

LAURELHURST



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Still Time to Give a Gift of Holiday Warmth

Annual Sock Drive – Please donate new socks, hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens for men, women, and children for shelters and the homeless, including the Pioneer Foot Clinic and Mary's Place Shelter. Drop off donations at **Flooring America**, 3605 NE 45th Street, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. **Please make your donations by December 16. Thank you! ■**

Christmas Ship Sails

Fri., Dec. 9, 5:35 p.m.

ASUW Shell House

Sat., Dec. 10, 2:50 p.m.

Magnuson Park Beach near Boat Launch

Sun., Dec. 11, 5:35 p.m.

Laurelhurst Beach Club

51st Ave NE & NE Laurelcres Lane
Join in the holiday fun! Gather your friends and enjoy the bonfire, refreshments, hear the choir, and view the Christmas ships.

BE THE FIRST TO KNOW!

Sign up for LCC's Constant Contact electronic newsletter for time-critical communications: email laurelhurstnews@comcast.net.

Laurelhurst Letter returns in February 2023. Until then, check LCC's website for updates.

Warm Wishes for the Holidays!

Take the Beach Club Polar Bear Plunge!

Noon, January 1.
All welcome.

Tips for Child Safety Shared at Forum

Safety Tips were developed by the Seattle Police Department, with special attention from the Community Police Officers.

Over 130 people attended a forum on Children's Safety on November 15 held at St. Bridget Church. Laurelhurst neighbor Mike Wietholter convened the session that included Councilmember Alex Pedersen and legislative aide, Malik Davis, LCC trustees, Seattle Police officers and community officers, local private and public school representatives, and students. In addition to the tips outlined below, participants urge neighbors to advocate by email and public comment to City Council, the Mayor's Office, and King County to restore SPD funding to adequately serve the City's 21 percent increase in population.

Officer Sarah Dawson shared specific prevention and action tips for parents should children encounter potential unwanted or dangerous behavior, including the following:

- Make a "what if" plan with your children and walk through it with them using words and actions. Practice "safety drills" and teach them to be aware of their surroundings.
- Do not let electronic devices distract your children. Unplug ear pods so they are able to hear better, and practice looking up and around to check for unusual behavior or to see if they are being followed.

Ask children to:

- Use the "buddy system" and walk with friend, parent, or trusted adult.
- Walk in the middle of sidewalks away from doorways and cars, facing traffic.
- On buses, sit up front close to the driver. Report unwanted behavior.
- Practice bus routes, and don't exit if the normal stop doesn't feel safe.
- Wait at the bus stop with your back against a wall or pole to observe your surroundings.
- Call or TEXT 911 with your LOCATION if you feel unsafe or need help.
- If attacked, yell "NO! HELP, POLICE! HELP POLICE!" several times.
- In parking lots, walk in well-lit areas and ask for assistance if needed.
- Consider personal alarms, register your cell phone, and opt into GPS tracking.
- When using ride-share services, share ride information with a trusted adult and know where safety buttons are located on the apps. ■

Comment on One Seattle Comprehensive Plan

Seattle is updating its Comprehensive Plan, which determines how the City will grow over the next 20 years. LCC has spent a lot of time analyzing the City's concepts and sent in comments, some of which refute the Plan's claims. Plans for near-future zoning include potential upzones within Laurelhurst. To review the EIS Scoping Report, visit: <https://www.seattle.gov/documents/Departments/OPCD/SeattlePlan/OneSeattlePlanEISScopingReport.pdf>

LCC encourages neighbors to attend one of the remaining public meetings to advocate for more balanced density and to direct growth to the new Light Rail transit centers. You may attend either meeting that fits your schedule: December 12, Loyal Heights Community Center, 6 to 8 p.m., or January 10, Meadowbrook Community Center, 6 to 8 p.m. ■

History of Laurelhurst – Glimpses of the 1950s

written by Jim Rupp, LCC trustee

When I was a young boy in the 1950s, Emmett Ziebarth had an easy walk to work from his house in Laurelhurst. He lived in a lovely home on Union Bay at 3615 42nd Avenue NE (replaced by a larger modern home several years ago) and it was a short trip to his business, Ziebarth's Hardware. It was located in the buildings on NE 45th Street that now house the businesses that extend from Jaks restaurant to the Marlai Thai restaurant. The buildings were constructed in 1948, and I think Ziebarth probably built them. He owned the whole block.

Back then neighborhoods didn't have the large grocery stores or shopping centers that we're now accustomed to, only small neighborhood stores. Ziebarth started out across the street, where Valarmos Pizzeria is now located, with a hardware and grocery store. When he moved into the new building, Ziebarth's retail enterprise was limited to hardware. He leased space to other businesses that served the neighborhood well.

The Ziebarth block had much to offer. You could walk into the butcher shop and Carl Pollard could provide a wide range of meat for the table. And next to that was Walt Landis's grocery store. The store owners knew most of their customers by name and personal service was key. Some allowed you to run a tab and pay at the end of the month. When my father visited Ziebarth's he might say, "Emmett, I need a 4 inch, 3/8th inch bolt," and Mr. Ziebarth would find it for him. When my mother visited Pollard's, he'd have the hamburger she'd ordered over the phone or requested on the spot.

Where Marlai Thai now serves meals, Graham Condie's pharmacy filled prescriptions and provided various sundry products. Pill prescriptions came in small glass bottles with plastic tops that easily popped off. My parents always went to Condie's. Many others went to Zoff's, across Sand Point Way between where the Laurelhurst Condos and El Camion are now located, in what ultimately became a bicycle shop. The only time I remember being in Zoff's was when I was in sixth grade. Tom Hatch and I went in to look at Playboy magazine. Mr. Zoff quickly shooed us away with a stern look of disapproval.

