

Neighbor Appreciation Day STUDENT ART CONTEST

Saturday, February 10, 2007 will mark the City's thirteenth annual celebration of Neighbor Appreciation Day. Once again we are asking Seattle students to contribute original artwork for a contest as part of this annual event. Winners in the past have included students of all ages from all over Seattle.

Winning art depicts caring and active neighbors, reflecting the theme of Neighbor Appreciation Day. Some ideas from previous years show neighbors sharing meals, helping with child-care, exchanging plants, or talking over the fence. The artwork has also depicted neighbors working together on a community project, such as building a new playground, painting a mural, or beautifying school or park grounds.

All art should be done on 8 1/2 x 11 paper. It is recommended that art be vivid in color. Art done in water color or magic marker tend to show better, but all formats are welcome. Unless you indicate otherwise, art will not be returned.

The winning artwork will adorn free greeting cards available at City Hall, the 13 Neighborhood Service Centers, and libraries throughout Seattle. The winner will also receive \$100. Student artwork must be received by Friday, December 15th, 2006 at 5:00 pm.



Michelle Pham of Dunlop Elementary School was last year's Student Art Contest winner.

The details:

- Who: Seattle students, kindergarten through 12th grade
What: Neighbor Appreciation Day Student Art Contest
When: The deadline for receiving student art is Friday, December 15th, 5:00 pm
Where: Entries must be sent to:
Department of Neighborhoods
700 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1700
PO Box 94649
Seattle, 98124-4649

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NEIGHBORHOOD DISTURBANCE AT 28TH & NORMAN

The Block Watch located in the SW portion of the Leschi Neighborhood reports there are Section 8 housing tenants with youth that are loitering and suspected of drug activity. Block Watch members contend that other neighbors are intimidated. The group is planning to write a letter to SHA and send a copy to the Post Intelligencer and Times newspapers. They do not feel that SHA has been accountable to earlier neighborhood requests to quell the problem.

The Central District Coordinator is working with SHA to coordinate a meeting with the Porch Light Project that monitors Section 8 housing.

DELRIDGE

GREEN LIVING IN HIGH POINT

Several hundred people visited the Green Living Expo to tour the newly constructed environmentally built "green" homes in High Point. The homes ranged in price from mid-\$100,000 for a condominium to over \$500,000 for a three-bedroom, with some having fantastic views of downtown Seattle. Thirty-five High Point homes were built to implement a long-range program by Seattle Housing Authority, University of Washington, and King County Health Department, design to measure the effects of improved residential air quality. These are made available for rent to low-income families.

CARTS TO ENCOURAGE EXERCISE

The Feet First organization will be implementing a project in Delridge to promote good health and physical activity by incorporating active daily activities without having to schedule separate time for exercise. One deterrent to walking for daily tasks is the need to carry along numerous or heavy objects. The widespread theft and abandonment of shopping carts attests to the need for and usefulness of carts, at least for shopping trips. The Delridge Cart project seeks to address these problems through expanded personal cart use in selected neighborhoods surrounding Westwood Village enabling and encouraging more residents to walk to shop. Three hundred (300) households will be given free personal, folding carts which Feet First hopes will encourage more residents to walk to shop.

MORE TREE PLANTINGS NOT WELCOMED

A resident reported that the trees planted in the parking strip on 8th Ave SW/SW Cambridge is a concern, due to the root structure penetrating possible sewer drains and damaging sidewalks. The resident called the city and reported the situation. The city came out to look at the situation and agreed that they could be a problem now and in the future. Residents are now concerned about the Mayor's plan to plant thousands of more trees in the upcoming year when current trees pose a problem in the neighborhood.

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The Art of an Old Building — CHANGES COME TO 5107 BALLARD AVENUE NW

After spending most of its life as a machine shop, this modest little brick building at the east end of the Ballard Avenue Landmark District has been granted a new life as an art gallery.

Built in 1900, it has housed industrial tenants most of its life, including Oscar's Auto Repair Shop (1935-1955), McCay Engineering Co. Machines (1956-1971), Wilson Precision Machine & Tool (1974-1995), Ballard Machine Co. (1996-2003), and an ironworker, Iron Leaves (2004-2005).

David Medina noticed the influx of new retail shops in the historic district, envisioned a conversion of the former garage building to retail space, and purchased it in December 2004.

He found an interest in the space from the owners of OKOK Art Gallery on Broadway, Charlie and Amanda Kitchings. The Kitchings agreed to make improvements to the space and in May of this year applied to the Ballard Avenue Landmark District Board to replace the storefront and garage door, paint the building and put up signage.

