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## KEEPING SAFE

The pandemic has us getting vaccinated and wearing masks to boost our personal sense of security, but there are still pesky irritants trying to threaten our home security. We have invited Joseph Elenbaas, our Community Crime Coordinator, back for a refresher course on home security. He has good tips and even offers a personal assessment of your home.

**We will hold this meeting by Zoom on September 8 at 7pm.**

**ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS ARE ON THE INSIDE BACK COVER.**

**(PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS ONE WEEK LATER THAN OUR USUAL MONTHLY MEETING)**

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THE DATE**

**OCTOBER 6, 7PM**

***Candidate Forum!***

# President's Message

My fellow Leschi residents,

What a summer we have had. This is only the 2nd summer I can remember in the 25+ years I have been back in this area, where we have had a spectacular summer like this one.

As a prelude to our upcoming year, we have assembled quite a team of accomplished, active, eager and intelligent Board Members. We have expanded and now have a Communications Chair, who along with Diane Snell at the helm of the newsletter, plan to have seamless flow to our information.

Lawrence Pitre is our new Secretary; Ashley Martin is Communications Director; and Matthias Linnenkamp is our newly elected Treasurer. A special thanks to Janet Oliver for organizing the accounting in a succinct manner.

While we look forward to meeting again in person at the CASC at our October meeting, which will be a panel of Mayoral and City Attorney candidates, our September meeting will be held via Zoom.

In September, Joseph Elenbaas from the Seattle Police Department will be advising us on best safety practices.

Also, the Halloween Spooktacular is on hiatus again this year. Who thought we would be canceling another ghosts and goblins event?

Remember, September 8th is our Zoom meeting at 7:00p. Because the first Wednesday of the month is the 1st and Labor Day is late this year, we moved it to the 2nd Wednesday for this month only.

We are excited to welcome all of you back and invite you to participate in our activities. I ask you to continue reaching out to your neighbors to see if they need assistance or just a friendly greeting.

Warm regards,

*-Janice Merrill Brown  
President, LCC*

*"The best way to predict the future is to invent it."*

*-Frank Maguire*



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Hi Neighbors,



My wife Fiona and I have lived in Leschi for over 20 years.

We love the history, the strong sense of community and the multi-generational families who've lived here for decades.

If you'd like to discuss current market trends and how I can help you obtain top dollar for your home or find the one you're looking for please reach out. I'd love to help.

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# Code Red for Humanity?

## WE LIVE IN PERILOUS TIMES

Wow! What a Summer! I have to confess that I once thought (fleetinglly) that a tiny bit of global warming for the northwest might not be so bad, but then visions of polar bears stranded on tiny floes of ice and the predictions of doom for the Emperor Penguin brought me back to my senses. Reality hit me when we experienced the heat dome; the fatality figures were shocking.

We kept doors and windows closed and tried to drink lots of water, knowing that our sense of thirst has diminished with age. By afternoon, we flaked out on the bed without even the energy to read. It reminded me of looking up through the trees in Costa Rica and seeing giant sloths draped over large tree limbs. That was us...giant sloths in survival mode.

So, NO! I don't want global warming but despite the persistent Greta Thunberg, I see no action in the other Washington. The pampered, low-taxed elites seem to have no concern for those who will bear the brunt of global warming first, but even their wealth will not protect them and their offspring forever.

I know I'm sounding negative, but I've long felt that humankind has its own built-in destruct mechanism with our propensity for war. (Where is the Secretary of Peace? We never got that position.) There is a stubborn unwillingness to consider the community as a whole. Witness the grumbling over the cost of the infrastructure bill. But we have put nothing into infrastructure for the past two decades! I bet the naysayers replaced their roof or fixed their cracked driveway over the last 20 years. I felt if each state had been asked to submit the cost of rebuilding their aging bridges had been publicized, the actual cost would exceed what is in the bill right now. This is one of those tiny band aids trying to cover a gaping wound. At least I think (grimly) that the naysayers must drive over the same suspect bridges that we do.

Economist Paul Krugman discusses Biden's push for climate-friendly public investment in the NY Times, August

18, 2021. "This push is taking place against a background of unprecedented heat waves, huge forest fires, severe drought in some places and catastrophic flooding in others—phenomena that scientists warned would become more common as the planet gets hotter."

Krugman feels that some of the loudest climate change deniers have toned down their rhetoric. He mentions that Oklahoma Senator James Inhofe who wrote "The Greatest Hoax: How the Global Warming Conspiracy Threatens Your Future" in 2012; apparently, he is now denying that he ever called climate change a hoax. One wonders who wrote this 2012 book?

Even if the naysayers are taking a less strident position, they lack the will to vote for any infrastructure that would at least put us on the path to make positive change. It is just too expensive, they whine. It seems like the cost should be one of the lesser complaints when we face extinction.

I tend to think it's the lure of the fossil fuel donations that keep the naysayers from making sensible decisions. Krugman thinks it's more than that: "...there's a sense on the right that real men disdain renewable energy and love burning fossil fuels." One wishes that "real men" would just go back to not eating quiche.

*-Diane Snell*

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*-Mahatma Gandhi*



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# Neighborhood and Beyond

## LESCHI CC SEPTEMBER MEETING

In response to the numerous community concerns about crime ranging from pricey catalytic converter thefts to the loss of a flowerpot from one's porch, the LCC Board decided to invite Joseph Elenbaas, our Community Crime Prevention officer, to speak to us about steps we can take to ensure safety at our homes. He is willing to come to your home and make a safety assessment for you! This is a Zoom meeting; the instructions are on inside back page. Send your questions for Joseph to [leschinews@comcast.net](mailto:leschinews@comcast.net).

