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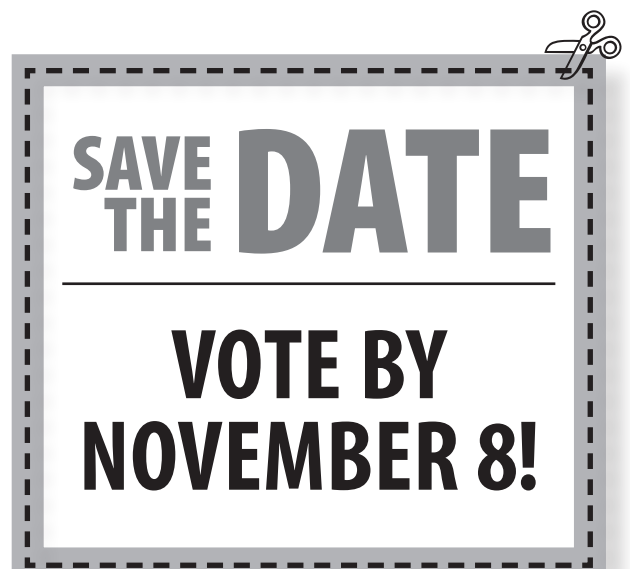
LESCHI COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING November 2 at 7pm

Our November meeting will be held by Zoom. We will be reviewing our bylaw changes as requested this year by the state for all non-profit organizations. Our thanks to Leschi resident and lawyer Mel Simburg for reviewing the new rules and letting us know that we needed to combine our constitution and bylaws. Most of the changes are updating; a few changes are simplifying. The biggest change is the Restricted Funds section. We recognize that bylaws are not everyone's favorite topic of the week, but we all realize it is important to have guidelines for an organization and we encourage you to review those changes and be prepared to vote in January on these changes.

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President's Message

Dear Leschi Residents,

Happy Days of Fall! As I write this, we are about to lose our warmer weather and receive some much needed rain. That should clear the sky and freshen the ground we walk on.

This coming month is the beginning of a Holiday Season, where turkeys (whether roasted, deep fried, Komodo cooked, or tofu-turkey) and all the trimmings will show up in abundance. The smells of holiday cooking are awesome, particularly if we have crispy leaves to walk through. Cinnamon rolls, gingerbread, bakes apples—all conjure up warm thoughts in most of our tummies.



A committee consisting of Board Members, Committee Chairs, and former Board Members volunteered to gather week after week to update the By-Laws of The Leschi Community Council. Earlier this year there was a requirement to update. As we met, we saw that the Constitution and the By-Laws repeated much of the same information, so we combined the two. There is an announcement in this month's bulletin, as the By-Laws are available on the website for review and will be printed in the Leschi News this month. Diane Snell has bolded the areas of change for your easy reading. We will vote on these changes in January.

Here's to a lovely November and the warmth of family and friends as we walk through our amazing life in Leschi.

Kindest regards,
Janice Merrill Brown
President, Leschi Community Council

"The best way to predict the future is to invent it." ~Frank Maguire



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NEW VOTING OPTIONS?

We met in person at the Douglass-Truth library for our October meeting and no one could remember when we last met in person. It was March 4, 2020, when we had hired an actor to present a "suffragette" meeting in recognition of the 100th anniversary of women winning the right to vote. Covid cases were beginning to climb, and it was wise to discontinue in person meetings for many months...which turned into years.

This time we featured the two candidates for the 37th district representative Position 2 to the Washington State legislature: Chipalo Street and Emijah Smith. We were able to record the interviews and you can find the link on the website. The second half of the program, Approval voting and Ranked Choice voting was not recorded (by accident). There was not enough time to ask questions of the presenters as we need to leave the library early; they close at 8pm.

Logan Bowers presented the case for approval voting. It is easier! One just checks all the candidates that one approves without any ranking among the candidates. It was also described as a "no cost" option. Real Change's article on the two options, states the no cost is because it appears on the ballot as a result of a petition. Ranked Choice was put on the ballot by the City Council and underwent a fiscal analysis. Approval Voting will also get a fiscal analysis if it wins. Nothing is really free!

Ranked Choice voting takes us another step; we actually rank the candidates in order of preference (up to the first five). This method has been used in over 50 localities and many feels it does give more groups a chance. Approval Voting is not as widely used as Ranked Choice; so far it has been used in Fargo, ND and St. Louis, Mo.

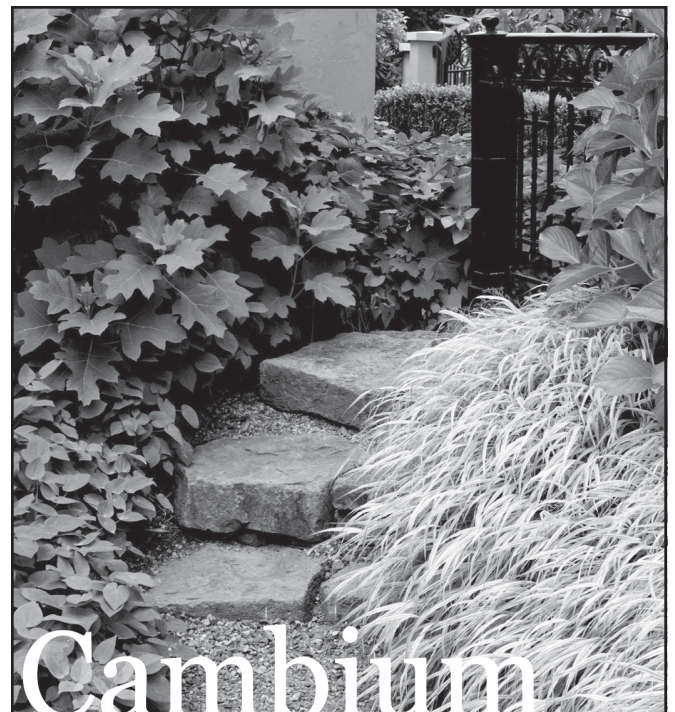
I make choices after studying a candidate's platform, their issues and past performances as well as who is endorsing this candidate. I know what I am looking for and any deviance from "my" platform would be a vote for disapproval. I came away from the meeting feeling that I would continue to vote for one candidate, the one I felt best fit my wishes.