The Board approved their application, with compliments to the applicants for the positive changes to the building. The existing wood storefront, which dated to a remodel in 1946, was replaced with a new wood storefront that was more in character with the historic district, and the metal 1960s roll-up door was replaced with a wood and glass roll-up door. The building has been repainted from red to a soft olive color. The

gallery opened in July and is now included in the Ballard Art Walk held the second Saturday night of each month.

Staff coordinator Heather McAuliffe researched old Seattle city directories at the Seattle Public Library and microfilmed building plans/permits at the Department of Planning and Development for historical information on this building. 🌐



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PLAN TO EXPAND TRAIL SYSTEM

The Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association, in partnership with the National Park Service, held a community meeting at the Southwest Police Precinct to present concept ideas and to share the results of a survey to determine where best to develop an expanded foot and bicycle trail system throughout West Seattle and Delridge. Those who attended the meeting included residents from the Gatewood, Alki, Fauntleroy, Westwood, Highland Park, Cottage Grove, Youngstown, Pigeon Point, South Park and Puget Ridge neighborhoods. Called the Dells and Ridges Project, it's funded in part by the Department of Neighborhoods Matching Fund Program.

DOWNTOWN

DOWNTOWN GROUP TARGETS PANHANDLING

Members of the Safe and Healthy Streets Committee from the Downtown Seattle Association are making plans to spearhead a pan-handling campaign. Task groups have formed around human services, marketing, and logistics and are working to kick off the campaign in November. The goal of the campaign is to redirect giving to human services rather than to panhandlers on the street.

OCCIDENTAL PARK GRAND OPENING

The new improvements to Occidental Park are complete and the official Grand Opening was held on September 7. Mayor Greg Nickels and Parks Superintendent Ken Bounds were guest speakers at the event. Art in the Park, an outdoor movie, and Bocce Ball were among the activities kicking off the park opening. The improvements at Occidental are a part of a Mayoral initiative to revitalize the downtown parks.

SPD SHARES NARCSTAT SYSTEM INFORMATION

A presentation on Narcstat was jointly hosted by the Community Action Partnership in Chinatown I.D. and the Pioneer Square Community Association. The new West Precinct Captain, Steve Brown, presented on Narcstat, which is a system that helps the Seattle Police Department deal with the open-air drug market and allocate resources to slow down drug activity. This system takes information from hospitals, the Police Department, the Fire Department, and communities to help understand the narcotics issue.

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EAST**THE CAL ANDERSON TEACART IS SET TO CLOSE**

The Cal Anderson Teacart Project, partially supported by a Neighborhood Matching Fund, is set to shut down by the end of September. The coordinator of the program has recently announced his resignation stating personal difficulties in keeping the project going and a breakdown of communications and cooperation among the organizations and individuals involved in guiding and providing oversight of the project.

The Teacart Project aimed to provide training to homeless youth, under the supervision of the SOS (Street Outreach Services) Homeless Youth Case Worker. One desired outcome was to help homeless youth develop skills so they could become tea "baristas" and provide job placement at Cal Anderson Park.

The project was part of the Capitol Hill neighborhood strategy to address public safety issues while maintaining human services available for the neighborhood homeless youth at Cal Anderson Park.

The teacart had the support of the East Precinct, as well as neighborhood organizations and individuals that supported and volunteered for the project.

NEIGHBORHOOD CELEBRATES THE INAUGURATION OF THE LATINO BASKETBALL LEAGUE, (LBL)

The East District Coordinator accepted the invitation of the LBL to attend the inauguration of the Latin American basketball league that took place Sunday September 10, 2006 at the Yesler Terrace Community Center.

The event is a culmination of the LBL Board of Directors and volunteers that will bring sport activities to youth, as well as family oriented events to the Latino neighborhoods in particular the growing Oaxaquena community of Seattle. These events take place on Sundays in order to accommodate working class schedules of their participants and includes; food, folkloric dances, public and health information tables as well as basketball tournaments for youth.

GREATER DUWAMISH**GEORGETOWN PLAN**

The Georgetown community plans to revisit the Georgetown Plan over the next months (perhaps year) ahead. Challenges exist given that the plan caused a rift in the community between residents and some business interests. With a growing sense of joint interests between the groups, increased involvement of business in an ongoing Small and Simple 8th Ave S project and interest in a new proposed Small and Simple project to look at Airport Way, the participants are hopeful that common goals and strategies can be revitalized.