We know that even with ideal staffing of police, there is no way we can have an officer on each street every night to watch for the converter thefts, but what is happening? We are assured by the City Council that staffing funds for police have not been cut. The problem is that the police are understaffed due to retirements and officers leaving the force for other reasons. We have been warned about the retirement issue for several years and the city has beefed up attempts to entice more applicants but there is a rigorous selection process and training before hitting the streets. Save these concerns for our candidate forum as we will have both Mayoral and City Council candidates.

## LESCHI COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION

We held our long-postponed election in June at a Zoom meeting, and we have two returning officers and two new officers. Here are the results:

### LCC President

Janice Merrill Brown has returned to us for her second term as President. She will continue to communicate with the community in her monthly message.

*As an 18-year resident of Leschi, I love giving back by serving on the Board of the LCC. I am a long-time real estate broker and am a Commercial Director with my company, Keller Williams. There I have both residential and commercial real estate teams.*

*Additionally, I have a book publishing company, Blue Feather Press, and a consulting/project management firm, Consequential Solutions. Multiple ventures afford my creativity to flourish, as I have many different business interests. The Village of Leschi is where my heart is—our unique community.*



### LCC Vice-President

Trevor Lalish-Menagh has also returned as Vice-President.

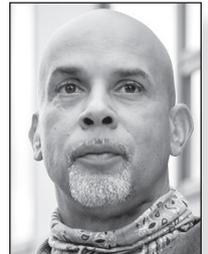
*My name is Trevor Menagh (pronounced men-ahh, like Amen backwards). I moved to Leschi and Seattle seven years ago from Philadelphia with my wife Signe and two children Orson (9) and Eowyn (7, pronounced A-O-win). We were fortunate enough to find a wonderful house here in Leschi three blocks away from my brother-in-law and his family. I am passionate about education and leveraging our power as a community to bring about positive change to our kids and our public spaces. Leschi is a diverse community, one of the most diverse in the city, and we have an opportunity to bring people together here to make a difference in our community and the city as a whole.*



### LCC Secretary

New this year to LCC is Lawrence Pitre who has been elected Secretary replacing outgoing Diane Snell, who served two terms and an extra year.

Lawrence was born and still lives in the Central Area of Seattle. Just as other children growing up, he was looking for an identity and visual art became that mystical vehicle. After receiving his AA Degree, Lawrence transferred to the University of Washington into the School of Art where he began to cultivate his artistic talents under the direction of the renowned artist Jacob Lawrence. Upon completion of his BA in Fine Arts, Lawrence quickly learned that self-expression was a key to creative cultivation. So, in the fall of 2015 he enrolled in the Master of Fine Arts Leadership Program which he graduated from in June 2017 at Seattle University. Currently Lawrence works as a commissioned artist, President of the Central Area Chamber and is actively involved in community service.



### LCC Treasurer

Matthias Linnenkamp will serve as our new treasurer, replacing Janet Oliver who served two terms.

Matthias grew up in Germany and came to the US in the late nineties, initially living in the San Francisco Bay Area. The first weeks he spent at a hotel. This is where he encountered cable TV. He decided then that he would never have TV at his house and instead spend time exploring his new surroundings. He's



never looked back since. He enjoys spending time in nature, on a sailboat, on his bike, going on trips near and far, and meeting up with friends. He also likes to nerd out about politics, economics, data, and philosophy. For work, he's been helping companies large and small build better processes and management practices. He will not say which school he went to and which degrees he holds as his personal, small contribution to combating credentialism.

When he and his fiancée looked for a place to rent or purchase in Seattle in 2013, they stumbled upon a house in Leschi. Getting to know their neighborhood and neighbors they quickly realized what a special place they had found. Leschi felt like a village where people know each other and care about the community. Add to that its privileged location, the parks, and the best small grocery store in Seattle, and it's hard to see why you would ever want to move! However, a community is ultimately what you make it. Being involved with the Leschi Community Council, Matthias hopes to be able to work with his neighbors to keep Leschi a vibrant and beautiful place to live.

### LCC Communications Chair

And we have a new committee for Communications. This position should help to solve some ongoing issues with the website. Readers have been encouraged to respond but we on the Board have not been able to access those comments. This position would include communication with our various domain and website hosts. Ashley Martin has been appointed to that committee by President Janice Brown.

*I first moved to Seattle to attend college. My parents had a bet that I wouldn't survive the rain, but I loved it! After college I lived on the East Coast, then Spain (happily with a lot of traveling), then Las Vegas to start a career in e-commerce, but I always felt drawn back to the Pacific Northwest. It's been a wonderful experience to move back to Seattle as an adult and I feel especially lucky to have landed in Leschi. I love this neighborhood and community. I've joined the Leschi Community Council to help support and strengthen our community and causes.*



Congratulations to all and a big thank you for stepping forward to work for your community!

-Diane Snell

### HONORARY AWARD FOR TEACHING LEADERSHIP

Leschi resident P. Dee Boersma, professor of biology, Wadsworth Endowed Chair in Conservation Science, and director of the Center for Ecosystem Sentinels, has been elected as a 2021 fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences. Boersma has studied the health, behavior and ecological dynamics of South American penguins for nearly four decades—particularly Magellanic penguins in Argentina and Galapagos penguins in Ecuador—and advocates for penguins as indicators of ocean health.

-From UW publication on Arts & Science

### OCTOBER: CANDIDATE FORUM

Here is our chance to meet the two top primary candidates for the top four positions in Seattle: Mayor, City Council Positions 8 & 9, and the City Attorney. We have had positive responses from all but one candidate at the time of our LeschiNews deadline. We are hoping to hear from that last candidate and have a full house for you to meet and know what their agendas might be. October 6 at 7pm. By Zoom. Send questions for candidates to [leschinews@comcast.net](mailto:leschinews@comcast.net).

