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Children's Advisory Committee (CAC) Meetings

Neighbors are encouraged to attend CAC meetings, and public comment is welcome at them.

March 18 (Tues.) 6:30 p.m. Talaris

April 15 (Tues.) 6:30 p.m. @ Talaris

May 6 (Tues.) time and location TBD

May 20 (Tues.) 6 p.m. @ CHRMC

June 3 (Tues.) time and location T.B.D.

June 10 (Tues.) 6:30 p.m. @ Talaris

CAC continues discussion on the preliminary draft Environmental Impact Statement. Take this opportunity to learn more about the impacts of Children's proposed massive expansion.

Watch for updates at these websites: www.laurelhurstcc.com and www.children'saction.com.

Legislature Paves Way for Demolition of Laurelon Terrace

SHB 3071 permits a vote of 80 percent of Laurelon owners to terminate their 136-unit Laurelon Terrace garden condominium. Prior to passage of the bill, 100 percent agreement was required. Children's Hospital has made an offer to purchase the property. Their offer to owners – nearly three-times market value – is contingent on multiple terms including approval of Children's proposed Major Institution Master Plan. A sale will result in the loss of 21 percent of the moderate income housing in the Laurelhurst/Sand Point area. ■

Swing, Batters!

LCC is pleased to continue Little League team sponsorship for the 2008 season. LCC's contribution helps cover the cost of uniforms, equipment, field maintenance, insurance, and training programs and helps make neighborhood softball and baseball affordable to girls and boys in our community. Have a great season! ■

SR520 Replacement Mediation Continues

LCC trustee Colleen McAleer is a member of the governor's SR520 committee appointed to mediate design and mitigation plans for Westside neighborhoods and institutions. In mid February, community representatives agreed to support the SR520 six-lane "Parkway Plan," also known as Plan K, and strongly recommended it for evaluation in the supplemental EIS process. Senate Bill 6099 mandates an Environmental Impact Study of three potential alternatives for SR520.

The Parkway Plan footprint is six lanes total, with four general purpose lanes and two HOV/transit. A bike lane is included. The plan includes lids over Roanoke Park, Montlake Boulevard, and Seward School, tunnels through the Arboretum, and an underpass under the Ship Canal under the north side of Husky Stadium to McCurdy Park.

The Parkway Plan also includes additional off ramps (at their original location) from Montlake Boulevard to westbound SR520, if traffic models indicate the need. An off ramp at Montlake Boulevard South will be added if traffic warrants it to relieve congestion.

This compromise plan attempts to balance the interests of neighborhoods north and south of the Ship Canal, respects the interests of the UW and Arboretum, reduces congestion, and enhances transit and non-motorized mobility. Plan K provides for the critical transit connection between SR520 bus rapid transit and the planned UW light rail station, and promises to relieve congestion on Montlake Boulevard. Any plan proposed must work as part of a safe, efficient integrated transportation system.

Laurelhurst goals remain: Build the narrowest possible footprint; priority for transit; protection and improvement of the environment; and provide for logical and efficient access points to the Eastside with minimal noise, traffic, and visual impacts. ■

Time Is Right to Renovate Husky Stadium

At the February LCC board meeting, former governor Dan Evans presented a renovation plan for 90-year-old Husky Stadium. The timing is right. Not only is there a great safety need due to the serious deterioration of structural support, but renovation would coincide with Sound Transit's construction in front of the stadium, ultimately saving money and the costs and inconvenience associated with mitigation necessary to address these two separate projects along the highly congested Montlake corridor.

LCC wrote district legislators urging authorization of revenues currently being used for Safeco Field and the Kingdome for Husky Stadium. The University is seeking one half of the total \$300 million project construction budget through this public funding with the remaining funding coming from private sources.

Football games alone at Husky Stadium generate significant revenue for the city, the county and the state. The University's athletic program supports more than 2,500 jobs, generates \$211 million in annual sales by Washington's businesses and creates \$83 million annually in labor income. Of the approximately \$12.5 annual tax revenue, about \$8.2 million goes to the state and \$4.3 to local governments. ■

Community Center in Spring Swing

Laurelhurst Student Art Show – Thursday, March 20, 5 p.m.

View artwork from current students from Laurelhurst Community Center's art classes. A brief presentation occurs before the unveiling, so be sure to come early, enjoy hors d'oeuvres, and meet some of our aspiring artists.

Laurelhurst Spring Egg Hunt – Saturday, March 22, 9 a.m. FREE Join the Spring Bunny at the annual Egg Hunt in the park. Children (ages 10 and under) are organized by age group beginning at 8:45 a.m. Canned food donations are accepted for the Northwest Harvest.