But after reading some articles about the two voting options, I felt I should see what I would do in each case. Bowers had given us small cards with the list of Mayoral candidates in the recent August primary: 15 candidates in all. I felt that I might vote to approve 2 of the 15 candidates but would be happier with a disapproval category for this large group. Then I tried the list with Ranked Voting and although I did not find more than 2 candidates that I would consider, there was obviously some difference between those two and I could rank them easily.


No matter which voting option is chosen, one can still vote for just their one preferred candidate.

In the meantime, you might want to check out some of the online informational articles. There is an interesting Crosscut article which pertains just to our area. Unfortunately, there are not that many articles on Approval Voting as it has not been as widely used. Whatever your decision is, be sure to vote November 8! Be sure your ballot is in the drop box before 8pm!

-Diane Snell



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Neighborhood and Beyond

RECOGNIZING DETECTIVE COOKIE

Leschi first knew her as Officer Cookie when she would attend the annual Flo Ware event and teach children how to play chess. She has been teaching chess for the past 16 years, mostly in the Rainier Beach area and that is where a chess park has been erected to honor her contribution to the community.



The new park is located near the Rainier Beach library and has 12 stone table with chessboards and life size chess pieces. Thank you, Detective Cookie, for your community support!

GRAB THOSE RAKES

November is here and there will be a weekly pickup of up to ten bags of those falling leaves at no cost! Seattle Public Utilities encourages us to rake and bag those leaves to keep them out of the storm drains. We want the drains clear in preparation for the rains that will come. Composters may want to bag the leaves in the front yard and compost the back yard leaves that get less auto exhaust.

SHULMAN MEMORIAL MEETING

The East District Police Captain, Eric Sano, will meet with neighbors and supporters of a project to honor Steve Shulman, at the Central Area Senior Center, 500–30th Ave S, from 7 to 8:30pm. The meeting is planned in response to some neighbors who expressed concerns that the east middle edge of the Leschi waterfront is attracting people who carry on noisy midnight parties often with numerous gunshots.

The concerns came forward at a public meeting on September 25 that focused on a proposal of Friends of Steve Shulman to develop a picnic shelter in Leschi Park near the South Leschi Moorage. Steve talked to friends about his vision of a place to bring people together, a community gathering spot, in Leschi Park, and he saw that a picnic shelter is lacking in Leschi Park and can be a vehicle to support friendships and community ties. Steve died in the midst of the Covid Pandemic and his friends quickly galvanized about the concept of realizing Steve's dream.

Some neighbors said they believe that a picnic shelter in the area would attract more misbehavior and criminal activity. What can the Police do to control or discourage the late

night incidents? Do Park picnic shelters attract bad behavior? How do we best honor the devoted community advocate, Steve Shulman?

This meeting is an opportunity to discuss the neighbors' concerns about adverse effects, to talk about the concepts of honoring Steve, and to decide how to move forward. The meeting is sponsored by the Parks and Greenspace Committee of the Leschi Community Council.

-John Barber

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Saturday November 12th from 10am till 2pm. Friends of Street Ends (FOSE) invites you to the Massachusetts street end (immediately off Lakeshore Drive) to help restore a small landscape.

We have a Job Box of tools, so all we ask is that volunteers have up-to-date vaccinations and closed toe shoes. The effort will include some weeding, mulching, and planting of PNW native plants. Please RSVP dmcollins1962@gmail.com.

-Daniel Collins

ADOPT A CANOPY

The Leschi CC has been blessed with 10 new canopies for event purposes. Our problem is storage! We do not have room in our individual houses to store these canopies. We have checked on a storage unit but can't justify the expense as our publishing costs have risen and there is word of postal increases. If we could find some residents who could adopt 2 or more canopies perhaps this issue could be resolved. Contact leschinews@comcast.net if you can adopt!

-Leschi CC Board

THE 13TH ANNUAL GIVING GARLAND AT LESCHI ELEMENTARY

The Giving Garland is geared towards the children, providing families with support during the winter holidays in gift cards and gifts...some items are fun: toys, bikes, art supplies, board games, balls, books and some are basics: clothing, bedding, warm coats or diapers. And every family receives gift cards to easily accessible grocery stores. In 2021 we distributed nearly \$13,000 in gift cards for groceries, clothing and specific gifts and approximately 900 gifts! Over the last 12 years, the Giving Garland has supported over 1,800 children and their families during the winter holidays. It is made possible by the Leschi school and neighborhood communities, sponsored by the Leschi PTA.

HOW YOU CAN HELP THIS YEAR!

- **Donate Gift Cards** for the most frequently requested stores:
 - Safeway, Grocery Outlet, Costco, Target, Ross Dress for Less, Old Navy
- **“Cash” donations** for gifts and gift cards to be purchased:
- Go to the Leschi School website to see **WISH LISTS for individual gift items** at:
 - Snapdoodletoy.com (a local toy store!) and Amazon.com

SCHOOL WEBSITE:

https://leschies.seattleschools.org/school_involvement/fundraising/giving_garland

For more information, contact Katie Busby (phone: 206.251.3411, email: katiebusby@gmail.com), Jennifer Marquardt (phone: 206.423.2781, email: jmarquardt1@gmail.com) or check the Leschi School website.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Please review the constitution which includes the By-Laws and focus on the changes which are bolded. Discussion at our November meeting.