### COMMUNITY MATCHING FUNDS

Do you and/or your neighbors have a project in mind that would benefit the community? The city of Seattle approves "community matching funds" twice a year for projects that are for public use and that are put together by the community. These can be physical projects, like a playground or picnic area, park improvements, murals, historic preservation or events or community services that enhance livability. Another requirement is that they are led by people in the community, ideally with broad input from the community and that executing the project itself helps to build community. The Leschi Community Council is happy to facilitate executing such a project. We can help you develop the project, help you reach out across the Leschi community, put you in touch with City resources and manage fund disbursement. Fund disbursement must be administered through a 501c3 organization, which the

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Leschi Community Council is, and we've done so for many community projects in the past. Contact us if you have an idea for a project that you feel strongly about and that may qualify: [leschinews@comcast.net](mailto:leschinews@comcast.net)

*-Matthias Linnenkamp*

## LESCHI LAKEFRONT

The Leschi Community Council has molded the shore area of Lake Washington over the years to better suit the community and all who visit here.

North of the business area, the Leschi Community Council initiated the development of a wide sidewalk along the Boulevard (at first it was proposed as a bicycle trail) and the construction of a fishing pier, using a share of the Forward Thrust Funds that were approved by the King County voters in 1970. When the Parks Department wanted to build a seawall, the Community Council campaigned to have two openings in the seawall for beaches. In 2006 the shore area was re-landscaped with native plants through a neighborhood planning process. Further north, near the Dance Studio, a children's play beach was installed as a joint project of the Madrona Community Council and the Leschi Community Council.

South of the Lakeside Business Area, volunteers from the neighborhood built a floating dock next to the Yesler Dock for the purpose of launching canoes and kayaks. A kayak storing rack was installed next to it. Lately, the Police Patrol uses it, but it is still a public dock for sunbathing and small boats. South of Leschi Park are a series of streets that dead end at the Lake. Four of them were converted into public shore areas called "street ends" (S King St., S Dearborn St., S Charles St. and S Norman St. in 1993). Later, in 2002, the Leschi Community Council partnered with the Mt Baker Community Council to develop the S Judkins street end as a public area. Volunteers from the neighborhood supported by the Leschi Community Council continue to maintain these street ends.

Planned for the near future is a public access dock at the South Leschi Moorage.

*-John Barber*

## THE LESCHI STREET BEAT

### Friends of Street Ends Update on Massachusetts Street @ Lake Washington

Well, the fall is nearly upon us and it's time for an update on our Friends of Street Ends (FOSE) project here in Leschi-Mt Baker. For background, FOSE (with support of SDOT) is opening up a new "street end" park at the eastern end of Massachusetts Street. FOSE, which is working on reclaiming dozens of the 140-odd sites in Seattle, was founded by our own Karen Daubert. Daniel Collins is our team leader on the Massachusetts Street Project.

At Street End "#50" we are reclaiming and opening up a public street end that terminates on Lake Washington waterfront. This will allow public access to the lake for kayak



launching, picnicking, and gathering, all with a prime view of Mt Rainier. Photos taken this week show how much progress has been made to remove heavy overgrowth and to shape a trail to the waterfront. All site work has been done by volunteers!

We can use your help in three ways:

1. Walk or drive down to the park. There is parking for three cars, and we will have some chairs for your enjoyment in place. Check it out!
2. Volunteer to help during our next work party by contacting [dmcollins1961@gmail.com](mailto:dmcollins1961@gmail.com).
3. When visiting, please respect the private property owner's space—especially on south side. Please do not go around the wire fence or walk on the concrete dock to the south.

We hope to see you at our next work party!

*-Daniel V. Byrne, PE*

## HEAT DOME CONUNDRUM: WHAT HELPS? WHAT MAKES THINGS WORSE?

Heat pumps have become a thing, since we've learned what it's like to live in Phoenix, AZ. Maybe we should have endless vote recounts too?

But how does a heat pump work? If we use electricity to pump heat out of our houses into the street, aren't we making the neighborhood warmer? If the heat is pumped with electricity, won't we mince more salmon in the water turbines? But if we turn off the turbines to save the salmon for the Orca to eat, will they become heat pumps?

Electric cars are another thing. A neighbor's house just sold for over \$800 per square foot—maybe it was because they'd installed solar panels and a Tesla charging station?

So now we can all become carbon neutral while simultaneously become less neutral about pretty much everything else.

All we have to do is pay an extra \$200 per square foot for our houses.

Well, at least the realtors will be happy.

*-Malcolm Harker*

## LIFE AND TIMES IN LESCHI

When this publication left off for summer break, I related how I had bought a house on Lake Washington Boulevard in 1987. This area had originally been developed in the late 1910s and early '20s. Prior to the city's comprehensive zoning plan of 1923, there were no limitations on how many structures could be built on a lot in this neighborhood.

In the mid-teens, people built small cottages at the back of several parcels on my block. Subsequently, on three of those, they built full-size houses in front of the cottages. My house was built in 1923, just in time to beat the restriction. The one to the south of me missed the zoning deadline, so in lieu of adding a second house, someone eventually expanded that cottage, preserving a nice front-yard forest just outside my windows.

When I moved in, the block was racially mixed, including several African American families a generation older than me who had lived there for many years. I became friendly with the elderly couple with the forest next door. (By "elderly," I mean somewhat younger than I am now.) For a few years I would chat over the fence with the husband, a retired Boeing technician. He and his wife were the first Black people on the block, having bought their house from its original owners, around 1960. When his family moved in, he told me, the old white guy who was the original owner of my house took one look at him and put the house up for sale the next day. Then my neighbor looked at me and said, "Now, you wouldn't do that, would you?" It was as if, after several years, I had just discovered that he was Black.