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Mayor Joins with Community to HELP TREE FUND GROW**Volunteers to plant trees in neighborhoods across city**

Mayor Greg Nickels joined with neighbors from across the city to learn how to plant the 636 trees that will be planted and cared for under the Department of Neighborhoods' Tree Fund program. The trees have been arriving in neighborhoods for the past several weeks.

The mayor thanked the 36 communities groups that are receiving free trees under the program, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. Nickels has proposed adding nearly 50% more to the Tree Fund next year as part of his 2007-2008 budget proposal.

"The loss of trees in our communities means Seattle is in danger of becoming the city formerly known as Emerald," Nickels said. "This program is part of the answer. By planting trees and learning how to care for them, you are doing your part to keep our city green."

Seattle's tree cover has shrunk from about 40 percent of the city's land area in 1972 to just 18 percent today, a decline that threatens nature's ability to help manage storm water, reduce erosion, absorb climate-disrupting gases and clean the air.

In September, Nickels announce a proposal to reverse that decades' long slide by planting hundreds of thousands of new trees on private and public land across the city.

The mayor set a goal of increasing Seattle's tree coverage by two-thirds over the next 30 years - or by about 650,000 new trees. The push comes as part of the city's first-ever comprehensive plan for managing, restoring and expanding



Nolan Rundquist, City Arborist, demonstrates how to plant a tree.

Seattle's endangered urban forest, which has suffered a dramatic decline since the early 1970s.

Bernie Matsuno, Acting Director of the Department of Neighborhoods said, "In the 10 years the Tree Fund has been active, over 18,000 trees have been planted, investing over \$650,000 in making Seattle a greener city. The Mayor's commitment to increase this program's budget is welcome news to Seattlites and our environment. Neighbors coming together to plant trees is one of the great community building opportunities"

The Tree Fund is a program of the Neighborhood Matching Fund and the Seattle Department of Transportation. In exchange for free trees to be delivered by the city this fall, groups of neighbors attend a city sponsored training session and then organize their neighbors to plant the trees. The goal is to beautify Seattle streets and to support a clean and green environment.

Groups of five households or more on a street or block are eligible to apply, and can request a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 40 trees per project. The trees are free. 🌍

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PLAN TO FINISH HAT AND BOOTS PROJECT

The Manufacturing Industrial Council has proposed an idea to finish the Hat of Hat and Boots fame. They are suggesting to Parks that some mitigation money be directed to the South Seattle Community College for use in student programs that would endeavor to complete the renovation over the 2006-2007 school year, saving the community \$150,000 in costs.

LAKE UNION

PROPOSED SEATTLE HERITAGE SHIPYARD

Coastal Heritage Alliance provided information on the project to build a Seattle heritage shipyard on Lake Union at September's Wallingford Community Council meeting. The potential site of the shipyard is located in South Wallingford and is owned by King County. The organization would like to use the shipyard to restore and maintain Washington State historical ships or culturally significant vessels. This project is in the early conceptual stage and the organization is seeking input and requesting public involvement from the community.

MAGNOLIA/QUEEN ANNE

FORT LAWTON PROCESS BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE (BRAC)

The Fort Lawton Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process continues. A workshop was held at Fort Lawton on September 26 for those interested in submitting their notices of intent (NOI's). Approximately 30 organizations were represented at the workshop. The City, as the Local Reuse Authority, addresses the opportunity for certain homeless and public benefit conveyances on the surplus property at Fort Lawton, such as: education, self-help housing, law enforcement, historic preservation, and parks and recreation. According to federal guidelines, the homeless providers must be considered primarily.

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NORTH

LAKE CITY ESL CLASSES GET OFF TO A GREAT START

Two new ESL classes got underway at the Lake City Community Center and Lake City Library this month. Fifteen to 20 adults showed up for both the daytime and nighttime classes. Free childcare was provided for eight children in the day class and nine children in the night class. Each class will meet twice a week through mid-December, and the classes will continue during the winter quarter. These classes were put together by a community coalition that includes North Seattle Community College, the North Helpline Food Bank and Emergency Services, the Lake City Community Center, the Seattle Public Library—Lake City branch, the Lake City Neighborhood Service Center, the North Seattle Family Center, Seattle Schools Head Start program coordinators, and the Lake City Chamber of Commerce. This project has received funds from the Neighborhood Matching Fund as a Race and Social Justice project.

NORTHEAST

COMMUNITY GATHERING MOST SUCCESSFUL EVER

The 2006 dinner to welcome students to the University District was a huge success. Local restaurants offered their specialties, the neighbors and business owners and employees hosted, and there were so many students, some had to be turned away. This year, maps of the U District were a focal point at each table and the group was assigned to find certain establishments within the neighborhood. Andrew McMasters was a masterful emcee and kept things lively. The Mayor was also there to welcome students to their new neighborhood.

