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LEAP Stop the Bleed Class February 11

**Laurelhurst Community Center
Monday, February 11, 7 to 9 p.m.**

A person who is bleeding can die from blood loss within five minutes. Be Prepared. Learn how to care for and respond to bleeding injuries in an emergency before first responders arrive. Identify potentially fatal bleeding and how to stop it.

Stop the Bleed is a national campaign launched by the White House as a call to action. Stop the Bleed is intended to cultivate grassroots efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. Mass casualties can happen anywhere and anytime.

This class will be taught by medical professionals from the neighborhood.

Please R.S.V.P. for this free class if you would like to attend by emailing LCCearthquake@outlook.com. ■

Dues Time + A Look at LCC's Stewardship

Neighbors recently received LCC's 2019 membership brochure and dues statement in the mail. Your \$65 dues payment supports proactive efforts on land-use matters, environmental and traffic issues, crime prevention, neighborhood improvements, community forums, earthquake/emergency preparedness, newsletters, email updates, website hosting, and more. An extra \$20 contribution pays for landscape maintenance on the Mary Gates Way / NE 41st Street planted median. Additional contributions are always welcome to support special neighborhood projects.

Your neighbors on LCC's all-volunteer Board of Trustees contribute hundreds of hours each year on your behalf to maintain the livability and vitality of our community and stretch the membership dues.

Highlights of LCC's 2018-19 goals and accomplishments:

- LCC advocates for a context-sensitive solution for development on the 17+ acre Talaris site. LCC dues pay for legal counsel and expert consultants on historic preservation as well as on hydrology and soils.
- LCC representatives attend the Seattle Landmark Board deliberations and its Architectural Review Committee meetings in reference to Talaris and other local landmark preservation issues.
- LCC works with SPD on public safety and increasing coverage.
- LCC works closely with the LEAP (Laurelhurst Earthquake Action Preparedness) team and supports its efforts. In 2018, LEAP secured funding and began preparations for the neighborhood HUB. LEAP helps create and organize local clusters for emergency response and participated in UW's resilience research project for local communities.
- LCC works with the UW, Sound Transit, and Metro to improve the neighborhood's needs for transit connections and pedestrian safety.
- LCC funds maintenance for public median strips along NE 41st Street and replaces dead plants and maintains the irrigation system.
- LCC advocates for more City of Seattle budget support to restore Laurelhurst Community Center operating hours and programs.
- LCC works with City Council as it develops a new tree ordinance to provide improved urban habitat and enhance its tree canopy.
- LCC is working with the car share providers to create more access at the Montlake Light Rail station.
- LCC participates in SR520 construction and design meetings to ensure continuous access from the northern approach to the Montlake Interchange.

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SR520 Montlake Interchange Project Begins

On January 14, LCC trustees **Colleen McAleer** and **Katherine Burk** met with **David Goldberg**, WSDOT Ombudsman, to discuss the new Montlake Interchange contract. The general contractor will be Graham, a Canadian design/build company. Construction begins this year with completion expected in 2023-2024.

McAleer and Burk stressed several concerns during the construction period, including safe removal of contaminants from the old structures and existing gas station as well as assurance from the City and WSDOT of continuous movement along Montlake Boulevard during construction.

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LCC Goals and Accomplishments continued from page 1

- LCC researches, produces, and delivers 10, in-your-mailbox editions of the local Laurelhurst newsletter offering neighborhood news and perspective on key issues.
- LCC provides the private security patrol subscription service.
- LCC monitors SCH's new building construction process and advocates for low noise and traffic easing.
- An LCC representative attends the semi-annual SCH helicopter landings review committee and offers local feedback on issues.
- LCC participates in public comment opportunities to Seattle City Council on policy issues that could affect the health and/or quality of life for the community, especially in northeast Seattle.
- LCC hosts City Council members at monthly trustee meetings to offer views on programs and policies, such as re-thinking the bike lanes on 35th Ave. NE, to form better solutions for impacted residents.
- LCC challenged the City's major U District Upzone through extensive comment letters in an effort to retain the character, affordability, and livability of the U District.
- Reviewed and commented on the University of Washington's 10-year master plan including its impact on congestion and traffic.
- LCC prepared EIS comments on the UW's new Transportation Management Plan that would allow them to reduce transit options for large events.
- An LCC representative is a member of CUCAC, which addresses land use, safety, parking, and issues related to the implementation of the new UW Campus Master Plan.
- LCC supports and offers volunteer staffing for Laurelhurst Park's Spring Egg Hunt and fall picnic.
- LCC continues to address neighbors' concerns regarding transportation issues and gridlock through letters to City Council, Children's Hospital, University Village, and the University of Washington.

