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June 2019

LCC Annual Neighbors Meeting Mon., June 10

6:15 to 8 p.m.

Laurelhurst Community Center

Please consider bringing a donation for the University District Food Bank.

In addition to an opportunity to visit with neighbors and elect trustees, the program will feature topics of interest including an update on the proposed Talaris development.

Husky Traffic Alert

UW Commencement

June 15 (Sat.) Husky Stadium
12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Steer clear of the area if you can. With 45,000 people headed to the stadium simultaneously, roads and sidewalks nearby will be especially congested between noon and 6 p.m. Parking restrictions and traffic controls will be in place along Montlake Boulevard NE from mid-morning until evening. ■

Beach Club Season!

The Laurelhurst Beach Club was incorporated in 1923. It is a private membership club open to active members and invited guests. Property addresses eligible for membership can be viewed on the Club's Membership Boundaries Map at www.laurelhurstbc.com.

LBC Business Office: 729-3724

LBC Gatehouse: 524-2010

New to the neighborhood? Send email to lbcbusiness@comcast.net to receive application materials. ■

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.

Comment Now on DADU/ADU Proposal

The City proposes to make changes to the current ADU/DADU Municipal Code "to remove barriers to the creation of attached and detached accessory dwelling units." LCC's key objections are: No requirement for owner occupation, too many dwelling units on one lot, lack of dedicated parking, and legalizing up to 12 unrelated people on one lot. Imagine the continual noise and congestion of daily Amazon and food deliveries! Removing the owner occupancy requirement will make single-family lots prime real estate for condo triplexes worth over \$2.5 million in sales. Current City Council members scheduled to vote will no longer be in office when new regulations go into effect. There is no rush to implement these changes, which would do very little to ease any real or perceived housing shortage.

The City Council's public hearing on the proposed regulations is June 11, at 5:30 p.m. Get there early to sign up to speak in order of arrival. City Council Chambers, 2nd floor, City Hall, 600 Fourth Avenue.

Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. June 11:

Councilmember Mike O'Brien

600 Fourth Avenue, Floor 2

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or by email to Mike.O'Brien@seattle.gov and aly.pennucci@seattle.gov

Read the draft of the proposed Accessory Dwelling Ordinance: www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/Council/Members/O'Brien/DRAFT-ADULeg_050919.pdf

Specifically, the proposed changes would:

- Reduce the minimum lot size required to build a DADU on a single-family lot from 4,000 square feet to 3,200 square feet;
- Increase the maximum size of DADUs from 800 square feet to 1,000 square feet, excluding any parking or storage areas;

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SeattleGYM Laurelhurst Closes After 30 Years

With development pressures all around, the climate for small businesses in Laurelhurst is challenging. Seattle Gym (previously ProRobics) has been a long-time advertiser and supporter of the Laurelhurst newsletter and member of our community.

In early May, members received notice of the closing from owners Mark and Kerri. "It is with great sadness and disappointment that we write to inform you the SeattleGYM at Laurelhurst will be closing May 31st. ...As property development and interest in the Laurelhurst neighborhood has expanded and changed, we have been unable to reach a new, secure lease that would also provide options for much needed facility upgrades and improvements that we know you are all aware of. Without this security we cannot achieve our vision of the quality facility and customer service we want to provide into the future. While we understand not all businesses are meant to go on for a lifetime we are having a difficult time accepting this development. ..."

We wish them the best as they continue with their Queen Anne location. Seattle Gym was a good community partner, and we are so sorry to see

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Emergency Food Tips

from your LEAP team

LEAP recommends a three-day emergency kit (including water and food) for your car, in case the earthquake (or other disaster) catches you on the road, making it necessary to shelter in place or walk to shelter. (City People's, Costco, and other merchants sell basic three-day kits.)

You should also gather a home kit with 14 days of non-perishable food, water, medicines, and other necessities for *each* member of your household. A megathrust earthquake could make Seattle- area roads impassable. Bridges may be damaged and unsafe; airports closed; rescue supplies, emergency personnel – even FEMA – delayed.

Keep food supplies on hand.

If you are able to access your stored supplies, use food in your refrigerator and pantry.

What kinds of food to store? Canned meals, canned/boxed juices, salt, pepper, sugar, powdered milk and coffee and tea. Comfort foods, such as cookies, candy, wine? High-energy protein bars, peanut butter, trail mix, dried fruit. Food that requires adding drinkable water – or needs little or no cooking.

Remember to cycle out foods per expiration dates. Some foods last indefinitely – dried corn, dried pasta, instant coffee, tea and cocoa, salt, noncarbonated drinks, white rice, bouillon. (Given the likely change of diet with limited fresh fruit and vegetables available, it is a good idea to include laxatives in your kit, too.)

