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Use ZOOM to attend our November meeting!

As we enter the ninth month of this pandemic and subsequent lockdown, one wonders where it will all end. We are hearing that "Opening" will not happen in January but more likely in July 2021. It is little wonder that people are tiring of it, but hopefully not relaxing the mask and social

distancing cautions. These are the tools we have to combat this virus.

We have received confirmation that we will have speaker from the King County Health Department for a Q and A on the virus.

November 4, 7pm

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**NOV. 4 LESCHI CC MEETING
DEC. 2 HOLIDAY PARTY**

President's Message

Hello to my fellow Leschi residents,

Well here we are on the precipice of a historic Presidential election. As I sit to write this at the end of November, we could be embarking on a journey to remember. We are not political here, but the obvious treat will be to cease watching and hearing political ads...anticipated with joy on my personal part.

I know some of my friends in the area are still quarantined. A couple I know of have been under family members edict to not go outside. This can make for some lonely moments. One of the best ways to pull ourselves out of that place, is to call others and check on their well-being. If any of you feel the need to talk to someone, feel free to call me. My schedule is busy, but the lives of people head to the top of the list to support.

As you can imagine, the challenge of the Community Council is we have not been able to meet in person. We have created Zoom opportunities and we would like to see participation increase, even those of you new to the procedure. The links and instructions are on the back cover of this paper. If you have questions on how to connect, please contact any of the Board members for assistance.

Halloween will come and go with no Spooktacular this year; sad because the kids (and adults) had lots of fun every year.

This next month's program is tentatively a Q + A by a member of the King County Health Department. Please be patient, as we have had some flux occurring with our programs. Scheduling challenges and the times we live in have popped up.

For now, we at the Leschi Community Council look forward to continually serving you and wish you a Happy Halloween.

Warm regards,

*-Janice Merrill Brown
President, Leschi Community Council*



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Being Homeless Is Not New

We are probably all aware of the Hoovervilles during the Great Depression but becoming homeless has followed economic downturns throughout history and I recently learned about one in 1913. My husband has been listening to the Page Smith's 8 volume *A People's History of the United States* and in the 7th volume, Smith mentions the Hotel De Zink in Seattle. Quick research shows there is a HistoryLink entry for the Hotel De Zink. It was established in 1913 by Jeff Davis (NO, not THAT Jeff Davis) who rented an empty Providence Hospital building for \$55 a month; it was located at 5th and Madison and later was torn down, making way for what is now the Federal Courthouse.

Davis renamed the building the Hotel De Zink, with zink being the slang name for a hobo at that time. He often housed as many as 1500 homeless men at one time and the place was self-managed. Residents had tasks they needed to do two days a week in order to stay and eat meals. Each person who fulfilled their 2-day work requirement would receive a 21-day meal ticket. Meal ticket holders would have a more substantial breakfast: pork chops, potatoes, rolled oats, bread and coffee. Those without meal tickets were served just the rolled oats, bread and coffee.

The work crews consisted of the Kitchen Crew, Scrubbing Crew, Wood Crew (to keep up the building), Blanket Crew (steam cleaning all the blankets) and a group that would solicit funds to keep the hotel going. A "court", the Jungle Court, served to ensure rules were followed. Minor penalties were given and one fine that consisted of giving \$1 to the Christmas Kiddie Fund. The group served as its own employment agency and they formed a union: IIW (International Itinerant Worker's Union, not to be confused with the Wobblies, the IWW (Industrial Workers of the World). "We don't ask for and don't want charity. We work for everything we get." (Seattle Municipal News January 24, 1914)

Much of what I read sounded similar to the self-management of the Tiny House Villages. Something like the Hotel De Zink would not be feasible in today's pandemic as the residents slept side by side on blankets on the floor. But the self-management structure is one that works. Village residents have tasks to do, they establish their own rules and meet regularly to work out problems. One of the tasks that one could be assigned to is picking up litter in the neighborhood. This was much appreciated on 22nd by the Village on Good Shepherd property as there were construction workers building the multi-story structure on the NW corner at 23rd & Union. The workers usually left their lunch litter on the sidewalk as there were no receptacles for trash. The Village residents took care of the litter. Their own property was spotless.

The Leschi CC voted to donate \$500 to the Low-Income Housing Institute that builds the tiny villages and currently has three more about to open. Although we realize this is a temporary solution, it is the fastest, most efficient way to get people out of tents or makeshift shelters. Building multi-story buildings takes years and much more money. The support services offered to the Village residents have an admirable success rate of moving folks into permanent housing. There is a possibility that more housing may open up as large companies decide not to renew leases and to allow employees to continue working from home. A group in Los Angeles has successfully renovated empty office spaces into living quarters.

For those of you who wonder on NextDoor Leschi what to do with those complimentary bottles of shampoo, etc., take them to a tiny house village. Anything a resident does not have to buy allows them to save for rent and down payments. Most person who are homeless are employed, many part-time.

-Diane Snell

Neighborhood & Beyond

IMPERFECT ZOOMING AND PUBLIC ART

We had more success than we did in September, but still not everyone could fight their way out of the waiting room to join the meeting. This turned out to be the result of making our speaker, Lawrence Pitre the host to allow him to show his Power Point. We have since learned there is a different way to handle that; there should be no one shut out again. Thanks for your patience while we learn the ropes here!

For those who were able to join the meeting, it was lively. Artist Pitre discussed his plan to paint a mural on the large retaining wall on 31st Ave. just south of Jackson. He explained his goals of informing historic legacies and highlighting the welcoming nature of Leschi. He explained the process of painting on parachute cloth and then applying the cloth to the wall. The murals could then be painted in community facilities (Central Area Senior Center, Pratt, Washington Hall and Garfield CC) involving community participants. The mural concept itself would be selected by the community. Pitre was raised in the area at 32nd and Lane and has walked by the retaining wall at 31st & Jackson innumerable times. Concerns raised were about graffiti and the spot itself with no crosswalk and blind spots. Pitre is requesting that SDOT install a crosswalk with flashing lights. For those of us who have fought for crosswalks for years, this seems unlikely to happen in the near future, if at all. John Barber, LCC Parks & Green Space chair, wants to pursue the crosswalk idea with SDOT. We will keep you informed of the progress of both the mural and the crosswalk.