My future house was soon sold to a contemporary of my neighbor, also a Black Boeing worker, who sold it to me nearly 30 years later, after his wife had died and he retired to Southern California.

I had hoped that living in an area already fully built out would insulate me from the traumatic landscaping I had lived through in Lake Dell. But didn't quite turn out that way. Around the time I moved in, big-box houses were built below me, on Lakeside, in front of some of my lake view. One of those houses, 3000 square feet, has been owned by a Seattle Sonics player, who lived there alone, and, later, a former Husky football star (also alone) who by then had been signed by the Oakland Raiders.

This overgrowth encouraged me to add a story to my one-floor bungalow to regain part of the view. I started on it once I was settled in the house, and I occupied the upstairs seven years later, after lots of off-and-on due to my extensive travel for work.

While working in the old, unfinished attic, I found a little treasure: a cardboard cap from an ancient Leschi Dairy milk bottle, pictured here. This must have been from the 1920s, since old records show that the dairy had moved (keeping its name) to Kirkland by 1927, when it won some kind of honor there.



Meanwhile, my friend next door died, and after a while his widow sold the place, which was pretty much a tear-down, to developers. Eventually the house was demolished, and the trees along with it. One day during construction of its replacement, the neighbor across the street came out at noontime, hung over and still in his bathrobe. Upset that the new house would block his view, he began yelling at the workers high up on the house that they should come down and he would kick their butts. Though heavily armed with carpentry tools, they declined his invitation.

The new house has a nice view of Mt. Rainier—formerly my view. It was completed at the beginning of the economic collapse of 2008, so it ended up selling for a few hundred thousand dollars less than the asking price.

-Roger Lippman

*The author writes monthly about Leschi history and his experiences over his 45 years in the neighborhood.*

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## GROWING UP IN LESCHI

Leschi resident Gregory Johnson shares his growing up experience for the younger generation, but I am sure that many of us older residents will find much that is similar no matter where you grew up!

I grew up in the Central District, Seattle. On 29th and Lane St. (one block south of Jackson St.), Edwina Fair, Elenor Eichelberger and Judy Bentley were my sitters. My five brothers and sisters also played with us, they taught me to ride a bike, swim and play musical instruments when available. We built forts in the Leschi woods, played football at the army camp (now Powell-Barnett Park), which used to be the national guard marching grounds. We watched the circus elephants when they were kept at 28th & Lane Street before they built the “new houses”. We watched the rodeos at the Seattle University stadium on 14th and Jefferson St.

Sneaking into theaters like the Embassy (Triple Door) for free movies was fun. The “drug epidemic” started. Nonetheless, we were tight knit in our communities. The addicts/lost souls were still respectful to the elders. I can still name all the families in the hood. Parents were OUR parents, and all friends were your brothers and sisters. When we went outside to play, we got dirty!

We ate bologna (cold or fried), peanut butter & jelly, grilled cheese sandwiches, pork-n-beans & hot dogs, pots of pinto beans, black eyed peas, collards, mustard & turnip greens, and all we drank was Kool-Aid. We had home cooked dinners every night. Not forgetting the summer swimming at Collins play field wading pool or walking to Madrona or Mt. Baker beaches.

Our parents or grandparents screamed our names from the window to come and turn the channel on the TV or bring them a glass of ice water. My mother would stand on the back porch and blow on her police whistle when it was time to come in for lunch!

We listened to KYAC and KFOX “master mix,” all those live Seattle Stations. We watched the grown-ups Cha Cha and slow dancin’ while we danced to Jackie Wilson, Motown or the Philadelphia sound until along came Jimi Hendrix, Sly & the family Stone, Earth, Wind & Fire, hip hop and funk music.

You took your school clothes off as soon as you got home and put on your play clothes. In the summer we picked beans where South Center is now and bought our school clothes with our earnings. We had gym class every day or after

school activities. If you wore your Garfield High lettermen’s jacket, you may get a free hair cut or candy from local merchants. We walked to and from school rain or shine. The TV broadcast in color and all stations went off at midnight after playing the national anthem—when people went to bed. We ate penny candy. Yes, I said “penny”! That’s how much it cost then. Mike & Ike’s, Alexander the Grapes, red fish, Lemonheads, Nut Chews, Chico Sticks, Boston Baked Beans, Jolly Ranchers, Sour Balls and Ginger with lemon.

We played freeze tag, red light green light, four corners, hopscotch, hide & seek, red rover, truth or dare, catch a girl kiss a girl, softball, kickball, dodgeball, touch football. We roller skated and rode bikes all over the neighborhood. The boys collected basketball cards, marbles and comic books. We read them, not put them in plastic. Girls spent hours playing double Dutch, Chinese jump rope, jacks. They played softball and football with the boys. We literally would line up and race for fun!!

Staying in the house was a punishment, and the only thing we knew about “bored” was board games. We went to parties at the Yesler Terrace, Rainier Vista and Holly Park project’s community centers. There was no bottled water. We drank from the tap, the water hose, and fire hydrants. We watched cartoons, and cleaned house on Saturday morning, while listening to music from all the greats. We watched Soul Train.

Our mothers shopped at Chubby and Tubby’s, Kress, and Woolworth. We went to Sunday School and then Sunday church service. Your neighborhood was a city within the city. Someone had a fight, that’s what it was, and we were friends again the next day if not sooner. The streetlights were your curfew. School was mandatory and teachers and police were people who you could TRUST. We watched our MOUTHS around our elders because ALL your NEIGHBORS were your parents, and you didn’t want them telling your parents if you misbehaved. Yes, everyone RESPECTED elders! These were the good ole days. Kids today will never know how it feels to be a real kid. I loved growing up when we did. It was a great time!

