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OUR EVOLVING COMMUNITY

RACE, DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Leschi is changing. Are the changes the result of capitalism and gentrification? Are neighborhoods becoming racialized and how does that contribute to the questions of "Who is my neighbor?" and "What is community?" An in-depth look at the factors at play in the changes happening in Leschi and neighborhoods in the greater Seattle area. Join us for a panel discussion on the topic of Our Evolving Community: Race, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as panelists share their own experiences, perspectives and opportunities for facing change while embracing our differences.

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**SAVE
THE DATE**

Join us at our June 6
meeting, welcoming
guest Kshama Sawant.

President's Message

Greetings! I hope that by the time you receive this newsletter arrives, spring will have finally arrived! As I write this, we sometimes wonder why we put up with this weather. If you have ever noticed, people's attitudes and smiles increase significantly when the sun comes out.

This month's program is certain to be exciting! Shanna Crutchfield will be moderating a panel and bringing a viewpoint and experience working in this arena from a long career in consensus building. We will have a quick election of officers before the panel begins.

Remember that in June we are honoring those unsung heroes in our everyday lives that make a difference. We will be accepting nominations until May 4. Please submit to leschinews@comcast.net.

I wish you abundant spring flowers and the sunshine to grow them. I wish Happy Mother's Day to those mothers in our neighborhood! May your children and grandchildren honor you on May 13 and every day.

*Respectfully submitted,
Janice Merrill Brown, LLC President*



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Choosing to Stay

Editor's Note: This month's guest editorial is by Ruby Holland, a Leschi resident who is resisting the changes that upzoning can bring.

Displacement is predicted to be high in the Central District because of the upzoning that is expected to occur this year. Please be aware that voluntary displacement is already occurring in the CD. Many times, parents of children previously priced out of the CD, pass away or move to assisted living facilities. The children of that resident, who have already moved elsewhere, find that their best option is to sell the property. This will continue and will provide lots of properties for developers wishing to rebuild, yet this is not addressed here.

This article is for the many CD homeowners whose property is in the upzones who do not wish to be displaced. We want you to know that you do have options to do whatever is right for you and your family. We want you to make your decision from strength, not fear. This article is also for any of us struggling with rising property taxes.

Why stay in the CD? Below are responses from people in the CD, as well as some who have been displaced:

- ♦ We are close to everything: Parks, fishing and boating activities, downtown.
- ♦ As we age, we need to be close to hospitals and other amenities for seniors.
- ♦ We need sidewalks to walk on, which many suburbs do not have.
- ♦ As we age, we stop driving. Public transportation is better in Seattle than in the suburbs.
- ♦ Houses are getting scarce in the suburbs.
- ♦ Traffic is bad and getting worse.

When we talk about ways to stay in our homes we are talking about ways to pay for an increase in property taxes. Here are some strategies:

- ♦ Redevelop your property into an apartment building, working with a developer to sell and stay

in the CD. This option resonates with many who wish to downsize from a multi-bedroom home that is no longer needed. The developer will build on your land and you will get a return on the investment that your family has put into the property. There are benefits for all parties. A real estate attorney is recommended when going this route.

- ♦ Add an accessory dwelling, attached or unattached, like a mother-in-law suite, an apartment over your garage or a Tiny House in the backyard.
- ♦ Remodel your home, which could be less frightening than redevelopment. Adding an upstairs or downstairs apartment, or add rooms to rent, perhaps offering short-term rentals, like Airbnb rentals, or renting rooms the old fashioned way by posting a "Room for Rent" sign.
- ♦ Offer long-term rentals to foreign exchange students or guest lecturers. Contact the student housing offices at our local colleges.
- ♦ Rent yard space, perhaps for a Tiny House, or boat storage.
- ♦ Offer parking in your yard, driveway or garage. Reliable parking will continue to be needed as more folks move to this area.

This list is far from complete. We continually find ways to turn our lemons into lemonade. The point is that this is a time of introspection. Decide where you want to be in life. You may well find that your wildest dreams may now be possible because you can get more money for your home.

Make sure you know your property's true value, and work with a real estate agent to proceed in your best interests if you choose to sell. But if you choose to stay put, know that it is not only possible, but also doable and desirable.

For taxes and home repair help for seniors, contact the City of Seattle at 206-263-2324.

-Ruby Holland

Neighborhood and Beyond

MAY MEETING: ELECTIONS AND PANEL

Prior to our panel discussion, we will have a brief election of officers. All Current officers are running again and no prospective candidates have contacted the council at this point. Our program features a panel discussing our changing community. Shanna Crutchfield will moderate the panel; she has many years of experience in this field and was Program Manager for the Race and Social Justice Program for the last 12 years of her career with the City of Seattle.