-Diane Snell

DROWNING IN LEAVES?

It's that time of year. We love our trees here in Leschi, but they do overwhelm us in November. Fortunately, Seattle Public Utilities will pick up extra leaves at NO charge during the month of November. If you have extra cans, use those or buy the tall brown yard waste bags to fill. Be sure to keep leaves and other yard debris away from storm drains.

FROM SPU BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JOURNEY of 10,000 STEPS

Last month, we introduced LCC President's journey of taking 10,000 steps daily and taking those steps in her beloved neighborhood of Leschi. She shares what she sees on her journey.

Meet the Moon has an elaborate tent to allow dining in Leschi. The City of Seattle has fortunately created and allowed more sidewalk and street dining opportunities. Certain streets on Capitol Hill and areas of U Village are included affording dining establishments to rebound during Covid 19. Kudos to the City of Seattle who reacted quickly to this need.



A Leschi Morning on Lake Washington

The serenity of our little village is evident in this dawn photo of Lake Washington, smooth as glass with Mt. Rainier in all its glory in the background. Enjoy moments of quiet during early morning hours.

-Janice Merrill Brown

UPDATES

Thanks to Janice Merrill Brown for giving us an Update on DADUs and ADUs :The City Planning Department has created a short approval time line for those of you considering ADU (Accessory Dwelling Units) and DADU (Detached Accessory Dwelling Units) projects for homes. This can be an opportunity to expand your network of people who care.

Leschi CC received a Thank You letter from St. Mary's Food Bank for our donation of \$100.

Both Leschi CC and Leschi School sent letters to Denise Juneau, Seattle School Superintendent, for an explanation for the sudden dismissal of former Leschi School principal, Lisa Moland. To date, neither has received a response. We have since sent copies of these letters to our own elected director, Zachary De Wolfe.

We have joined with the group asking for short term parking by the Post Office and have received an email from SDOT with the following plan: "SDOT is working internally and with ZIPCAR to relocate the spaces to an area with a lower loading / parking demand. We are in discussion about redesigning the block to accommodate more loading needs. At this time, we are discussing installing a combination of 2-hour parking spaces, 15-minute loading spaces and 30-minute loading spaces. We think that this combination of parking allocation will serve everyone's needs and make operations of the neighboring businesses smoother."

We voted to donate \$500 to the Tiny House Village project at our October Board meeting and we sent a letter of support for the villages: Most Honorable City Council Members /Elected Representatives, The Leschi Community Council urges the Seattle City Council to support the Tiny House Villages. These houses are inexpensive and easy to build quickly. It would be a great help in alleviating the pain of homelessness. Additionally, the support

services offered help to move residents into more permanent housing as quickly as possible. Given the current economic situation and the lack of emergency financial help from the other Washington, we fear the homelessness is likely to grow. Families cannot meet rents and are forced out. This would exacerbate the situation. Not only are residents having problems making their rent, owners of the properties have mortgages to pay as well. If we act now, it would provide a buffer in these challenging economic times. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

-Compiled by Diane Snell

TWO NEW STREET ENDS NORTH AND SOUTH OF LESCHI!

Two exciting new street end projects are coming to fruition thanks to the hard work of Friends of Street Ends (founded by Leschi residents) and to exception volunteers.

S Massachusetts Street is located just south of the I-90 bridge. It was completely overtaken by private gardens and blackberries and thanks to the leadership of Daniel Collins and Roger Lippman and to the hard work of many volunteers, it is being opened for public use and enjoyment. This is a multi-phase project but this fall, the blackberries and invasive plants and vines are being removed in preparation for Spring plantings.



Aiming for an organic process, we are entering a new phase in the work whereby the site is now visible and could use YOUR design input for future improvements. Among design opportunities, we have: trellising a mature grape vine, location for a bench, and a path to shoreline. We will be staging further work parties, please contact me @360.531.0447.

-Daniel Collins

*Project Lead: Nicoterra Trails,
Pathways to Nature*

FRINK PARK

Two decades, a quick look at the plan for Frink Park

In 1998 to 1999, the Leschi Community Council undertook an ambitious project -- to develop a comprehensive planning document for the future of Frink Park.



E Pine Street is located immediately north of the Madrona Park pump station. It was completely overtaken by gigantic laurel trees and blackberries and thanks to the leadership of Evan Boyd, it is being opened for public access. It turns out there is even a beautiful sandy beach that has been uncovered - who would know!? This is also a long-term project but will expand public use of the shoreline significantly.

Thank you volunteers and activists!

-Karen Daubert

NEW STREET END PARK NEAR I-90 OVERPASS

The re-opening of the Massachusetts street end (just east of Lakeshore Drive) is underway as of October; come down and have a look, it's south of the I-90 overpass. Through the energy of the Friends of Street Ends and Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and also contributions by neighborhood individuals; necessary permits were secured, plans developed, and materials brought to bear on the "jungle" of canes and vines.

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Seven sub-groups worked on each section of the plan, held three public meetings, and circulated and evaluated a written survey to over 1200 neighbors.

Here is the set of principles that guide the future of Frink Park, working in conjunction with the Seattle Parks Department and as stated in the approval decision of the plan by the Seattle Parks Board:

The focus of the Urban Forestry Program is to develop, enhance and preserve the forests of Seattle's Parks and open spaces. Six goals are listed to help define the direction of the Frink Park Forest Plan.

