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Come to our annual Holiday Party on December 6, featuring a concert by Garfield musicians—1st Violin: Nicholas Gjording; 2nd Violin: Marte Borgemann; Viola: Mari Morikawa and Cello: Nicole Burns. And stay to have a sip of wine and some seasonal goodies.

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~from LCC

President's Message

This is the time of year when we reflect, consider our families and friends and often become a little kinder to each other. Sometimes the energy is festive and sometimes hectic, but generally joyful. It is a time we let our hearts open a little more.

This December we have many opportunities for festivities! The Central Area Senior Center Annual Gala is being held at our own Center on 30th Ave. S. There is still time to purchase a ticket or perhaps even a table to join in a fabulous holiday celebration! It promises to be as grand as in the past and an opportunity to connect with your neighbors—maybe even kick up those dancing shoes and dust off your tux. Call the Center for ticket prices and further information.

Our own Leschi Community Council is having our annual holiday party at our first-Wednesday-of-the-month gathering at 7pm on Wednesday, December 6. All residents are welcome and what a great opportunity for new Leschi dwellers to see what we are all about.

In the spirit of reaching out with a helping hand, you need look no further than The Giving Garland at Leschi Elementary. (Sponsored by the Leschi PTA for the past 7 years.) The Leschi homeless student population is one of the highest in the Seattle Public Schools. The Giving Garland is an opportunity to assist our own with gift cards to stores like Target, Safeway, Grocery Outlet, Old Navy, Wal-Mart and a wide variety of additional gifting options—one can give a little or a lot. Go to wish lists on Amazon, and search for “Giving Garland.” We will post the full information on the LCC website.

We are a community and we want to always reach out to those who may be too shy to ask for a helping hand or someone to rake leaves or shovel snow. Be Kind. Be Aware. Be Generous. Be Brave. Be Safe.

Happy Holidays!

*-Janice Merrill Brown
LCC President*



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Christmas Giving in a Time of Need

Once again, we end the year with 70 homeless or transitionally housed students at Leschi Elementary School. This is one of the highest homeless populations in all the city schools. The staff and PTA at Leschi School does a remarkable job of gathering resources for these families and their technique is a Giving Garland with gift wishes for kids and families in need. You might collect a gift wish from the school and fulfill that or if you are pressed for time, consider a grocery gift card as the students will be on a two week break and not receiving their two free meals each week-day. Grocery cards may be purchased in any amount and do consider cards to local stores as many of these families may also be in need of transportation. At the November LCC Board meeting, Board members voted to use \$200 to purchase eight \$25 gift cards at Grocery Outlet, which is convenient and your funds do go further there. (And thank you to all those members who included a donation with their dues renewal! Your gift is being put to good use!)

Another of my favorite places to give money to is LIHI, the Low Income Housing Institute. This is the group that conceived of and built tiny houses to be transitional housing for the homeless and there are now seven sites across the city. Our closest is on 22nd Ave on property belonging to the Good Shepard Lutheran Church. Tenants of the Tiny Villages receive services and the goal is to move them into more permanent housing at an affordable rate. The Director, Sharon Lee, received much deserved recognition from Seattle Magazine when she was chosen one of Seattle's most influential citizens. I would say that Sharon is more than influential; she is creative, implements her ideas, and has made more progress in getting folks out of tents in risky sites than anyone else in the city. Mayors may have more money at their disposal, but one does not see the results as quickly as one does with LIHI projects.

Tiny houses cost about \$2200 each and come as a DIY project providing an 8x12 foot space that is insulated, has a roof, heat and can be locked. Hygiene and kitchen facilities are communal. "Last year, 157 tiny-house village dwellers moved into permanent housing, and 103 found

employment. We have a model that people across the country are trying to follow," says Lee, who believes this quick, relatively easy solution is urgent. "We have more people dying from homelessness than from homicide. It's an outrage." We featured Sharon in an article several months ago as one of our local heroes. We need more Sharon Lees to solve this homeless mess.



There are numerous opportunities to help within our neighborhood: consider the Seattle Music Program, the after-school music instruction at Leschi Elementary or the Central Area Senior Center where seniors are able to eat a well-balanced meal for a modest fee and access services through the social worker. With less money going to Meals on Wheels, we can only hope that the congregate meals at the Senior Center thrive. Keeping seniors in their own homes and out of nursing homes saves the state an enormous amount of Medicaid money; our state is one of the nation's leaders in achieving this goal. With cutbacks at the federal level, it will be hard to maintain this success. Those of us who can afford to give can help keep these services in place.

