

Mayor Nickels names DARBY DUCOMB to head up Citizens Service Bureau (CSB)

Mayor Greg Nickels announced Darby DuComb as his choice for director of the Citizens Service Bureau (CSB).

“The Citizens Service Bureau, for many people, is a problem solver and their one human contact with the city bureaucracy. Darby has the knowledge, background, will and heart to manage the CSB compassionately and effectively. I’m confident she will not rest on the laurels of the CSB’s successes, but rather take on new challenges as it evolves to meet new needs of our citizenry,” said Mayor Nickels.


The CSB provides information, solves problems, and resolves complaints regarding any department of the city of Seattle. It’s a one-stop telephone number for all questions about city government services. The CSB also provides interpreter services in more than 160 languages. The phone number is (206) 684-CITY (2489).

“As an attorney, I have defended folks against the government and as a bureaucracy-busting city employee, I have worked to streamline programs. Now as manager of the CSB, I have the opportunity to be an advocate for better city service, both internally and externally. I look forward to continu-

ing and building on the excellent legacy of the CSB,” said Darby.

Before coming to Seattle thirteen years ago, Darby’s law practice interests included employee discrimination, environmental citizen’s suits, and public defender. She met her future husband, a Seattle native, in law school. They and their two boys have lived in the Wedgwood neighborhood since 1999.

What Darby loves most about Seattle is the diversity of life with the people and cultures represented, along with the outdoor activities she enjoys with family and friends such as skiing, biking, and hiking.

Darby received her BA in Philosophy from Indiana University and her law degree from the University of Oregon, and is a member of the Washington State Bar Association. She begins her new job on May 2. 



Historic Seattle Celebrates PRESERVATION MONTH 2007

Historic preservation is relevant for Seattleites of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds. Historic Seattle feels it is especially important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped our community. Please help us to recognize local historic preservation and participate in this special observance. Here are six events going on throughout the month of May here in Seattle. All events are either free or minimal charge.

Fremont Historical Society

Historic Photo Display

Location of Event: Fremont Library,
731 N. 35th Street, Seattle

Description of Event: Photo display celebrating preservation and adaptive reuse of ten historic Fremont buildings, co-sponsored by the Fremont Branch of the Seattle Public Library.

Date of Event/Day: May 5-31, 2007 (Coffee and cookies reception to celebrate display on Saturday, May 5, 12:00-1:30 p.m.)

Contact: Heather McAuliffe, 206-623-7247,
fremonthistory@comcast.net

Friends of the Market

Walking tours of the Pike Place Market

Location of Event: Pike Place Market, corner of Pike Street and Pike Place, downtown Seattle (meet at the pig under the clock)

Description of Event: Specialized Pike Place Market one-hour walking tours led by volunteers from Friends of the Market, the organization that led the decade-long fight to "Save the Market". The tour will follow the themes and visit the sites in Victor Steinbrueck's Market Sketchbook where his pen and ink drawings depicted the Market as it was in the 1960s. The locations he drew will be visited and compared with the changes wrought by time.

Date of Event/Day: Saturdays in May

Time of Event: 9:00am

Contact: Paul Dunn, 206-587-5767,
fessdunn@aol.com

Georgetown Powerplant Museum

Annual Picnic

Bring a potluck item or a donation of \$2 a person is suggested if patrons do not bring a dish (The museum supplies coffee, snacks, organic hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers)

Location of Event: 6605 13th Avenue South, Seattle.

Directions: Drive east through King County Maintenance parking lot to electric gate V66. At gate V66, take a right (south). Go forward into steam plant property and park. The entrance into the plant property will be open for public events. At other times it is locked.