- Assist natural processes: a major focus of this plan is to emulate the natural succession and regeneration that would be expected on an undisturbed site of similar habitat by proposing programs and projects that will promote the transition from deciduous to coniferous forest.
- Promote native character: proposed management activities will emphasize control of non-native species and planting of native species typical to urban forests of the Pacific Northwest.
- Conserve soil and water quality: vegetative cover will be retained and planted to buffer runoff and reduce erosion.
- Protect and enhance wildlife habitat: existing habitats will be managed for a healthy and diverse species composition, as set for in the Urban Wildlife and Habitat Management Plan. Important edges and corridors will be identified and conserved.
- Buffer land uses: trees and shrubs will be planted and/or maintained to screen and separate types of land use.
- Ensure public safety: the health and location of all significant trees will be evaluated. Potential hazards will be identified and mitigated."

The Frink Park Plan was approved on October 11, 2001, and is available to all on the website, "frinkpark.org". More history and status reports will be printed in the Leschi News in coming issues.

*-John Barber, Chair,
Parks and Greenspace Committee*

THE MASON BEE PROJECT

Our years-long mason bee raising project is in danger of being permanently flummoxed by an invasion of fruit flies. This year's crop of cocoons has been devastated. The particular version of fruit fly that attacks the mason bee is the *Cacoxenus indagator*, commonly known in Europe as the Houdini fly. It is the type of parasite designed to reproduce by laying its eggs in the nests of its hosts. In our case of the Houdini fly, the host is the mason bee with its sweet loaf of pollen and nectar, nicely prepared for the mason bee egg. The thieving Houdini fly flies into the hole or tunnel of the mason bee while she is gathering nectar and pollen in preparation for her egg or gathering mud to seal off the nesting cell. Apparently, she is unable to detect the invasion and proceeds to seal up the cell, and so it goes, with the invader's egg developing faster than the mason bee egg and so producing a larva which eats up all the cell's food supply. The mason bee egg then dies. The Houdini fly gets its name from the fact that it performs an interesting escape act in getting out of the mud-sealed cell the next spring. He or she swells its head after chewing a way into the dry mud and so cracks its way out.

These new flies are so prolific in our area now that the Washington Department of Agriculture has issued a pollinator health warning regarding them. We have always followed the suggested parasite suppression measures in harvesting our cocoons, so these invaders are coming from elsewhere, and we can only hope to combat them with some attractant that will be developed to divert them off to their death in a trap. We will then have to begin rebuilding our supply of bees for the native bee pollinator project. Watch this space for news updates. Is it another curve being thrown by global warming? Or, perhaps it is just Nature's way, opportunistically filling every niche with life, playing no favorites.

-Jim Snell

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THURSTON D MUSKELLY

Thurston gives his best to all Leschi Community Council members and neighbors! I had the pleasure of visiting Thurston this month - outside and safely masked - and asked him about his tenure as Presidents of the Community Council, The Central Area Senior Center, and the Central Area Development Association as well as involvement in issues throughout the city for the last five decades.

When asked what are the best things about Leschi, Thurston responded that it is "truly a wonderful community." He went on to explain that it has the best that a community has to offer including caring neighbors, a history of volunteerism and taking on sometimes difficult and controversial projects, and a willingness to listen. When asked if he has any suggestions for current Community Council participants, he recommended working more with the "powers that be" and said that he hopes that more people will become engaged with the community and that they will be willing to work on issues and projects.



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He said that he would love to see the neighborhood become even stronger: “it is already strong, but it could become very strong.”

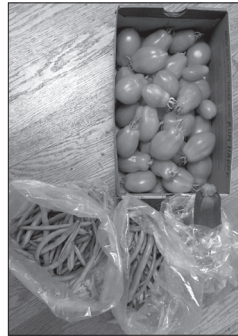
Thurston is currently living at Parkshore in Madison Park and welcomes callers and visitors (in the outside Zen garden).

*-Karen Daubert,
friend, neighbor and fan*

NEIGHBORS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We would like to recognize Leschi residents who are making a difference in the lives of others.

Hope Hensley and David Miles have been taking excess veggies from the Hawkins Pea Patch (on MLK Jr. Way) to St. Mary's Food Bank. Hope estimates they have donated 250 pounds of fresh tomatoes, green beans, cucumbers and the prolific zucchini! What a refreshing addition to canned and packaged food! Thank you!



Janet Oliver and Mike Nelson volunteer at the Rainier Valley Food Bank delivering groceries to shut ins. Every food bank has a list of needy folks who are not able to get to the facility physically; these deliveries are critical. Thank you both for ensuring these folks have nutritious food.

And kudos to Leschi resident Joy Arm who has been sending postcards to low turnout voters in key states urging them to vote! When she reached out to other neighbors for help on NextDoor Leschi, several volunteers quickly offered. Thanks to all!

It does take a village!

-Diane Snell

LESCHI SCHOOL UPDATE

As we close out our second month on online school, our teachers, staff and students continue to do the best they can to support one another. While we have not been able to hold our traditional fall events, the teachers at each grade level have been convening virtual curriculum nights to meet with parents and families. Shout out to Mr. McNew and Mr. Gladney, who have been running the Leschi curbside library every other week.

A big thank you to Bart Evans and the staff at Bluwater Bistro, who have been collecting donations to support our school community since the spring. So far, they have used a portion of these funds to purchase 30 Chromebooks for our students.

These devices will provide an important supplement and backup for students working in places with low-bandwidth connections, and those who have to move between multiple homes or childcare centers.

Our PTA continues to work with the school's family support team to provide food, rent, and utility assistance for families in need as the covid-19 economic crisis continues. We welcome donations and are grateful as always: https://leschies.seattleschools.org/school_involvement/fundraising

-Benson Wilder

LIFE AND TIMES IN LESCHI

Sometime around 1980, My brother Dave came up to visit from San Francisco. We walked to the lake and admired the quaint old houses spread out along the Dell's hillsides that looked down upon the sparkling blue water. “Sausalito del Norte,” he christened it.