-Diane Snell

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Neighborhood & Beyond

CRIME PREVENTION COORDINATOR AT LESCHI MEETING

Felicia Cross, the East Precinct's new Crime Prevention Coordinator (CPC), spoke at our November meeting and was able to answer some questions about 911 and Block Watches. Felicia has deep roots in the Central District; she still lives in the house in which she grew up. Her mom is Lottie Cross, who runs the Clean Greens program. She most recently served as the Chair of the African-American Community Advisory Council. We have long been without our own CPC so it was good news when Felicia was hired for the position and trained by veteran CPC Terri Johnston.

Statistics show that violent crime is down in our area but car prowls are up. Package theft also seems to be increasing if reports on NextDoor are any indication.

When to call 911? That seemed to be a burning question. One attendee had seen someone in Leschi Park starting a fire but wasn't sure that was an emergency. Two other attendees had seen the same occurrence and felt it was worth a call to 911. It can be hard at times to decide, but let the dispatcher decide that for you. 911 calls give police data to determine what is happening in each precinct.

Call 911 when you think someone is in physical danger, when you believe a specific crime is happening, and if you believe something is suspicious. The dispatcher can prioritize responses; obviously, someone in danger would

get the immediate response. The fire in the park occurrence may mean a referral to Parks, but it should be reported. We know that more people are living in the park and more fires could present a serious situation. One can see incidents of suspicious behavior on NextDoor Leschi: someone trying the car handles of the parked cars on your street!

Felicia invited us to call her if we are interested in starting a block watch or if we want a security assessment. She may be reached at Felicia.cross@seattle.gov or 206-684-5758.

CHRISTMAS SHIP SCHEDULE

The entire schedule is on the Argosy website, located at argosycruises.com, but there are several times when the ship leaves Leschi Marina. See below.

- Dec. 2 First Sailing at 2:30pm. Performers: Rainier Youth Choir sings at Seward Park at 3:10pm and Madrona Beach Park at 4:10pm.
- Dec. 2 Second Sailing at 7pm. Performers: Dickens Carolers sing at Hyatt Regency at 8pm and the Newport Yacht Club at 8:55pm.
- Dec. 3 First Sailing at 2pm. Performers: Dickens Carolers sing at Pritchard Beach Park at 2:45pm and at Newcastle Beach at 3:40pm.
- Dec. 3 Second Sailing at 7pm. Performers: Seattle Girls Choir sing at Ferdinand St. Park at 7:40pm, at Stan Sayres Memorial Park at 8:15pm and at Mt. Baker Beach Park at 8:45pm. (Three performances in all.)

THE AFTERMATH OF CHRISTMAS

Recycle your gift wrap in your recycling bin and place your tree near your yard waste bins: make sure it is trimmed to 6 ft. or less. Trees will be picked up December 26-January 31.

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HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND LIVABILITY IN SEATTLE

On November 9, 2017, the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) policy was released by the City of Seattle to the public (you can find it at <http://tinyurl.com/HALA-MHA-EIS>). The MHA is a policy designed to allow for a portion of all new multi-family dwellings to have some units dedicated to affordable housing or have the developer of the units contribute to the Seattle Office of Housing fund to help develop affordable housing in the city.

This is a process that started about two years ago and is close to completion. The Final EIS is completed and the proposal is due to go to the City Council in August 2018 after a series of open houses and hearings all across the city in 2018. The District 3, the district Leschi is in, Community Open House is scheduled for March 29, 2018 at 6pm at Washington Hall, 153 14th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122. For a full listing of 2018 MHA Community Open Houses and other events go to seattle.gov/hala/calendar.

At the November meeting of the Central Area Neighborhoods District Council, the MHA proposal was a major topic of interest for representatives of our greater community. The MHA directly affects parts of our neighborhood, as well as major zoning changes in the 23rd and Union-Jackson urban village. We want to encourage you to come out to the Community Open Houses, and make your voices heard! The city wants to loop us in on the changes that are being proposed, and we should take them up on it.

We still have nine months to study and respond to the MHA proposal before council votes on it. Whether you are excited about the changes, or concerned about portions of the proposal, it is important for all of us to understand the changes that are happening to our city as we grow in density. Housing affordability is an important key to making Seattle a city for everyone, let's get involved and ensure Leschi has a seat at the table!

METRO STUDYING CHANGES TO ROUTES 3 AND 4

Our friends at King County Metro are conducting a study to improve reliability of the #3 and #4 bus routes that serve our community in Leschi. The proposal is to have both bus routes head down Yesler Way between 3rd Ave and 8th Ave instead of heading up James St from 3rd Ave to 9th Ave.

The main reason to change the route is to improve speed and reliability, since there is often congestion along the James St I-5 on-ramps. The new route would avoid the on-ramps all together. There is a downside, though, in that the 3 and 4 routes would no longer stop by City Hall, King County Administration or the Seattle Municipal Court, which could be a concern for people with difficulty getting up the steep hills between Yesler Way and James St.

