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LEAP Awareness

Your LEAP volunteers had a booth at the Salmon Bake with the banner "Know Your Cluster Captain." Each of us in Laurelhurst is a member of a numbered cluster. Organizing these clusters is critical to neighbors navigating a catastrophic event and to our ability to address badly injured people and collapsed homes.

Attendees at LEAP's Disaster Aid class learned how to splint an arm or leg, determine if someone is in shock, bandage an injury and make a sling (and more) using common household items. It was well attended with several interactive demonstrations.

LEAP's event this month is a presentation by Carl Leon, known for his expertise on earthquakes and how we can best prepare for them. He also is helping us establish our Laurelhurst HUB. Cluster map and LEAP volunteers will be there from 6:30 until 7 p.m., so come early if you can.

Earthquake Preparedness Class
Thursday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m.,
Laurelhurst Community Center
RSVP to LCCearthquake@Outlook.com.

Take the Safe Montlake Passages Survey

Safe Montlake Passages is a group advocating for the modification of the UW E1 parking lot redesign to include a well-lit path for all pedestrians/bicycles, a turnaround for buses and carpool drop offs, and designated parking spots for rideshare vehicles (car2go, Reach-Now, etc.) for improved NE Seattle ridership on the LINK. Your survey responses will help inform UW and Sound Transit decision makers.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15Huxnt0HpsSbn2IGSEHUL5jVCL1q4stE9IfOQKN2KD8/viewform?edit_requested=true

Update on Aegis Five Corners Plans

Aegis Senior Communities recently presented preliminary plans to build out a large assisted living and memory care facility at the triangular lot at the five corners intersection of NE 45th Street and NE 45th Place. The projects submitted to SDCI for permitting are #3025007 and #3025056. Because the location of the project will have direct impacts on the neighborhood, LCC has requested it be an official party of record in the permitting process for Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) and transportation planning impacts with SDOT.

Bryon Ziegler, Aegis Director of Development and Entitlements, recently reported that, in response to LCC's earlier requests, they have refined their design to connect better visually with the Burke-Gilman Trail and to level the open space plaza area at the street frontage. The group will show plans and revised concepts for the architectural character around 7 p.m. during LCC's October 9 meeting.

Ziegler also said they have leased the former Baskin Robbins store to a medical supply company for about 18 months prior to construction of their new facility. An occupied space will help deter problem graffiti, which they have been cleaning up regularly.

Aegis also contacted the Benton family, owners of the historic clock on site, and agreed to a purchase price. Ziegler writes, "Our intent is to purchase the clock, remove it from site during construction and have it professionally refurbished, then place it back in a more appropriate location in the new open space plaza."

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Children's Forest B Plans Take Shape

Seattle Children's Hospital (SCH) has applied for approval of its June 2008 Master Use permit #3028028 for Phase 2 of its expansion, Forest B. Their EIS addendum evaluates a range of changes and impacts from the original project data and plans that will affect bordering neighborhoods. LCC has worked with SCH in its development of the Master Plan and will continue to do so in a cooperative relationship seeking outcomes that both meet the hospital's needs and address neighborhood impacts.

The build out will add an eight-story structure and includes diagnostic and treatment facilities (primarily out-patient cancer and others), labs, new state-of-the-art operating rooms, 20 inpatient beds, and a lobby. Two floors underground are for parking and sterile processing. This will bring SCH bed total to 409, up from 200 before its expansion 2012 plan.

Outside surface parking at that location will be eliminated and 323 parking places will be located under Forest B – a net increase of 137 spaces. There will be exits to Penny Drive and 40th Ave NE, which is already heavily congested and is the main entrance to Laurelhurst for the nearest fire and emergency vehicles. To relieve construction, shuttles would shift north to an internal loop road exiting to Sand Point Way NE.

The helicopter landing pad will move temporarily to the roof of Forest A (176'). Lighting will be as low as permissible; however, each patient transport takes a minimum of 20 to 45 minutes. Noise likely will be louder than the ground-based helipad. When Forest B is complete, the helistop moves to its permanent location on top of Forest B (same

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LCC supports the addition of a senior care facility in Northeast Seattle and submitted comments to SDCI on the proposed build out of the structure, driveway, and gardens.

LCC is very supportive of the second massing alternative as it offers a good pedestrian experience and appears to be more of a "gateway" building at the Five Corners location, making it a more significant entrance to the Bryant and Laurelhurst neighborhoods. The building tucks into the hillside and creates a multi-level structure, which is much more interesting than a box shape. The distinct indentation of the residents' garden along NE 45 Street offers a park like setting to pedestrians and nearby residents looking south and west. The larger, south-facing plaza and gardens offer longer exposure to much needed natural sunlight for its residents. The garden edge on the northern part of the parcel would provide an improved, tree-lined experience along the Burke-Gilman Trail for that short segment.