An earlier name for our neighborhood was Fleaburg, I learned from Wade Vaughn's Seattle – Leschi Diary. Lake Dell/Alder was known as the Fleaburg trail. It had been an Indian path, and before that probably a deer trail. By the turn of the last century it was a logging road. Trees cut from the hillside were skidded down to a sawmill on the lakeshore. (Not that I was here to observe, mind you.)

Around 1865, the historian Clarence Bagley declared that there were no more fleas here than elsewhere in Seattle. The area eventually got its present name, bestowed on the park by the president of the cable car line, maybe in the 1880s, though Vaughn isn't always clear about chronology. His book is available



in the Seattle Room of the downtown library, checkout not allowed. The first printing, in 1982, was 500 copies, of which I am fortunate to have one.

Speaking of local names - did you ever wonder why three of our streets are named for Great Lakes? That was the doing of Henry Yesler, an early claimant of Indian land, who hailed from Cleveland. In the late 1880s, according to Vaughn, Yesler had title to the most property in Leschi, including a strip of land along Mill Street (later Yesler Way) from the lake up to 30th Avenue that became the corridor for the last stretch of the cable car route from downtown.

The last dribble of Yesler Way, just above the old streetcar bridge over Lake Washington Boulevard, used to be a through street, bending a bit to intersect with East Huron. About 40 years ago, someone who lived near the bottom of Yesler discovered that it wasn't actually a platted road up above. They dumped a big pile of dirt so people couldn't drive through. Gradually the street turned into the forest you see there now, barely passable even by foot.

But when it was easier, I enjoyed walking through there on the quiet back streets, away from the #27 bus crashing its way down the hill with the impact of a 2.0 earthquake. (How did I know that? One time my house on Alder shook as usual but no bus came, and an earthquake of that magnitude was reported in the next day's papers.) Just past where Yesler met Huron, I once struck up a conversation with a woman working in her yard. She grew up in that house, and she told me her parents had been communists. In the early 1940s, Woody Guthrie had been retained by the Bonneville Power Administration to write songs in praise of the Columbia River dams. He wasn't getting it done and needed to focus, so someone arranged for him to be confined to the basement of that house for a month to live up to his contractual obligations. It's quite possible that Roll On, Columbia was written right there in Leschi. (See "Roll on, Columbia" at Wikipedia for other details.)

-Roger Lippman

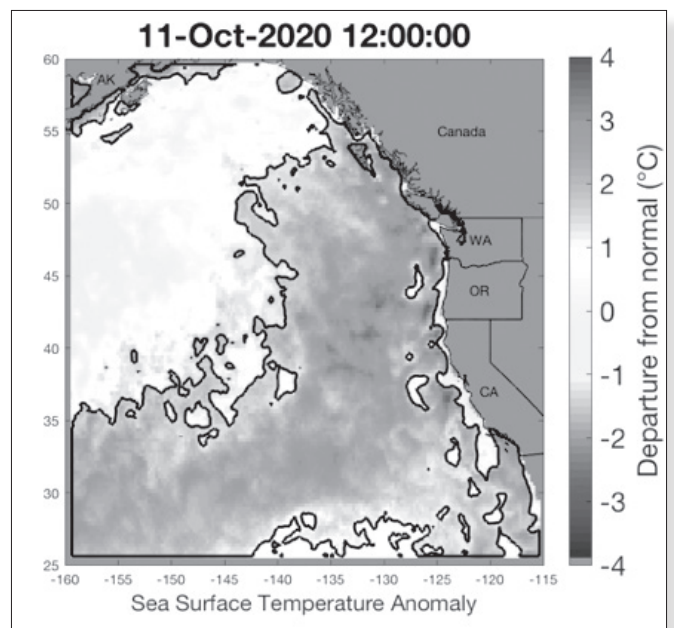
THE BLOB REACHES OUR SHORES

Current sea-surface-temperature (SST) anomalies showing the "Blob" of warm water in the NE Pacific. Above-average SSTs span all the way from Haida Gwaii south to Baja California, and extend well over 1,000 miles offshore. SSTs are as much as 3-4 degrees C (5-7 degrees F) above-average off the WA/OR coasts.

Credit: NOAA/California Current IEA

The "Blob" first entered the Pacific Northwest meteorological lexicon way back in 2014, when UW atmospheric sciences professor and Washington State Climatologist Nick Bond affectionately dubbed the amoebic mass of warm, sterile ocean water in the Northeast Pacific as such. Such oceanic "warm spells" had surely occurred throughout the climate record, but the 2014-2015 event was so anomalous that it needed its own scientific term. And in the spirit of hard-hitting meteorological classics such as "polar vortex and bomb cyclone," the Blob was born.

But the Blob is hardly a beloved Pacific Northwest fixture. During late 2014, the Blob - which had been stationed several hundred miles off the West Coast - began to creep eastward towards our shores. The warm, sterile water associated with the Blob had devastating impacts for marine life. During late 2014, there was a massive die off Cassin's auklets along the Washington/Oregon Coast, which feed on zooplankton and krill and were starved when the warm, nutrient-poor Blob moved into their feeding grounds. In 2015, other organisms throughout the food chain, from sea lions in California to fin whales in the



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Credit: NOAA/California Current IEA

Gulf of Alaska, saw increased mortality rates, and many Puget Sound salmon runs are still recovering from the effects of the 2014-2015 Blob.

The Blob isn't just devastating for marine life. It's devastating for Pacific NW snow lovers as well. The 2014-2015 ski season lasted a measly three weeks for Alpentel just north of Snoqualmie Pass, and it's not like those weeks featured knee-deep pillows of powder!

Since the 2014-2015 "mega-blob," we've seen two other, shallower warm "Blobs" off our coast - one in the summer of 2019 and another that has developed this autumn. However, these shallower blobs have had similarly warm surface temperatures compared to the 2014-2015 Blob, and they've had a similar warming effect on our temperatures. The summer 2019 Blob gave the Pacific Northwest some of its warmest summer overnight low temperatures on record due to higher dewpoints and less overnight cooling for the Pacific NW, and the current Blob has done the same this autumn.