SPRING CLEAN-UP IN LESCHI PARK

Complaints about maintenance in Leschi Park arose at a recent Leschi Community Council meeting and these concerns were addressed at the following Board Meeting. LCC President Janice Merrill Brown offered to approach her co-workers about taking this project on as their annual community service project.

Park staff scheduled a walk-through in the park to identify areas that could use help and on Thursday May 10, approximately 85 volunteers from Keller Williams Downtown Seattle will be working on cleanup at Leschi Park and the old trolley trail. This will be in conjunction with assistance from the Seattle Parks Department. Each year on the second Thursday, Keller Williams Realty International, the world's largest real estate company, closes their offices around the world to give back to the community for a day of service. Stop by and say hi if you are out and about. If not, look for photos in the June edition of the Leschi News.

~Janice Merrill Brown

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LESCHI MARKET

Leschi market is turning 70 years old! They are a household name, located on the shores of Lake Washington, proudly serving customers since 1948.

Often referred to as the "biggest little market" in Seattle, Leschi has passed through several family generations with continued success.

As our way of saying "Thank you" to the community, please come celebrate with us Friday May 11th to Mother's Day Sunday May 13th!

We are featuring an outdoor produce tent sale, on hand local product vendors, in-store special Prime Rib Sandwich promotion ending with a sale on Leschi Market's famous homemade sausage on Sunday.

Our bright and friendly staff looks forward to seeing you Mother's Day weekend!

~from Leschi Market staff

THE MASON BEE PROJECT

Our season's Mason Bee cocoons have been distributed to the project's members (we now have nine), and we are just waiting to see how they do. As readers may remember, last year's production of 2100 cocoons was below the previous year's. We have read speculation that the heavy rains last spring had stripped the blossoms of a lot of the pollen which is essential to a good reproduction rate. We are holding our combined breaths, hoping the rains slacken and our bees emerge just as the spring blossoms are at their peak.

~Jim Snell



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SIT AND SIP SERIES: THE DOLL LADY

The Dr. James and Janie Washington Cultural Center is pleased to host Mr. Calvin West on May 17th from 6pm to 8pm for a conversation about his work managing the historical artwork of Sasarine “Dixie” LaCroix, the Doll Lady. The collection of dolls and dioramas was created by the gifted artist and Central Area resident Sasarine “Dixie” LaCroix beginning as early as the 1940’s. Ms. LaCroix came to be known as the “Doll Lady” for her dedication to educating youth about prominent, talented and accomplished African Americans, a mission that is as critical today as ever. The address is 1816 26th Ave. Seattle, 98122

Please RSVP to jwwfoundation@mail.com.

This event is part of the ongoing, monthly conversation series *Sit And Sip*.

BICYCLE SUNDAYS ARE BACK!

It must mean the end of constant rain if bicycle Sunday is back! Hooray! May 20 is the Grand Opening.

Grab your bike and pedal over to the 2018 Bicycle Sundays Opening Celebration on Sunday, May 20! Bike, jog or stroll along Lake Washington Boulevard. A portion of the Boulevard between the Seward Park entrance and Mount Baker Park’s beach will be closed to motorized vehicles from 10am to 6pm.

Join us in the Lower Meadow at Seward Park from 10am to 2pm for music, entertainment, games and face painting!

Don’t forget to mark your calendar for all of the 2018 Bicycle Sundays: May 20, 27; June 3, 17, 24; July 8, 15; August 19, 26; September 2, 9, 16.

For more information, please contact the Greenways Initiative at 206-256-5167.

PARKS DEPT. NEWS RELEASE: MARINA UPDATE

It took some sleuthing to find a contact for the marina; the parks personnel involved had disappeared! We did find out that Marina Management is now fully in charge, the Lakewood lawsuit has been dismissed by the judge, and the necessary permits are being obtained to determine what can and cannot be done as the restoration process begins. Check out the website: LeschiandLakewood.com.

You will find info about rental rates and a nice little feature, which tells visitors where to eat; the Where to Stay option is blank at this point. Perhaps some B & B would like to be listed there.

-Diane Snell

ARTWALK UPDATE


The vendor letter was updated at the April meeting and a date set for the orientation meeting at Blu Water: August 30 at 3:30. The orientation meeting serves to answer any remaining questions that vendors, especially new vendors, might have. This helps to make the day of the event go more smoothly when everyone knows the ropes. Permits for both the park and sidewalk are being pursued and the hunt is still on for music, which rocks the neighborhood! A larger group of musicians works best when the stage is outside; solos and duets get lost with the usual noisy bustle on the street. Attention students who need community service hours: volunteer! There are always last minute chores with chairs, delivering water to vendors, etc.

