

# LAURELHURST

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## Mark Your Calendars for the Laurelhurst Salmon Bake!

**Great food, great fun...**  
**Thursday, September 5**  
**5:30 to 8 p.m.**

### Laurelhurst Park

Join us for the 54th year of celebrating community at this delightful neighborhood tradition – the Laurelhurst Salmon Bake! Bring the whole family to the park to enjoy a delicious dinner with your friends and neighbors. Enjoy live entertainment, dancing and carnival games for the kids! Brought to you by Laurelhurst Community Center, Lifelong Recreation, Specialized Programs staff, volunteers, and in partnership with special community businesses such as Metropolitan Market. Advance meal sales will be available by phone in August. For more information contact Laurelhurst Community Center at 206-684-7529.

**Volunteers needed!** If you are interested in volunteering please contact [cara.brown@seattle.gov](mailto:cara.brown@seattle.gov).

## Night Out Is August 6

Night Out is a national event promoted in Seattle by Seattle Police Department Crime Prevention, designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, increase neighborhood support in anti-crime efforts, and unite our communities.

To participate in Night Out and to have your street closed for the event, you must officially register your event with the City.

The Night Out website has Invites, Street Closure signs, and Night Out logos you can download and use.

[www.seattle.gov/police/community-policing/night-out](http://www.seattle.gov/police/community-policing/night-out). ■

## Neighbors Gather for Annual Meeting

It was a full house as neighbors met at the Laurelhurst Community Center June 10 to hear from Spencer Howard, Historic Preservationist and LCC's expert on Talaris preservation. As is obvious by overlaying Quadrant Homes proposed development of the site that includes 67 single-family residences, neither the landmarked landscape design nor all of the buildings would be preserved and protected as required. National standards are applied to landmarked properties and must be adhered to throughout any redevelopment. Mr. Howard provided a detailed analysis of the proposed impacts including removal of 37 to 63 percent of trees. Mr. Howard also noted that Quadrant does not yet own the property. There still has not been any official design review and the full Seattle Landmark Preservation Board has not weighed in. Quadrant reps have said each lot would be individually prepared and the entire property would not be bulldozed – actions inconsistent with landscape preservation.

The second speaker was Queen Anne Community Council president Martin Henry Kaplan, who spoke briefly and passionately on the consequences of duplexing and triplexing of single-family zones. (On July 1, Seattle City Council voted unanimously to largely deregulate accessory dwelling units. No ownership will be required, opening up an array of concerns including land speculation.)

The third topic of the evening was a brief overview of LEAD – Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion. This relatively new approach allows law enforcement officers to redirect low-level offenders to community-based services instead of jail and prosecution. The program was developed and launched in Belltown in 2011. The initial successes have been very encouraging, and the program is expanding as funding becomes available. This is a project of the SPD North Precinct and UW. For more information contact LEAD Seattle, King Co. Project Director: Tara Moss, [Tara.Moss@Defender.or](mailto:Tara.Moss@Defender.or), 206-392-0050.

The meeting also included the election of trustees **Katherine Burk, Emily Dexter, Colleen McAleer, Jim Rupp, Connie Sidles, Jan Sutter,** and **Stan Sorcher**. Trustees **Robin Chalmers** and **John Temple** retired. LCC thanks these volunteers for their expertise, time, and commitment to the vitality and livability of the neighborhood. ■

## SR520 Replacement Build Out Set to Continue

As the Replacement SR520 corridor progresses through to I-5, there will be three more key build out sections, primarily due to funding allocation: the Montlake Interchange, the Portage Bay Bridge to I-5, and the second bascule bridge over the Montlake Cut.

One of the most complex phases is the Montlake Interchange itself, which is utilized by an average of over 47,000 vehicles daily. Since it will be replaced roughly in the same general footprint, the construction process will present challenges. This phase is already underway with the design-build contract, awarded to general contractor Graham Contracting, Ltd. They have begun design work and have hosted several community

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***Please keep sidewalks safe and clear for all by cutting back shrubs and parking share bikes appropriately.***

*SR520 Replacement Build Out continued from page 1*

outreach meetings to explain the process. Of note, WSDOT negotiated a payment of \$16 million to Eastside developer Kemper Freeman for compensation for the Montlake Market and its attached gas station, which will be demolished and used by WSDOT for the new interchange and its staging areas. Some form of the market may be reopened, if feasible, when the construction is complete in 2024. The soil at the gas station is scheduled to be remediated from contamination from years of heavy use of fueling. Our neighbors south of the Cut will have to travel further to grocery shop and refuel, adding to more traffic elsewhere.

This Montlake phase includes many components and will take four to six years to complete. While the basic design footprint is similar to the one currently operating (just bigger), it also includes building a partial lid over the freeway to connect the north and south parts of the Montlake neighborhood. This lid will have dedicated HOV lanes for direct-access regional bus stops and through to I-5 express lanes. To the east of the lid, there will be a new land bridge dedicated to safe passage of pedestrians and bicyclists. A partial bike and pedestrian trail will be constructed on the north side that will later connect to the bike/ped lane on the Portage Bay bridge and over to I-5.