CONSTITUTION + BYLAWS OF THE LESCHI COMMUNITY COUNCIL (EST. 1958)

ARTICLE I: (PREAMBLE)

The name of this organization shall be The Leschi Community Council.

The Council has been and shall continue to be organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, and literary purposes. Its goal is to initiate and/or support beneficial public interest projects and programs, to create a neighborhood awareness of community issues so that Leschi residents may make informed and effective decisions in matters concerning them, and to promote and support artistic and cultural activities that are consistent with the Council's purposes.

ARTICLE II: BOUNDARIES

The Leschi neighborhood consists of that area of Seattle, Washington bounded by Martin Luther King Jr. Way, East Cherry Street, S. Norman Street and Lake Washington.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. To qualify for membership, a person must live, own property, or conduct business in the Leschi neighborhood. The Council strives to provide an opportunity for all interested parties to participate in the **Council free from discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, age, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, political ideology, or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical limitation or handicap.**

Section 2. Voting. Dues paying members 16 years of age or older shall be entitled to one vote. Non-dues paying members may attend meetings and express their views but are not entitled to a vote.

ARTICLE IV: DUES, CONTRIBUTIONS + OTHER REVENUE

Section 1. Dues. Annual dues shall be \$25.00 for individuals, \$35.00 for families, \$15.00 for persons who are low income, and \$50.00 for commercial establishments.

Section 2. Income Accounting. All dues and other income shall be deposited into an interest-bearing account and shall be withdrawn only upon the issuance of checks signed by the President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary.

Section 3. Charity. The Council shall be operated as a public charity, not a private foundation, as those terms are used in the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations. All, or at least a substantial part, of its financial support will be eligible for a charitable tax deduction, **if the Council satisfies 501(c)(3) requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.**

Any revenue generated by the Council shall be for the benefit of the Leschi neighborhood or general community. No part of the Council's net earnings may inure the benefit of a particular resident, member, officer, or other individual. The Council may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and make other payments and distributions consistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

Section 4. Restricted Funds. The Executive Board may approve establishing the fund with a two-thirds majority. The Leschi Community Council may accept donations for specific community projects. Such projects must have a sponsor committed to facilitate the project activities. Prior to soliciting donations, the sponsor must provide a plan describing in detail how the funds are expected to be used and how the community will be engaged beyond providing funding. The sponsor is encouraged to have community members speak about their planned contributions and involvement at a council meeting.

Funds for these projects are considered restricted funds. The sponsor must report on the project's planned activities and progress at least once a year to the community. The treasurer may disburse these funds for any activities or purchases or to reimburse expenses that can be documented as in service of the project.

The fund's restriction ends with project completion or if no project activity has occurred for 3 years, whichever occurs first. Any expenses paid out of the fund or activities for which the funds' sponsor can provide a public record are considered project activity. The treasurer must track individual donations and disbursements for the lifetime of the project and until all funds are released. Once restriction ends, any remaining funds should be reassigned to community projects with similar objectives, donated to a local cause with similar objectives or moved to the general fund, in that order. The project sponsor is responsible for ensuring donors understand, before they donate, how their donation will be treated once the project is completed or if the project is abandoned.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS – ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of 3 or more members. The President shall appoint 2 or more members by April 15 of even numbered years and the Vice President shall serve as chairperson. The Nominating Committee shall bring a slate of officers to be voted on at the May meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Section 2. Term of Officers. Officers shall be elected for a term of two years or until their successors are elected by the General Membership **at an Annual Meeting.** All officers shall

take office immediately following their election. Officers shall serve no more than two consecutive terms in the same office **unless circumstances preclude this.**

Section 3. Multiple Service. If a person holds more than one Board position concurrently, that person is entitled to only one vote.

Section 4. Vacancies. The Vice President automatically moves up. Other vacancies occurring in the Board of Directors by reason of resignation, death, or disqualification of an elected or appointed member must be filled until the next Election, confirmed by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Removal for Cause. Any elected or appointed Board member may be removed from office for cause by a two-thirds vote of the Board at a regular or special Board meeting, or by a two-thirds vote at a General Membership meeting, provided notice of the meeting and proposed removal shall be mailed not later than seven days prior to the meeting date. Two unexcused, consecutive absences of a member from Board meetings shall be deemed a resignation.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS – DUTIES

Section 1. President. The President shall: preside over all meetings of the Council and of the Executive Board; appoint committee chairpersons, **write President’s Message for the Leschi News the months that it is published;** and be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. Vice President. The Vice President shall assist the President as needed; perform the duties of the President in the President’s absence; and act as chairperson of the Nominating Committee.

Section 3. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall **execute and maintain records,** collect dues, maintain a list of all paid members, receive funds, pay bills, keep records of all transactions, balance all funds, and prepare monthly financial reports for Council meetings. **Treasurer shall prepare a proposed budget for Board annually. The treasurer shall retrieve Council mail from the post office.**

Sec. 4. Secretary. The Secretary shall prepare meeting agendas, **execute and maintain records and minutes of all general and Executive Board meetings and provide a copy to the newsletter editor,** provide all officers with copies of relevant documents, maintain copies of all outgoing correspondence, channel correspondence to appropriate persons, maintain lists of meeting attendance and council members, and maintain all records, reports, and documents of the Council.

Section 5. Seattle Community Council Federation Representative. The Representative shall attend meetings of the SCCF and report to the Council and Executive Board.

Section 6. Elected officials must become dues paying members of the LCC, if they are not so already.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees; Standing Committees
A. The Standing Committees shall be designated each year by the Board at its first meeting after the Annual Meeting. **These standing committees include the Communications liaison and the editor of the Leschi Newsletter.**

B. Additional Standing Committees. Additional Standing Committees may be designated and dissolved by a majority vote of the Board or by a majority vote at the General membership meeting.