-Diane Snell

THE CENTRAL: UPDATE

Dian Ferguson will be submitting the building acquisition plans to the city by April 20. She will have time to address any additional information needed before she goes on vacation 4/26 for 3 weeks. She is recruiting about 10 persons to do presentations for the city.

Stacy from NWAA Museum is the manager for a genealogy project: What was given? What was kept? There will be writing and art workshops in June to develop the



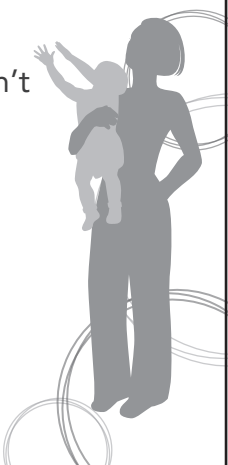
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program and it is slated to be shown at Heritage House, NWAAM and the Central. The first Thursday at the Museum is free, with the next one on May 3.

Parking lot update: The Center has paid \$400 for the permitting process. The variances needed are another 3 feet to satisfy the required dimensions. A variance is also needed to move the dumpsters outside the fence but keep them within an enclosed area.

After the parking lot, the second priority is fixing the outside lift to the downstairs so it might be used by all members. The plan is to put a Health and Wellness Center on the lower level.

Joan Ervin filled us in on the Bingo plans as the new Board was being installed. It is new technology and is actually a large screen TV that will display the Bingo information. The grand opening is planned for 4/24 with a ribbon cutting and a cake!

Barbara Peete, member representative to the Sound Generations Board, gave her report. She said the centers are being urged to get outside help for human resources and accounting so that Sound Generations will no longer have to provide those functions. A new CEO will be introduced at the May Member meeting.

The Center's new Administrative Manager, Lawrence Pitre, was introduced. He is working on the newsletter for summer, which should be ready by the end of May. Lawrence is working with students from four local schools to complete a large mural project: Leschi, Thurgood Marshall, Washington Middle and Bailey-Gatzert. These mural panels will be erected around the construction site at Promenade while the new buildings are being constructed. He mentioned the Philadelphia Mural Project, which involves kids early (K-5th) in actual art projects to discourage graffiti. Another project is at the old Liberty Bank site where two 3x4 panels will be installed inside the building.

Dian ended the meeting by reminding us to nominate someone for the Positive Aging Award; nominations are due mid-May and are online.

-Diane Snell

GIFTS OF GRACE FOR LESCHI

How does a community group show its appreciation to its neighbors? As a spiritual people, believing every person to be of sacred worth, doing good to others is the constant goal of Grace Church. This year this small congregation located on the crest of Mt. Baker Ridge is showing its fondness for the people of Leschi by offering four gifts to the community.

Looking for appropriate favors for the neighborhood, members noticed the many pet owners who walk their dogs along 30th Ave. Understanding that carrying bags of feces is one of the less pleasant parts of pet ownership, the congregation installed a pet waste station providing litter bags and a waste can for collection and deposition of dog waste. Its heavy use makes it clear that this was a gift well chosen.

In April the congregation installed a Little Free Library, hoping it will help build community, spark creativity and inspire readers. Part of a global, Free Library movement, this is a self-sustaining place for book lovers to take a book, leave a book and share with one another. Members hope that it will encourage people to expand their horizons by sampling literature that has been meaningful to their neighbors.



The new Peace Garden, featuring a pole with a prayer for world peace, is a place for walkers to sit, reflect, pray and enjoy the view of lake and mountain. It will also become a place for peace vigils and other community gatherings at times of trial or triumph. The Peace Pole joins thousands of others located in nearly every country in the world.

The fourth gift to the community is aimed at easing the pain of homelessness in Seattle by donating a Tiny House. Starting May 19 (hopefully finishing by June 3) a Tiny House will be built in the church parking lot at 30th Ave



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S and S Lane St. Upon completion, it will be picked up by the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) and moved to one of Seattle's sanctioned Tiny House communities.

Persons interested in helping with the construction or furnishing the home, can text or call Pastor Mel, at 206-484-9031 or e-mail melvinrwoodworth@gmail.com.

As a part of the Leschi community since 1890, Grace United Methodist Church has been and is a multi-cultural gathering of people who love their neighbors, and their neighborhood and are helping to build a better future for us all.