Let’s spread peace—these kids these days will never understand how we grew up if we don’t let them know.

Have a blessed day and be glad in it.

*-Gregory Johnson*

## RECORD DROUGHT IMPACTING THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

The Western US is currently experiencing some of the most severe drought conditions on record. You can see it in the brown grass across the Leschi neighborhood, the explosive wildfires currently scorching Northern California, the bone-dry reservoirs across Southern Oregon and much of California, and the desiccated branches of deciduous and coniferous trees throughout the Pacific Northwest. This past spring was one of the driest on record for much of the Pacific Northwest, and this summer has been one of the hottest & driest summers on record and was punctuated by a heat wave in late June that was far stronger than any Pacific Northwest heat wave in recorded history.

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This latest drought is just the most recent episode of a decade that has been defined by droughts across the Western US. Late 2011–14 was the driest period in California’s recorded history, and the drought persisted until early 2017, when a series of strong atmospheric rivers moved and brought extreme flooding to portions of the state. California’s drought spread north into the Pacific Northwest, and 2015 experienced historical drought conditions due to the combination of very little mountain snowpack during the 2014–2015 winter and extreme heat during the 2015 summer. I was a camp counselor up at Hidden Valley Camp in near Granite Falls, WA during the summer of 2015 and remember how hot and dusty that summer was. There was so much dust, my tent group and I were inspired to do a skit re-enacting the “Dust Bowl” (I was the cranky farmer, of course).

This most recent drought formed in summer 2020 due to hot/dry weather over the Pacific Northwest and a well-below-average monsoon season for the Desert Southwest. La Nina conditions during the 2020–21 winter resulted in well-below-average precipitation and worsening drought for California and the Desert Southwest, and many locations in the Pacific Northwest and California saw their driest spring on record. Coupled with the continued hot and dry conditions we’ve seen this summer, many places across the Western US are now experiencing some of their most severe drought conditions in modern history.

The Western US is no stranger to drought. Using tree rings as a proxy for rainfall/vegetation growth, climate scientists have found that the Western US has experienced many periods of multi-year drought over the past millennium. But the past two decades have seen a marked increase in the expanse and severity of drought over the Western U.S. relative to most of the 20th century. In California, reservoirs are consistently setting all-time low records and water usage restrictions are becoming an annual occurrence, and many of the largest fires in recorded history for California and the Pacific Northwest have burnt in just 2020 and 2021. And anecdotally, it seems like recent summers have consistently been much smokier than they ever were in the 2000s, during my formative years in the Leschi neighborhood.

Drought is not just dependent on the amount of rainfall; it is also dependent on the rate at which this rain evaporates back into the atmosphere. According to climate scientist Dr. Daniel Swain at UCLA, approximately half of the severity of the current “megadrought” over the Western US

can be attributed to warming temperatures alone, and without the warming, the drought would be much less severe. This means that as global temperatures rise, droughts will become more common and more severe, even without any change in precipitation. Areas like Western Washington have more water resources and more ability to adapt to drought, but areas like southern California, that have much lower resources and a much higher population, will have face some serious challenges in adapting to a world with more severe drought.

Unfortunately, autumn is peak fire season for California due to the increased occurrence and intensity of strong, extremely dry Santa Ana and Diablo winds and continued drying of fuels during this time, so I fear that this could be a particularly active autumn/early winter for fires in for California. For the Pacific Northwest, September tends to be the month with the highest potential for large, destructive wildfires west of the Cascade crest, and that risk is particularly high this year due to how dry fuels are. Still, it’s too early to tell if we’ll see a fire weather pattern this month, with strong, dry offshore flow. Let’s hope that we get plenty of rain this autumn to help moisten fuels, and that any offshore flow holds off until the fire danger environment is relatively low.

*-Charlie Phillips*

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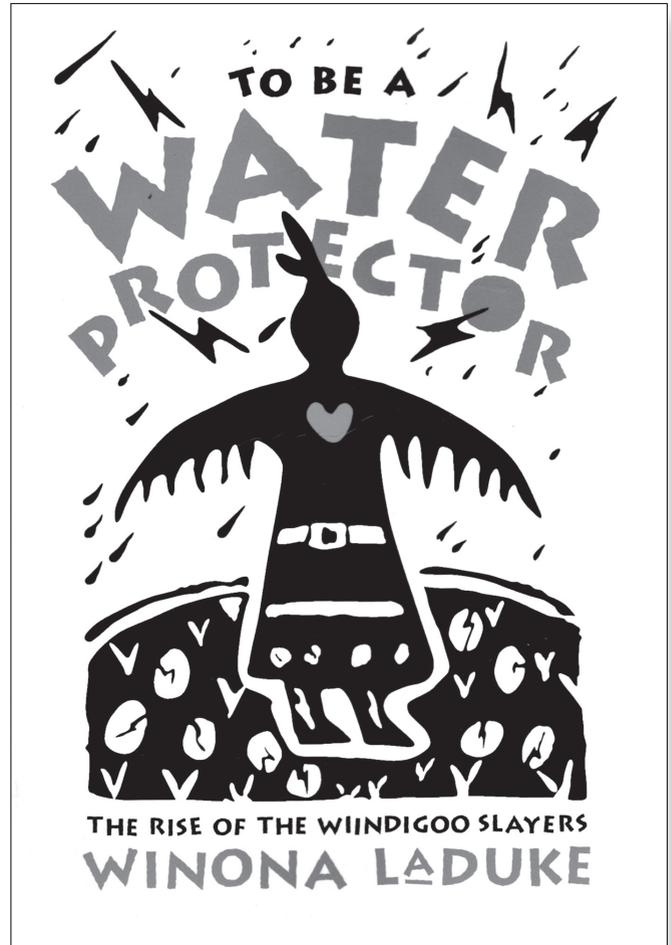
# Culture Corner

## PROTESTS AND ART EXHIBITIONS

I looked back at my column from last fall, and it was full of protests and occupations, smoke and covid. What do we have now? More of the same!