Community Center Closed March 31 through April 5

The center closes for floor maintenance. The gym is open 3:30 to 8 p.m.

Summer Camp Registration – begins April 2

Register at the gym and other NE community centers (Meadowbrook, Magnuson, and Ravenna-Eckstein).

Center Staff Update

Kiesha Cannon joined the center as assistant coordinator. A recreation leader with expertise in athletics and toddler programming, Kiesha comes to Laurelhurst from Rainier Community Center. She is pursuing a graduate degree in American Ethnic Studies at the University of Washington. Kiesha replaces **Melissa Valenzuela**, who is on temporary assignment as coordinator at Loyal Heights. **Dena Schuler**, center coordinator, is recovering well from a snowboarding injury. She appreciates everyone's support and well wishes and is eager to return to work. ■

Garden Lovers' Book and Botanical Art Sale

Wine and Cheese Preview Party and Book Sale – Friday, April 4, 5 to 8 p.m.; Tickets: \$15

Book Sale – Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Free Admission

Thousands of used gardening, horticulture, botany and landscape design books will be for sale at the Elisabeth C. Miller Library, the premiere horticultural library in the Pacific Northwest and library for the University of Washington Botanic Gardens. All sale proceeds are used to purchase the best and newest in horticultural books and journals. This year's sale will coincide with an exhibit and sale of new works by members of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the American Society of Botanical Artists.

For information and to purchase tickets, visit the Miller Library or phone: 206-543-0415; www.millerlibrary.org. Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle. ■

Master Gardener Foundation Plant Sale

The 25th annual King County Master Gardener Foundation plant sale is set for Saturday, May 5, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st Street in Seattle. This year's sale will be the largest ever. More plants have been propagated from Master Gardeners' own gardens and more specialty growers invited to offer their rare and unusual plants.

Accompanying this year's plant sale is a slate of free gardening classes taught by Master Gardeners. Topics include growing disease resistant roses, how to grow great tomatoes, garden design for low maintenance and year-round color, developing garden zones, designing summer containers, small space gardening, ornamental grasses, native plants, controlling apple maggot and successful composting.

For more information about the Master Gardener plant sale, e-mail joyceharms@comcast.net or call 253-838-4713. ■

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Microchips Help Lost Pets Find Their People

Clara, a neighbor's beloved kitty ventured away from home on a cold winter's night in late January. There's been no sign of her at shelters or on craigslist or in newspaper lost-pet notices. She may have been taken by a coyote, but her owner wonders whether someone took her in, assuming she was lost or abandoned.

If you find a lost animal, an important step in locating the owner could be a microchip implanted in the cat or dog. This procedure is quite common now as a means of identifying pets and reuniting them with their owners. Take the pet to a local veterinary office, which can scan for a microchip that holds the answer to finding the animal's home.

A pet is a member of the family, and, when they go missing, it's very upsetting. With the aid of this newer technology, many lost pets can be returned to their relieved people. ■

CALENDAR

March 18 (Tues.) **Children's Advisory Committee meeting.** 6 p.m. Public welcome. Location TBA

March 20 (Thurs.) 7 p.m. **Student Art Show**
Laurelhurst Community Center

March 20 through 23 (Thurs. - Sun.) **Celebrate Easter at St. Stephen's**
4805 NE 45th St. Learn more about services at www.ststephens-seattle.org.

March 22 (Sat.) 8:45 a.m. **Spring Egg Hunt** (ages 10 and under)
Laurelhurst Park

March 28 (Fri.) **Deadline for Laurelhurst newsletter copy and advertising**

April 4+5 (Fri.+Sat.) **Garden Lovers' Book and Botanical Sale** – Miller Library, Center for Urban Horticulture. Information: 206-543-0415

April 14 (Mon.) 7 p.m. **LCC Board of Trustees meeting**
St. Stephen's Church

April 18 (Fri.) 6 to 8 p.m. **Laurelhurst Jump-a-thon** (all ages)
Laurelhurst Gym

May 5 (Sat.) 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Master Gardener Plant Sale**
Center for Urban Horticulture

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HOUSE WANTED: 3 or 4 bedroom home in Laurelhurst. Locating from North Carolina to Seattle in August; hoping for Laurelhurst home. lizstankavage@yahoo.com or 919-382-7573.

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WANTED: Laurelhurst Elementary is looking for an upright piano for students! If you have a one to donate (or sell), contact Brooks Romano at 522-7109 or Pam Goddard at 526-1092. Thanks.

WANTED: Father/daughters (12 and 15) want house to rent or housesit Summer 2008. July 1 - August 31. Prefer furnished 3BR. Lee Brillhart, 206-660-0146. Email: outdoor1s@yahoo.com.

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