process. However, the existing rezone criteria emphasize only allowing rezoning when the existing scale and character of the area already reflects the development that would be permitted under the new zoning designation. The Mayor feels this diminishes the value of planning and rezoning as tools for shaping the future development of an area in ways that might further City and community goals. His final recommendations propose changes to zone locational criteria that "will allow flexibility to rezone property to better achieve the City and neighborhood goals, strengthen the relationship between multifamily zones and the City's growth management strategy for directing future growth to urban centers and villages by linking the intensity of the multifamily zone to the intended development in urban villages and centers."

Read about the Mayor's proposal at: [www.seattle.gov/DPD/Planning/Multifamily\\_Code\\_Update/](http://www.seattle.gov/DPD/Planning/Multifamily_Code_Update/). The multifamily code update will be a large part of PLUNC's work this year. The initial briefing from the Department of Planning & Development staff on the proposal was given at March 11 PLUNC meeting. You can watch it via Seattle Channel's website anytime you want. Contact Councilmember Clark's office for more information about PLUNC's consideration of the Multifamily Code (MFC) update at (206) 684-8802 or via email at [Sally.Clark@seattle.gov](mailto:Sally.Clark@seattle.gov).

## MAPLE LEAF RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES: FEB. 2009\*

02/02 1200blk NE 102nd reported at 11:00 a.m.: residents returned finding that a side door had been kicked—electronics and jewelry among items stolen.

02/03 1200blk NE 89th reported at 1:46 p.m.: alarm company alerted resident, who returned home—someone tried to kick in door, but no entry made.

02/03 1700blk NE 89th reported at 11:21 a.m.: resident returned home to alarm going off—front window smashed, but no entry was made. Neighbor reported seeing two males leave the property in a gold-colored sedan. Officers stopped matching car, but resident unwilling to identify occupants.

02/04 1500blk NE 89th reported at 8:52 p.m.: absent homeowner received a detective's call about possible burglary property recovery, contacted a neighbor, and learned the rear door had been forced open and the house ransacked.

02/11 1000blk NE 105th reported at 6:00 p.m.: resident returned home to burning smell, found that a mattress pushed onto a space heater and jewelry had been stolen—no sign of forced entry.

02/17 1700blk NE 96th reported at 1:10 p.m.: resident returned home finding kitchen door kicked-in and jewelry and electronics stolen.

02/17 9200blk 17th NE reported at 10:09 p.m.: residents returned to discover a broken rear window—jewelry and a computer were taken.

\*unofficial stats

## MAPLE LEAF COMMUNITY GARDEN

If you haven't seen our beautiful community garden, make a point of walking with the whole family to visit the garden at 529 NE 103rd Street. Tour the wonderful art created by Olympic View Elementary School students for the stair risers and tool shed, our fabulous wind sculptures, and our native plant garden. Admire P-Patches, 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, helping with the food bank plots or pulling some weeds. **Everyone in the neighborhood is welcome.** We have tasks for people with varied of 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 / [tbmax@juno.com](mailto:tbmax@juno.com), or Jennifer Zanella (our local P-Patch site coordinator) at 527-0895 / [ilgirasole@att.net](mailto:ilgirasole@att.net).

## THORNTON CREEK: DONATE A SUNDAY

Come celebrate Earth Week by giving just three hours of a Sunday to help remove invasive plants and do some mulching around Thornton Creek Park Six: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on **April 25, May 3, or June 7**. Meet at the end of NE 104<sup>th</sup> Street at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE (south of Pacific Medical Clinic and east from Northgate Mall parking).

Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. We'll provide tools, laminated gloves, and snacks. RSVP/questions: Ruth Williams, 365-8965 (930-8965 during event), or Cheryl Klinker, 367-4635.

## MAPLE LEAF LAND USE

### TRANSPORTATION

**I-5 / 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE to NE 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Noise Wall Project:** The Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) plans to construct a noise wall east of I-5 between NE 92<sup>nd</sup> and NE 85<sup>th</sup> Streets. It will be lighter and greener than noise walls WSDOT has built in the past due to Carsonite AcoustaShield, a sound barrier system that consists of interlocking planks filled with recycled tire rubber. After construction of the wall and installation of landscaping, WSDOT will weed, water, and replace failing plants on the neighborhood side of the noise wall for three years to help establish new plants. After three years, the landscaping will require community effort to ensure ongoing success. WSDOT is working with the Seattle Department of Transportation to modify parking along the west side of First Avenue NE from the unsigned existing configuration to parallel parking only. The new configuration would take place after the noise wall is constructed. By requiring parallel parking, WSDOT aims to better protect the new noise wall and landscaping from damage by drivers parking in this area. For questions or to be added to the project email list, please contact the project team: (206) 770-3636, [NWNoise-Walls@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:NWNoise-Walls@wsdot.wa.gov), or visit the project website for more information: [www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/5thAveNEtoNE92ndNoiseWall](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/5thAveNEtoNE92ndNoiseWall).