Aegis should consider the opportunity to utilize its rooftop for a residents' community garden or an additional garden that gives residents a safe space away from the pollution and noise of the street traffic. A green roof could soften the harsh visual impact of such a massive industrial rooftop at this five-way focal-point intersection. Its rooftop location might benefit from the installation of discreet solar panels to generate alternative energy as well.

The preliminary architectural design for this Aegis location appears to borrow features from both the historic Tudor and Craftsman styles found in the adjacent Bryant and Laurelhurst neighborhoods. LCC strongly encourages quality and compatibility with the neighborhood in determining the overarching style of the new facility. LCC requests that SDCI require samples of proposed building materials and a more fully developed design from Aegis Senior Communities LLC before permit approval. This would include exterior facades, window types, paint colors, and lighting as key design components.

Because senior living facilities are very labor intensive, underground parking shown in all of the alternatives is essential. The underground parking places shown in the alternatives look impossible to use, however. They appear to offer little or no room to back up or exit. It may not be possible to park as many cars as shown within the footprint on the drawings. LCC requests a more detailed drawing of the parking stalls and circulation be submitted to SDCI and SDOT before their permit approval.

The Five Corners intersection is one of the busiest in Seattle, and *the* busiest in Northeast Seattle. When the red-light cameras were operative at that intersection for several years, the City of Seattle reported that it had the highest number of infractions recorded and fined.

Therefore, it is critical that the driveway proposed along NE 45th Place is far enough away from that intersection to avoid backups and potential collisions. In addition, trees and vegetation along both NE 45th Street and NE 45th Place should be set back or low enough to maintain safe sight lines for oncoming traffic and pedestrian crossings. There is a proposed island which may (or may not) be useful, but open sight lines are very important.

Aegis together with the Bryant and Laurelhurst neighborhoods could lobby the State Legislature to amend the four-corner maximum statute on red light cameras to include five-ways. This would help prevent the rampant red-light running, avoid collisions, and protect pedestrians as well as occupants of other vehicles in the intersection.

LCC is supportive of this type of facility, and wants to contribute as a party of record to make it a good fit and a successful addition to the neighborhood. ■

They're Everywhere!

What's with all those Skittle-colored bikes scattered all over like, well, a box of spilled Skittles? These are the product of several bike share programs now operating in Seattle. They seem to be multiplying, like bunnies, and bringing with them a kind of visual litter as well as a less-than-high regard for considerate behaviors.

Download an app on your smartphone and off you go. No helmet required (although the City of Seattle mandates the use of helmets). Pick one up (find the nearest one on the app), drop it off anywhere you want. Anywhere.

That explains the proliferation of these bikes along sidewalks, bus stops, your front yard perhaps.

These lime green, yellow, and orange bikes can be spotted everywhere - peddling to and from the light rail, up and down the Burke-Gilman, back and forth to the Village or the lake front.

SDOT is in partnership with three bike share companies operating about 2,000 bikes. Contact SDOT about abuses or call the number on the bike. You will not be the first.

No parking allowed on sidewalks!

Obstruction of sidewalks by any means is illegal. Bikes should be parked upright between the sidewalk and the street; preferably in a bike rack, if nearby. Bicycles should not be left in city parks' greenspaces.

The City of Seattle has an eight-page document on how cyclists should properly park when using free floating bike systems:

https://mediaweb.kirotv.com/document_dev/2017/08/16/Bicycle%20Share%20Permit%20Requirements_8876767_ver1.0.pdf

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Oct. 14 / Nov. 11 (Sat.) 10 am. to noon
SUN Park Weed and Sweep
47th Ave. NE and NE 47th St.

Oct. 19 (Thurs.) 7 p.m.

LEAP, Earthquake Preparedness
Laurelhurst Community Center
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October 21 (Sat.) 3 to 7 p.m.
Monster Bash - Family Fun
St. Stephen's Grounds

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height). Noise levels will remain increased at nearby residential sites in Laurelhurst. LCC will continue to monitor.

LCC has always supported and will continue to support the need to transport critically ill children via helicopters at the helistop. In 2015, there were 111 landings (44% more than predicted in the original EIS); in 2016, 85 landings, more than anticipated using 2007 projections and with fewer beds.

The biggest change in the Construction Plan for Phase 2, Forest B, is the sheer number of trucks per day that will impact the streets around the building site, particularly, along 40th Ave. NE. The original proposal was 27 to 84 trucks daily for seven to 84 months. Now the plan proposes to shorten the schedule to four months, but that would be 94 trucks per day. SDOT will need to evaluate such a change to ensure that 40th Ave. NE can remain open for neighborhood egress and emergency vehicles.

LCC will continue to work with Children's to address issues. ■

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**Saturday, October 21
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Cost: \$13 "Fright Fee"

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