The West Approach Bridge South (facing Madison Park) is one of the first phases that will be built out with the three lanes going eastbound on the Floating Bridge, similar to what Laurelhurst has along its Union Bay border. During this build out, the existing eastbound ramp to SR520 will be demolished, shifting that vehicle demand back through the center of the Montlake Interchange; so, delays from the north can be expected, as access to SR520 East will then be shared.

With these various stages ongoing with continued traffic, the State Legislature has required some vehicular access through the Montlake Cut at all times. To build it on a shorter time frame, the contractor stated that they will need to have construction operating 24/7. They requested and have been granted a noise variance by the City. This means that neighbors all around the interchange, and near the Floating Bridge will hear night noises, see bright work lights, and may also be re-routed during non-peak traffic periods. The City-required Hotline will be available for noise monitoring and construction complaints: 206-775-8885. LCC's **Colleen McAleer** shared reports with Graham concerning the problems that occurred on the last stage of building the Floating Bridge with regard to over-bright and misdirected lighting, as well as lessons from the noisy expansion joints in hope of preventing reoccurrence in the upcoming new phases. ■

### Half-day Earthquake Prep Class Offered

Get a jump start on your Earthquake Preparedness. On Saturday, July 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ann Forrest will teach a class on earthquake preparedness at North Seattle Community College. The \$25 course will cover practical, low-cost, and high-value actions. Topics covered include staying safe during the shaking, what to expect after an earthquake, communicating with loved ones, valuable tech tools, the psychological impact of a disaster, the city's disaster plans and so much more. Increase your resiliency by decreasing your fear of the unknown.

Register at <https://www.campusce.net/nscc/Course/Course.aspx?c=3008>

### Wondering About Seattle's Noise Code?

A lot of summertime fun happens outside. Please keep in mind that conversation and music carry and be a considerate neighbor!

*Sunday through Thursday:* No noise between 7 a.m. and after 10 p.m.

*Fridays and Saturdays:* Quiet between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

SMC 25.08.425 states that Construction and Maintenance noises cannot occur before 10 a.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. ■

### Summer Fun in the 'Hood

Laurelhurst is a great neighborhood for walking. Discover all the street ends and stairways! Launch your kayak, canoe, or raft at one of our three street-end access points. Shoot hoops at Waterway #1. Take a nature walk through Yesler Swamp or the Center for Urban Horticulture. Skip up to the U District Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings. Take in an outdoor concert at UVillage on Wednesday evenings. And don't forget the Salmon Bake to wind up the summer. ■

### Answers to Parking Questions: Driveways, Sidewalks, and Alleys

Neighbors have inquired about various parking situations. The Blog responded and the following are excerpts from that posting:

Parking over a sidewalk causes obstruction and can be unsafe for pedestrians who have to step out into the street to pass around the car and back on to the sidewalk.

It is illegal to park a vehicle on any portion of the sidewalk, even where the sidewalk intersects with a resident's driveway. *Seattle Municipal Code 11.72.360*

The City Parking website says: Do not park on sidewalks, the planting or paved strip between the sidewalk and street.

Parking close to residential driveways often occurs near Laurelhurst Elementary School. It's illegal to park a vehicle in front of a public or private driveway or within five feet (5') of the projection of the edge of the driveway or alley. *Seattle Municipal Code 11.72.110*

No person shall stand or park a vehicle except a commercial vehicle, a vehicle displaying a valid commercial loading permit, or authorized emergency vehicle in an alley. *Seattle Municipal Code 11.72.020*

To submit a parking enforcement service request go to <https://www.seattle.gov/police/about-us/about-policing/parking-enforcement>, or call the Parking enforcement main line at 206-386-1578. ■

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News, events, issues, restaurants, businesses and lots more. Email a tip or story idea or subscribe at laurelhurstblogger@gmail.com.  
*The blog and LCC are separate entities. ■*

**CALENDAR**

**Aug. 14 (Wed.) 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**  
**SUN Park Weed and Sweep**  
47th Ave. NE and NE 47th St.

**Sept. 5 (Thurs.) 5:30 to 8 p.m.**  
**Laurelhurst Salmon Bake**  
Laurelhurst Park

**Sept. 9 (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.)

**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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**U Village Concerts**

Enjoy live music at the **Sounds of Summer Concert Series**  
Wednesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

- July 10**      **Kalimba**
- July 17**      **The Paperboys**
- July 24**      **Nite Wave**
- July 31**      **BowieVision**
- August 7**     **Eldridge Gravy & The Court Supreme**
- August 14**   **Doctorfunk**
- August 21**   **Hit Explosion**

Sample gourmet bites from University Village restaurants, cool off in the RAM beer garden, let the kids run and play, and more! ■

**Keep your pets cool and hydrated in the summer heat! Kids, too.**

And please don't leave them in the car. At 70 degrees on a sunny day, the temperature inside a car is 104. After an hour, it can reach 113. When temperatures outside range from 80 to 100 degrees, the temperature inside a car parked in direct sunlight can quickly climb to between 130 and 172 F. *Source: heatkills.org* ■

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