~M. Woodworth

LA NIÑA DISSIPATES IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

By the time you've picked up this 352nd issue of the Leschi News, La "Niña" will likely have been replaced by her cousin, La "Nada," which is the moniker we've lovingly given to ENSO-Neutral conditions in the Tropical Pacific, where we are neither in a La Niña or an El Niño state. "ENSO" simply refers to "El Niño Southern Oscillation" and is the broad term that describes the oscillation between El Niño, Neutral and La Niña conditions in the Tropical Pacific.

While La Niña's effects are most pronounced after January 1, La Niñas exert some influence on large-scale atmospheric patterns earlier in the winter, and December and the first half of January featured uncharacteristically calm weather for a La Niña winter over our area as large, persistent ridges of high pressure repeatedly formed over the Pacific Northwest. La Niñas are typically characterized by an active, northwesterly storm track that keeps us cooler and wetter than normal, delivering copious amount of snow to the mountains. Though these ridges were interspersed by wet systems that brought moderate amounts of snow to the Washington Cascades/Olympics, these systems dropped very little snowfall to areas further to the south. I went skiing on Mt. Hood during late January and encountered all sorts of early-season hazards on many of the runs. The Southern Oregon Cascades were in even worse shape, with many spots barely receiving 20% of their normal snowpack by mid-January.

However, La Niña made up for lost time later in January and February, and though March was relatively calm, the first half of April was extremely cold and wet, dumping copious amounts of snow in the mountains in the process. As of mid-April, every single region in the Washington Cascades/Olympics had above-normal snowpack, and even Mt. Hood's snowpack was close to average.

ENSO forecasts are typically very poor at this time of the year because the low-level winds that drive the changes in ocean circulation that lead to the development of El

Niño and La Niña events are weakest in the springtime. Most models show us staying in a neutral pattern or transitioning to a weak El Niño by the end of 2018, but I wouldn't put too much stock into these models just yet. Interestingly, last year's models at this time had a similar forecast, yet we ended up going against the model consensus into a La Niña. We'll have a much better idea of what state the Tropical Pacific will be in for the following winter by the time the kids put away their books for summer break.

I hope you've been enjoying the sunshine! After a long winter and a dreary spring, it's wonderful to finally get a taste of summer.

~Charlie Phillips

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

THE RAINWISE PROGRAM

Walking down East Alder during the April 14 deluge, umbrella in hand (and I rarely feel the need for an umbrella,) I noticed the storm drain at the bottom of the hill. It was filled beyond capacity and overflowing onto the street. And across Lake Washington Blvd, storm water runoff from was gushing into the lake.

The Leschi neighborhood is part of the 65% of the city served by a "combined or partially separated sewer system." That means, according to the Seattle Public Utilities website, that during heavy downpours the "volume of storm water and sewage may exceed the capacity of the system. That system carries wastewater from homes and businesses, as well as storm water from streets and parking lots. A few times each year, the volume builds quickly and overwhelms the system, leading to a combined sewer overflow (CSO). CSOs not only spill sewage into our waterways, they also spill polluted storm water runoff that flows off rooftops, streets and other hard surfaces."

The storm runoff splashing into the lake in mid-April was probably about 90% storm water and 10% untreated sewage. Although these "events" typically happen between October and May, if, like me, you jump in the lake once a month, even in January, it is disconcerting, to say the least, to realize what you are jumping into. And even if you aren't swimming, perhaps your dogs are. Consider checking a "live" update of overflow conditions. The county publishes a map showing which areas have experienced an overflow in the last 48 hours. On April 16, there were four pipes between Denny Blaine beach and I-90 showing overflow into the lake. The advisory is to stay out of the lake for

swimming, fishing, and boating for 48 hours after such an event. You can see the map here: www.kingcounty.gov/services/environment/wastewater/cso-status.aspx.

It was fitting that a few days before one of the wettest Aprils in the history of Seattle, the RainWise folks came to introduce their program at the Leschi Area Senior Center. Perhaps if they had waited a few more weeks, during which we were pelted seemingly nonstop by rain, attendance might have been greater. A mere five of us gathered to learn about the city's rebate program for rain cisterns and rain gardens.

The city has a federal mandate to lower the amount of storm runoff into surrounding waters so it has implemented programs to address the problem. RainWise is "a rebate program to install beautiful and functional rain gardens and/or cisterns on private property in eligible Seattle neighborhoods." Leschi is one of the neighborhoods in which many households might qualify for a cistern. Because of the steep slopes here, most properties will not be eligible for a rain garden rebate.

The idea of the cisterns (which are much larger than rain barrels) is that they catch rainwater coming directly from a home's gutters and store it, releasing it slowly into the sewer, thereby decreasing the rate of water running into the overstressed system during a major storm. Homeowners can also use the stored water for their gardens, possibly as a source for gray water.