Blob 101

These "Blobs" are formed when a ridge of high pressure moves over the Northeast Pacific. This ridging prevents storms from coming through and mixing the water column, allowing the upper-most levels of the ocean to become stratified between warm, sterile water at the surface and cool, nutrient-rich, acidic water below.

The Blob warms the Pacific Northwest in two primary ways. First, air moving over the Blob is warmed (or cooled less) simply by the warmer-than-average sea-surface-temperatures associated with the Blob. Second, this air picks up more water vapor as it moves over the relatively warm Blob. Water vapor is a powerful greenhouse gas and helps prevent temperatures from falling significantly at night (this is why the tropics are so warm at night!).

This second effect – the added moisture content and stronger greenhouse effect – appears to have a more substantial impact on warming than the first effect – the heat transfer from the Blob to the atmosphere – but there is still research that needs to be done into how big of a contribution each of these variables play.

NOAA Winter Outlook: Too Cool?

NOAA released an updated winter forecast in mid-October, and with the burgeoning La Nina in the tropical Pacific, they are going with a typical La Nina temperature and precipitation distribution, with above-average precipitation and below-average temperatures over the northern tier of the US and warmer-than-average conditions for the southern 2/3rds of the country and East Coast. They appear to have NOT taken the Blob into account with these long-range forecasts.

La Nina tends to bring enhanced troughing to the Pacific NW, with cooler and wetter-than-average weather as a result. Such a pattern would help erode the Blob and give us a much better outlook for mountain snow this winter. The shallow depth of the Blob means that it could mix fairly quickly in spots, but the sheer size means that it the Blob may not dissipate completely until 2021.

Given how warm and expansive the Blob is, I think NOAA's forecasts for the Pacific NW are a little too cool, and I wouldn't be surprised if they bumped their seasonal temperature forecast up a bit during their next update if this Blob persists, even if our current La Nina continues to intensify. For skiers and salmon alike, let's hope this Blob disappears sooner rather than later!

Charlie Phillips is a Madrona resident who received his B.S. in atmospheric sciences from the University of Washington. He works in Portland as a meteorologist. Check out his weather website at Charlie.weather.together.net

RAMPANT VOTER SUPPRESSION

Vote. Vote. Vote blare the internet and commercials: former president Barack Obama, Michelle Obama, former attorney general Eric Holder, entertainers, athletes, ministers tell us to vote; countless e-mails, many from out-of-state, unknown donation-soliciting candidates, encourage us to vote. I need no reminder; I know the value and importance of voting. I have believed in voting since my early teens. No one has to tell or remind me to vote.

What I wish is that more persons were told to check whether they are registered to vote. More importantly, I wish there were more persons telling legislatures to eliminate voter suppression! How different might the 2016 election have been had more than 26% of eligible voters used their constitutionally given right to vote. Voter suppression was certainly not the reason so few persons voted, but it accounts for more missing votes than many citizens would ever guess or consider. The film "Suppressed 2020: The Fight to Vote" says as many as 17,000, 000 persons have been purged from the rolls. The House of Representatives attempted to reduce some of the suppression by passing legislation in December 2019 to restore the pre-clearance requirements the Supreme Court removed from the Voting Rights Act of 1965 in 2013. However, Mitch McConnell has refused to call for a vote on this legislation—as he has done on several other pieces of legislation to strengthen voting rights. This one man has so much power that he can circumvent the will of the House of Representatives, 1/2 of Congress, so much power that he can check one of the three branches of government all by himself! (I realize that the bill might not pass because the Senate would most likely vote along party lines and defeat it, but at least we the people could see how many of our fellow citizens take seriously the idea of one person, one vote!)

Myriad are the ways of voter suppression. States in both the North and South required photo identification, moved ballot boxes and voting centers ended same-day registration, reduced or eliminated early voting, cut the number of days and/or hours of voting, restricted or denied vote by mail, required a witness for an absentee ballot. Add to that the possible intimidation from poll monitors. An excellent source for a record of suppression is Thom Hartmann's *The Hidden History of the War on Voting*. And many states have instituted policies that deter rather than encourage citizens to vote. Georgia purged 300,000+ voters from the rolls. Activist groups attempting to get these people re-registered lost in court. Many individuals will always believe Stacey Abrams won the governorship. In Wisconsin 234,000 voters were purged. Said the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, "Hours after the Supreme Court decision in Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder, Alabama, Mississippi, and Texas implemented laws that had been barred since 1965....Georgia purged 8% of its registered voters ahead of the 2018 midterm election....107,000 people were removed for not voting in previous elections...attempted to block 53,000 registration applications, most... African Americans. Florida restored voting rights to over one million people convicted of felonies once they have completed their sentences." This sounds good until you read the following sentence: "formerly incarcerated persons [must] pay all fees and fines as a condition to having their votes restored." As many as "775,000 felons will not be able to vote if they have not paid back all fines, fees, and restitution," said the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. Now that Michael Bloomberg, LeBron James, and other athletes and entertainers have raised money to pay the fees, the state is working to prevent that action by arguing giving "incentives" to vote is illegal. Wisconsin's



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Republican secretary of state refused to switch to mail-in votes and required voters to expose themselves to coronavirus-19. Texas, too, has made securing a mail-in vote a terrible headache.

Mother Jones says Texas is one of ten states with no online voting. Furthermore, “Anyone who wants to sign up voters must be deputized by each county they work in, every two years. Texas has an estimated 5.5 million unregistered but eligible voters—more people than the individual populations of 28 other states. The majority of them, according to the Texas Democratic Party, are young, people of color, or both, who would likely favor Democrats if they voted...” Texas limits mail-in voting for those under 65 to people who are out of town during the election, in jail, or have a “sickness or physical condition” that prevents them from going to the polls. Meanwhile, any voter 65 or older—the strongest age demographic for Donald Trump in 2016—can request an absentee ballot with no questions asked.”