I want to first call attention to what is happening in Minnesota. The Canadian Mega Corporation Enbridge Line 3 plans to complete the route carrying Canadian tar sands oil from Alberta to Chicago through fragile native lands. Not quite as famous as the Standing Rock protest, but equally important to resist, many tribal groups and their allies called the Water Resisters have been fighting it for years in court and on the ground. This summer hundreds are being arrested and assaulted by the police in Northern Minnesota. Winona LaDuke's riveting book *To Be a Water Protector, The Rise of the Wiindigoo Slayers* (Fernwood Publishing) gives us the history of resistance to Line 3 as well as Standing Rock. The Wiindigoo are the capitalist exploiters.

The New York Times published an interview with her August 9, 2021, speaking about Biden's betrayal of the tribes in not stopping it. On Democracy Now, LaDuke described



Winona LaDuke, *To Be a Water Protector, The Rise of the Wiindigoo Slayers*, Fernwood Publishing 2020. Cover.



how Enbridge had funded 40 local police squads to violently beat up the water protectors. The climate impact is huge: “Enbridge’s Line 3 is the equivalent of adding 50 new coal-fired power plants . . . We see our rivers are parched. But yet we see Enbridge and the DNR, Minnesota DNR, guarding hoses as they suck millions of gallons of water out of our river to put in this Canadian tar sands pipeline, in the worst disaster of a drought, you know, and these massive fires that are to the north and west of us. It’s really a devastating time for all of us as climate chaos descends upon us: “they’re crossing like 69 rivers, and 22 of them with this thing called the HDD, which is a super phallic, horrible drill system, the high direction drill—horizontal direction drill. And so, what happens is that they’re drilling like underneath the rivers, and they hit an aquifer, and they shoot out into—or they hit a seam that shoots out into the river, in some spring that they didn’t know about, and all of a sudden, you’ve got a

bunch of, like, toxic bentonite, all kind of crazy stuff at the bottom of the river.”

Seattle activists and veterans are there.

Here in Seattle, I joined an urgent call by activists and kayaktivists to demand the removal of dams on the Snake River. It is essential for the survival of salmon and the orcas. There are four dams on the Snake and four on the Columbia. The eloquent speakers were from organizations like Dam Truth and Chinook Salmon Initiative as well as Environment Washington Save Our Orcas Campaign (they have an easy online link to send a message to our senators). Today (August 16) in The Seattle Times Lynda Mapes wrote about the starvation of the oldest male member of the southern resident orcas.

Now on to two important art exhibitions.

The Wing Luke Museum is featuring Gerard Tsutakawa, son of George Tsutakawa. The show demonstrates how their careers interlocked. Gerard worked on his father’s sculptures, reviewing engineering drawings, assembling and installing his fountains. He still maintains many of them. The exhibition consists mainly of maquettes. It also provides a tour of the public art: we got to six of them nearby, there are fourteen on the tour.

George Tsutakawa’s inspiration was rooted in his education in both Japanese and US schools. The obi (rock piles with ritual significance) and the pagoda form the structure of many of the sculpture. The maquettes of Gerard’s own work in the exhibition suggest his own creative directions and his major contribution to our public



Maquettes by Gerard Tsutakawa, installation at the Wing Luke Museum. Foreground left to right Maru, Urban Peace Circle, Dragon. Background Sensei, Sea Wave, Untitled.

art environment. Particularly notable are his Urban Peace Circle in Martin Luther King Park and his gateway at Kabota Gardens.

-Susan Platt, PhD  
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## FALL WINE

Hello and welcome back Leschi! We hope that everyone had a safe and healthy summer. As we ease away from fresh cut grass, hot summer nights and days by the lake—and get into cooler evenings, light jackets and football season, let’s take a look at a few wines that will help make this annual transition easier for us all.

Ten wines from around the world. Bubbly, pink, white, and red. We begin the Fall Top Ten by enticing your palate with a red and a white from Switzerland of all places! Cheers and enjoy! ~KB

### Switzerland Wine

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#### 2019 Avalanche Fendant Switzerland \$19.99

Fendant is Chasselas from the Valais region of Switzerland. This wine boasts delightful aromas of lemon blossom, fresh lemon zest and wet river rock lifted by

a whiff of peppermint. Strong backbone of minerality, with pronounced flavors of apple, pear, and lemon curd. ~Distributor notes

#### 2018 Avalanche Pinot Noir Switzerland \$22.99

Lovely Pinot Noir from the Valais in Switzerland. Enticing aromas of red cherries and just-picked raspberries. The palate shows flavors of black cherry and raspberry, with a subtle touch of Christmas baking spices. Well-structured and well balanced, with silky tannins and a smooth finish. ~Distributor notes

### Bubbly

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#### Cedergreen Cellars Pet-Roc Frizzante Yakima Valley NV \$21.99

A secret subterranean cuvee made from sparkling Chenin Blanc with more minerality than Touraine tuffeau! Barrel fermented, stirred and stored on the lees for 10 months. Serve well chilled for 2 Bars of spanking, sparkling fun. Five grams of dosage puts us in an Extra Brut state of mind. ~Winemaker notes

### Rosé

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#### 2020 Monte Xanic Grenache Rosé Limited Edition Baja Mexico \$16.99