The city offers a rebate hovering around 90% to 100% for the cisterns and their installation. In some cases, the city will pay an approved contractor directly

so homeowners are only responsible for a small portion. RainWise maintains a list of approved contractors, many of whom will come out to inspect and offer a free bid. I invited one of the contractors from the meeting to come to our house only to learn that the small square footage and angles of our roof means that there was not enough runoff to justify the installation of a cistern. Otherwise, I would have happily stepped up to do my part to keep the polluted water out of the lake I so love.

You can check your property's eligibility in advance: Go to 700milliongallons.org and find out if you qualify for the program. The website also offers a number of other suggestions on how individuals and homeowners can help the situation (plant trees, install green roofs, un-pave, etc.)

-Anne Depue


REMEMBERING REV. DR. MCKINNEY


Son, sibling, nephew, cousin, student, bass fiddler, soldier, Morehouse Man, Alpha minister, preacher, husband, pastor, father, uncle, teacher, founder, commentator, author, actor, mentor, confidante: these roles come to mind immediately when I think of positions I knew the Rev. Dr. Samuel B. McKinney filled at various times; a bit of research could lengthen the list. Google Samuel Berry McKinney if you wish more roles and statistics about him. Much of what I say here won't be online.

I knew Rev. McKinney's baritone voice long before I knew his face. I had heard him on radio. I remember the day I met him. I'd spent about two years going to a different church every Sunday. I would look at church listings Saturday, see a sermon title I liked, and visit. One Sunday I realized I had not been to Mount Zion—my oldest sister told me earlier that I did not want to go there—but I decided to attend. I loved the Sunday School—Ron Sims was the teacher of the Single and Young Married Class—and loved the order of service, the music, beginning on time, not staying all day, and I really loved the sermon. I was surprised to see so many persons I knew, some from my hometown and alma mater in Louisiana. As I was exiting the church, Rev. McKinney came to the door, extended his hand and said, "I'm Samuel Berry McKinney."

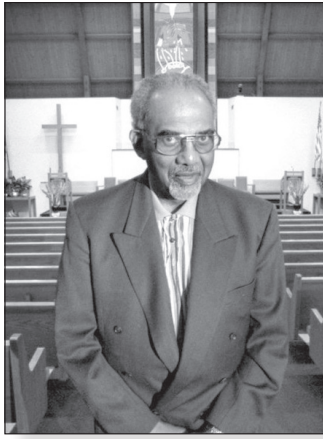
I replied, "I know." Never did it occur to me that he was interested in knowing who I am. That was my second mistake. Over the years, I came to understand that Dr. McKinney was interested in many people and many things. Saying "the least, lost, left out, locked-up" was more than alliteration. Using his resources and logic, he did his best on various fronts to reduce the number of persons in all of those categories.

Stories of his love, kindness, understanding, patience, wit and humor abound. My favorite story is the first time I heard him relate why he became a minister. At a conference in a Seattle church, he revealed his father was a minister, his grandfather was a minister, he was going to be a lawyer. He wanted to help people. While at Morehouse College, the




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theologian/professor Dr. George Dennis Kelsey explained that being a lawyer affords one the opportunity to help on the back end of justice—after a person is in trouble with the law; being a minister, however, allows one to help on the front end of justice, before a person is in trouble. The young college student Sam



McKinney decided that day to become a minister. The rest is history: he helped thousands on the front end and the back end of justice.

Encouraging persons, male and female, to attend seminary was a regular task. A number of ministers in the Seattle area and around the nation chose to become ministers at his suggestion, served under his tutelage. More than any other alumnus, Rev. McKinney may have been responsible for getting young men to go to Morehouse, helping them get scholarships and contributing personal funds to their education. Although he received his degree in 1949, he received yet another award June 2017. Someone was often seeking his advice. Not always serious, he knew when to laugh, and he could make listeners laugh. He had a great sense of humor. At some point, he told some of his congregants he wanted to be cremated. One replied, “Oooh, Pastor, you’re gonna burn twice!” He laughed loudest and often told the story. On another occasion a member told me he confronted Rev. McKinney after a business meeting: “Reverend, you were wrong,” and the pastor responded, “Pray for me” without breaking his stride. Dr. McKinney teased me saying I was a doctor who could help nobody, but when he introduced me to a dignitary, he said, “Her doctorate is not like ours; hers is real.”