C. Special Committees may be designated by a majority vote of the Board.

Section 2. Committee Chairpersons. The President shall appoint committee chairpersons for all committees approved by the Board and/or the General Membership.

Section 3. Executive Board. The Executive Board shall be composed of all officers listed in Article V and all committee chairpersons.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

Section 1. Quorum for meetings regular Council meetings other than committee meetings, require a quorum of six (6) persons to conduct business, provided that the information can be disseminated to smaller groups. A quorum for Executive Committee meetings is three (3) persons.

Section 2. General Council Meetings. The general council shall meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm, **except for the July and August, or whatever dates are published in the June Leschi Newsletter, and as posted on the website and in the kiosk on the eastside of Lakeside Ave.**

Section 3. Special Meetings. The President may call a special meeting of either the general membership or the executive board with a three-day written notice which states with reasonable specificity the reason for the meeting. A special meeting of the executive board may also be called without written notice with the agreement of two thirds of the board members. **Additionally, members-at-large may call a special meeting if requested by five (5) voting members.**

Section 4. Executive Board Meetings. The Executive Board shall meet on a regular basis. **These meetings will take place on the Tuesday following the General Meeting, or the Tuesday the week following the General Meeting, or as posted on the website.**

Section 5. Voting. All matters shall require a majority vote for approval except those matters requiring the taking of a public position by the Council which were not included on the agenda or in the previous newsletter shall require a 2/3 vote for approval.

Section 6. Rules of Order. The most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall be used to conduct meetings except where they may conflict with these bylaws. The President may appoint a parliamentarian as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE IX: PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES

As a nonprofit organization formed exclusively for charitable, educational, and literary purposes, the Council may conduct activities consistent with these purposes as they are defined by section 501 c (3) of the Internal Revenue code and implementing regulations. Permissible activities may include but are not limited to:

A. Lessening neighborhood tensions and eliminating prejudice and discrimination by increasing contacts among neighbors, promoting understanding and appreciation of the diverse, unique, and special talents of Leschi residents and groups, and by similar beneficial programs.

- B. Establishing or maintaining areas of public use or enjoyment, such as neighborhood parks and green space.
- C. Combating community deterioration through involvement in planning and decision-making regarding community development and programs, including physical planning, land use, transportation, public safety, and similar concerns.
- D. Conducting literary activities, such as the preparation, and/or distribution of articles, newsletters, and books promoting neighborhood appreciation and pride.**

The Council or Executive Committee shall supervise, determine the location and set such admission fees for Council sponsored events as it deems appropriate and are consistent with the organization's purposes. Literary materials may be offered for sale to the general public at prices set by the Council or Executive Committee, provided that all revenue raising must comply with articles IV and X.

ARTICLE X: PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

The Council shall not engage in any activity precluded by its tax-exempt status under 501 c of the Internal Revenue Code. No substantial part of its activities shall include attempting influence legislation or attempting to participate or intervene directly or indirectly in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements), except as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code, regulations, or rulings. Attempting to influence legislation for this purpose, means:

- A. Any attempt to influence any legislation through a move to affect the opinions of the general public or any segment thereof; and
- B. Any attempt to influence any legislation through communication with any member or employee of a legislative body, or with any government official or employee who may participate in the formulation of the legislation.

However, the term "influencing legislation" does not include the following activities.

- A. Making available the results of nonpartisan analysis, study or research.
- B. Providing technical advice or assistance (where such advise would otherwise constitute the influencing of legislation) to a governmental body, or to a committee or other subdivision thereof, in response to a written request by such body or subdivision.
- C. Appearing before or communicating with any legislative body with respect to a possible decision of that body which might affect the existence of the organization, its powers and duties, its tax-exempt status, or the deduction of contributions to the organization.
- D. Communicating with a government official or employee, other than:
 1. A communication with a member or employee of a legislative body (when such communication would otherwise constitute the influencing of legislation); or
 2. A communication with the principal purpose of influencing legislation.

Also excluded are communications between an organization and its members with respect to legislation or proposed legislation of direct interest to the organization and such members, unless these communications directly encourage

the members to influence legislation or directly encourage the members to influence legislation or directly encourage the members to are nonmembers to influence legislation, as explained earlier.

The Council may apply for permission from the Internal Revenue Service for an exemption to allow a substantial part of its activities to consist of attempting to influence legislation. The exemption allows specified amounts of lobbying expenditures.

Certain voter education activities conducted in a nonpartisan manner may not constitute prohibited political activity, under various Internal Revenue Service rulings.

The Council shall not carry on activities for the benefit of private interests.

ARTICLE XI: DISSOLUTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Upon the dissolution of this organization, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the organizations liabilities, dispose of all the assets of the organization exclusively for its purposes in such manner, or to such organization(s) formed and operated for charitable, religious, educational, scientific, literary or other specified purposes which shall at the time qualify for tax exemption under section 501 c 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. In the alternative, some or all of the assets may be distributed to the federal government or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

ARTICLE XII: CONSTRUCTION OF BY-LAWS

All provisions of the Council's By-Laws shall be constructed and implemented in a manner consistent with this Constitution. Any provisions of the By-Laws which cannot be so interpreted and applied are hereby null and void.

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENTS

Any amendment of this Constitution or of the Council's By-Laws shall be by two-thirds (2/3) of those members present and eligible to vote at a regular or special meeting, after notice of the proposed amendment and meeting has been posted in the neighborhood at least seven (7) days prior and the notice mailed to all members on the current membership list, at least ten (10) days prior. A copy of the amendment shall be sent to the appropriate District Director of the Internal Revenue Service.