Our civic and American history classes teach us the value of voting. In 1973 Paul Weyrich, a founder of the Heritage Foundation, said, “I don’t want everybody to vote. Elections are not won by a majority of the people. They never have been from the beginning of our country and they are not now. As a matter of fact, our leverage in the elections quite candidly goes up as the voting populace goes down.”

We the people should speak and show Weyrich and friends there is no place for his want because we sincerely want a great America.

Georgia S. McDade, a charter member of the African American Writers’ Alliance, began reading her stories in public in 1991 and credits the group with making her write poetry. Many poems are inspired by artists. Georgia writes for South Seattle Emerald and Leschinews. She also does interviews for KVRU (105.7) and KBCS (107.3). Outside the Cave is the name of four volumes of poetry; Observation and Revelations: Stories, Sketches, and Essays is the name of her volume of prose.

Culture Corner

STEVEN HOLL: MAKING ARCHITECTURE. BELLEVUE ARTS MUSEUM

Steven Holl, named by Time magazine in 2001 as “America’s best architect”, grew up in Bremerton where he first encountered three-dimensional design as a teenager, in his father’s sheet metal workshop. It may seem a long stretch from fabricating ductwork to creating “buildings that satisfy the spirit as well as the eye”, as Time asserted but an early life on the Puget Sound, including architectural education at the University of Washington prepared him for his creative career.

“Steven Holl: Making Architecture” at the Bellevue Art Museum was open for three weeks of its six scheduled months, but many architecture enthusiasts failed to catch it.

Fortunately, Seattleites can still make up for the disappointment by communing with Holl’s two outstanding buildings in our area. The award-winning Chapel of St. Ignatius at Seattle University, 1997, only a few steps from Madison Street, offers an architectural experience worth frequently reliving. The simple exterior form, seen across a reflecting pool, stands out among other buildings on the campus. The sculptural elements on the roof reveal their purpose as devices admitting light from the sky to the spaces below. Holl conceived the interior by responding to St. Ignatius’s vision of the inner spiritual life. Creating a sequence of seven subtly modulated spaces infused with colored light, he evoked different parts of Jesuit Catholic worship. Luminescent rays penetrate through stained glass to combine with light reflected off painted surfaces.

The Bellevue Arts Museum, 2011, an irregular volume carved out of a cubic form, enlivens the commercial townscape and invites us in. The stepped ramp inside illustrates the French modernist Le Corbusier’s concept of a promenade architecturale curving through the lofty atrium. It carries us first to a stage where performances often take place and on to upper galleries of diverse character, one with soft, even light entering from the north, another responds vibrantly to the arc of the sun at our 48° north latitude; a third, lit by east-west skylights reflects “fragmented time”. Outdoor terraces named by Holl as the “Right Hand Rule Terrace”, the Terrace of Planetary Motion”, the “Court of Light”, the “Chromatic Terrace”,

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Steven Holl, *Chapel of Saint Ignatius Seattle University*.
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Steven Holl, *Chapel of Saint Ignatius, Interior*,
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the “Court of Water” and the “Terrace of Wind and Shadow” show that the architect demands eloquence from the structural elements that define space.

When we visit these two buildings, we will not be surprised that Steven Holl rejects the use of computer graphics, the almost universal tool of today’s architects. As the exhibition vividly reveals, watercolor drawings, followed by models serve as his means of exploring design concepts and bringing them through many evolutions to realization. His worldwide reputation, international practice, and prestigious awards prove that his traditional approach triumphs; he is no luddite, but a leader in his field. This exhibition originated in New Paltz, New York and will travel to Korea, China and Japan.

The show includes sixty projects world-wide, most of which exhibit Holl’s characteristic drama with space, light and structure, but on a larger scale than the two buildings described. The University of Iowa Visual Arts Building of 2016, like the Bellevue Museum, appears to have begun with a rectilinear volume from which voids have been carved. Elements project forcefully outwards, fragmenting the structure and allowing light to penetrate interior spaces from many directions. The design invites maximum interaction between departments. Curvaceous walkways, staircases and balconies intersect and collide as they encircle the central atrium. Classrooms, studios, the library, art gallery and social spaces assert their own individuality.

The Lewis Center for the Arts at Princeton further deconstructs the box, pulling its components, further apart and adding a cylindrical volume as well as a large reflecting pool. Designed for theater, dance and drama, it provides visual variety and spatial complexity.

Compared with the two university arts buildings in this country, Holl’s projects for the arts in China and Japan confront us with more daring originality. Notably, the Sifang Art Museum at Nanjing, China 2013 consists of flexible exhibition space in a translucent tube, which makes three turns as it hovers in the air high above the concrete base. It gives spectacular views of Nanjing

from this elevated vantage point, often across a misty landscape evoking Chinese paintings. The lower area elegantly provides for other museum functions. Would any American Museum client be so audacious?

If you missed the show in Bellevue, and, after visiting the chapel and the museum, you want visit Steven Holl’s work, at his website www.stevenholl.com.

Henry C. Matthews Architectural Historian Professor Emeritus, Washington State University. His most recent book is *Greek Cities of Sicily: History, Archaeology, Architecture* available from the author at henry@henrymatthews.com or online.

AND THEN THERE IS FAKE ARCHITECTURE

Roger Lippman sent us this pockmarked photo with this caption: *Contemporary Leschi architecture: Mustard plaster with white measles.*





Seeking Sustenance...

GOBBLE IT UP!

The table is set, candles lit. The kids are seated and Dad has his mustard at the ready. Scents of green bean casserole, cranberries, sweet potatoes, and stuffing permeate the air complementing the perfectly carved turkey that spent the last few hours in the oven. Is there truly a wine that can handle this meal?