As great as this event is, it is extremely expensive to produce with the tent and lighting running somewhere in the neighborhood of \$10,000. UW staff are uncertain that the Carlson Center will be able to host this event again.

NORTHWEST

ENFORCEMENT OF OFF-LEASH DOG VIOLATIONS

Complaints about off-leash dogs in public parks have been escalating in several north end parks—Green Lake, Carkeek, and Golden Gardens have all been mentioned recently as trouble spots. At the September meeting of the Green Lake Community Council, Royal Alley Barnes, Parks' North Regional Manager, described how Parks Department and Animal Shelter staff are better coordinating their enforcement and education efforts. Representative of the Friends of Green Lake mentioned that the issue of some owners not scooping and properly disposing of pet wastes poses environmental hazards for the region's waterways.

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Sara Wysocki — OUR NEW DOWNTOWN DISTRICT COORDINATOR!



*Sara Wysocki,
Downtown District
Coordinator*

Sara Wysocki has just been hired as the new Downtown District Coordinator. She brings with her a wealth of experience from working many years in the Puget Sound region. Before joining the City of Seattle, she previously worked at the White Center Community


Development Association, responsible for community and economic development projects.

Prior to working in White Center, Sara was the Communications Director for the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, and Community Relations Manager for YWCA here in Seattle.

Community development is a big passion for Sara, and she has recently completed the Masters program at the Evans School of Public Affairs at the University of Washington.

Although a longtime resident of the Seattle area, she refers to her upbringing as that of a "military brat," while her father was in the military, which took her all around the US and Germany.

Sara was communications and theatre major in college, and has worked on various theatre productions in the area. She currently resides in the North Beacon Hill neighborhood and commutes by bus to work. 🌐



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BITTER LAKE RESIDENTS SUPPORT SKATEDOT

Residents from the Bitter Lake neighborhood plan to attend the October 7 meeting at the Northgate Community Center in order to comment on the proposed Skateboard Park Plan that would site a small Skatepark feature, called a skatedot, in their neighborhood. Residents think that this would bring some positive attention to their neighborhood, as well as provide a needed recreation venue.

SOUTHEAST

OTHELLO PARK CONCERT SERIES A HIT

The Mt. Baker Housing Association, the Seattle Parks Department and several other organizations co-sponsored a series of concerts on Sundays in September in Othello Park. Othello Park has been a troubled Seattle park, making headlines for gang activity, abuse of pit bulls, and a murder a year or so ago. Seattle Parks & Recreation Department has hired an employee this spring specifically to focus on bringing public events to troubled parks in order to encourage positive uses. The concert series is part of that effort. The concerts have had from 50 - 100 people in attendance and the local community is thrilled to have the events happening.

The music/dance was inclusive of ethnic groups in the southeast Seattle area. The effort was being supported by Othello Neighborhood Association, and several local non-profits and social service agencies.

SOUTHWEST

MORGAN COMMUNITY FESTIVAL RETURNS

After a one-year hiatus, the Morgan Community Festival returned bigger and better. The festival was held Sunday, September 17, in the Morgan Junction Business District and featured over 25 booths showcasing arts and crafts from local artists, food from local eating establishments, and materials from local causes, namely the Gatewood Elementary PTSA, Morgan Community Association, Fauntleroy Community Association, and Megawatt. The West Seattle Neighborhood Service Center also had a booth. JoAnn Jordan, from the City's Emergency Management Operations Program, gave a presentation on emergency planning and City Councilmember Tom Rasmussen could also be seen mingling among the crowd.

ALKI BUSINESS GROUP

The Alki Business Group (ABG) is busy working on events to promote and market the business area. In anticipation of the holiday season, the ABG is planning a Halloween event in conjunction with the Admiral and West Seattle Junction merchants. A food drive and toy drive are also planned during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. In the future, the ABG is looking at hosting a St. Patrick's Day Parade and an outdoor theater on the beach.

Do you have ideas of how to improve your community AND MAKE IT A BETTER PLACE?

Put your ideas into action!

Groups of people can apply for up to \$15,000 for community building projects through the City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods' Neighborhood Matching Fund

Applications are due on the following dates:

Small and Simple Project Fund

January 16

April 2

July 9

October 1

Large Projects Fund

(\$15,000 up to \$100,000)

February 5-Letter of Intent

April 9-Application

To find out how you and your neighbors can get involved, call us at [684-0719](tel:684-0719) or visit us at www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf



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