While food gathering and storing can seem overwhelming, many camping suppliers and online merchants prepare and sell meals for long-term storage. Some sell large sealed buckets of 50 assorted single-serving meal packets. Maybe not gourmet meals, but sustenance.

Finally, stored food is more enjoyable if you have a camping stove, propane cannisters, cooking pot and pan, cutlery, dishes, and cups to create a warm meal. For sanitation, use paper towels, a washtub, dish soap, dish cloths, and resealable containers for storing open food packets. ■

Is Block Watch Active on Your Block? If Not, It's Easy to Get Started!

Block Watch is a neighbors-helping-neighbors program that takes very little time and no money. Neighborhoods with an active Block Watch program can significantly reduce residential burglaries. These connections also will be valuable in the event of an earthquake or other disaster, overlapping with LEAP team efforts.

Block Watch works by having you and your neighbors use simple techniques to deter, delay, detect, and report crime and to improve the quality of life for the neighborhood. Being aware of criminal activity can help in keeping your neighborhood safe. Promptly reporting all criminal or suspicious activity to 911 helps the police to assist you in promoting a safe and healthy neighborhood.

Plus, Block Watch is a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors. Starting a Block Watch is easy. First, contact your neighbors. Are they interested and willing to work together? Invite your neighbors and the LCC's Crime Prevention Committee contacts to a meeting to get to know one another and identify any special needs. Prepare a block map that includes the names, addresses, telephone numbers (home and work) and email addresses of each household and distribute copies to neighbors who wish to be involved.

With this foundation in place, you can quickly communicate with one another in case of an emergency or criminal activity.

More information on setting up a Block Watch can be found at www.seattle.gov/police/community-policing/block-watch. ■

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- Remove the owner-occupancy requirement for ADUs;
 - Remove the off-street parking requirement for ADUs;
 - Allow two ADUs on one lot (either one attached and one detached, or two attached) if the property has been owned by the same person(s) for at least a year;
 - Increase the maximum household size permitted on a single-family lot from 8 to 12 unrelated people only if the lot includes two ADUs;
 - Increase DADU height limits by 1 to 3 feet, with flexibility for green building strategies;
 - Provide flexibility for one-story DADUs accessible to people with disabilities or limited mobility, with limitations on tree removal;
 - Allow design flexibility to preserve existing trees;
 - Introduce a Floor Area Limit (FAR) for all new development in single-family zones with some exemptions;
 - Allow DADU entrances on any façade, provided it is 10 feet from the lot line if located on the façades facing nearest side or rear lot line (unless abutting right-of-way);
 - Provide height limit exceptions for projections like dormers that add interior space, subject to the existing provisions applicable to single-family houses.
- LCC requests the city retain current restrictions on accessory dwelling and detached accessory dwelling units. The proposed changes will result in significant impacts and changes that cannot be mitigated, including further loss of Seattle's tree canopy (which is more than 50 percent in single-family zones) as well as sacrifice the character and livability of our cherished neighborhoods. ■

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VACATION RENTAL: Laurelhurst family offers 5 to 7 day August rentals 3,500 sq. ft. Lake Cavanaugh Lakehouse: 8 adults, 10 kids. 5 to 7 night minimum; \$900-\$1,000/night. cavanaughlakehouse@gmail.com

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CALENDAR

June 10 (Mon.) 6:15 to 8 p.m.
LCC ANNUAL NEIGHBORS MEETING
Laurelhurst Community Center

June 12 (Wed.) 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
SUN Park Weed and Sweep
47th Ave. NE and NE 47th St.

July 8 (Mon.) 6:30 to 8 p.m. (new time)
LCC Board of Trustees
Laurelhurst Community Center

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.)

Master Gardener Clinics
Second and fourth Mondays of each month, 4 to 8 p.m. at Center for Urban Horticulture Atrium; and second and fourth Saturdays of each month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through September at City People's Sand Point

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this business leave the neighborhood due to lease constrictions.

Fortunately, most of the small businesses displaced by the Aegis Living development at Five Corners have relocated or plan to.

■ **Uncle Lee's** (formerly China Village), in Laurelhurst for 30 years, will relocate next to Katterman's in early August. Owned by sister Amy and brother Amy and Lee Wong, the new location will offer both in-house dining and take out and will be connected to four food delivery services.

■ **Diane's Alterations** is now located off the alley at NE 75th St. and 35th Ave. NE.

■ **Salon Rules** moved to NE 125th St. and 15th Ave. NE. ■

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