Thanksgiving is going to look a lot different this year than any other, that we know. We also know that, no matter what, we owe it to ourselves to at least drink good wine! Here are a few quick tips and suggestions to guide you in pairing the perfect wine to go with your feast.

Generally speaking, I always like to recommend that you drink what you like. If you are strictly a white wine person, let's find a great white. Only satiated by reds? No problem. Once these parameters are set, you are ready to delve into the task of matching a wine to go with the food at hand. Match acidic foods with acidic wines, creamier and richer foods with weightier and richer wines. This is true for whites and reds alike. Also, don't forget a dry finishing rosé can be quite a tasty treat with dinner too. Now, speaking of that dinner...

Thanksgiving dinner typically offers a vast range of light to rich dishes. Finding wines to complement both can be tough, but not impossible. If white wine is your fancy, Chablis, Pinot Gris, and Chardonnay will be your best options. All are great because neither is heavy or sweet but have enough "oomph" to carry the meal. Chablis (a northern Burgundy) is crisp, lean, and loaded with an unmistakable minerality and complexity. Pinot Gris, especially those from Oregon, tend to exude a touch of creaminess while maintaining crispness and finishing dry. Chardonnays with a little bit of oak will enhance buttery and roasted notes, making the mashed potatoes and basted turkey scream for another glass!

Reds more your style? Your options here include the light to medium bodied Pinot Noir, Burgundy, and Beaujolais. Pinot Noirs are great matches for lighter, leaner fare like turkey, and tend to have more of an earthy-mushroomy characteristic perfect for roasted root vegetables or that Sherry-Mushroom bisque. Red Burgundy is primarily made from pinot noir grapes, exhibiting solid raspberry

and strawberry notes with great balance and complexity. (Pass the cranberries please!) They also tend to be a bit more elegant than our domestic counterpart. Beaujolais (technically the southern region of Burgundy) is made from gamay grapes. They offer a light and refreshing more fruit forward style. (Just in time too, keep in mind that Beaujolais Nouveau Day is November 19th this year!) These three red wines, by and large, are higher in acid and lower in tannin, creating perfectly balanced wines for food.

Save room for dessert! Finish dinner off with a Sauterne or Port. Both can pair well with the tartness of a freshly baked apple pie or the spiciness of pumpkin chiffon pie. (Don't forget a scoop of French vanilla ice cream too!)

ENJOY! CHEERS!

Chablis:	2018 Gautheron Chablis \$26
Pinot Gris:	2018 Leschi Cellars, Willamette Valley, \$15
Chardonnay:	2019 Lamblin Bourgogne Blanc \$14
Pinot Noir:	2017 Brick House Estate, Willamette Valley, \$30
Burgundy:	2018 Sarrazin Bourgogne Rouge \$23
Beaujolais:	2018 Marcel Lapierre Raisins Galouis \$15
Rosé:	2019 Domaine Petit Romain \$13
Dessert:	NV Ramos Pinto Tawny \$15

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 monthly column is intended to inspire and explore new choices in wine, learn about wine with his readers, and share his knowledge and experience in the wine world. Check out the latest at www.LeschiMart.com or to request to be added to email updates at wine@leschimarket.com



...in the Wilds of Seattle

ALL MOGHUL & NO CHAPATI?

Preparations for outdoor winter dining are proceeding all over Seattle.

Leschi's uphill neighbors in Madrona woke up recently to find the Moghuls had moved in and pitched their crimson pavilions outside Red Cow at 34th & Union.

Coincidentally, your correspondent's partner's book club is currently reading *Far Pavilions* by MM Kaye.



The pavilions may now be less far, but the menu remains unchanged. Cows are holy to Hindus, but the Moghuls were Muslim, so anyone still wishing to eat bovine bites - red raw to match the canvas decor? - can still do so. And there's more: they now have an extra layer of protection, not only from COVID, but also from the #2 bus.

-Malcolm Harker

LESCHI MARKET

RealClearPolitics, one of my MustReadDaily political websites, recently included an article by Madrona's own Danny Westneat of the Seattle Times. For those of you who missed it, here's his nationally syndicated tribute to Steve Shulman:

Recently I stopped by Seattle's Leschi Market, where the owner Steve Shulman died from the coronavirus in March. His nephew Yousef, who's running the store, said it's wrenching because they still haven't been able to hold a funeral or memorial service.

What about outside, in the park next door, I suggested. But Yousef said a 1,000-plus people would likely want to come, potentially endangering themselves and the wider community. So he said he feels an obligation to wait, probably until at least summer 2021.

The article was headlined: "You didn't really think Trump would change after getting COVID, did you?"

Neither I suspect did any of us really think that our local institution, Leschi Market, and it's late owner Steve Shulman would become ReallyClearlyPolitical.

Anyone who missed the article can find it here:

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/you-didnt-really-think-hed-change-after-getting-covid-did-you/>

-Malcolm Harker

MT. BAKER RIDGE RESTAURANTS CONTINUE TO STAY CREATIVELY OPEN!

In a City where restaurant enjoyment is down by up to 50%, we are thrilled that our local restaurants are still serving excellent food! We encourage residents to support their local restaurants, stores, and shops. Mt. Baker Ridge restaurants include:

That's Amore - interior now includes beautiful drapery separating tables and is completely renovated with delicious menu!

Iconiq - continues superb locally sourced three course take-out menu and now includes limited seating inside!