Description of Event: Operating steam, hot air and gas engines will be displayed as well as exhibits including the Puget Sound Garden Railway Society operating miniature steam locomotives, Ann Thompson's calliophone and Anacortes Railway, the Simpson's Atlantic and English engine, and engines from the Last Resort Fire Department. Guided plant tours include oral history and a dynamic display of plant engines. (Main tour at noon, mini tours from 11am until 4pm)

Date of Event/Day: Saturday, May 12, 2007

Time of Event: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Contact: Lilly Tellefson, 206-763-2542,
gpmuseum@juno.com

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Ballard Historical Society

Ballard Avenue Landmark District Historic Marker Project Unveiling

Location of Event: Marvin Gardens Park (corner of 22nd and Ballard Avenue)

Description of Event: The Ballard Historical Society has created 28 12" by 16" Historic Markers for buildings in the Ballard Avenue Landmark District. The inspiration for this project was to bring recognition to Ballard's City protected old commercial center: Ballard Avenue. Each marker displays an historic photograph, a caption of the property's history and the date built. Our hope is that it will instill a feeling of community pride to both longtime and new residents of Ballard.

Visitors to our neighborhood will also benefit from learning about our colorful history. There will be a short program describing the project followed by an opportunity for attendees to tour Ballard Avenue and view the markers.

Date of Event/Day: Saturday, May 12th

Time of Event: tentatively, 1 p.m.

Contact: Mary Fortino, (206) 706-9236, ballardhistoricalsociety@msn.com

Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks

Washington Park Arboretum tour

Location of Event: Washington Park Arboretum
Graham Visitor Center (2300 Arboretum Drive East, Seattle)

Description of Event: In November 1903 at the invitation of the Seattle Parks Commission John Charles Olmsted visited Seattle to begin planning what has become one of the most extensive and beautiful park and boulevard systems in the country. The

Olmsted Brothers firm ultimately designed and planned more than 50 parks, play fields and boulevards throughout Seattle, creating a legacy the city continues to build on. FSOP will host a two to three hour walking tour of Washington Park Arboretum, led by members of the FSOP Board.

Date of Event/Day: Saturday, May 12, 2007

Time of Event: 10:00am

Contact: Duse McLean, 425-558-3173, dusemcl@msn.com

King Street Station

King Street Station: Past, Present and Future

How to Register: Call 206-464-1212, or e-mail to Ron Sheck, Washington State Department of Transportation: sheckr@wsdot.wa.gov .

Location of Event: King Street Station, 3rd and King Street Level, Seattle

Description of Event: King Street Station, an architectural gem, turned 100 on May 10, 2006. Join us for a walking tour of the station; learn about its history; discover what is taking place with the renovation of the historic building; find out about planning for the future as the station becomes the core element of a complex of multimodal transportation facilities. Tour is limited to 25 persons. Bring a brown bag lunch if you don't mind standing up and eating while walking. The tour is led by Ron Sheck, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Trevina Wang, Seattle Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

Date of Event: Thursday, May 17, 2007

Time of Event: Noon to 1:00 pm.

Contact: Ron Sheck, Urban Rail Program Manager, WSDOT, 206-464-1202

BALLARD

PROPOSED BILLBOARD DRAWS FIRE

Clear Channel Communications proposes to relocate a large double-faced advertising sign from its current home on 4th Ave S to a location on 15th NW, immediately north of the Ballard Bridge. Despite the fact that Clear Channel must remove a smaller nearby advertising sign if allowed to do so, neighbors throughout Ballard object to the proposal since it could substantially change the local landscape. Also, citizens have commented that the proposal runs contrary to the Crown Hill / Ballard Neighborhood Plan which proposes to preserve and enhance several identifiable "gateways" to the Ballard community. The proposed billboard would be 14 x 48 feet and rise 50 feet above a location at 15 NW and NW Leary Way.

BALLARD CELEBRATES ITS HISTORY

On May 29, 1907 the City of Ballard was officially dissolved, annexing a large portion of what is now Ballard to the city of Seattle. On April 28 of this year, Mayor Nickels will join with Ballard civic leaders in a symbolic effort to recognize that 100 years has passed since Ballard was a separate thriving municipality. On that day, to commemorate this event, city resources will provide a tree to be planted, as well as installation of an historic marker to be located on the site of Ballard City Hall. The Ballard City Hall site is now a small triangular park since the original building was destroyed by the 1965 earthquake. The historic marker completes a 3-year effort by the Ballard Historical Society to install 29 similar markers on significant buildings within Ballard's Historic District.