The next step is in the summer of 2018, where the county will publish the results of a study to determine whether to hold another round of public outreach sessions. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/routes-3-and-4> for more info. If you have a comment about the proposed changes reach out to Tristan Cook, Community Relations Planner by email at tristan.cook@kingcounty.gov or by phone at 206-477-3842.

SEATTLE ON THE SPOT

The Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) will be featuring the photographs of Al Smith from November 18, 2017 to June 17, 2018. Al Smith captured the essence of Seattle's African American community in the Central District for years.

A Seattle native, Al Smith took stellar photographs of the Central District from the mid-1930s until his passing in 2008. The exhibit at the MOHAI concentrates on Al's work from the 1940s, 50s and 60s. This is an exhibit not



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to be missed if you live in Leschi or the surrounding area. Come out to see what our neighborhood was like in those bygone Jazz-filled days.

For more info, go to mohai.org/exhibit/seattle-on-the-spot or just visit the museum, it is worth the trip!

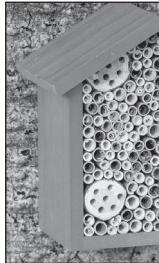
-Trevor Lalish-Menagh, Leschi CC Vice-President

2017 MASON BEE PROJECT

The Mason Bee Project, outlined in one of our spring issues, has finished for 2017. The year was a very difficult one for native spring bees. According to what we read, the spring was so long and cold and wet, that pollen was scarce. Pollen is essential to the production of the next year's crop of these bees.

Nevertheless, we have managed to produce 2100 cocoons for next year's generation of Mason bees here in our neighborhood and for distribution nation-wide through our partner, Crown Bees in Woodinville. Our plan is to contribute the proceeds from our harvest toward the purchase of grocery cards for the Leschi School's Giving Garland program.

-Jim Snell



UPDATES FROM LESCHI ELEMENTARY: THE GIVING GARLAND

There's still time to contribute to the 8th Annual Giving Garland. For the past seven years, the Giving Garland has served families in need of help during the holidays.

Last year we supported 39 families with approximately 130 children. The Giving Garland is geared to support the children in the families; we hang tags on the garland which represent a gift; some items are fun: toys, bikes, art supplies, board games, balls, books and some are basics: clothing, bedding, warm coats or diapers. We also give every family gift cards to easily accessible grocery stores.

We greatly appreciate the past partnership, support and generosity from our neighborhood community: the Leschi Community Council, local businesses and residents in our neighborhood. And we welcome your support again this year! To help:

- Pick up a tag for a wished-for item (outside the school's main office) and return your wrapped gifts by December 8
- Donate money to the Leschi PTA (designated for the Giving Garland), 100% of the money designated for the Giving Garland goes to families!
- Go to wish lists on Amazon, and search for "Giving Garland" to purchase a gift.

SCHOOL BREAK BACKPACK PROGRAM


Thanks to the leadership of Leschi mom Rachel Machacha and the efforts of families and community partners, 70 kids who rely on school breakfast and lunch went home with full backpacks for the week-long Thanksgiving break. Each contained donations from our Amazon wish list of ten meals (breakfast and lunch) and snacks to replace the meals students would normally receive at school.

Children received individual aseptic packs of milk as well. Gethsemane Lutheran Church donated over 400 meals from their emergency feeding program, which provided each student with an additional six meals! These are nut-free, pork-free meals that are light to carry and easy for a child to open or require minimal preparation.

The other benefit to food coming in from the wish list is that we are adding new food into the supply, relieving some of the strain on food banks that families turn to when they are food insecure. Special thanks to the fifth grade service-learning class at St. Therese Catholic Academy, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Peter Claver, the parishioners of Immaculate Conception and St. Therese,

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the St. Vincent de Paul conferences in the neighborhood, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, and the wider Leschi community for help with packing and purchasing donated food.

Our winter break wish list will be live on Sunday, November 26: <http://a.co/b67FF74>

LESCHI ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

The Giving Garland and break backpack programs rely heavily on the coordination and support of Gerald Donaldson (“Mr. D”), Leschi Elementary’s invaluable community support worker. For a profile of this lifelong resident and remarkable member of our community, and lots of other news from the school, please see our November newsletter: <http://tinyurl.com/yc6c4a3o>

A REVIEW OF NOVEMBER’S WINDSTORM

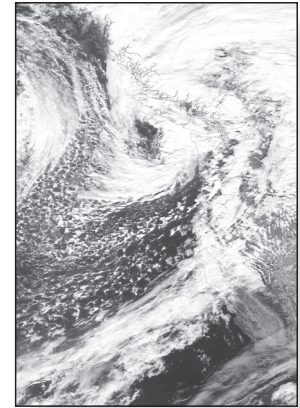
On November 13, the first windstorm of the 2017-2018 storm season rolled through the area. While this was not a major windstorm by any means, it delivered quite a blow to the coast, Northern Interior and Puget Sound lowlands.