Thank you for helping us complete this process for the Washington state records!

-LCC Bylaws Committee

LET US GIVE THANKS

My friend Nick is a poet at heart. Words have helped him find joy in an often hard life. Despite this, his stories and poetry manage to combine humor with a real message.

Raised in a Catholic orphanage, Nick was a helicopter gunner in Viet Nam. After 9 months on the front line, Nick finally earned an R&R (rest & recreation) trip and headed for Australia. His first stop was Cam Ranh Bay, then a major US Military base. The morning of his final departure for barbies, beaches and babes, he asked where he could get breakfast.

"Take the bus downtown" was the helpful advice. So he did.

The giant cafeteria had a full American breakfast menu. Nick decided on steak and eggs

“How would you like your steak?”

It arrived medium rare—exactly as ordered.

The men’s room was also gigantic, with a row of urinals as far as the eye could see. After doing what he needed to do, Nick, thinking himself alone, walked down the line and flushed each one in turn. An Airforce sergeant entered the sanitary sanctuary.

“You’ve been in the field a long time, haven’t you soldier?”

Whatever else we may give thanks for, maybe we can include wars that have ended.

And indoor plumbing.

-Malcolm Harker

CENTRAL AREA SENIOR CENTER NEWS, FALL 2022

CASC continues to host its monthly third Wednesday’s Membership Meeting, Nov.16 starting at 1:15pm–2:30pm in the dining room.

On Friday, October 28th is the Halloween Party directly after lunch starting at 1:30 pm. Fun will be plentiful with prizes for the best costume in a variety of categories, cake walks, games, spooky demonstrations, and lots of prizes.

Let’s Talk Food, a new program funded by the City of Seattle, Department of Neighborhoods will kick-off activities starting Saturday, October 29th, at 10am–1pm. It is a Food, Health, and Waste Fair! A free event: it will feature Health Screenings and Information, Food Demonstrations and Waste, Recycling and Composting Demonstrations. Angel Deli will provide box lunches. There will be prizes for a variety of games focused on the demonstrations and the knowledge gained and/or enhanced by the speakers and presentations.

CASC will host its Annual Meeting on Monday, October 31st 2:30pm–4:30pm. The Purpose of the Annual Meeting Shall be a) Install the Board, both new and those nominated for a second term. (Currently there are no board vacancies). b) Present the Annual Reports of the Board; and c) Promote the Center’s programs and services. The ADA restroom is slated to be completed by the end of the month. Upgrades include custom fixtures highlighting a beautiful grayish white marble and tile.

CASC is planning to serve three hundred persons and families for Thanksgiving with meals and groceries in a variety of ways, November 18th through November 22nd. Seniors, members, and their families will have groceries delivered to them. We plan to provide groceries to our members, the Des Moines/Normandy Park Senior Activity Center, our partner Senior Center, First African Methodist Episcopal Church food program and to co-host a dinner for the families and children of the Yesler Terrace Community Center with the Marvin Thomas Fund, Safeway/Albertson, FAME Church, the Emergency Feeding Program and Food Lifeline partnering in these endeavors. Call the CASC at 206.726.4926 if you and/or someone you know need food.

NO GREEN DOLPHIN IN NOVEMBER.

Reserve, Saturday, December 10th , 6 pm – 10 pm for CASC’s Annual Holiday Gala. CASC’s Annual Holiday Gala will feature jazz artist Eugenie Jones. The Holiday Gala includes: A No Host Bar, Appetizers, Dinner, Live Music, 50/50 Raffle, Silent Auction with a Holiday Themed After Five Elegance, Ambiance and Attire. Tickets: \$100/\$125/\$150 – Lifetime, Annual and Non-Member pricing. A photographer will be available to take your portrait for \$15.

-Dian Ferguson

LIFE AND TIMES IN LESCHI

In September I wrote about the illegal removal of a 60-foot-tall cedar tree on the former property of Ruby Bishop, one of Seattle’s—and Leschi’s—great musicians. My interest in this environmental outrage led me to learn about Ms. Bishop’s rich life and legacy and to meet some of her family, friends, and neighbors.

Raised in Rochester, Washington, Ruby got her showbiz start around nearby Centralia. By the early 1960s she was already a prominent jazz performer, playing at clubs and restaurants around town. She also toured internationally on behalf of the USO. “You knew when she was in a room,” a friend of hers told me.

Ruby chose a life of music even though her parents wanted her to become a pharmacist. She married one, however: Alex Bishop, during World War II. In 1950, Alex commissioned the Bishop Manor Apartments, at 2700 Yesler Way. Ruby and the family lived there until 1963, when she bought the house in Leschi. The Bishops sold the apartment building in 1986.

She started out singing. With her long fingers she evolved to play piano as well, like her idol, Fats Waller, who she saw performing in Portland. As early as the 1930s she visited Seattle to see accomplished Black musicians perform.

Louis Armstrong became a good friend. He invited her to his hotel room to “drink some Courvoisier and lie to each other,” Ruby told the Seattle Times. “Oh God, he was funny. If he went to anyone’s house when he was here in Seattle, it was



Ruby Bishop at Martin’s Off Madison, around 2004. Photo by Larry Knapp.

mine. I'd ask all the guys [in his band] what they wanted to eat and I'd spend all day cooking it." Years later, she perfected an impression of his own voice.

It was common for visiting African-American entertainers to be hosted privately, since many hotels and restaurants would refuse to serve them. Armstrong was sometimes the exception, but even he was not able to get in everywhere (even outside of the South), despite his reputation and resources.