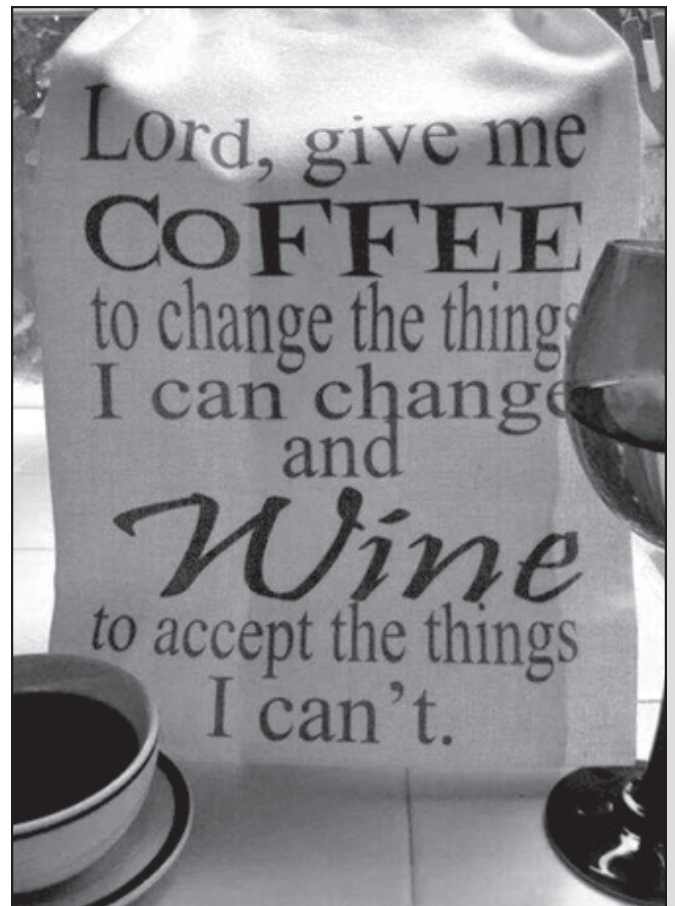
Heyday - outside seating, spaced inside seating, weekly drink specials for take-out, and superb brussels sprouts to accompany salads and burgers!

Golden Bakery - inside and outside seating along with breakfast and lunch items QED - easy online ordering for delicious coffee throughout the day, pastries and now sandwiches!

-Karen Daubert

ALERT!

Leschi Market will be doing their magic with turkeys again this year so don't dither! Order early!



LESCHI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

LCC BOARD MEETING 10.12.20

Attending by Zoom: Janice Merrill Brown, Trevor Lalish-Menagh, Diane Snell, Janet Oliver, John Barber, Tracy Bier

Janet: submitted financial report and spoke to the huge increase in SDOT fee for the Brenton Memorial. It has more than doubled (\$170 compared to \$76 last year) when SDOT does nothing but send an annual invoice.

Janet said she had found out that Zoom could have a co-host; this would allow a speaker to show a Power Point and still allow a Board member to keep an eye on folks in the waiting room to let them into the meeting. This solves last month's dilemma.

Trevor: Trevor suggested that we donate \$500 to LIHI for the Tiny House Villages. The CANDC group (Central Area Neighborhood District Council) sent a letter of support for the group to the City Council and Mayor which we should also do but donate as well. Diane to pull a letter together for Janice to sign. Vote to donate was unanimous by the 4 Board members who had already signed in.

Janice: She has found a speaker who works for the Health Department and speaks at Senior Centers to present at our November meeting. She will forward name to Diane for the newsletter. She suggested that we invite Dian Ferguson to speak on the transfer of the property to the Center and what steps are next. Agreement by Board members.

Discussion of what could be done in lieu of our usual Holiday get-together. Despite the creative ideas submitted, no decision will be made until our November meeting. We will ask readers to Save the Date.

Union USPS parking: we had been contacted by a group that is working with SDOT to get 2 parking spots on the south side of Union be designated as 15-minute spots to allow access to post office customers. Board members indicated that parking was scarce around that area and this would be a good idea. Diane will contact the group to see how we can help.

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Flo Ware Park			\$686.53
Friends of Powell Barnett			\$1,068.06
Friends of Street Ends	\$1,550.00		\$2,435.59
Frink Park			\$2,067.60
King Street			\$1270.00
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Leschi Natural Area	\$750.00		\$5,595.39
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String of Pearls			\$2,130.38
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John: SDOT and dangerous traffic areas: this is being tabled till November as John was not able to speak to SDOT due to the Indigenous People's Day holiday.

Diane: November deadline Oct. 19: contributors have been asked to adhere to the 750 word limit and if submitting more than one photo, to designate order of preference for newsletter. There is not always room for numerous photos.

STAR awards: How, when, where? The restrictions on gathering make it difficult to bestow the awards. Our liaison with the school, Benson Wilder, is checking with the principal to see if we could meet outside to accomplish presenting the Star awards for winners at the school. No decisions made at this meeting.

-Respectfully submitted by Diane Snell

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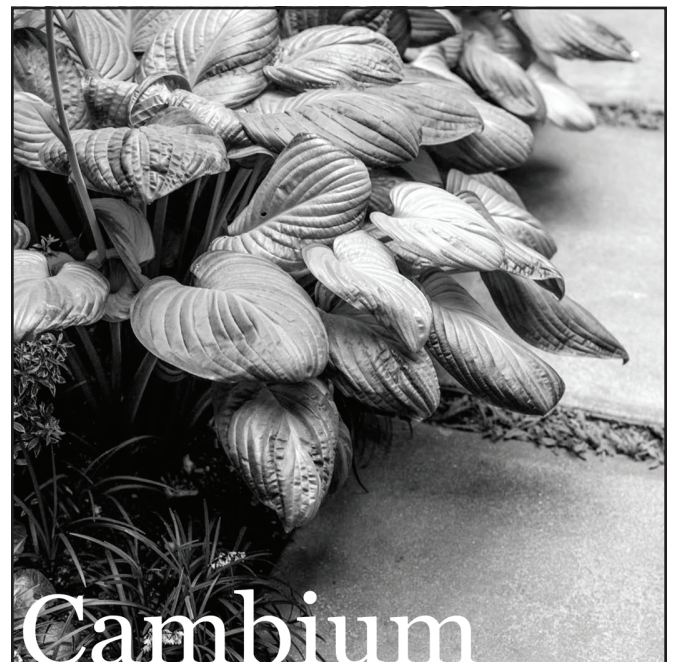
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