LCC appreciates your continued generosity and support. Pay dues on LCC's secure website (preferred – laurelhurstcc.com, Click&Pledge) or by mail (address on back). ■

Montlake Interchange continued from page 1

LCC requested that all contaminated materials be encapsulated and removed totally from site, not moved to barges and then ground up on nearby bodies of water. Unsafe ground water should be removed so as not to leak onto the new bridge structure, and the existing gas station property is very contaminated, Level 2. Goldberg indicated that WSDOT does not want cross-contamination on their new structures from the old interchange either.

LCC stressed the importance of access to UW Medical Center and Seattle Children's Hospital at all times; Goldberg said there are provisions for emergency vehicle movement.

LCC requested that traffic be monitored and that SDOT/ WSDOT work on stoplight timing for maximum throughput during peak times. LCC also asked that the illuminated sign on NE 45th St. across from University Village reflect accurate and timely information.

LCC strongly recommended that a pull-out for buses be created along northbound Montlake Boulevard to reduce congestion and backups on Montlake at the light rail station.

Traffic flow changes will take place during the construction. There will be a temporary flyover on-ramp to connect southbound Montlake traffic to eastbound SR520 while the new Montlake interchange is built. For Montlake traffic approaching the SR520 interchange from the south, the eastbound on-ramp will be widened to two lanes.

Each household within 100 feet of the project will be given \$3,500 in noise mitigation from the WSDOT budget to spend as they wish during the four-year construction period.

LCC will continue to monitor project progress. ■

Comment Feb. 21

The **Mandatory Housing Affordability Ordinance** is a pivotal and massive piece of City legislation that has some excellent provisions yet needs amendments to ensure its intended outcomes. LCC supports many HALA (Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda) goals; therefore, LCC submitted extensive comments to strengthen the intended outcomes and requested amendments and companion resolutions be added to the ordinance before it is adopted. It is imperative that input from local neighborhoods be part of the self determination of the MHA process with funding to construct authentic community planning for HALA. LCC recommends a clawback provision that would kick in should the courts find affordable housing requirement sections, such as using in-lieu fees to build cheaper units elsewhere, illegal. In that case, the MHA upzones would revert back to previous zoning.

LCC urges the City to identify realistic projected infrastructure costs to support City plans for increased MHA density and assess adequate developer fees as required by the Growth Management Act. The City must also monitor and mitigate tree loss during development, which requires tree replacement and preservation by species with a special emphasis on retaining native species.

LCC further recommends the City provide funding and detailed resources for preservation of existing buildings, historic districts, and diverse neighborhoods so that the character and livability of an area's history are preserved for future generations.

The only opportunity to offer public comment on the City's MHA impacts is February 21 (Thursday) at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, City Council Chambers.

The public is urged to attend even if they do not want to speak. It's important that the City Council hears points of view from the affected public on changes proposed in this zoning legislation, which will forever change the character, density, and heights of Seattle neighborhoods. ■

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CALENDAR

February 11 (Mon.) 7 p.m.
LCC Board of Trustees
 Laurelhurst Community Center

February 11 (Mon.) 7 to 9 p.m.
LEAP - Stop the Bleed
 Laurelhurst Community Center

February 13 (Wed.) 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
SUN Park Weed and Sweep
 47th Ave. NE and NE 47th St.

February 21 (Thurs.) 5:30 p.m.
Comment on Mandatory Housing, MHA
 City Hall, City Council Chambers

March 11 (Mon.) 7 p.m.
LCC Board of Trustees
 Laurelhurst Community Center

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Reminder to Yesler Swamp Boardwalk Users

Friends of Yesler Swamp asks everyone, **please do not jog on the boardwalk.** The pin piles that support the boardwalk are "floating" on the peat bog beneath the trail. Jogging pounds them into the peat and will ruin the boardwalk. This trail belongs to all of us. Please help make it last for generations of swamp lovers. ■

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