I recently had the pleasure of a visit with Ruby's daughter, grandson, and great-granddaughter, who filled me in with a personal view of goings-on in Ruby's home, at 916 32nd Avenue South. Ruby loved to cook. Sometimes she would take a break from the kitchen and head for the piano in her living room. "You want to hear me play some music?" she asked her great-granddaughter, who was about four years old. "Sure, G-G," came the response. So the little girl curled up underneath the piano on a cat-shaped pillow, enjoying the jazz melody and the vibration, eventually lulled to sleep.

Often in the early 2010s she showed up at the Pink Door and sat in with Casey MacGill's trio, taking her turn on the piano and vocals.

Ruby had numerous other talents. During the war she worked at Boeing as a mechanic and a draftsman. She also became a court reporter and a beautician. In her spare time, she bowled and played golf. A neighbor showed me her bowling ball, engraved with "Ruby."

When she bought her house in Leschi she wanted the kitchen remodeled to suit her style. Instead of hiring a contractor, she went to cabinet-making school at the Gompers branch of Seattle Community College (now known as the Wood Technology Center), near Leschi, and learned how to do it herself. A family photo shows her new kitchen cabinets, each one decorated with a musical note.

At age 82 she was married again, to Alfred Schelling, who she had met 40 years earlier when she was playing at the Mayflower Hotel. Sadly, he died after two years of marriage.

Ruby recorded a CD of piano solos, "88 Keys to Success in Life"—at age 88. It can be found on YouTube, as can short interviews with her.

In her 90s, in a ceremony at the Royal Room in Columbia City, Ruby was inducted into the Seattle Jazz Hall of Fame. She continued to play piano for three hours every Sunday evening at Vito's, at 9th and Madison, where she performed until age 97, when her memory started to fade. She died in 2019 at age 99.

The house newly built on half of Ruby's former property has been sold and occupied. While the city and the developer negotiate over a re-vegetation plan for the remaining half, which remains unbuilt, friends and neighbors are hoping that it could be turned into a park in Ruby's memory. We can only hope that the city's remediation requirements for carbon dioxide capture and hillside water flow will be so onerous that construction of yet another multi-million-dollar mansion would be impractical. No one should imagine that anything built on this site will be in the category of affordable housing.

-Roger Lippman

The author writes monthly about Leschi history and his experiences over his 46 years in the neighborhood.

THE 2022–2023 WINTER FORECAST

The 2022–2023 Winter will be the third consecutive winter with a La Nina in the Tropical Pacific. During a La Nina, the sea-surface-temperatures over the Eastern and Central Tropical Pacific are cooler than usual, and the trade winds are stronger than usual. And although La Nina (and its brother, El Nino) have the strongest and most predictable impacts on the weather of the Tropical Pacific, their impacts can extend into the mid-latitudes as well.

Historically, La Ninas have a slight tendency to be cooler and wetter than average in the Pacific Northwest, and the stronger the La Nina, the stronger this tendency is. This is because the stronger than average trade winds in the Tropical Pacific can, in turn, alter the location of the jet stream, causing it to approach the Pacific Northwest from a more northwesterly direction than usual. This pattern is extremely effective for bringing gobs of snow to the Cascades, and many of the Cascades' snowiest winters and springs have occurred during La Nina years. Paradise Ranger Station set a world record for the most snowfall measured in a winter during the 1971–1972 La Nina year when 1,122 inches fell, but this was broken during the 1998–1999 La Nina winter when Mt. Baker ski resort 150 miles to the north saw an incredible 1,140 inches.

However, not every La Nina year is blessed with cool, wet weather and bountiful mountain snowfall. The La Nina winter of 2000–2001 was one of the driest Pacific Northwest winters on record, with much of the Pacific Northwest only receiving half of its typical winter precipitation. Seattle saw its driest combined spring/summer on record during 2021, and summer/autumn 2022 was one of the hottest and driest periods on record for the Pacific Northwest, with Seattle experiencing a record 12 days of 90+ degree temperatures and Portland experiencing a 67-day stretch of dry days. This past "Augtober" had very little precipitation, thick smoke, and extremely warm temperatures through the first 2/3rds of the month, including an incredible 88 degrees on Sunday, October 16, 16 degrees above the previous daily record. At the beginning of the summer, long-term forecasts called for near-average temperatures over due to La Nina conditions, but reality ended up being much different.

So what can we expect for the 2021–2022 winter? Being a La Nina winter, the 2021–2022 winter has a slightly greater than average chance of above-average precipitation and near or cooler than average temperatures. Unlike El Ninos, which are notorious for bringing very little snow to the lowlands, La Ninas usually give us a few brushes with lowland snow, so I expect we'll see lowland snow at some point this winter. The highest confidence feature during La Nina winters is above average snowfall in the Cascades, particularly the northern Cascades, but as the 2000–2001 winter showed, even this isn't a sure thing. Still, buying a seasons pass looks like a safe bet this year.

Our summer was wonderful, but I am ready for the rain to wash away the smoke. Stay warm, dry, and safe this winter.

-Charlie Phillips

Charlie Phillips is a Madrona native and lifelong weather geek who now works at Puget Sound Energy as an energy trader, making sure there is enough energy to keep the lights on! Check out his weather blog at weathertogether.net.

Culture Corner

HUMAIRA ABID: STANDING UP FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS UNDER ISLAM AND AROUND THE WORLD

Women's rights are front and center as Iran erupts in anger at its oppressive extremely conservative government. The protests started after Mahsa Amini died from being beaten by the so-called morality police. Two 16 year old girls Sarina Esmailzadeh and Nika Shakrami, have also died in the protests.

Pakistani-born artist Humaira Abid created all of the work in "Fight like a Girl," her most recent Seattle exhibition at Greg Kucera Gallery, before the current protests. But throughout her career she has taken a stand to speak out about issues pertaining to women that are rarely discussed.