Over the years new and varied enterprises have come and gone in the Ziebarth block and larger stores have replaced most small local purveyors in Seattle. In our area, I believe Tradewell and Thriftway were the first of the larger "super" markets where you could buy everything. One opened in the building where City People's now resides, and the other was located in the southwest corner of the University Village.

When Emmett Ziebarth died in 1985 he still owned the block. It's now owned by a Ziebarth family trust. ■

Still Time to Subscribe to 2023 Security Patrol

LCC's Private Security Patrol, now starting its fifteenth year, is highly praised by subscribers. Its continued success depends on neighbor participation. The annual cost per family is \$200 for the period ending December 31, 2023.

To participate, please either use LCC's secure online payment option (preferred) at www.laurelhurstcc.com, or send your \$200 check payable to LCC Laurelhurst Community Club, PMB #373, 4616 25th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98105. If you pay by check, please be sure to include your name, address, email, and emergency contact information.

If you have questions about LCC's Private Security Patrol, please email crimeprevention@laurelhurstcc.com. ■

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A Universe Mourns the Loss of Jean Amick

With Jean at the center of any important mission for the greater good, one could not refuse her. Thanks to her tenacity and ability to fight for better outcomes in our neighborhood and our City, we have all benefitted.

Years ago, Jean's neighborhood connections blossomed in the Laurelhurst School PTA where she personally reached out to new parents of all backgrounds to make them feel welcomed and offered volunteer opportunities to meet other families.

Jean also stepped in on behalf of LCC to represent the neighborhood on the City University Citizens Advisory Committee (CUCAC), which balances UW campus expansion with the livability of the surrounding neighborhoods.

More recently, Jean led the charge to build a better SR-520 bridge replacement and logged hundreds of volunteer hours attending WSDOT meetings.

Fifteen years ago, Jean had a vision to Save Urban Nature from development and create a space that all could enjoy to connect with nature and also to connect with one another. Through her commitment and boundless energy and fundraising – together with Dixie Jo Porter – SUN Park took shape. These amazing women gathered supporters and volunteers to design and build the park located at the corner of 47th Avenue NE and 47th Street NE.

The regular Weed and Sweep gatherings held over the years are key to this park's maintenance. The Friends of SUN Park will carry forward her remarkable legacy.

In honor of Jean, please consider a gift to the Arboretum Foundation. www.arboretumfoundation.org

A celebration of her life will be held at The Mountaineers, Seattle Program Center, just off her well-loved Burke Gilman Trail, on Thursday, January 12 at noon.

<https://obituaries.seattletimes.com/obituary/jean-amick-1086705412> ■

LCC Officers Elected

At the October trustee meeting, **Colleen McAleer** was reelected president, **Katherine Burk** secretary, and **Emily Dexter** treasurer. **Pat Chaney** was elected vice president.

Brian McMullen continues to serve as the lead on Crime Prevention and the Security Patrol (with **Kay Kelly**) and is LCC's technology and operations lead (with **Katherine Burk**). Brian also leads critical Search and Rescue missions for Western Washington and runs his technical consulting practice.

Pat serves on the Landscaping Committee with **Emily Dexter**, focused on improving and maintaining our street medians on both NE 41st St. and 43rd Ave. NE. Pat is LCC's representative on the City/Seattle Children's Helicopter Landings Committee. She also advocates for Laurelhurst with many City of Seattle departments such as Parks and Recreation, Transportation, Neighborhoods and Construction and Inspection.

Both Brian and Pat work on land use issues concerning Talaris, Seattle Children's Hospital, the expansion of UW housing at Laurel Village, and the Safeway/Burgermaster site development. Many thanks to these dedicated neighbors for their service. ■

Fun, New Play Structure

Students found a surprise at recess when Laurelhurst Elementary School reopened in September! A dazzling new playground structure with long curvy slides, climbing challenges and more now provides new challenges for students of all abilities. This play structure is open to the public after school hours – weekdays after 3 p.m., Wednesdays after 2 p.m., and every weekend. Stop by and meet neighbors and their children for a fun, informal time together! ■

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 or if you need assistance with City government offices.

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Dec. 3 to Jan. 1
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Sundays through Thursdays 4 to 9:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays 4 to 11 p.m.
NE Park Rd and Ravenna Blvd.

Dec. 9, 10, 11
Christmas Ship Viewing
See schedule on page 1.

Dec. 12 (Mon.) 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Jan. 9 (Mon.) 6:30 to 8 p.m.

LCC Trustees meeting via Zoom
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84961222287>
Meeting ID: 849 6122 2287 – this link is just a click away on LCC's website.

Drop off donations for Elizabeth Gregory House, a U District women's shelter: Huda Giddens at 4338 NE 44th St. (Leave in green bin at front of house.)

Gently used shoes needed for the homeless. Distributed through Blessed Sacrament parish in the U District. Place near front door, 3891 44th Ave. NE.

Foot Care Slippers Donations

Indoor/outdoor slippers proved to be an outstanding hit with Foot Clinic patients at UW's Pioneer Square Foot Clinic. (Dearfoams and Isotoner are possibilities available on Amazon.) **If you would like to donate indoor/outdoor slippers,** please mail or drop them off for Kay Kelly at 3109 E. Laurelhurst Dr. NE.


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