One of his happiest times was at a party at his home the second time Barack H. Obama was elected. I suggested he have a party election night. Surmising his reluctance, I assured him only ten or twelve persons would be invited; we could watch the returns together. Soon he agreed and said, “Bring me the receipts.” Busy with other obligations, I made my first call about a week later. Before I could finish the invitation, the guest said, “Rev. McKinney called me; he told me what to bring.” I thanked her and called three or four more persons, all of who interrupted me with Rev. McKinney had called and told them what dish to bring! (He knew who prepared which dishes and did not hesitate to make a request. I know of no one who ever failed to provide on demand!) When I checked with him, he said, “I invited a few more folks.” The last call before purchasing food: “I have a list of thirty-eight!” More than thirty-eight of us had a great time celebrating the second election of President Obama.

The pastor emeritus had great fun watching the beloved Seahawks. He had a leather Seahawk jacket and often sat in his chair wrapped in his Seahawk blanket. Quite by accident, I learned he had missed a game one Sunday. I asked two fans to please call and tell him when there was a game: I called when I remembered. This incident led to the habit of calling to tell him about television programs of interest to him. The last time I called the special about the 50th Anniversary of the assassination of Dr. M. L. King was showing.

Less than a week has passed, and several times something has happened to make me want to call Dr. McKinney only to be reminded calling is no longer possible or necessary. I miss him; I shall miss him all the days of my life, and so will many others. I have no doubt many of his words and deeds will forever be remembered. When the subject of Mount Zion arises, I know when I made my first mistake: not visiting Mount Zion in 1967 as soon as I arrived in Seattle.

~Georgia S. McDade, Ph. D

LESCHI OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR SUBLEASE!

Leschi is an attractive Seattle neighborhood located on the western shore of Lake Washington, between Columbia City and the University District. Small town atmosphere meets urban vibe with an eclectic mix of residents who are very supportive of local businesses. With outdoor recreation, waterfront parks and some of the city's favorite eateries, this neighborhood is fun and lively with a great sense of community.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The office is quiet and comfortable, with lots of light from lake Washington facing large windows.
- Located on the street-level of a 2-level office building.
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SHARE/WHEEL: HELPING HOMELESS PEOPLE TO HELP THEMSELVES

Candi Pickens declared “I love it,” when I asked how she liked living in the SHARE/WHEEL sponsored Tent City 3 encampment. “We are a family.”

Pickens has only been in Seattle for 10 months. She came up from New Orleans, displaced initially by Hurricane Katrina, then by severe family misfortunes. She found Tent City 3 by calling 211, a community phone number that provides resources for clothing, shelter and food. (A crucial resource that is less publicized than 911)

The wonderful organization SHARE/WHEEL facilitates Tent City 3 as well as two other tent cities, a “bunkhouse,” which provides a dormitory type of sleeping for day and night workers, as well as, new for them, what is called a “low barrier”* small house village that they run in collaboration with the Low Income Housing Institute. Their great acronym stands for “Seattle Housing and Resource Effort/Women’s Housing and Enhancement League” They began in 1990 to provide safe housing alternatives and are still going strong, although their support from the city and county is constantly threatened.

Tent City 3 now sits right behind the gas station on 23rd and Cherry on land belonging to the Cherry Hill Baptist Church (their dilapidated church was being demolished as I approached to talk to Candi, although the parishioners have moved to a new location). According to City Legislation, Tent Cities have to move every 3 months! This apparently is meant to sooth hosts, that the occupants will only be temporary.

The hosts vary wildly, according to Candi. Some are welcoming, provide water and electricity, prepare meals, welcome the occupants into their spaces and enjoy being friends and learning from the campers (frequently those hosts are churches, or universities, like Seattle Pacific University). Others provide nothing at all; the encampment is challenged for the necessities of life. The current site has no electricity, and gets water from a kindly neighbor. They use porta-potties, one of their major expenses, in addition to their moves. As publicized recently in the Seattle Times, Tent Cities can now check out a wireless Internet hotspot, a valuable asset.

Candi explained to me why she feels such a strong sense of community. Sleeping in the Tent City, she feels safe. For starters, Tent Cities are drug free, alcohol free, and sobriety is a strictly enforced policy. Once in the community, everyone has responsibilities and obligations. They have shifts of 6 hours, 5–6 days a week. One person watches the entrance and monitors everyone that goes in and out, people are on security patrolling the block all night. They have camp meetings at 3pm every Sunday, since a fair percentage of the occupants work. They bring up any issues people want to discuss, and the whole camp works to solve the problem. They elect someone to start the discussion.

There is an organizer from SHARE/WHEEL who keeps track of how life is at the camp as well as facilitating if something is really a problem.

A few years ago, I volunteered on their grant committee, finding and writing grants to support them. I was deeply impressed with the people I worked with—they were super smart, enterprising and cheerful. When I came in with a limp, they were full of advice about where I could get help.