DELTRIDGE

DNDA FUTURE PLANS

The Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association (DNDA) met with Metrovation and Mithun Architects to launch an architectural study of the redevelopment potential of the Seattle Public School District's Boren School (currently used temporarily as Cleveland High School) site on Delridge Way. The redevelopment may create 400+ housing units and 75-80,000 square feet of commercial/retail space including shops, restaurants, and community space. The study will involve the community to build support in order to convince the school district to sell the property to DNDA for housing and economic development. The school district has mentioned that Boren will be needed while a new Denny Middle School is built around 2009. Cleveland will move back to its Beacon Hill location next school year.

DNDA has also met recently with Freedom Church to discuss assisting with the purchase of the property they occupy at 35th Ave. SW/SW Roxbury, a former Safeway store, and the potential of collaboration to build affordable housing, community facilities, and commercial space on the church property.

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Community Engages in FIGHT FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION

By Wendy Watson, Department of Neighborhoods

How many Phinney/Greenwood residents does it take to change a light bulb? All of them-if they are compact fluorescents! A new group, Phinney/Greenwood Climate Change Action Now! or PGCCAN, formed last May to address the critical issue of global climate change at the neighborhood level. Last July, the group received a Small and Simple award from the Department of Neighborhoods to support its campaign. The cornerstone of the campaign is a pledge inviting neighbors to cut down on their greenhouse gas emissions.

Monthly forums are hosted on issues related to climate change. Lively discussions are held and neighbors get to know each other, which is reflected in the group's motto "warm hearts for a cooler planet."

The Mayor's Green Ribbon Commission on Climate Protection listed mobilizing the entire community as one of its key recommendations to fight global warming on a local level. In an effort to support this recommendation, the Department of Neighborhoods is offering groups and neighborhoods the opportunity to do proj-

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ects similar to Greenwood/Phinney's that focus on neighborhood-based climate protection. Awards of up to \$15,000 are available.

Some project ideas might include organizing a neighborhood carpool, a neighbor-to-neighbor home weatherization program, and neighborhood climate protection fairs. As the Greenwood/Phinney Climate Change Action Now! Group has shown, these projects are not only good for the environment, they are good for the neighborhood.

"What has been exciting to us is the enthusiasm with which our campaign has been met and the desire of other people to take it to their community," stated Karen Schneider, of PGCCAN. "Several churches plan to use the pledge for Earth Day and I even sent this pledge to an environmentalist in Scotland!"

The group will have a table this summer at the new Phinney Farmer's Market and will be at the Sustainable Fair in Fremont this June. Pledge forms will be available in coffee shops and other neighborhood venues, and yards in the area will begin sprouting signs urging neighbors to "Take the Pledge."

What's next for the group? "Our next goal is approaching the area's schools and thinking of ways to get young people involved. We will go wherever we are asked! We want to instill hope in people that together we can still make a difference!"

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FIRST ADOPT-A-STREET IN NORTH DELRIDGE

This month the North Delridge Neighborhood Council organized and held its first

Adopt-a-Street event to pick up litter along Delridge Way SW between SW Andover and SW Juneau. The event was a huge success. Over 30 people participated including residents, businesses, and a group of students from Denny Middle School. One student commented, "I didn't know I would have fun picking up garbage". Nucor Steel Company provided the snacks and refreshments.

DOWNTOWN

NIGHTLIFE ORDINANCE

The proposed Nightlife Ordinance Legislation continues to generate significant interest in the downtown. Community members were please to see such a great turnout for public comment at the March 1 committee meeting. Community members expect a good turnout at the April 5 meeting as well. There is concern that since support for the legislation appears to be lukewarm in other parts of the city, the legislation will be weakened considerably before it's passed. Downtown residents reject the notion that better enforcement of existing laws will yield the same results.

