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Here Comes the Laurelhurst Communications Hub!

LEAP (Laurelhurst Emergency Action Plan) thanks our Laurelhurst neighbors for helping us reach our goal of \$15,000 for the Laurelhurst emergency communications Hub.

LEAP has already begun work on building and equipping the Hub. The concrete pad has been poured. Located at St. Stephen's Church, the Hub will activate in the event of a major emergency (e.g., a catastrophic earthquake), when regular communications (landline and cell phones) are unavailable. The Hub will set up tents where neighbors can report what they need and find information about handling the disaster. Ham radios will enable trained volunteers to communicate with other Hubs and with the City to report crucial needs and to get the latest City news about available services. Having an established Hub in Laurelhurst will greatly increase our neighborhood's resilience in an emergency. Again, thanks to all those who have contributed money and time to LEAP!

Watch this newsletter for news about future Hub open houses and drills.

Questions? LEAPlaurelhurst@outlook.com ■

Coronavirus COVID-19

Washington State Department of Health Hotline for King County: 206-477-3977

Website: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>
King County Department of Health www.kingcounty.gov/covid

Talaris Redevelopment Still in Play

The Talaris property is once again under review of the Seattle Department of Constructions & Inspections (SDCI) under project #3030811-LU. This proposal is for 67 new single-family homes and seven separate land tracts; however, now the applicant is the Pistol Creek group from Bellevue, not Quadrant Homes.

Many neighbors sent in comments about the project, which has not yet been approved by the Seattle Landmark Preservation Board (SLPB) nor SDCI. LCC and its consultants have expressed concern to the City about the process of submitting a project for Master Use Plan permitting approval without the prior approval of the Seattle Landmark Preservation Board. SDCI reviews cover many aspects to determine impacts on zoning, transportation, wetlands, drainage, steep slope erosion, biological/wildlife, cultural resources, landmark status, and more. Major projects with such proposed drastic site changes trigger a SEPA (State Environmental Protection Act) review and, most often, an EIS (Environmental Impact Study). These tools systematically identify the impacts and require alternatives and mitigation options to be included as prescribed by local, state and federal regulations.

LCC and other entities have expressed concerns to the City about the recent process being "out of order," arguing that SLPB should have vetted the plans before they were submitted to the SDCI. Notable historic preservation organizations, including LCC's preservation consultant, delineated the conflict the proposed intense development had with the Department of Interiors' National Standards for Historic Preservation, which the City of Seattle has adopted. It would be a more efficient use of City resources to have the plans approved or altered by SLPB and then proceed through the complex SDCI permitting process.

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Tips for Handling COVID-19 Self Quarantine

The Laurelhurst community is well aware of emergency preparedness thanks to the efforts of our LEAP volunteers and their teams in our neighborhood. As we address the challenges of potential health issues, we all need to prepare for our households for potential quarantine of 14 days. If self-quarantine becomes necessary, we will need supplies on hand that will sustain us for that period including:

- **Food:** Canned goods, nutritious frozen foods, dry good (rice, beans, pasta), cheeses, nuts, dried fruits, high-energy snacks, treats.
- **Beverages:** water, tea, coffee, cocoa, beer, wine.
- **Medications and vitamins:** 14+ day supply in the house at all times.
- **Cleaning supplies:** Including disinfectants, toilet paper/towels.
- **Entertainment:** Deck of cards, board games, puzzles, books.
- **Contact information:** List of family and neighbors, food and pharmacy delivery services.
- **Electronics:** Phones are our lifelines. Keep them charged!
- **Pet needs:** Food, treats, kitty litter, and medications.

Being prepared is key to our ability to manage a level of sustenance and comfort while isolated in any type of emergency. Plan now if you haven't already done so. ■

Talaris *continued from page 1*

SLPB has not yet set a date to evaluate Pistol Creek's plans. In the meantime, SDCI is allowing the developer to push the plans along in their system under the pretense of its SLPB approval. This could just be an attempt to establish a false valuation for the owner for a project that may never achieve approval.

