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**Thursday, September 6
5:30 to 8 p.m.**

Laurelhurst Community Center

Join us for the 53rd year of celebrating community at this delightful neighborhood tradition formerly known as the Laurelhurst Salmon Bake! Bring the whole family to the park to enjoy a delicious BBQ dinner with your friends and neighbors. Enjoy live entertainment, dancing and a fun kids carnival with bounce houses and more! This year there will be more food selection at lower prices and a menu that will include the delicious "Backyard Special!"

Due to a need for sustainability of our regions endangered salmon, we will have a limited supply of salmon dinners available until we run out. For more information on the sustainability of salmon, visit <https://stateofsalmon.wa.gov/>

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

Night Out Is August 7

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. ■

Neighbors Gather for Annual Meeting

About 40 neighbors met at the Laurelhurst Community Center June 11 to hear about Quadrant Homes proposed development of the Talaris site and meet Andres Mantila, Interim Director, Department of Neighborhoods. Quadrant has a contract for the purchase of the property, but it's not yet a totally done deal. However, representatives said they have worked with challenging situations before and intend to make this work. There has not been any official design review at this point and the landmarks board has not weighed in. Quadrant reps said it probably would be 12 to 18 months before lots would be platted. They presented a concept for 62 homes – retaining interior ponds and some of the existing structures. This would be a planned community with a homeowners association and dues for maintenance. The intention is to retain the narrow, winding road as well as existing egresses on 41st – possibly adding one from 45th and one on the west side. Each lot would be individually prepared – the entire property would not be bulldozed. Homes would vary in size and include garages and driveway parking. The lots with retained structures would be sold as well, with restrictions on types of businesses and hours of operation. Neighbors engaged with many questions.

The meeting also included the reelection of trustees **Robin Chalmers, Kathryn Kelly, Jeannie Hale, Brian McMullen, Liz Hemer (Ogden), and Don Torrie**. LCC thanks these volunteers for their expertise, time, and commitment to the vitality and livability of the neighborhood. Two long-term trustees retired: **Linda Luiten** (who moved to the View Ridge neighborhood) and **Leslie Wright** (who will continue as newsletter editor). LCC will miss their creative, dedicated work on behalf Laurelhurst. Linda contributed her droll wit, clear insights, and ability to interface with the Seattle Police Department, drawn from many years of compassionate and effective work on behalf of those involved in the criminal legal system. She also led the annual Sock Drive and has agreed to continue to do so from her new 'hood. Leslie worked on various land use and communications issues. LCC appreciates the talent and leadership these trustees brought to the community. ■

Aegis Living Requests Significant Height Rezone

LCC has been generally supportive of the Aegis Living plans to build a senior care facility providing private assisted living and memory care housing at Five Corners. (Proposals #3025056-LU and #3025007-LU)

The new contract re-zone proposal submitted to the City on April 13, however, has impacts that are not acceptable. LCC has submitted comments to the City (SDCI) asking that the contract re-zone not be permitted as is and requesting that the building be scaled to be code compliant and designed with safer sight lines for drivers at this busy and challenging intersection.

The applicant's request is a 37 percent height increase over the existing zoning of 40 feet, NC2P40. The location, on a lot with a 40 percent steep slope, allows averaging heights per code; however, a massive 70-foot height at the base next to 30 to 40 foot heights of surrounding structures cannot be "mitigated" away by any review board process.

The parcel is not within HALA boundaries, which allow for increased heights nor is it located in an Urban Village or Urban Center, nor is it a part of a neighborhood plan. Therefore, the structure height should be compliant with existing codes. ■

Be a Help, Not a Hindrance in a Crisis

Provided by neighbor and LEAP organizer Barbara Di Ferrante

By now, you are probably aware of your neighborhood LEAP volunteers' efforts to inform and prepare Laurelhurst residents for a natural disaster, such as an earthquake. LEAP representatives are making all of this information available to you in several ways:

■ **Through free classes at Laurelhurst Community Center.**

All you have to do is reserve your spot: RSVP LCCearthquake@outlook.com. The next class is:

July 26, 7 to 8:30 p.m.: Disaster Skills Workshop

When a large disaster happens, first responders and other city services will be overwhelmed. This workshop covers Fire Extinguisher Use, Utility Control, Water Storage, and Emergency Sanitation.