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The main point about SHARE/WHEEL is that they support their participants to take responsibility for themselves, to learn to live their lives.

As I spoke to Candi, I learned how incredibly resilient her community is at Tent City 3; many of them are overcoming physical and mental challenges, but the members of Tent City 3 look out for each other and they know if someone is having a bad day. They reach out and offer friendship to one another.

Tent City 3 relies on donations to survive. If you would like to drop off used clothing, food or anything else you think might be useful to them, just go on by. I always stop at an encampment before going to Goodwill, to see what they want, and usually they want almost everything I have.

The Tent Cities are a manifestation of a special culture in themselves, but in addition, over the years WHEEL has published wonderful collections of poetry by homeless women. WHEEL's Homeless Remembrance Project also braved city committees for nine years to be able to install, in Victor Steinbrueck Park, the "Tree of Life," by art team of Clark Wiegman, Karen Kiest and Kim Lokan. They were banned from including names, so instead, you will find bronze leaves embedded in the sidewalk all over town (such

as outside the library or city hall) honoring specific people. Every time the group hears about another homeless death outside, they stand a vigil outside City Hall.

Go to their website at sharewheel.org and learn more about this great organization! They deserve our support. At a time when the city is so focused on providing help to the homeless population, the tent city model is not necessarily understood as a community-building step toward living a better life. The cities' ideas, such as handing someone three months rent for temporary housing, does not really solve the bigger problems of why people become homeless in the first place.

SHARE/WHEEL's Tent Cities create communities in which people not only take responsibility for themselves, but also for their neighbors and friends. This is a radical idea!

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**low barrier refers to accepting people with alcohol and drug problems.*

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-Winemaker notes.

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-Winemaker notes.

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2017 Ned Rosé Marlborough New Zealand (\$13.99)

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-Winemaker notes.

Cheers!



...in the Wilds of Seattle

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

MACPHERSON'S FRUIT & PRODUCE

Driving through a quiet neighborhood of mid-century homes along the crest of Beacon Hill, a low, flat structure appears at a triangular lot in the fork of the road. Approaching its floodlights on a cool, dark April evening, an open-air mosaic of brightly colored fruit and vegetables and hand-illustrated, boldly lettered signs comes into view. This modest yet celebratory attraction, a frequent and year-round destination for South Seattle households, is MacPherson's Fruit & Produce.

Although it is near closing time on a Sunday night, the friendly, familiar staff hurriedly restocks the rows of wood-framed bins with melons, pineapples, avocados and bok choy while cashiers ring up the huddle of remaining customers. Over the PA system, Engelbert Humperdinck belts out the chorus to "Man Without Love" from 1968. You could mistake the scene as one from 1968, long before the revival of urban farmer's markets in Seattle and other cities. The prices, too, seem like a throwback to another era. Forty-dollars-worth of fresh produce proves a heavy lift back to my car, especially when compared to a recent, regrettable trip to Whole Foods.

Quality and selection were, on this visit as with others, exceptional. Whether you are seeking ingredients for side dishes, salads or stews, you will find what you are looking for here at a very reasonable price. Although spring may not offer the varied and eccentric local bounty of summer or fall, there was much exciting fruit from which to choose. Over the last few months, I have fought the winter blues with delicious citrus purchased here, including Pomelos, Cara-Caras, Minneolas, Gold Nuggets, Meyer Lemons and the trusty Washington Navel. In addition to produce, you will find a wide range of Latin American and Asian specialty products lining the back shelves throughout the year.



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EXEC. BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2018—Attending: Janice Merrill Brown, Janet Oliver, Diane Snell, Tracy Bier

TREASURY

Janet submitted treasury report.

NEW BUSINESS

JANICE: Home Bank switch: Janet to check with the bank and see what features they have online and will report back next month.

LESCHI PARK WORK PARTY: Janice's firm Keller-Williams has taken on the cleanup of Leschi Park on for their day of community giving: the 2nd Thursday in May. She met with Parks rep, John Barber and Sally Wagner about what needs doing. Their vendors will provide lunch; Leschi Market will supply bottled water.

MAY PROGRAM: Panel discussion about the changes in neighborhoods. Janice will be away at a convention but will get info to Janet on honorarium check. She will work with Diane for program description.

VACATION: Janice gone 4/11–4/18.

MAY BOARD MEETING: Senior Center not available; we will meet at BluWater.