This storm was unusual for several reasons. First, there were hundreds and hundreds of lightning strikes off the coast with this storm due to an intense squall line along its cold front. This squall line rolled through Seattle a little past 2 AM on the morning of 11/13, delivering a brief burst of strong winds and heavy rain that woke up many across the region. While having embedded squall lines in Pacific Northwest windstorms is not rare (the Hanukkah Eve Windstorm of 2006 is a prime example—during this storm the Leschi neighborhood saw approximately an inch of rain from 4-5pm and severe urban flooding took the life of a woman in Madison Valley), having so much lightning from them is.

Second, this storm actually had two areas of low pressure embedded in it that were circling around each other. Low-pressure systems that have this feature are often called “double barrel lows,” and the existence of two low-pressure centers typically hinders storm development and can dramatically alter its track. The November 13 windstorm was originally headed north of Vancouver Island from the SSW, but it stalled a little over 300 miles off the mouth of the Columbia River and subsequently began tracking to the WNW into Southern Vancouver Island.

The highest winds from this storm came from the storm’s “bent-back occlusion,” which rolled into the Seattle area around 5pm. An occluded front is a front formed

when the storm’s cold front overtakes its warm front, and a bent-back occlusion is an occluded front that has been wrapped around the center of the storm. Over 60,000 people from Seattle City Light lost power, and some of the more exposed locations recorded 50+ mph winds. The 520 bridge gusted to 52 mph, and West Point near Magnolia, which commonly experiences some of the highest winds during Puget



The November 13, 2017 windstorm, making landfall on the Washington Coast. Image taken by NASA’s TERRA Satellite.

Sound windstorms due to the point accelerating winds coming in off the sound, had a peak gust of 64 mph. “Kelp Reefs,” a Canadian station in the Haro Strait just west of San Juan Island, was the windiest location in the lowlands with an impressive 88 mph gust.

From a wind perspective, this storm was typical of the storms we’ll usually see once or twice a year in the Puget Sound lowlands, but it occurred on the anniversary of one of the great Pacific Northwest windstorms. The “Friday the 13th” storm of 1981 had a central pressure on par

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with a category 3 hurricane and delivered a wide swath of 60-80+ mph gusts from San Francisco northward into British Columbia.

December is the second stormiest month for Western Washington after November, but we have the potential for arctic outbreaks and with them the chance for lowland snow. Snow is very hard to come by in the Pacific Northwest, but it's not too early to start wishing for a White Christmas.

~Charlie Phillips

Charlie Phillips, a Madrona resident, received his B.S. in atmospheric sciences from the University of Washington and works in Portland as a meteorologist forecasting wind energy along the Columbia River Gorge. Check out his weather website at weathertogether.us.

URBAN POLITICS—US—NOV. 2, 2017

'Reclaiming Gotham': NYC a case study in a push for more affordable cities, by Nick Licata—Special to The Seattle Times
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Author Juan González uses New York City's politics to illustrate how municipalities can take steps to make urban living more affordable for working families.

The core premise of Juan González's book "Reclaiming Gotham: Bill de Blasio and the Movement to End America's Tale of Two Cities" is that the nation's wealth and income gap have resulted in too many city dwellers struggling to pay rent and other necessary expenses. He argues that municipal governments can take dramatic steps to make urban living more affordable for working families.

González uses New York City's politics to illustrate how that can happen. Under Mayor Michael Bloomberg, New York saw the economy boom, with developers replacing huge, rundown inner-city neighborhoods with much higher costing housing for the influx of largely younger, wealthier and whiter residents. At the same time, there

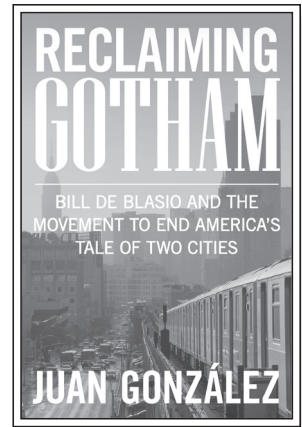
were further reductions in public spending on social services.

The result was that many business owners prospered and the richest residents ended up getting even richer. From 2002 to 2012, the top 1 percent of residents went from taking in 27 percent of all income to 45 percent. Meanwhile, 21 percent of the city's households earned less than the federal poverty level, and a third of renters were paying more than half of their income for housing.

In 2013, mayoral candidate Bill de Blasio, a former City Council member, won election, along with a slate of very progressive new city public officials. Sharing a philosophy that New York was dangerously out of balance in the distribution of incomes and wealth, they set about reversing that course.

