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## LCC Annual Meeting May 29

Thursday, 6:45 to 9 p.m.  
Laurelhurst Community Center  
multi-purpose room

This year's Laurelhurst annual neighbors meeting includes a presentation on the Union Bay Natural Area by professor Kern Ewing and students from the UW's Restoration Ecology Program; an update from LCC's land use consultant Carol Eychaner about Children's expansion plans; and neighbor appreciation acknowledgments.

The evening also includes election of trustees to serve for the next two years.

Light refreshments are served at 6:45 p.m., so come early to visit with trustees and meet your neighbors! ■

## Children's Advisory Committee (CAC) Meetings

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

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

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

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

Take this opportunity to learn more about Children's proposed massive expansion, the design alternatives, and the environmental impacts.

Watch for updates at these websites:

[www.laurelhurstcc.com](http://www.laurelhurstcc.com)

[www.childrensaction.com](http://www.childrensaction.com)

<http://masterplan.seattlechildrens.org>

## Crime Prevention Tips and Reporting

In response to an increase in home and car prowls, auto thefts, and vandalism in Laurelhurst and concerns of neighbors, LCC implemented a pilot private security project last Thanksgiving. In addition, LCC recently set up an email address for reporting incidents and concerns: [crimeprevention@laurelhurstcc.com](mailto:crimeprevention@laurelhurstcc.com). Always call 911 in an emergency.

The following security tips help deter crime and speed police response.

- Light up your house numbers, so police can find your home. If the number is on the curb, do not cover it with a parked car.
- Lock your car! Never leave your car unlocked.
- Remove all belongings from your car. The most recent targets for thieves are GPS devices, iPods, laptops, CD's, backpacks, packages/bags from stores with new merchandise. Apparently, thieves target cars that display the "disc" imprint left by using a GPS. Laurelhurst is offering "good stuff" to "fence" right now!
- Clean out your garage and use it for your car. It may be cheaper to rent a storage unit for other items to spare the auto prowls.
- Install motion sensor lights near your doors and driveway.
- Report any suspicious behavior, unknown cars, vans, etc. to 911 so the situation can be checked out immediately.
- Do not open your door to anyone. Report aggressive or suspicious solicitations to 911.
- If any crime has occurred (including a car prowl), report it through 911 so it will be recorded and assigned a case number. Increased reports may help the neighborhood get extra patrols. ■

## SUN Park Donor Challenge Match Until June 30

"Thanks!" to an anonymous Laurelhurst resident and SUN Park fan who will match every donation of \$100 or more up to \$15,000 from now until June 30, 2008. If you are wondering how much to give, consider \$10 to \$100 for each year you have enjoyed living in Laurelhurst. If you plan a 2008 gift to this beautiful urban oasis, now would be a great time. To do so, contact Dixie Porter at 383-0147. As of April 25, the the construction fund balance was \$71,000. The goal is \$130,000. Design plans can be viewed at the site.

Don't miss the **Dig! Divide! Donate! plant sale Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the SUN Park site on the corner of 47th Ave. NE and NE 47th St. All sale proceeds will go toward the construction fund. Thanks to Cary Lassen for planning and coordinating this event.

And, keep this ongoing fund raiser in mind: For every purchase of a \$100 **Metropolitan Market Gift Card/Script**, the Met donates \$5 to the SUN Park construction fund. Please contact Jean Amick at 525-7065 to purchase cards. It's a win-win opportunity!

This new park is a partnership between Laurelhurst neighbors and Cascade Land Conservancy, a nonprofit 501.c.3 organization whose mission is to conserve great lands and create great communities. To learn more, visit this recently expanded website: <http://home.earthlink.net/~jeanseattle/>. ■



## Waterway 1 Restoration Project Underway

The State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently posted a public notice sign at Waterway 1, state-owned aquatic land on Lake Washington near the intersection of 43rd Ave NE and NE 35th St. This notice informs the public of the proposed volunteer agreement that will recognize a partnership between DNR and the Laurelhurst Community Club. The agreement will allow volunteers to restore, enhance, and maintain portions of Waterway 1 according to terms of the agreement.

Currently, the waterway is overgrown with invasive plants, is not regularly maintained, and does not provide optimal access to the lake. The agreement will allow LCC to provide volunteer services to help improve and enhance public safety, access, and maintenance of the waterway.

LCC is authorized to complete the following work subject to DNR approval and appropriate permits:

- Place granite stones along the shoreline bank for safe lake access and to prevent erosion.
- Plant appropriate-sized native plants in both the upland area and shoreline.
- Provide topsoil, seed with grass; provide temporary irrigation; mow.
- Provide and maintain two benches.
- Remove noxious weeds by hand.
- Pick up trash.
- Maintain the existing basketball court, which may be resurfaced, and pad the posts.