The possibility of expanding Hing Hay Park has generated significant community interest - and there are a lot of questions about the project. Concern over the re-location of the Post Office as well as public safety concerns were the topics most mentioned at a recent community meeting. The Parks department has pledged to keep the community informed and involved in this project as it develops.

The departure of the Chinatown/ID BIA Executive Director has left a couple of community projects in a holding pattern. The Chinatown Gates project needs a local community organization to take ownership of the project in order to get a permit from SDOT. The Chinatown Gates organizers have approached the BIA about this. Additionally, the community was looking to the BIA to take on the role of fiscal sponsor of the Night Market. Both projects are continuing to move forward at this point - but if the BIA is unable to fill these roles then each project will likely be stalled until they find a new partner.

DOWNTOWN LIVABILITY STUDY

The Downtown District Coordinator and the Executive Director of the Pioneer Square Community Association (PSCA) met with a couple of residents from the Millenium Tower who are concerned about the South Downtown Livability Study and its impacts. Their concern was that some of the new height allowances and the parcels identified as potential re-development sites would significantly change the character of the neighborhood. The ED from the PSCA explained that much

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of the South Downtown Livability plan incorporated projects identified in the Pioneer Square plan and that PSCA has been very involved in the process. The Downtown District Coordinator and the ED of the PSCA also let the residents know that there will be multiple opportunities for public comment on the Draft EIS.

EAST

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS OVER A PROPOSED NEW DEVELOPMENT AT PINE STREET

A well-attended neighborhood meeting took place last week, sponsored by the POWHAT (Pine/Olive Way/Harvard at Triangle) organization. This organization is mainly composed of apartment and condominium residents. The meeting was in response to the proposed new development at 514 E Pine St. The proposed development will include a 6-story structure with 5 floors of condominiums and retail space on the ground floor. The major concerns of the participants was the loss of popular neighborhood restaurants, bars, and 22 residential rental units considered some of the last affordable locations in the Pine/Pike neighborhood.

The meeting, attended by approximately 50 residents, was a reflection of neighborhood resident's concern over the loss of small businesses and iconic places of entertainment which they feel will be lost to growth and development endangering the uniqueness that categorizes the Pike/Pine neighborhoods.

LATINO(A) BASKETBALL LEAGUE (LBL) UPDATE

The Latino Basketball League is an organization that was inaugurated four years ago, mostly by the growing Oaxacan community of Seattle. Presently there is representation in their membership from Mexico and Central American communities residing in the city.

The games are held at the Yesler Community Center every Sunday and there are approximately 350 attendees at the programmed games with an average of up to 25 teams playing during the Sunday tournaments. The Latino(a) Basketball League is composed entirely of volunteers.

Families, youth, elders, and players spend most of the day playing basketball and or participating in educational programs, such as youth at risk prevention, traditional dances and music performed by youth and family dinners.

LBL received a Neighborhood Matching Fund award last year and the Mayor's Office sent an official representative to the trophy ceremony at the end of the season.

Today, the LBL organization has grown to almost 35 teams with an average participation of 400 people every Sunday during the playing season and expanded their games to the Miller Park Community

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For more information on PGCCAN:

<http://www.phinneycovillage.net/globalwarmingproject>

Karen Schneider 783-6028, or e-mail karenc@comcast.net

The Small and Simple Fund:

Who is eligible to apply for funding?

- Neighborhood-based organizations of residents or of businesses
- Local, community -based organizations that advocate for the interests of people of color
- Ad-hoc groups of neighbors who form a committee solely for the purpose of designing and carrying out a specific project

All applicant groups must have an open membership policy and must actively seek involvement from area residents and/or businesses. Applicant organizations do NOT have to hold non-profit status with the IRS. Individuals, for-profit ventures, religious organizations, government agencies, political groups, district councils, universities, hospitals, newspapers, and non-local groups are not eligible.