Aromas full of strawberries, raspberries, lemon and grapefruit. The palate is balanced and refreshing. Stone fruits, citrus and white flowers like orange blossom. Fresh, full of flavor and long-lasting. ~Winemaker notes

#### 2020 Mirabeau Rosé Cotes de Provence \$17.99

Blend of Grenache, Syrah, and Cinsault. Classical Cotes de Provence rose, offering aromas of yellow peach, pear, freesias and strawberries. Generous, with a good citrus fruit dimension. Notes of cherry and raspberry make this a real crowd-pleaser. ~Winemaker notes

### White

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#### 2020 Thurston Wolfe Albariño Yakima Valley \$16.79

High but not overwhelming acidity, vibrant peach/nectarine, and a dry taste create the perfect marriage in this high-quality wine. Albariño is a fantastic choice for pairing with exquisite dishes like ceviche, fish tacos, seafood pasta, and shrimp. ~Winemaker notes



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# ...in the Wilds of Seattle

## Red

### 2020 Viná Maitia Aupa Pipeño Chile \$10.99

80% Pais/20% Carignan. Light in color with bright notes of crushed raspberry, wild strawberry, and rose petals with hints of dried herbs, mint leaves, fennel and thyme. This fruit driven, easy drinking wine has fresh acid with low tannin and can be enjoyed with a slight chill. ~Distributor notes

### 2017 Lyrarakis Red Wine Crete Greece \$13.99

Deep red color. Delicate balance of delicious dark fruit highlighted by sweet spice and peppery notes. Rich and long with deep fruit acidity and a piquant aftertaste. Pair with grilled red meat, game and piquant types of cheese. ~Winemaker notes

### 2018 Cadence Coda Red Mountain \$25.99

Cabernet Franc makes up 37% of this blend, with the rest Merlot (29%), Cabernet Sauvignon 23%) and Petit Verdot. Aromas are locked up on first pour, with notes of whole orange, raspberry, cherry and herb that show freshness. Soft, plush fruit flavors follow. ~Wine Enthusiast, 90-points, ~Vinous, 90-points

### 2018 St Cosme Gigondas France \$39.99

Full-bodied and generous, it's round and supple, with no hard edges to hamper the easy flow of asphalt, red raspberries and black cherries across the palate. Boasting ample but not excessive concentration, it's a lovely, seductive example of Gigondas to enjoy over the next decade or so. ~Robert Parker, 93-points

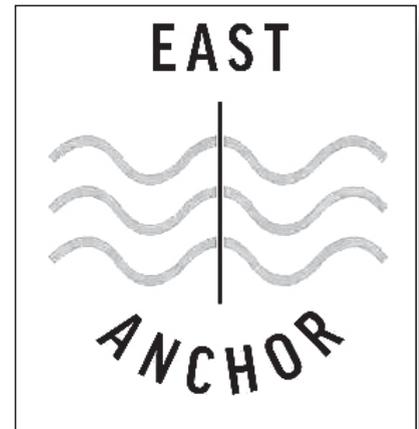
*Kenneth Benner, a Seattle area native, is a trained chef and has worked in such restaurants as Barbacoa, B.O.K.A. Kitchen + Bar, and Dablia Lounge. Ken is the wine buyer at Leschi Market. He has a passion for learning, a meticulous palate, and a tenacity for searching out the best for his customers 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](http://www.LeschiMart.com) or to request to be added to email updates at [wine@leschimarket.com](mailto:wine@leschimarket.com)*



## EAST ANCHOR SEAFOOD

Our anniversary fell on one of the hottest days in June and our efforts to eat out were met with several challenges. We tried BluWater hoping we could eat outside by the water: CLOSED! Next Meet the Moon, although eating in a tent by the traffic was going to be a step down: CLOSED! Daniel's Broiler? CLOSED! We headed up to Madrona on 34th and we saw the Madrona Arms was open and folks were inside! We grabbed one of the last tables and each ordered a beer; after we were served our drinks, our waitress gave us the bad news: KITCHEN CLOSED! It was just too hot!

But they were allowing diners to bring in food from other establishments. My better half found that East Anchor was open; I ordered a salad as I didn't think I could handle anything hot, but he ordered Cioppino, which I think of as the Italian version of Bouillabaisse.



My salad was very generous and offered me two lunches as well as that evening's entrée, but a salad

is a salad; however, the Cioppino was really a star! Chock full of seafood goodies and a wonderful flavor to the sauce, a real bargain for \$12 as it made two meals for him. I can't promise it will go so far for you as the extreme heat does influence one's appetite, but we both heartily recommend it (yes, I did taste it!)

East Anchor calls itself a seafood market and only has a few tables. There is takeout by Grubhub.

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~Diane Snell

# LESCHI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## LESCHI CC BOARD MEETING 6/7/21

Attendees: Janice Merrill Brown, Trevor Lalish-Menagh, Janet Oliver, Matthias Linnenkamp, Diane Snell, Lawrence Pitre, John Barber, Ashley Martin

### Ashley Martin

Discussed setting up LCC board member emails such as [president.lcc@gmail.com](mailto:president.lcc@gmail.com), [secretary.lcc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.lcc@gmail.com), [treasurer.lcc@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.lcc@gmail.com).

Board members to provide their preferred email address for LCC website.

Board officer's job description are available on the website under LCC by laws. Please review and if needed streamline tasks. Treasurer and newsletter editor tasks are under review.

### Leschi News

June, July and August executive board meeting will be in September issue.

Finance committee report could include information on unusual transactions if any.

### Mail Chimp Email list

Diane has email addresses of many community members.

It would be helpful to compile the email addresses into a database.

LCC board discussed hiring someone to do this work.

### Manaway Letter

Janet, Tonya, and Janice will meet soon to discuss next step on the letter.