González describes in fascinating detail not only how de Blasio beat the odds to win, but how he began to reshuffle the city's priorities. His collection of programs provided universal prekindergarten to 70,000 children, paid sick leave for all employees, froze rent increases for tenants in rent-regulated private buildings, and initiated services or programs that saved residents from spending an estimated \$21 billion.

Such efforts were not unique to New York. González describes candidates elected in cities like Pittsburgh; Austin, Texas; Seattle; Minneapolis; Philadelphia; San Francisco; and Richmond, California, who ran on platforms that rejected the dominant neoliberalism philosophy that "the private sector did things faster, better, and cheaper than public employees." Raising the minimum wage and requiring paid sick leave for all employees often followed their elections. Many of these leaders were members of a national network of



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progressive municipal officials called Local Progress that shared information on legislation being introduced and passed in their respective cities.

However, “Reclaiming Gotham” is not blind to the opposition that such policies generate or to the shortcomings of the advocates themselves. Within New York, de Blasio faced a massive slowdown of police enforcement when department members accused him of creating an anti-police climate. More seriously, financial and real estate interests “spent nearly \$20 million on media ads targeting the mayor between 2014 and 2016,” hoping to confine him to one term.

Meanwhile, state and federal prosecutors investigated his administration for illegal influence peddling. They ultimately found “no evidence of personal profit” by the mayor or his staff, and no criminal charges were filed. While his image took a hit, de Blasio won the Democratic primary easily and is expected to have another term. Other progressive politicians faced their own resistance from well-financed campaign opponents or saw their bases splintered on some issues.

González notes that because 80 percent of the country’s 75 largest cities have Democratic mayors, many promoting liberal programs, they can provide a bulwark for resisting President Donald Trump’s reactionary policies. By pushing the twin goals of equity in city services and effective municipal governance, politicians can alter the “Tale of Two Cities” from one where cities are divided rich and poor, white and nonwhite, to one of greater community.

SPICE UP LUNCHTIME WITH A GROWN UP STORY HOUR

As you may know, the public library plays an invaluable role in our city. Not only is it a tremendous source of information, but it also offers numerous programs to address the wide variety of needs of Seattleites from all walks of life. From offering tutoring for elementary students and counseling programs for teens to resources for the homeless, the Seattle Public Library system is both an educational and social asset to the city. In addition to its more serious contributions, the library also has a lighter side and offers a respite to the daily grind in the form of its adult story time program called Thrilling Tales: A Storytime for Adults.

Taking place two Mondays a month Thrilling Tales is a 50 minute long dramatic reading of 2-3 short stories from the world of horror, suspense, sci-fi and/or speculative fiction. The event takes place at the Central Library location (1000 4th Ave.) from 12:05-12:55pm

and attendees are encouraged to bring their lunches and imaginations.

David Wright, Seattle Public Library’s Reader Services Librarian, is the storyteller and he is, simply put, amazing. You will not find a better performer on any stage in the city. Wright brings even the weirdest of fiction to life with nothing more than his voice. The first time I attended a reading, all I could think of was how I needed to rush back to work after this, what I had to do afterwards, was my lunch making too much noise, so on and so on. By the time it was done I was so fully immersed I literally had to shake my head and come to, as if I had drifted off. But I had not—instead I had become so engrossed with Wright’s story telling that time just slipped away. It was practically a meditative experience.

It truly does not matter what Wright reads, if you are able to carve an hour out of your day and make it to the Central library for Thrilling Tales, it will be well worth the time and effort.

Thrilling Tales: A Storytime for Adults will continue until February, please go to spl.org to check the Seattle Public Library’s calendar of events for a full schedule.

-Staci Smith

Speaking Up/Speaking Out

SPEAKING UP/SPEAKING OUT

[Poem by Georgia McDade]

Sometimes speaking up, speaking out
can be hazardous, too hazardous.

Time-consuming

Frustrating

Confusing

Embarrassing

Frightening,

Costly,

Devastating

Paralyzing

Deadly.

Yet, despite the hazards, speaking up,
speaking out can be liberating.

And we need to be liberated.

We must, therefore, get in the habit of
speaking up and speaking out.

And soon.

This poem is the result of the #Me Too Movement. For several weeks my mind has swirled with instances that could be “me too” in my life, the lives of those I know, persons in the news, movies, dramas, art (Sojourner Truth’s “Ain’t I a Woman?”), the many maids/caretakers during slavery—and afterwards, all women during times of war, students from elementary to graduate level, women in prison, and women in “male” professions such as law enforcement and politics. And then I saw the film “Marshall” one day and Arthur Mitchell’s drama *The Crucible* the next day.

More and more, I’ve come to believe that the most desired, sought-after possession is power! Power seems to give those who have it whatever they want or desire. Because so many men generally have greater physical strength than women do, some of these men have abused women and men whom they deem weaker. Not surprisingly, some women want that power, or some of it, and have paid dearly to get or attempt to get it.