When is the deadline?

The Neighborhood Matching Fund accepts funding applications in four rounds each calendar year. The submission deadlines for the Small and Simple fund for 2007 are:

July 9th October 1st

Deadlines are firm. Applications must be submitted by 5:00pm on the date of the deadline.

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How much funding may be requested?

Projects seeking funding under the Small and Simple grant program may request up to \$15,000. These projects should be able to be completed in six months or less.

What is the application process?

The first step in the application process is to speak with a Neighborhood Matching Fund project manager to discuss your idea and learn more about the process! Call 206-684-0464 to set up an appointment or find out where and when the next technical assistance workshop is offered.

For general information about this or other community-building opportunities, or to download application guidelines and forms, please visit the Neighborhood Matching Fund web site:

www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf

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Center. They have 501-C3 tax exempt status and Neighborhood Matching Fund staff and the East District Coordinator are working with them to address the growing pains that accompany their success and growth.

NORTH

FARMERS MARKET AT LAKE CITY CIVIC CENTER?

The Lake City Farmers Market continues to look for a new site for 2008 and beyond. A possible location at NE 125th St and 35th Ave NE has fallen out of the running. A new candidate site has emerged: Albert Davis Plaza at the Lake City Library and Neighborhood Service Center. The plaza is big enough to host the market, although vendors would need to drop off their wares and park their trucks elsewhere, as is done at the Ballard and Fremont markets. Other Lake City locations will be scouted while the Civic Center option is more thoroughly evaluated.

MORE HOUSING COMING TO LAKE CITY URBAN VILLAGE

Runberg Architects briefed the Greater Lake City Community Council on their early design guidance application for a 7-story mixed-used building in the Lake City core area. The building would have 135 dwelling units, 14 live-work units, and accessory parking. All units would be market-rate housing. Runberg also designed the nearby Lumiere building, which has been well-received. The next design review meeting will be sometime in the late spring or early summer.

NORTHEAST

PROBLEMS IN THE ROOSEVELT NEIGHBORHOOD GET ATTENTION

The Roosevelt neighborhood is grateful to Mayor Nickels for his swift response to some of the conditions he saw on his visit to the Roosevelt neighborhood on a tour in February. A team of City and County staff went out into the neighborhood on Tuesday, March 20, assessing 100 properties for any violations of zoning, fire, or health codes. Several dozen properties were identified as significant violators and the Department of Planning and Development, Health Department and Seattle Public Utilities will be following up. The following week, at a press conference, the Mayor announced some proposed changes to zoning codes which would give the Department of Planning and Development some stronger tools to "encourage" landlords to "clean up their act". The Roosevelt neighborhood and the University District Chamber were present and spoke in strong support of these changes.

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your neighborhood

ROOSEVELT NEIGHBORS ALLIANCE ANNUAL MEETING HONORS SEATTLE POLICE OFFICER

David Marley, the Community Police Team officer for the University District, received high praise from officers and members of the Roosevelt Neighbors Alliance community at their annual meeting on March 7. Problems with landlords and neighbors and loud parties had neighbors calling the Police Department on a regular basis. When Officer Marley began his Community Police Team stint in the District, he started working closely with the harassed neighbors. By directly contacting some of the offending landlords and describing what sorts of fines and violations could be levied if they did not respond, he was able to bring peace to a neighborhood in just a few months. Neighbors couldn't say enough.

NORTHWEST

I-5 NOISE WALL PROJECT

WSDOT representatives attended the March 14 meeting of the Green Lake Community Council to provide information about the proposed noise wall to be constructed on stretches of I-5 on the west side between 5th Ave NE and NE 92nd St to address high levels of freeway noise experienced by adjacent neighborhoods. Construction on the east side of I-5 will await close coordination with Sound Transit's proposed Light Rail extension. WSDOT is currently in the design and sound analysis phase of the project, with public meetings scheduled to begin in 2008 and construction in 2009.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS IN PARTNERSHIP

The Greenwood Medical Clinic, Greenwood Senior Center, and REACH Diabetes Program are partnering to offer a free 6-week Diabetes Education course for Spanish speakers. The Greenwood Neighborhood Service Center staff is assisting in promoting to the Spanish-speaking community.