■ **Through neighborhood volunteers who have stepped forward to be the link between LEAP and smaller groups of 20 to 35 adjacent households or "clusters."**

The residents of a cluster cooperate to prepare for earthquakes and other disasters. One third of Laurelhurst clusters already have volunteer captains. To find out if your cluster has a captain or to learn more about volunteering to be a captain, email LCCearthquake@outlook.com. Please plan to attend your cluster meetings. Meet your neighbors, pick up useful information and identify those in your cluster with useful skills and tools for an emergency.

Admittedly, earthquake preparation begins at home, but individual preparation is not enough. Neighborhoods will likely be cut off from public services and supplies for close to two weeks after a big earthquake. If you need help, you will need to reach out to your neighbors. And, human nature being what it is, you will, in turn, want to check on your neighbors.

Without organization at the neighborhood level, each household will have no choice but to confront the uncertainty and devastation of an earthquake on its own. Even one unprepared neighbor will be a burden on other neighbors in the immediate vicinity. If your neighbors do not know how to shut off their gas and a fire erupts, that is also your problem. If your neighbor does not know how to use a fire extinguisher, that is also your problem. If your neighbors do not set aside enough water for their household, you could be faced with a choice between two evils: leaving your neighbors to fend for themselves or taking water from your own family's supply.

Take some time now to organize your household to save yourself and your neighbors some unnecessary anxiety during the crisis.

Be a help; not a hindrance. ■

Language Arts Films in Laurelhurst This Summer

The cast and crew want to thank neighbors for the welcome and support while filming. This story, told in book form by Stephanie Kallos and now adapted for the screen by writer and director, Cornelia Duryée, features a beloved high school English teacher who cannot connect with his autistic son and ex-wife. He faces the end of an autopilot existence when a series of events force him to face a life-changing incident from his childhood, and he must rewrite the script of his new life.

If you have questions about the filming you can reach out to Location Manager, Vicky Berglund-Davenport at the Production Office, 206-219-9121.

She is also still looking for one more location: A house built before 1962 with a kitchen that matches that time period. If you would like to audition your home, please give her a call. ■

Life as a Woman Experiencing Homelessness

Longtime Laurelhurst resident Huda Gibbons was touched by the personal story of Michelle, who has experienced homelessness and is now the Elizabeth Gregory Home Center Coordinator. The two of them asked to share her story, continued here from the June issue.

Michelle: One of the hardest jobs is carrying your stuff with you ALL the time (emergency overnight shelters, usually don't have storage). So you carry everything you own, every place you go even to a job interview! Applying for employment is next to impossible, if you don't have an address or access to a telephone or computer. What do you put for contact information on a resume?

It's not easy to get out of the routine you're in. The longer the homelessness, the harder it is to get out of it. For example: it's very difficult to get used to being alone in an apartment. When you're homeless, you're always around people. Homelessness gets you accustomed to not have to make choices or decisions (e.g., choices about food).

Another significant person in my life was Pastor Ron Moe-Lobeda. He's well known in the homeless community. It was his idea to start the Elizabeth Gregory Home, in 2001. I first came to it as a client. It's a program to help one find a job, and housing. I got a job here, helping two ladies with a newsletter about EGH. They recognized some of my skills and talked to Ron about me. After two months I filled the position as Center Coordinator. This was the turning point for me. I could then move to transitional housing. I've worked for EGH for 8 years, and I feel so much better about myself." Huda asked Michelle what she would advise women who are homeless. She was very clear when she said, "There IS a way out of homelessness. Keep doing the right thing. Learn to make better choices." ■

Elizabeth Gregory Home (EGH) is located at the University Lutheran Church on 16th Ave. and NE 50th St. www.eghseattle.org.

Volunteers and donations are always needed.

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CALENDAR

- August 7** (Tues.) 6 p.m. **NIGHT OUT** (see article on page 1)
- August 8** (Wed.) 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. **SUN Park Weed and Sweep** 47th Ave. NE and NE 47th St.
- September 6** (Thurs.) 5:30 to 8 p.m. **Laurelhurst Backyard BBQ (formerly the Salmon Bake)** Laurelhurst Community Center
- September 10** (Mon.) 7 p.m. **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** Mondays, 4 to 8 p.m. at Center for Urban Horticulture Atrium and second Saturday of each month from April through September at City People's Sand Point

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U Village Concerts

The **U Village Sounds of Summer Concert Series** takes place on Wednesday evenings. Grab a seat starting at 6 p.m. Live music from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

- July 11** Dudley Manlove Q
- July 18** Nite Wave
- July 25** Doctorfunk
- August 1** The Paperboys
- August 8** Kalimba
- August 15** Eldrige Gravy...
- August 22** Hit Explosion

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Wedgwood Art Festival

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