I have tried to recount the Me Toos with which I am familiar. The earliest was my sister’s friend who tried his best to get me to go in the restroom at my house. Next was a cousin, as much as twenty years my senior. I had my learner’s permit and this cousin was always willing to let me drive for as long as I chose. After several weekly trips—and I was miles and miles from home—he suggested we have sex. Appalled, I said I couldn’t do that. Further pushing, he said he knew my dad and I did not get along and that not liking my dad was a sin so I might as well commit the sin of having sex too! I convinced him to take me home despite his other disgusting reasons I should



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succumb to his wishes. I spent a lot of time wondering what I had done; never told my parents or sisters. Years, years later, when I was an adult, I told one sister and discovered this cousin had approached all my sisters and several cousins the same way! The summer I took swimming lessons reminds me of yet another occasion. I got a terrible stomachache and the swim teacher said I could go in his office where he could rub my stomach to make the pain disappear. I wanted only to go home. As an adult, I recall having to shift my body to keep a doctor from touching my breast. I really thought he had inadvertently done it until it happened a second time! Regardless, he could easily have said I was mistaken had I accused him.

In each of the instances, I instinctively knew I was in danger. Countless times I replayed how I could have avoided the situation. "If I had not..., then he would not..." At the time of these events, I was sure I had in some way erred. Of course, I know better now, but when each of the incidents happened, I blamed myself, did not tell anyone. My sister probably would have ended her friendship. I have no doubt my daddy would have hurt if not killed my cousin. The teacher might have been fired. Only one of my abusers is alive now, and he is very old. I often think he probably did to other women what he did to me, but as far as I know, no one told, so he escaped. Perhaps he is wondering if a woman will out him, sooner or later, and what price he will pay.

Ages ago the experiences stopped being a constant memory, but ever so often something triggers one or the other. They do cross my mind.

The #MeToo Movement has brought all these incidents to the forefront simultaneously, a first. Would others have spoken up in similar circumstances? The more I read, the more I am convinced that they too would most likely have kept quiet. My guess is fewer have spoken than spoke. Perhaps more will speak. No one can know the negative impacts of the many experiences, how many lives have gone differently because of one encounter. Conversations have probably taken place all over the country. A great many women exhaled after telling someone what happened.

These situations also reminded me of my tenure as a juvenile parole counselor. Girls often accused their mothers' "boyfriends," relatives, stepfathers, fathers—yes, biological fathers—of sexually harassing or raping them. Never did I meet a mother who took the child's part. The girls, regardless of their ages, were always denigrated by the


mothers, sometimes put out of their houses. Prostitutes' first sexual encounter was often with a family member.


I want to join the chorus of those who say they understand. I know questions posed about assaulted women: How was she dressed? How tight/short was her dress? What was she doing out so late (or so early)? Why was she in that part of town? Wasn't she asking for it? Why did she go there?

The results of the encounters vary from person to person. Perpetrators are known for telling victims that no one would believe them or, for younger victims, something terrible would happen to them or their families. No one was told for decades; nothing was ever said to a perpetrator. But I understand why some women wait so long or never say anything. I understand why women often "submitted." Unfortunately, many of us women are distressed about inadequacies, real and perceived. Feelings of inferiority on many counts make some of us perfect prey, make us believe whatever a man tells us, especially when we believe or know he is powerful. (Note that Harvey Weinstein did not try this on Meryl Streep.)

I hope this threshold is the beginning of the end of persons using their power to intimidate, hurt others. These responses are certainly healthier. All of us must call out anyone who perpetrates this abuse anytime, anywhere. And we must not let this be a spurt in history. This must be the end of such abuse, forever.

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THE GIFT OF WINE

Happy Holiday Season Leschi! Giving the gift of wine can be equally as fun for the gift giver as it is for the recipient. When choosing a bottle of wine (or two) to gift, keep a few basic ideas in mind. Know what they tend to like, and have a rough estimate of what you would like to spend. Many great wines can be found across all ranges of price points. When in doubt- ask an expert- like US! Leschi Market will be well staffed with wine experts throughout the month to assist you with all of your wine questions.

A comment that I will never forget was said to me one of my first holiday seasons at the Market. "Giving wine just seems so last minute." We have discussed the art of gift giving many times before. As we embark on the biggest gifting season of the year, let me offer some ideas on putting a little meaning behind those gifts. Trust me, in general, everyone loves to receive wine as a gift and if you put just a tiny amount of thought into it, it won't seem so last minute at all.

We've explored several options in the past of theme based wine gifts. These definitely show some amount of thought was taken into account. They are just as fun to assemble, as they are to receive. All you need to do is choose your price point and choose your theme. Here are some of my favorites from over the years.