The Greenwood Senior Center has recently announced a new partnership with North Seattle Community College Continuing Education Program to offer an array of lifelong learning classes, along with ESL classes for seniors.

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**SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

USING 9-1-1

INTERPRETER SERVICES

Call 9-1-1 when:

- you have a Police, Fire or Medical Emergency.
- to report a crime that is in progress or has just occurred.
- there is a situation that could, or does pose a danger to life, property or both.
- there is suspicious activity involving a person(s), or vehicle that appears criminal in intent.

The 9-1-1 system has interpreters to help if you speak little or no English.

1. When you call, state first in **ENGLISH** what service you need and what language you speak.
 -  "I need POLICE. I speak LANGUAGE."
"LANGUAGE TRANSLATION of ABOVE"
 -  "I need the FIRE DEPARTMENT. I speak LANGUAGE."
"LANGUAGE TRANSLATION of ABOVE"
 -  "I need MEDICAL help. I speak LANGUAGE."
"LANGUAGE TRANSLATION of ABOVE"
2. The 9-1-1 operator will connect you to a interpreter, which may take several seconds. Stay on the phone during the transfer.
3. When the interpreter comes on, answer the questions you are asked. Tell them exactly what has happened as briefly as possible.

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4. The 911 operator decides how to best help you from the information you give. Be ready to tell the operator:

- the location where the emergency is occurring. Include the building number, apartment number, street name, and any directional information (i.e.: northwest, south, etc.)
- your name, address and the phone number from which you are calling.

5. Do not hang up until directed. Stay on the telephone until the operator tells you it is okay to hang up.

If you need an interpreter to communicate with the Police after they arrive, one can be provided for you.

Please note:

- 9-1-1 calls from payphones are free.
- if you wish to remain anonymous or keep information confidential, tell the operator.
- if you accidentally call 9-1-1, DO NOT HANG UP! Stay on the phone and tell them you did not mean to call.

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826 SEATTLE

This unique youth tutoring and creative writing program, also known as the Greenwood Space Travel Supply Co., is partnering with the University Bookstore Author Series to host Daniel Wilson on April 18 at 7 pm. Wilson will be discussing his new book "Where's My Jetpack?: A Guide to the Amazing Science Fiction Future that Never Arrived" which includes "prototypes and blueprints for long-promised technologies from Disneyland and the World's Fair" that haven't come to pass.

SOUTHEAST

HOME INVASION ROBBERIES UPDATE

In the past few months there have been a series of home invasion robberies in SE Seattle. There have been robberies in the Mount Baker neighborhood, the Lakeridge area, Hillman City and South Beacon Hill. Two suspects have been arrested and charged, and a third suspect has been identified and is currently being sought.

Eyewitness accounts from the victims of these crimes proved critical to placing these individuals at the crime scenes. South Precinct detectives were able to get identification from a photomontage, get the suspect information out to officers, and within hours of the warrant being released, SWAT officers arrested the first suspect. When a warrant was served where this suspect was residing, additional property from the Mount Baker, Lakeridge and South Beacon Hill home invasion robberies was recovered.

The Southeast Police Precinct has acknowledged the community's frustration, anger and fear about these robberies. The police offered the following three items they wanted to highlight from these incidents:

- 1) Home invasion robberies are scary. Fortunately, they are very rare. It is the type of crime we fear the most, but one that happens the least.
- 2) Police will respond to the 911 call, they will collect evidence, the detectives will follow-up on the evidence and investigate to the best of their ability, and they will beat the bushes to close cases, using every resource they have.
- 3) Eyewitness information, and the willingness of witnesses and victims to come forward, were essential to getting the suspects identified, arrested and charged. If not for those people who were able to pick the suspects out of a photomontage, there would not have been probable cause to arrest or charge any of these individuals with any crime.