LCC, the Seattle Audubon, and many tree advocate professionals also submitted comments objecting to the proposed drastic plans to remove 271 of the 455 healthy trees on the site in order to construct 67 new home sites. Of most concern the plan removes 289 trees that are "exceptional" or part of an exceptional grove. According to the developer's arborist report, only 79 of the exceptional trees would be retained (27 percent). Unlike rebuilding a demolished structure, mature and exceptional trees take 40+ years to replace their functions, including cleansing pollutants from the air, preventing soil erosion, and providing appropriate habitat for urban wildlife. The severe tree removal would also cause an increase in land temperatures due to lack of shading as recently evidenced in Seward Park. The City of Seattle has stated its explicit goal to increase its tree canopy to 30 percent. Allowing such massive tree removal on a landmarked landscape is cannot be mitigated and would change the ecosystem of the entire neighborhood, as well as undermine the City's tree canopy and Climate Change goals.

Since the project is not approved yet by the City, there is a always a possibility of an alternative site plan that would be compatible with the landmark preservation national standards.

The owner is entitled to a reasonable return on investment, and any plan will have to meet that criteria as well. LCC continues to work cooperatively on any viable option, from any entity. Please contact us (with your millions) to discuss a connection to the owner. ■

Putting Together an Emergency First Aid Kit

from your LEAP team

Did you know that the most frequent injuries after an earthquake are burns, breaks, and bleeds? Your earthquake-ready supplies should include a First Aid kit. Here are LEAP tips for setting one up:

Build or purchase a First Aid kit that includes the following:

- Various sizes of sterile bandages/gauze pads ■ triangular bandages
- 2-inch sterile roller bandages ■ hypoallergenic adhesive tape
- instant hot and cold compresses ■ band-aids; butterfly strips
- scissors; safety pins; tweezers ■ moistened toiles
- alcohol; antiseptic lotion or gel ■ tube of Vaseline
- latex gloves and N-95 masks ■ super glue
- aspirin or non-aspirin pain reliever ■ thermometer
- antacids and anti-diarrheal medication

Don't forget vitamins and prescription drugs.

As these medications near their expiration date, use them and replace with new medication. Keep prescriptions in labeled bottles so that refilling will be easier in a situation where doctors' offices are closed and computer records are unavailable.

For more detailed information, refer to the Red Cross website

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/anatomy-of-a-first-aid-kit.html>

FINALLY, plan to attend LEAP's next free "Stop the Bleed" class when it is offered at Laurelhurst Community Center. "Stop the Bleed" is a nationwide program inspired by the fact that, in the aftermath of shootings, bystanders who knew how to stop bleeds often saved lives in those crucial moments before first responders arrived. ■

Pay annual dues online now at www.laurelhurstcc.com

Speeding on Arterial

Neighbors from the 4700 block of 47th Ave. NE met with District 4 Councilmember Pedersen in mid February concerning consistently high rates of speed on 47th Ave. NE between Sand Point Way and NE 45th St., which includes in front of Laurelhurst Elementary School. Drivers often speed at 40 to 50 mph at night and drive well over the posted 20 mph school zone speeds during the day. The existing traffic diverters near the school are not effective in slowing drivers. Traffic has increased over the years with the hospital expansion and the toll increases on SR520, which caused some drivers to change their route to the Eastside.

Discussion included the steps needed to 1) post 20 or 25 mph on this arterial; 2) petition for speed bumps on 47th Ave NE.; 3) clearly mark and perhaps enforce the 20 mph school zone when children are present; 4) restripe speed diverts and crosswalks; 5) install a speed monitoring device.

Councilmember Pedersen was very responsive and has contacted SDOT to address these concerns. ■

Metro Plans to Eliminate Route 78

Metro plans to discontinue all Laurelhurst bus service within two years. Please take the time to send your comments and concerns now. View their plans on the North Link Mobility Connections Project website and take the survey online, or send an email to haveasay@kingcounty.gov with the subject line: North Link Connections (Laurelhurst Community). ■

LCC Sponsors Girls Softball Team!