For more information, contact LCC trustee and Waterway Coordinator Mark Trumbauer at 527-8350; or call DNR at 360-825-1631 ext. 2006 or visit [www.dnr.wa.gov](http://www.dnr.wa.gov). ■

## University Village Plans Significant Expansion

At the April LCC board meeting, Matt Heba, University Village Development Director, and Jack McCullough, attorney representing University Village, presented preliminary plans for an expansion that would add approximately 100,000 square feet to the shopping center.

Plans include a new parking garage on the south edge of the property along the Viaduct where Key Bank and surface parking are now located. The entrance to the new garage would be from 25th St. Between 400 and 850 parking spaces would double to triple the currently available parking in that area. New retail space would open at street level.

A new Gateway Building would be constructed on the parking lot next to Pottery Barn Kids. This also would feature store entrances along 25th St. A small plaza would be located across from Starbucks.

A showcase "Village center" building is planned for the current parking area between Barnes and Noble and Coach. This will include a central plaza with valet parking as well as a high-end restaurant on the upper level. A grand staircase will provide a meeting and gathering spot.

While most agree the Village is an attractive addition to our neighborhood, concerns about traffic congestion, backups, and increased traffic volumes all merit study. ■

## Take Survey on Park Playground Equipment

If you are interested in the play equipment at Laurelhurst Park Playground, please take a short survey at: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=pMaA\\_2bbu3xjIRYq6MHKM9FQ\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=pMaA_2bbu3xjIRYq6MHKM9FQ_3d_3d); or, complete a hard copy of the survey at the Laurelhurst Community Center. To learn more or help with procuring new equipment, contact Wendy Kelley at [wendykelley@hotmail.com](mailto:wendykelley@hotmail.com).

## Trustee Nominations Accepted Until May 19

The LCC volunteer board works diligently on behalf of neighbors to promote the viability and livability of the Laurelhurst neighborhood. Trustees participate in policy decisions and develop an understanding of neighborhood issues and projects, averaging about 10 hours a month in volunteer time on administrative and committee activities. Meetings are the second Monday evening of each month at St. Stephen's Church.

Visit the LCC website to learn more about trustee responsibilities and the strict conflict of interest policy: [www.laurelhurstcc.com/LCC/Trustees.html](http://www.laurelhurstcc.com/LCC/Trustees.html)

If you are interested or want to recommend a neighbor for a board position, please contact Nominating Committee chair Heather Newman at 525-0085. LCC Bylaws specify nominations for the LCC board of trustees may be accepted until 10 days prior to the annual meeting, which will be held May 29 this year.

## CALENDAR

**May 12** (Mon.) 7 p.m.  
**LCC Board of Trustees meeting**  
St. Stephen's Church

**May 15** (Thurs.) **Sustainable Northeast Seattle Kickoff meeting.** 7 to 9 p.m.  
Join a growing community learning more sustainable ways to live. Bring ideas and a snack to share.  
Grateful Bread, 7001 35th Ave. NE  
Everyone welcome.

**May 17** (Sat.) 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**SUN Park Plant Sale**  
47th Ave. N.E and N.E. 47th St.

**May 20** (Tues.) **Children's Advisory Committee meeting.** 6:30 p.m.  
Public welcome. CHRMC

**May 23** (Fri.) **Deadline for Laurelhurst newsletter copy and advertising**

**May 29** (Thurs.) **LCC Annual Neighbors' Meeting.** 6:45 to 9 p.m.  
Laurelhurst Community Center

**June 3** (Tues.) **Children's Advisory Committee meeting.** 6 p.m.  
Public welcome. Location TBA

**June 9** (Mon.) 7 p.m.  
**LCC Board of Trustees meeting**  
St. Stephen's Church

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**2008 Laurelhurst Crime Log**

(all reported crimes as of mid March)

Jan. 19. 3600 W. Laurelhurst Dr. Car Prowl.

Jan. 26. E. Laurelhurst Dr. Hit and Run. At 3 a.m., a dark green Jeep Cherokee sped down E. Laurelhurst Dr. and smashed into a resident's silver Saab.

Jan. 22. 46th Ave. NE and NE 51st St. Potential car theft. Three police cars responded to the incident. (Unconfirmed)

Jan. 23. 46th Ave. NE and NE 51st St. Potential Burglary. Three police cars responded to the incident. (Unconfirmed)

Jan. 24. 4700 block of 48th Ave. NE, 8:44 a.m. House broken into while residents were out of town; discovered by the housekeeper.

March 5. 3612 47th Ave. NE. Car prowling in driveway with golf clubs and other items stolen from trunk.

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