Abid points out that the term "Fight Like a Girl" has been used to denigrate girls, suggesting that they don't fight as well as boys, but her point of view is that girls are strong, determined, and fight for everything they get. In Iran women by the thousands are leading the nation-wide protests, and they persist in the defiance of widespread violence against them by the government.

Iran, as Resa Aslan points out in his essay "From Here to Mullahcracy" has a democratic constitution that clerics discarded: "what had begun as a vibrant experiment in Islamic democracy..." turned into a "state ruled by an inept clerical oligarchy with absolute religious power." Iran is not a theocracy, Aslan explains, because of that constitution which "enshrined fundamental freedoms of speech, religion, education, and peaceful assembly." It is those discarded rights that the people of Iran, both men and women, are demanding.

Abid's trajectory through art schools in Lahore included overcoming a lot of sexism. She studied two completely different techniques, woodworking, and miniature painting. The teachers there would not let her study woodworking or sculpture in art school, it was believed that only men could make sculpture, so she went to traditional wood carvers to learn.

Along the first wall of Abid's exhibition are protest posters rendered on meticulously carved pine that replicate the cardboard of protest signs. Carved on each one is a protest: "Blame Rapist not Victim," "Enough," "Tolerating Racism is Racism."

Abid first seduces us with aesthetics and beauty, then gives us a punch in the face with specific imagery that speaks to the "issues people are afraid to talk about" in women's lives both with respect to Islam and with respect to the concerns facing all women. This exhibition includes works that address incestuous rape, miscarriages, breast feeding, and the fate of migrant women and children.



"Woman With a Breast Pump." 2022. Carved and 24k gilded pine wood, gouache and pigments on handmade wasli paper and tru-vu museum acrylic.

"Woman with a Breast Pump" outrageously connects the breast pump with the faucets for ablutions outside of mosques, in a tondo shape (as in a Renaissance Mother and Child): she surrounds a detailed painting of a breastfeeding mother (based on a photograph) with a halo of faucets in gilded wood.

In the series "Tempting Eyes" woman's eyes look assertively from various Islamic head coverings on rear view mirrors (simulated in wood): the works comment on the driving ban for women in Saudi Arabia (lifted in 2017, but with other severe restrictions on women still in place). The law stands that declares that the eyes alone are dangerous and can violate the law with too much makeup. But these eyes defiantly stare right at us.

In "Woman in Black," 2022, a small oval miniature painting of a woman covered in black and holding a white rose, suggests a miscarriage. The stem of the white rose connects to a long chain (carved in wood) leading to a child's head lying on the floor with a black bird sitting on it. In some ways this is the most frightening image in the exhibition: the long chain both restrains the woman and suggests an umbilical cord leading to the baby. The black bird suggest death. With the repeal of Roe v Wade the possibility of death from miscarriages has escalated.

Abid has long addressed refugees and migration, particularly the suffering of women and children, who experience rape and kidnapping. That theme appears here in three swings titled

“This world is beautiful and dangerous Too.” On the seat is a miniature painting of a child happily swinging in what appears to be a fantasy land. But underneath threatening looking cactus grow. Abid explained that this series began when the Taliban killed 140 children in a slaughter in 2014 in Peshawar, Pakistan.

Finally “Honor” written in carved wood chains says it all: the prison, the misuse of language, the oppression all in the name of ‘Honor.’”

Abid’s beautifully crafted wood sculptures with their direct messages have never been more timely.

-Susan Platt, PhD
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ELECTRONIC FREEBIES

My eyesight is failing, so I am especially aware of the great value those with poor eyesight receive from our free public special libraries (the Washington Talking Book and Braille Library and the associated Library of Congress service). But there are also the sometimes overlooked services, in this respect, of our local free public libraries. I have become very dependent on our city library for downloadable books. So have many others, I have discovered, during this season of flu enforced isolation.

In order to try to increase my access to audio books I investigated the use of the King County Library by City residents and found something interesting. We have a special arrangement with the County which allows us equal access to their services. The hitch is that you have to show up at a County library with your Seattle library card and matching

identification showing a City residence. This may sound like too much bother for some. However, there are real benefits for not just those with eyesight challenges, but others as well.

I found that sometimes the County has eBooks and audio books that the City doesn’t have. Not only that, but this can and most often does occur with very recently published books. Our City library seems to sometimes order new paper books without ordering the eBook and audio book versions as well. The electronic versions of new books seem to be available even before the official publication date. For example, in the case of two wildly popular mystery authors, Louise Penny and Michael Connelly, their latest books are not available yet in paper, but their electronic versions are. The County has them in their electronic versions now and can download them, while the City can’t because they apparently didn’t order them.

If one has the County card and is alert, it could be possible to get the electronic version in high demand books months earlier. And it is only necessary to make the trip to the County library once. The Skyway Branch is the easiest to reach from here. A Google search will provide all you need for directions. I found that the 106 bus is the one you use if going by transit. You can reach the 106 easily via the 8, 14, or 48, going to the Mount Baker Transit Center at S. Forest and Rainier. It is only a couple of minutes’ walk from the 106 stop to the library. The enrollment with the County system was simple once I was there with the proper identification. Then you may be immediately ahead of the crowd electronically, ordering your early access books from home.

-Jim Snell



Seeking Sustenance...

THANKFUL FOR WINE ~ GOBBLE IT UP

The table is set, candles lit. The kids may or may not be seated and Dad eyes the spread, wondering if the mustard made it out of the fridge. Swirling scents of green bean casserole, warm cranberries, sweet potatoes, and stuffing permeate the air complementing the perfectly carved turkey that spent the last few hours in the oven. Is there truly a wine that can handle this meal? Debatable for sure! We owe it to ourselves to at least drink good wine! Here are a few quick tips and suggestions to guide you in pairing wine with your impending feast.

