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## Laurelhurst Annual Neighbors Meeting Wednesday, June 7

6:45 to 8:45 p.m.

Villa Theatre at Villa Academy  
5001 NE 50th Street

Each spring, LCC hosts an annual meeting to update the community on important issues, projects, and activities. Please join us to learn about and shape changes that impact our neighborhood.

Light refreshments will be served, so come early to chat with trustees and meet new neighbors!

**Special Guest: Seattle Council-member Richard Conlin**

The evenings topics include:

**SR 520 Expansion:  
Vision or Nightmare?**

Protecting Single-family Neighborhoods

**Union Bay Natural Area  
Restoration Project**

University of Washington Center for Urban Horticulture (CUH)

In addition, **Open Space 2100** has been invited to talk about a collaborative vision for a 100-year plan for Seattle's open spaces.

## Visit Our Website

LCC maintains a website with information about the LCC, issues and important links to neighborhood businesses, schools, and churches. Check it out at [www.laurelhurstcc.com](http://www.laurelhurstcc.com).



## Construction Begins for Expanded Laurelhurst Community Center

On March 25, neighbors and community supporters gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking for the expanded community center building.

"Our community is looking forward to a community center that meets the needs of our neighbors. It has been a long haul in getting to this day — over a decade of work convincing city officials, the Pro Parks Committee and then the voters that we need an expanded center," said Jeannie Hale, president of the LCC Board of Trustees.

Thanks to tremendous neighbor participation, the final plans for the expanded community center reflect the values and priorities of our community. LCC appreciates the great work of many neighbors throughout this process. Hundreds responded to the community-wide survey expressing priorities for an expanded center. And, hundreds attended the three community-wide meetings on the project.

Joe Herrin, LCC Trustee and accomplished architect, and Chris Barrett, Laurelhurst historian and author of "The History of Laurelhurst," served on the Project Advisory Team. Both worked hard to ensure preservation of the architectural integrity of this cherished historic structure.

The LCC acknowledges the excellent work of the Suzuki architectural firm, whose design team was responsive to the recommendations of the LCC Project Advisory Team. The firm also worked effectively with the Parks Department in adhering to the many guidelines and criteria for community centers.

The LCC is grateful to the efforts of the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department staff and appreciates the support of Mayor Nickels, Councilmember David Della (chair of the City Council Parks Committee), and Parks Superintendent Ken Bounds. ■

## Ravenna Creek Now Flows to Union Bay

The Ravenna Creek Alliance celebration on Sunday, May 14, represented the culmination of a decade-long commitment to daylight Ravenna Creek and reconnect it to Union Bay. LCC is one of many community and environmental organizations who supported this project. LCC recently voted to write a letter to the USGS Board on Geographic Names in support of the Ravenna Creek Alliance proposal to change the name of University Slough (where the creek flows into Union Bay) to Ravenna Creek.

Says Kit O'Neill, President of the Ravenna Creek Alliance: "The daylighting is truly stunning, even more beautiful than anticipated. It looks like a creek, it sounds like a creek, it acts like a creek." The project includes 650 feet of meandering new streambed, a rehabilitated portion of existing stream, and the creation of new wetland pond.

As recently as the 1920s, Ravenna Creek wandered through an old-growth forest from Green Lake through the Ravenna ravine, into a wetland where University Village is now, and then flowed on into Lake Washington. To accommodate new development over the years, the creek was culverted, diverted, and finally disconnected. The stream was channeled underground to a sewage treatment plant, along with two million gallons of fresh creek water daily.

Visit this restoration located at the southeast corner of Ravenna Park at the intersection of NE 55th and 25th NE. For more information on Ravenna Creek, visit the alliance's website: <http://home.earthlink.net/~ravennacreek/> ■



## More Changes at University Village

Renovation has begun on the original center courtyard at U Village. The landscaped space includes a new children's playground and two new fountains with frogs, turtles, and birds by sculptor Georgia Gerber (who did the original cows). This project is scheduled to be completed in time for the Sidewalk Sale in mid-June.

Exciting new stores are moving in and include SONY (facing QFC), Specialty's Bakery and Cafe, North Face, Ralph Lauren "Rugby," and Eileen Fisher. The Confectionery has a new space. ■

## John Burge Retires as LCC Newsletter Editor

After 13 years gathering news of interest to the Laurelhurst community and presenting it in the easy-to-spot salmon-colored newsletter, John has produced his last issue. He says, "it's been fun, and I've learned a lot." LCC thanks him for his many years of professional service and dedication to our neighborhood. We wish him well.

Beginning with this issue, Leslie Wright takes over the newsletter responsibilities. Leslie works in communications/graphic design and has been a Laurelhurst resident since 1984. ■

## Your Dues and LCC

**Thank you for your continued generosity and support.**

The LCC reaches out to the community in many ways to reflect the values and priorities of neighbors – support for parks, open space, public safety, schools and libraries – just to name a few. Your dues support expenses related to these projects and to special projects as well as production of the monthly *Laurelhurst Letter*.

Basic annual dues are \$50, and additional contributions are always welcome. Twice in the past decade, the LCC has sent out a "special appeal" – once to raise funds to protect the 18-acre Battelle property and a second time to enforce a settlement agreement preserving the open space and other amenities for our community.

The LCC offers secure online dues payment on its website: [www.laurelhurstcc.com](http://www.laurelhurstcc.com). ■

## CALENDAR

**June 4 (Sun.) Music at St. Stephen's**, 4 p.m. Music by Bach and Handel performed by a massed choir from area churches, accompanied by Philharmonia Northwest. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 4805 NE 45th St. Suggested donation: \$15 general, \$10 students and seniors, \$5 children. Information: 522-7144.

**June 12 (Mon.) Roosevelt High School Foundation's 2nd Annual Golf Tournament & Fundraiser** at Sand Point Country Club. For information: [www.rooseveltfoundation.org](http://www.rooseveltfoundation.org)

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

**June 22 to 25 (Thurs. – Sun.) University Village Annual Sidewalk Sale**

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FOR SALE: Brunswick 8ft. pool table with equipment, plus ping pong-table cover. Exc. cond., \$600. Buyer must move. 524-5673.

FOR SALE: Piano and sofa, both like new plus other furniture including child's white desk and chair, kitchen bistro set, wicker and rattan chairs, etc.. Moving mid June. 522-3646.

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