For the bicyclist on the list, for example, a "Tour de France" package can include a wine from several different regions in France: Alsace, Beaujolais, Bordeaux, Burgundy, Champagne, Chateaufort du Pape, Gascogne, Languedoc-Roussillon, Loire, and Rhône are great starting points. These regions are so diverse themselves that you could easily choose a few wines from within each region.

"Around the World" packages are great for those fresh off of a journey, or for those about to embark on one in the coming year. Focusing on one country, or several, is easy enough to do. Rieslings from Germany, Barberas from Italy, Tempranillos from Spain, Cabernet Sauvignons from South Africa, Malbecs from Argentina or Carmeneres from Chile.

Domestic sets can be great too. Walla Walla, Yakima, Columbia Valley, Willamette Valley and Napa all provide great themed packages. The possibilities and

spin-offs are endless. From an "Italian Getaway," to an all organic grouping, from all under \$10 wine, to an all animal themed label, use your imagination and creativity, and most of all, have fun with it.

This brings me to Champagnes and Ports. These are ultimate gift wines, if not for the sole fact that people rarely buy them for themselves. Who knows why, but I've seen the trend that we tend to put off splurging for these special wines for ourselves, yet are ecstatic when we are gifted them. When in doubt, look to the Port and Champagne sections. Many of these wines are discounted during holiday months, and great finds can be had for under \$30. Vintage Champagnes and Vintage Ports are more expensive and harder to find, however "Colheita" Ports (years of ports not designated as "vintage") can be found for a lesser dollar amount and for nearly every year; a great idea when trying to match birth years, anniversary years, and other significant dates in one's life.

Finally, let's conclude with highly sought after wines that are in fairly limited supply. Collectors, cellar builders and new winos alike will appreciate getting their hands on some of these rarities!

2010 Caparzo Brunello di Montalcino (\$72)

95-points Wine Advocate

2013 G.D. Vajra Barolo 'Ravera' (\$68)

95-points Wine Spectator

2012 Felsina Chianti Classico Riserva Toscana (\$51)

94-points Antonio Galloni/Vinous

Pierre Peters Brut Blanc de Blancs Champagne Reserve NV (\$50)

93-points Wine Spectator

2013 Forman Chardonnay Napa Valley (\$47)

94-points Robert Parker, Jr



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2014 DeLille D2 Red Columbia Valley (\$42)

92-points Wine Advocate

2012 Tranche Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla (\$38)

92-points Sean Sullivan

Still unsure what gift to give the wine lover on your list? One of my favorite reminders is that accessories like wine glasses and decanters rarely need a gift receipt! Have a safe and memorable holiday season and we'll see you next year!

CHEERS! ENJOY!

Kenneth Benner, a Seattle area native, is a trained chef and has worked in such restaurants as Barbacoa, B.O.K.A. Kitchen + Bar, and Dahlia Lounge. Ken is the wine buyer at Leschi Market. He has a passion for learning, a meticulous palate, and a tenacity for searching out the best for his customers while offering some of the most highly coveted wines in the area. His wine column is intended to inspire and explore new choices in wine, learn about wine with his readers, and share his knowledge and experiences in the wine world. Check out the latest at www.LeschiMarket.com or request to be added to email updates or send questions, comments, or suggestions to ken@leschimarket.com and follow the wine department directly on twitter at twitter.com/leschimarket.

SINGLE SHOT: A STYLISH AND DELICIOUS HIDDEN GEM

I adore restaurants tucked away in residential areas. There's nothing better than stumbling upon an establishment that seems out of place. Single Shot is one such find, nestled between apartment buildings on the residential end of Summit Ave E. along with a handful of restaurants and bars.

Its décor is a cross between a glamorous 1920's ballroom and a high-end hunting lodge. Hard to imagine, but it totally works. The only that works better than the atmosphere is the food.

We had a large group and ordered pretty much everything on the menu and everything we had was a score, but two dishes in particular stood out. With its Carlton Farms Pork Chop, the kitchen accomplished a rare fete—a truly juicy pork chop. Topped with Smoked

& Pickled Pearl Onions and Huckleberry Agrodolce it was the perfect balance of savory and sweet.



The Fall Beet salad was also a table favorite with unexpected touches such as a Rye Whiskey Gel garnish teasing your taste buds throughout the dish—in fact we order a second, it was that good.

If you fancy going off the beaten path—well, as off the beaten path as you can go in Capitol Hill—your intrepidity will be well rewarded at Single Shot.

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LESCHI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

LCC BOARD MEETING 11/6/17

Attending: Janice Brown, Trevor Menagh, Diane Snell, Janet Oliver, John Barber, Tracy Bier

OLD BUSINESS

LOGO: Janice wants to postpone this to the new year.