The letter is to meet with Reverend Manaway to discuss the possibility of using the vacant lot to house a tiny village.

### Duwamish Tribe

LCC may want to support Duwamish Tribe's effort to be federally recognized. Trevor will draft a support letter for board members to review and provide input.

### Underground power line

Diane will draft first version of the letter.

### Tree inventory

Possible new committee to conduct inventory of street trees.

*-Respectfully submitted, Lawrence Pitre*

## LESCHI CC BOARD MEETING 7/12/21

Attending: Janice Merrill Brown, Trevor Lalish-Menagh, Matthias Linnenkamp, Ashley Martin, John Barber, Janet Oliver, Diane Snell

### AGENDA ITEMS

Job descriptions: Diane—Janet had asked us to look at the job descriptions for Board members for discussion this month. The job descriptions look accurate for the positions but there are many tasks that have fallen to Diane by default which she is not comfortable with and that is dealing with the techies on the domain listings, the website host, etc. Those tasks fall under the proposal by Ashley for a Communications Chair. Janice approved the creation of this committee with Ashley as Chair.

Board member info, masthead, bios: Diane asked that Board members indicate how they wish to be contacted (email or phone) for the newspaper masthead and asked that each Board member submit a short bio for the September newspaper as we cover the election results.

Follow-up on underground wiring and Manaway letter. Insufficient votes for the underground power petition resulted in failure to pass. (Each motion needs a quorum to pass, and this received only three votes.) Manaway letter: Janice asked where it was, and Janet replied that it had been sent to her. Janice asked for it to be sent again and she will sign it and mail it.

September meeting: Janice asked about date and speaker but only date was discussed. Decision to move it to 2nd Wednesday so it falls after Labor Day when most folks will be back in town as schools open that day. The Board meeting will occur on the following Monday.

Board roster with vacations listed: Janice requested this, and Ashley said it should be easy to create.

Board meetings: discussion about change of day but no decision.

Website discussion. Ashley: Communications Chair position. This could include website strategy and content (including content planning and content clean up), figuring out an email program (including creating an auto reply welcome email for when people "subscribe" to our website, and figuring out what "subscribing to the website" means), developing a plan to try out new ways to advertise the community meeting and the digital publishing of the newsletter (email reminders, NextDoor posts, etc.), responding to questions through the site or routing them to the appropriate board member. It would also be good to work out email access across board members. A more tactical detail, but one that will be easier to discuss in person to sort out.

Treasury report: Matthias is trying to gain access to PayPal and activate it so that folks have more ways to pay other than check. Venmo would be another option. Diane said that PayPal had said that the account is in the name of the person who sets it up and former treasurer had to give authority to Yousef (who was President at the time) to change it. There is money from dues in the account. Matthias will contact Yousef.

Emergency Preparedness: Janice brought an email invite from Madison Park re: emergency preparedness plans and felt we should get involved. Diane brought up the fact that Tracy has been involved with this for several years and as Chair of Public Health and Safety, it falls into her area of responsibility.

John Barber: Kate Memorial. He would like to see a sugar maple in Leschi Park. Janice will contact Parks on how to indicate this is a memorial.

Leschi Park trees: John thinks we should devise a 100-year plan for trees in Leschi Park. Parks has replaced trees but then neglected to water them so a plan could help.

Air noise: Diane said it was worse than other years, but she didn't have the energy to go to SeaTac for monthly meetings. John filled the Board in on the sad history of air noise over Leschi. John thinks they are flying lower as the noise is louder.

Next Board Meeting: August 9 at 6pm.

*-Respectfully submitted by Diane Snell*

## LESCHI CC BOARD MEETING 8/9/21

### Support for Duwamish Tribe

LCC's support for Duwamish Tribe's petition drive for federal recognition needs further discussion. This was in response to the one-page advertisement in 8/8/21 Seattle Times over the weekend.

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Friends of Powell Barnett			\$1,068.06
Friends of Street Ends		(\$500.00)	\$2,985.59
Frink Park	\$50.00		\$2,117.60
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### LCC Meeting Locale

Diane S provided info on LCC's board and general meeting dates from September 2021 to June 2022.

Sr Ctr stated they will prioritize LCC. Waiting for Sr Ctr to confirm dates.

Discussion on future LCC's board meeting format (in person vs Zoom) tabled till September. Schedule for Sept to June.

### Halloween Spooktacular

Should be able to receive permit for the event since it will be outside.

Event is normally from 4–6pm.

Diane S will check with Leschi Market to see if they plan to participate. Diane will notify board members of Leschi Market's response via email.

### LCC General Emails

General emails for LCC already set up (i.e. [leschitreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:leschitreasurer@gmail.com), [leschinews@comcast.net](mailto:leschinews@comcast.net), etc.)

Discussed if LCC should have general email address such as [info@leschi.com](mailto:info@leschi.com) for the public to contact LCC board members. Ashley will check in with the website host if this is possible.

Need to update LCC board member info—especially new board members on the website.

Need bios from Janice and Ashley for the website.

### LCC Newsletter

Ad for newsletter layout person placed. Received one inquiry. That person has not responded to a follow up email.

Members suggested Diane post the position in NextDoor Leschi.

Diane to provide general position responsibilities to board members. Board members to reach out to people they know.

Position pays \$200/mo. for approximately 2 hours of layout work.

LCC looking for local person who loves Leschi neighborhood.

### Tabernacle Church Property

City is looking for churches with extra land to develop affordable housing. Tabernacle Church has vacant land. Janice will contact Pastor Manaway to request a meeting.

*-Respectfully submitted by Lawrence Pitre*

## LESCHI COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON ZOOM

Sep 8, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time  
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