TRACY: recap of April meeting. She was pleased with the large attendance and with the program but feels that we need to go further and do something before next November. She would like to see a group form to take on the Hubs program. Diane suggested an ArtWalk booth and Tracy wondered about the East Precinct picnic in July. Diane gave Tracy info about a \$1500 grant to help develop and promote Hubs.

DIANE: Election reminder: this could go fast at May meeting if someone would propose voting on group as a slate.

ARTWALK: Leschi CC should sponsor three booths: their own, one on Hubs and a Voter Registration booth.

FLO WARE EVENT: Each year we do a children's event in Flo Ware Park to celebrate Flo Ware's birthday. Diane has asked Katie Busby if she and Christine Miller will do this again. She has not rec'd an answer yet.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: April 16.

OTHER NEWSLETTER INFO: we are short two ads (a ¼ and a business card size). Janice is working on a ¼ page ad for her business. Paper costs are rising according to printer. Some issues around getting Madrona's half of bulk mail cost.

JUNE PROGRAM: Diane has invited CM Sawant but no confirmation yet. Leschi Stars will be presented; we have received two nominations so far. Diane suggested it would be

a good time for Bill Caldwell and Dianne Ramsey Gayton to report on their research into Met Park policy on allocating funds for park maintenance.

WINE TASTING EVENT: Diane reminded group that part of our agreement with the Senior Center is that we do a fundraiser (typically has been a wine tasting) but Yousef says they are too busy. Janice asked about Grocery Outlet doing a tasting. Need to check this out.

OLD BUSINESS

JANICE: the LCC logo. She would like to see something like the "L" that Leavitt uses in its advertising.

DIANE CD INVESTMENT: Yuki had mentioned the options before she resigned. Need to check it out with the Brenton group leader, Robert Cippolone.

DONATION POLICY: We need to pull this into a formal policy for the bylaws.

UNRESOLVED

Controversy over Frink Park changes made by volunteer that reduces group space.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Income	Expenses	Balance 3/31/2018
General Fund			\$13,491.12
Ad Revenue	\$3,535.00		
Dues	\$585.00		
Donations	\$1,540.00		
Postage		(\$599.90)	
Printing		(\$1,676.54)	
Totals	\$5,660.00	(\$3,330.44)	\$13,491.12
Restricted Funds			
ArtWalk			\$647.64
Friends of Powell Barnett			\$1,068.06
Cherry Street Corridor			\$635.76
Flo Ware Park			\$1482.67
Friends of Street Ends	\$400.00		\$827.38
Frink Park	\$5,398.10		\$7,721.68
King Street			\$1270.00
Leschi Gateway Project			\$347.39
Leschi Natural Area	\$75.00		\$5,754.87
Officer Brenton Fund			\$3,633.85
String of Pearls	\$250.00		\$1,930.38
SW Frink Park			\$1233.08
W. Vaughn Memorial Fund	\$200.00		\$1200.00
Wading Pool			\$3006.13
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MAY 2 7pm. Our Evolving Community: panel discussion at the Central Area Senior Center (aka: The Central), 500 S 30th Ave S.

MAY 5 9am–3pm. Leschi Natural Area work party. Lunch & tools provided. 36th & Terrace.

MAY 7 7pm. Leschi CC Executive Board Meeting at BluWater Bistro, 102 Lakeside Ave.

MAY 10 3:30pm. BluWater Bistro for ArtWalk planning. All welcome!

MAY 10 6–7:30 pm. Central Area Neighborhood District Council at The Central.

MAY 12 9am–12pm. Seattle Neighborhood Coalition (SNC), topic: Transportation II, breakfast \$14, at The Central.

MAY 17 6–8pm. A conversation with Calvin West about his work managing the historical artwork of Sasarine “Dixie” La Croix, the Doll Lady, at the Dr. James and Janie Washington Cultural Center, 1816 26th Ave. 98122.

MAY 18 6–9pm. Green Dolphin Street Lounge at The Central. S. Performer: Josephine Howell, another Green Dolphin favorite. Admission is \$20 for non-members and \$15 for lifetime members if reserved in advance. \$25 at the door, refreshments, no host bar.

MAY 19 9:30am–12pm. Join your fellow LCC members to tackle the public stairs on Dearborn from 30th Ave. S to 31st Ave. Bring brooms, rakes, clippers!

MAY 20 10am–2pm. Come to the Bradner Gardens Park Plant Sale, featuring heirloom tomatoes, vegetables, herbs and perennials. 29th Avenue South and South Grand St.

MAY 24 6:30–8:30. EastPAC meeting at Chardin Hall; parking lot off Jefferson just past 12th on the right.

MAY 27 7pm. Free concert at Ernestine Anderson House, 2010 S. Jackson St. Laura Love with Terry Hunt

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