CANDC REP: Janice will attend these meetings.

RACISM: No plan at this point

NEW BUSINESS

JANET: Submitted Treasury report and her Snow Bunny plan. Janet leaves the area for warmer climes Nov-February but has her computer with her. Left some checks for Diane in case we have a non-credit card bill.

JANICE: Holiday Gala at the Senior Center; agreed that we would sponsor a table for eight.

JANICE: Overdue bill from SDOT with huge fine. Bill had long been paid and Janet worked with SDOT employee until she verified she had rec'd our check. Diane confirmed that SDOT has an imperfect accounts payable system. Last year they sent a bill for us to a collection agency but the bill had been paid long before.

TREVOR: Established a forum for comments to alleviate community perceived problems that Board actions did not reflect their concerns. Needs to connect to website.

JOHN B: Adam Tycaster taking responsibility for three street end parks: Norman, Charles and Dearborn. John said the new owner at S. Charles is very cooperative. The next work party will be there. No work party in December. A major tree in Leschi Park needs to be replaced; Parks to purchase and plant replacement.

DIANE: Newsletter deadline is Nov. 20. Spooktracular was a success despite the late confirmation for tent. Yousef had purchased an inflatable tunnel to connect to a tent door and set up a fog machine. Kids found this spooky and some tried to avoid the fog. Two new residents stopped by and asked if we did this every year! We confirmed this and gave them the current issue of the Leschi News to follow events.

Next meeting is our annual Holiday party. We invite (and pay) Garfield orchestra students to perform. Wine and snacks served.

Diane proposed that we purchase \$200 worth of grocery cards for the Leschi School Giving Garland. Approved. The Mason Bee Project is also purchasing grocery cards with their profits this year.

Next Board meeting is Dec. 11 at 7pm in the Technology room.

	Income	Expenses	Balance 10/31/17
General Fund			\$12,203.94
Ad Revenue	\$6,495.00		
Dues	\$2,040.00		
Donations	\$2,817.79		
Postage		-\$840.00	
Printing		-\$5,834.16	
Totals	\$11,907.71	-\$8,722.26	\$12,203.94
Restricted Funds			
ArtWalk	\$1,320.00	-\$1,995.51	\$147.64
Friends of Powell Barnett			\$1,068.06
Cherry Street Corridor			\$1,068.06
Flo Ware Park	\$20.00	-\$670.00	\$1482.67
Friends of Street Ends			\$427.38
Frink Park	\$6930.39	-\$6930.39	\$2323.58
King Street			\$1270.00
Leschi Gateway Project			\$347.39
Leschi Natural Area	\$3275.00		\$5679.87
Officer Brenton Fund			\$3773.85
String of Pearls		-\$200.00	\$1680.38
SW Frink Park			\$1233.08
W. Vaughn Memorial Fund	\$1000.00		\$1000.00
Wading Pool			\$3006.13
Whitebear DreamCatcher			\$201.64
Totals	\$24453.10	-\$18518.16	\$36481.37
Certificate of Deposit			\$11251.43

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This restricted fund was established to handle the donations to restore Powell Barnett Park. The community was active in making the plan and meetings were held with neighbors and children to determine what they wanted. Adults wanted to keep the "castle" bathrooms and the children selected the playground equipment from catalogs. Starbucks played an important role in both donations and offering their staff to work at the site on the day of implementation. This fund represents what is left of the donations and is to be used for maintenance. The Adult Exercise equipment that was added more recently was fully funded by donations gathered by the Trust for Public Land. Maisha Barnett, granddaughter of Powell Barnett, chaired the project and she still manages the funds.

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We create awareness of neighborhood issues so residents may make informed and effective decisions.

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DEC. 2 Leschi Natural Area work party is cancelled this month.

DEC. 2 6pm. Black Tie Gala at the Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th Ave. S. Catered dinner; music by favorite CT Thompson. This is the big fundraiser for the year! Several seating and table options are available; call The Central for information 206-726-0923

DEC. 6 7-9pm. Leschi Community Council Meeting at The Central, 500 30th Ave. S. And be sure to join us for our annual Holiday party, *see cover for details*.

DEC. 9 9am-12pm. Seattle Neighborhood Coalition Breakfast \$14 at The Central, 500 30th Ave.

DEC. 11 7-8pm. Leschi CC Executive Board Meeting at The Central, 500 30th Ave. S; technology room

DEC. 14 6-7pm. Central Area Neighborhood District Council at The Central 500 30th Ave. S

DEC. 15 6-9pm. Green Dolphin Street Lounge Goody Bag at The Central, 500 30th Ave. S. Admission is \$20 for non-members and \$15 for lifetime members if reserved in advance. \$25 at door. Refreshments. No Host bar.

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