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SUBA Annual Meeting

Save Union Bay Association (SUBA) will host its annual public meeting on Monday, November 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the UW Center for Urban Horticulture. Please join us for a lively discussion about management of aquatic weeds in Union Bay. Terry McNabb of Aquatechnix will share the newest weed management strategies and will describe the state of invasive milfoil in Union Bay.

SUBA, working with the UW Athletic Department, began a program of milfoil management eight years ago. Current surveys show the effectiveness of this program and the current areas of concern.

Come learn how this program has evolved into a pivotal element of keeping Union Bay healthy. For more information please email: saveunionbayassn@gmail.com. Susan Holliday, President, SUBA Consider a tax-deductible donation to SUBA: 4115 NE Surber Dr., Seattle, WA 98105. ■

Time Again to Give a Gift of Holiday Warmth

LCC invites Laurelhurst neighbors to donate to the **North Seattle Police Precinct Sock Drive** on behalf of the LCC Foundation. Every year, neighborhoods in the North Precinct collect new socks, hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens for men, women, and children (all ages) to distribute to family shelters and the homeless.

Laurelhurst neighbors have always donated generously. This season, drop off donations at **Flooring America**, 3605 NE 45th Street. Donations through the LCC Foundation are tax-deductible. Contact LCC treasurer Emily Dexter, emdexter@comcast.net to request a receipt.

Please make your donations by December 14. Thank you! ■

Talaris Hospitality Services Now Closed

The Talaris site owners have shut down operations of Columbia Hospitality management, which offered conferences, banquets, and overnight rooms in its unique Northwest setting. Quadrant Homes, the current applicant, is proposing to redevelop the parcel into 67 home sites. They continue to file reports required by the Seattle Department of Constructions and Inspections for a Master Use Permit. On September 9, the Landmarks Preservation Board determined that their Preliminary Certificate of Approval Application was complete as required by the Seattle Municipal Code 25.12.680.B. However, landscaping and tree removal was not addressed, and that information will need to be provided before further consideration of their development is evaluated by the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board.

As previously reported, the entire Talaris campus (the seven existing buildings and the entire landscape) was designated as a landmarked property by the City of Seattle's Landmark Preservation Board in November 2013. With its current set of proposals, two landmarked buildings would be demolished entirely to accommodate the new structures, and over 52 percent of the site would be altered. With the recent deaths of two of the four original architects, Richard Haag (August 2018) and Bill Bain (June 2019), preservation of the site has become more significant as a legacy of their collaborative work together. ■

LEAP Fundraising Challenge Doubles Donations

LEAP is getting ready to build the HUB! Thank you to all who have already donated. We know how vulnerable our region is to a major earthquake. LEAP (Laurelhurst Emergency Action Plan) is creating an emergency communications HUB (see September Letter). However, we need more donations to reach our campaign goal of \$15,000. We are excited to announce that we have a \$4,000 matching fund from friends of LEAP. All donations will be doubled until this matching fund is used up.

The HUB will enable our neighborhood to be more resilient in a disaster. It will have tents erected where neighbors can report what they need and can learn how to handle the disaster. Ham radios will enable communication with other Hubs and the city, allowing sharing and reporting of needs and available services. LEAP has a concrete contractor ready to pour the concrete pad for the storage shed. Help cement the pad by donating today.

Donations are tax-deductible. Make checks payable to LCC Foundation. Write on check: Donation for LEAP. Mail to: LCC Foundation/LEAP, PMB #373, 4616 25th Ave NE, Seattle 98105

Pay online at <https://www.laurelhurstcc.com>. All online donations to LCC Foundation will be assigned to LEAP. Thank you for your support.

Calling all HAMS (Radio Operators) for LEAP

LEAP's emergency communication HUB will enable communication between other neighborhoods and with the city. HAM operators will be vital to the success of the HUB. LEAP is looking for HAM operators seeking opportunities to learn and practice in emergency communication. Come and HAM it up!

Please contact LEAP at LEAPlaurelhurst@outlook.com. ■

Cooperation: Crucial During a Disaster

Two Seattle radio stations have formally agreed to share resources in the event of a disaster. The agreement between KUOW and KEXP allows them to call on each other in a disaster if one needs assistance with equipment, facilities, or staffing. Each station agrees to help the other if it is physically possible to do so.

This is precisely the idea behind Laurelhurst's neighborhood clusters.

A cluster is a group of about 15 to 20 houses whose residents coordinate preparation for earthquakes and other disasters. LEAP has divided Laurelhurst into 96 clusters. Clusters help organize neighbors and help them share information about their particular needs, their available tools, and their useful skills during an emergency.