**15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Bridge Project:** According to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), the primary work will correct structural distresses identified during normal bridge inspection cycles. Additional work will include the placement of a separation barrier between the vehicle lane and the existing sidewalk, increasing the height of the existing pedestrian rail, and reducing the size of the openings between the rails and posts. The construction duration is estimated at between ten and twelve months, with a full bridge closure required for approximately five to six months. A more defined schedule, as well as a more specific date of the bridge closure, will be available once a construction contractor is retained. SDOT states it will address the issue of potential increased neighborhood traffic from detour routes by routing drivers to the pre-existing arterial routes. No residential streets will be identified as part of the detour route. Signage for the detour routes will be in place prior to the actual closure, so that drivers know of the impending bridge closure and can plan accordingly. Additional signage will be placed as needed if conditions show the detour route is not being followed. SDOT says it cannot block drivers from utilizing neighborhood streets, but it can and will advise, well outside of the project boundaries, that drivers take different arterials to reach their destinations.

The three existing bus routes currently running along 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE will also be detoured around the worksite. Metro is currently working out the details of alternate bus routes; preliminary discussion with Metro has identified Roosevelt Way NE as the primary arterial for the north to south movement around the section of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE affected by the bridge closure. Details on transitions back to the original route, at the north and south end of the detour, are still being evaluated with recommendations from the Traffic Management Division of SDOT. SDOT states that safety is a principle consideration when evaluating temporary construction traffic detours. Concurrently, SDOT's Traffic Signals Division is developing plans to improve the pedestrian crossing at Roosevelt Way NE and NE 88<sup>th</sup> Street.

While the effort is not a result of the bridge project, SDOT states that it highlights the fact that SDOT regularly evaluates areas for safety performance and implements additional safety measures accordingly. Additional temporary safety measures may be also implemented as required during the bridge construction. If you have any questions related to this project please feel free to contact Kit Loo at (206) 684-3669 or via email at [kit.loo@seattle.gov](mailto:kit.loo@seattle.gov).

**8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Walkway Improvement:** For three years in a row, Maple Leaf resident Amy Bernard submitted an application to the Neighborhood Street Fund seeking funding to improve pedestrian safety—especially for elementary school students on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE north of NE 92<sup>nd</sup> Street. Her first success was to receive funding for planning to take advantage of the existing narrow concrete sidewalks and adding a stamped and colored asphalt walkway, a curb, and (where possible) planting strips and landscaping. The next year, the project was awarded partial funding. Because so much preliminary work had already been done, the project was in line to receive the remaining construction funding in 2009 when another pedestrian program project was delayed. A team of neighbors worked cooperatively to finalize the plans and get local support for the project. Congratulations to Amy for her diligence and to her other neighbors who have supported this great pedestrian improvement in Maple Leaf. A special thank you to Shauna Walgren, Seattle Department of Transportation, for her assistance and encouragement.

## GRAFFITI VANDALISM

by John Wolff

Graffiti breeds graffiti. No vandalism is small enough to tolerate. Cleaning "Micro graffiti" is our job; it's beneath the scope of the City's program. Maple Leaf needs a few more devotees of this charming and rewarding hobby, which leaves you feeling proud of having nothing to show for your work. Graffiti removal kit: lacquer thinner (buy a gallon), neoprene gloves, paper towels, and a small backpack.

This is EASY, but speed is important: hours are better than days and days are better than weeks, but in months paint may cure to the point where lacquer thinner won't remove it. **WARNING:** Acetone is as flammable as gasoline. Evaporate used paper towels of acetone OUTDOORS and minimize your exposure to the fumes. Spray paint on bare wood fences is an increasing problem; a volunteer with a belt sander is needed.

Graffiti/Illegal Dumping Hotline: 684-PKUP (684-7587). Clean-up tips: search [www.seattle.gov](http://www.seattle.gov) for "graffiti." Police reports: 625-5011. Free paint: the ReUse Store, 386-4093.

## 14TH ANNUAL SUMMER SOCIAL

### JULY 29—MAPLE LEAF PARK!



Mark your calendar now to make sure you and your family take part in 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. Attendees in previous years have had opportunities to meet various city Councilmembers and the Mayor. There is no charge for this event. Volunteers are needed to help, though: please contact Janice Camp at 527-0926.



Needed are volunteers to deliver newsletters and newsletter bundles around the neighborhood.

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