LCC's annual tradition of sponsoring a Northwest Seattle Little League team helps cover the cost of uniforms, equipment, field maintenance, insurance and training programs. Affordable softball and baseball for girls and boys in our community is important for kids and families.

This year LCC donated \$600 to sponsor a girls softball team. ■

UNCLASSIFIEDS

ALWAYS WANTED: Styrofoam peanuts, bubble wrap, air pillows (able to recycle styro blocks). Please leave in driveway (in dry weather), or at front door (in rain). Candy O'Malley; 3415 W. Laurelhurst Dr. NE; (206) 527-0582

BABYSITTER: Reliable 8th-grade girl from The Bush School with Better Babysitting, CPR and 1st Aid certificates looking for babysitting jobs in the neighborhood. Two year's experience. 206-972-4792 or romymckey@gmail.com.

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SAFARI TO TANZANIA: Wildlife/photography safari to Tanzania Jan. 12-23, 2021. Organized by Charles Sleicher, a Laurelhurst resident for 42 years. Superb itinerary includes Tarangire, Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater, Oldupai Gorge, and Ndutu, the best place in Africa to see and photograph wildlife. For 9 persons in 3 vehicles with expert driver/guides. Each person has a window on each side plus access to roof hatch. Ideal time for good weather and the famous wildebeest migration. Lots of lions, other cats, other mammals, and over 200 species of birds. Excellent but not high-end lodging and food. \$9,850 for 11 days on site, single supplement \$900. If East Africa is on your bucket list, go! Contact charles@sleicher.net or 206-254-1576 for details. Kathryn Gardow is one of several Laurelhurst residents who have taken one of the safaris. She said she would be glad to answer questions about it: 206-527-3272.

Sign up for LCC's Constant Contact electronic newsletter for time-critical communications: email laurelhurstnews@comcast.net. If you have signed up and do not receive it, please add laurelhurstnews@comcast.net to your address book.

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Noisy Construction

SR520 construction is going to be loud from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the next six weeks. Pile driving in Union Bay and Foster Island will support construction of a work bridge and the foundation for the south side of the new bridge (near Madison Park).

A new temporary bike/pedestrian detour path through the Shelby/Hamlin neighborhood will allow for safe passage through the construction zone. Demolition on the Montlake Market and fuel station should be complete by March 30. ■

CALENDAR

April 13 (Mon.) 6:30 to 8 p.m.

LCC Board of Trustees
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Drop off donations for Elizabeth Gregory House, a U District women's shelter: Huda Giddens at 4338 NE 44th St. (Leave in dark green, covered bin at the front of the house.)

Each month, trustees review Calls and Concerns from neighbors. Please contact any trustee to bring up something you would like LCC to be aware of or consider action on or if you need assistance maneuvering City government offices.

Engage with Your City

Do you have concerns or frustrations about the City's increasing cost of living, new proposed taxes, allocation of transportation dollars, approach to assisting the homeless, lack of affordable housing, something else? Maybe you approve of the direction City leaders are taking? Let your council member and mayor know what's on your mind.

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Tweets by Beat: <https://www.seattle.gov/police/information-and-data/tweets-by-beat>

Crime Map: <https://www.seattle.gov/police/information-and-data/online-crime-maps>

Crime Dashboard (statistics): <https://www.seattle.gov/police/information-and-data/crime-dashboard>

Online Crime Reporting: <https://www.seattle.gov/police/need-help/online-reporting>

SPD Blotter: <http://spdblottter.seattle.gov>

LCC's crimeprevention email is the central location used to collect and communicate information to LCC's off-duty security patrol officers in our neighborhood. Crimeprevention@Laurelhurstcc.com

Please send email immediately AFTER you call 911 on all crime-related issues or concerns. ■

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Volunteers Needed for LCC's 100th Celebration!

Since 1920, LCC volunteers have been working to make Laurelhurst a great place to live. What ideas do you have to acknowledge and celebrate these 100 years of neighborhood improvements and milestones of change? Please contact **Jeannie Hale** (206-525-5135, jeannie.hale@outlook.com) or **Colleen McAleer** (206-525-0219 or billandlin@aol.com) to join the planning committee. ■