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REPAVEMENT WORK RESUMES ON CALIFORNIA AVENUE

After a 3-month hiatus, resurfacing work has resumed along California Ave. On March 19, crews began removing and grinding the old surface from SW Genesee St to SW Spokane St so that repairs could be made to the base area. Traffic has been narrowed to one lane in each direction and parking has been prohibited. This phase of the project is expected to take 4-5 weeks. Subsequent phases will involve the remaining stretch of California Ave from SW Spokane St to SW Admiral Way, and along SW Admiral Way from 41st Ave SW to SW Olga St.

MEGAWATT EYEING MOVE TO NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTERS

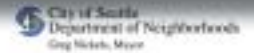
In order to reduce operational costs, Megawatt will close its doors at the end of April and is considering re-locating its operations in either the Delridge or West Seattle Neighborhood Service Centers, or at both locations. This possibility was explored in late 2006 with the blessings of the neighborhood service centers, subject to ironing out minor financial and logistical details. Megawatt, however, decided at that time not to relocate to the neighborhood service centers because of fears that the move would reduce its visibility and create confusion, and because of its desire to remain as autonomous as possible.

Magnolia/Queen Anne

DEXTER PIT PARK

A meeting took place on March 15 at the Seattle Parks Headquarters regarding the Dexter Pit Park Development Project. This is a unique partnership with the Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs for a park development since an artist is leading the design for the park. The artist revealed his concept for the park, which includes cloud-like formations made of mesh wire and fishing line. Many residents of the surrounding neighborhood welcomed this design. A few others were extremely concerned because it did not reflect what had been set out in the Queen Anne Neighborhood Plan for the park. The artist and architecture firm explained that the elements of the neighborhood plan were considered, but that due to the nature of the slope in the park, the ability to create an exercise path and P-patch plot was not viable.

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Delridge Residents

IDENTIFY CONCERNS

The Highland Park Action Committee (HPAC) held a "neighborhood summit" this month at the Highland Park Improvement Club where over 50 residents were asked to identify issues that would get them involved in their neighborhood. Their list included many traffic, beautification, youth, and economic development issues. Here is a partial list of specific concerns: Cleanup/maintenance, bike lanes, and other improvements on Highland Park Way; Left turn traffic signals on Delridge Way SW at SW Henderson and SW

Thistle; Jobs for local youth; Painting crosswalk at 9th Ave. SW/SW Henderson; Design guidelines for townhouses; Sidewalks to Westcrest Park; and the annexation of North Highline/White Center. Organizers of the event hope more residents will attend and participate in future HPAC meeting and activities to learn about resources and programs such as Bridging the Gap, Small Sparks, and the Neighborhood Matching Fund Program.



Mayor Nickels tours the north Delridge area following the Delridge Neighborhoods Stewardship Forum.



Youth participation was a critical feature of this year's Stewardship Forum.



Pete Spalding, Chair of the Delridge Neighborhoods District Council, discusses issues with Seattle Police.



Mayor Nickels tours the north Delridge area following the Delridge Neighborhoods Stewardship Forum.

The Seattle Fire Department can provide and install free smoke alarms in your home if you:

- ✓ live in the City of Seattle
- ✓ own and live in your home
- ✓ are a senior citizen, disabled or live on a low income

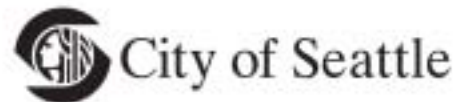
The Seattle Fire Department recommends that you:

- install smoke alarms on every level of your home and in each bedroom
- replace your smoke alarms every ten years
- change the battery in your smoke alarm if it “chirps” warning that the battery is low
- test and clean your smoke alarms each month
- prepare and practice an escape plan in case your smoke alarm detects a fire



To request smoke alarms or for more information, contact the Seattle Fire Department Public Education Office

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