Cooperation will be key. A major earthquake will isolate our communities. Power and communication methods will be interrupted; food, gas, and other supply chains could well be disrupted; bridges and roads will be impassible; 911 and hospitals will be overwhelmed. Who will you turn to? Your neighbors.

One third of Laurelhurst's clusters already have volunteers who have stepped up to coordinate or captain their clusters. Please plan to attend your cluster meetings, greet your neighbors, pick up useful information, and identify those in your cluster with special needs and those with useful skills and tools for the emergency.

To learn more about your cluster or to get information about volunteering to coordinate your cluster, contact LEAPlaurelhurst@outlook.com. ■

5K Turkey Trot for Food Bank and Fun

Join the Eighth Annual Laurelhurst Turkey Trot Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28, 9 a.m.

Meet at NE Corner of Laurelhurst Park (by the overpass) at 8:45 a.m.

Last year, more than 250 people turned out for the Turkey Trot. Everybody that finishes within 45 minutes gets a ticket for the pie raffle, donated by Metropolitan Market. Non-perishable food or cash/check donations accepted for the University Food Bank.

If you do not want to Trot but would like to help coordinate or direct traffic, please contact Brian Larson at 206-681-0826, or e-mail at brianjonlarson@me.com. ■

Street Light Out?

If so, please report it. Daylight is getting shorter now, and with more than 100,000 streetlights to maintain, City Light appreciates your help in finding lights that are out or malfunctioning. Note the number on the pole and then report problems online at www.seattle.gov/light/streetlight using the Streetlight Trouble Report Form, or by phone at 684-7056. ■

Neighbors Tackle Weeds

On Sunday, October 20, trustee **Jim Rupp** rallied volunteers to help remove grass and weeds from the median island at the base of the N.E. 41st St. hill. This strip had not been thoroughly weeded for many years. While LCC hires a maintenance service that uses a Weedeater on it once a year, it's not in the budget to do what really needs to be done. The goal on the 20th was to do some extensive work so that regular, affordable maintenance could be covered through LCC's annual dues collection and supplemental donations to the landscaping fund.

Traffic cones and safety vests alerted drivers to the team of neighbors who included **Jim and Susan Rupp, Louise Luthy, Brian Kirkwood, Pat Bishop and Willy Jenkins**. Many thanks for the huge contribution to look of the 'hood. ■

New District 4 Councilmember in Office Nov. 26

Northeast Seattle District 4 has had unusual representation on the City Council over the past eight months since the March 21 resignation of former Councilmember Rob Johnson. By its prescribed process, the City Council internally appointed Abel Pacheco to fill that vacancy until the November election.

The councilmember elected November 4 will be sworn in as soon as the vote is officially certified by King County elections November 26. Other newly elected Council members will begin their four-year terms on January 1, 2020.

This may be significant for District 4. During the last five weeks of the City Council year, outgoing members may attempt to produce significant "lame duck" City legislation. The newly elected District 4 member may be able to offer insights more attune with District 4 views as he participates in pivotal votes and offers a new prospective to this outgoing City Council. ■

Is Your Sidewalk Clear and Safe for Neighbors?

The dark and rainy season will soon be here all too soon. Walkers, joggers, dogs, and children on bikes and scooters frequently need to dodge overgrowth that encroaches on sidewalks.

Do your shrubs or hedges sprawl across the walk or overhang the sidewalk's edge? Do tree branches droop causing passersby to duck? Plantings grown so tall that drivers can't see past them? If so, it's time to get out the pruners.

City Code requires property owners keep adjacent sidewalks, roads, and alleys clear of all obstructions. This means shoveling snow in the winter, raking leaves in the fall, and repairing damaged sidewalks. Encroaching shrubs and hedges must be cut back, and a minimum eight-foot clearance must be maintained above sidewalks (14 feet above roads and alleys). Vegetation that obscures an intersection at a distance of 30 feet should be trimmed.

Your neighbors will thank you for keeping them safe. ■

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Thank you!

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47th Ave. NE and NE 47th St.

Nov. 18 (Mon.) 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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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.)

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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.

Laurelhurst Community Center

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Parking Near Driveways

Please do not block neighbors' driveways. This is a particular problem for neighbors when parents drop off children at Laurelhurst Elementary.

City code requires leaving five feet of space on each side of a driveway for adequate visibility.

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LCC's site is in serious need of a tune up. We have almost no way to update its content at this point and need a fresh start. Someone in the neighborhood must be up for this! School community service project?

Please contact Leslie Wright at 206-229-1505 or laurelhurstnews@laurelhurstcc.com. ■

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