Let's set a couple of ground rules. Generally, I like to say, "drink what you like, and don't overthink it." If you are strictly a white wine person, let's find a winning white wine. Only satiated by reds? Again, no problem. Also, go in knowing your budget. Want to splurge on something special? Perfect. Have guests that won't care and want to find a lovely wine at an everyday price, also very doable. Once these parameters are set, you are ready to delve into the task of matching a wine to go with the food at hand.

Palate-wise, match acidic foods with acidic wines, creamier and richer foods with weightier and richer wines. This is true for whites and reds alike. Also, don't forget a dry finishing rosé or Champagne can be quite a tasty treat to pair with turkey too. Now, speaking of that dinner...

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

Reds more your style? Your best options here include (but not limited to) the light to medium bodied **Pinot Noirs**, **Burgundys**, and **Beaujolais**. Pinot Noirs are great matches for lighter, leaner fare like turkey, and tend to have more of an earthy-mushroomy characteristic perfect for roasted root vegetables or that Sherry-Mushroom bisque. Red Burgundy (also Pinot Noir), exhibit solid raspberry and strawberry notes with great balance and complexity. (Pass the cranberries please!) They also tend to be a bit more elegant than our domestic counterpart. Beaujolais (technically the southern region of Burgundy) is made from Gamay grapes. They offer a light, refreshing, all to easy drinking and more fruit forward style. These three red wines, by and large, are higher in acid and lower in tannin, creating perfectly balanced wines for food.

Save room for dessert! Finish dinner off with a Sauterne or Port. Both can pair well with the tartness of a freshly baked apple pie or the spiciness of pumpkin chiffon pie. (Don't forget a scoop of French vanilla ice cream too!) And most importantly, truly, drink what you like! Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at Leschi Market!



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-Kenneth Benner

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 or to request to be added to email updates at wine@leschimarket.com.

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-Janice Brown

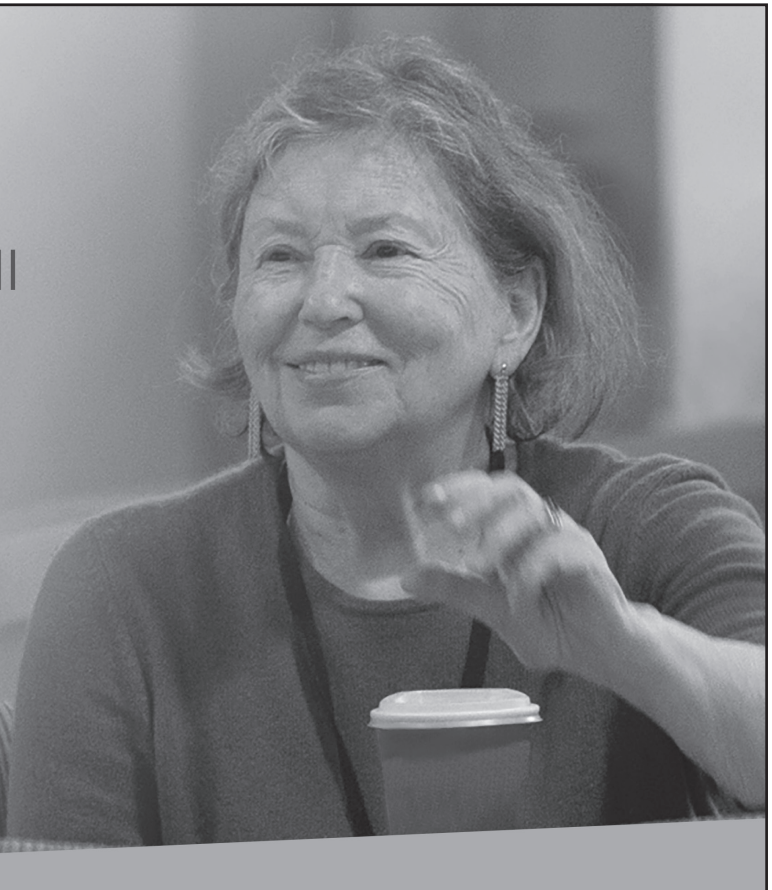


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LESCHI CC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 10/10/22

Attendance: Janice Brown, Diane Snell, Ashley Martin, John Barber, Yun Pitre

LeschiNews - Diane

- October submittal deadline:
 - Articles due October 17
 - DRAFT Revised Bylaws to be included in the November issue

Board Business:

- Treasurer's Report
- Artwalk Final Report
 - Compiling event expenses to submit to Department of Neighborhoods (DON) for reimbursement. LCC awarded Small Sparks grant from DON
- LCC Bylaws Changes- Janice and Diane
 - Bylaws committee members to review the latest version of the draft revised bylaws for one last time
 - DRAFT Revised Bylaws to be uploaded to the LCC website prior to the November meeting
- Spooktacular Update
 - Janice and Travis to staff the event
- Upcoming Meeting
 - November LCC meeting
 - Will be virtual meeting.
 - Possible agenda items
- Discussion and vote on the DRAFT Revised Bylaws
- Discussion with East Precinct Captain
 - November Parks and Open Space Committee meeting
 - Public safety discussion with East Precinct Captain
 - November 3rd, 2022, 7pm @ Central Area Senior Center
- LCC Storage- Diane and Janice
 - Still looking for storage place for LCC materials

-Respectfully submitted by Yun Pitre

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General Fund			
Ad Revenue	\$5221.00		
Dues	\$1,820.14		
Donations	\$2,459.61		
Reimbursement	\$546.57		
Insurance		(\$731.00)	
Printing and postage		(\$6,237.66)	
Other Expenses		(445.01)	
Totals	\$10,047.32	(\$7,413.67)	\$16,356.35
Restricted Funds			
ArtWalk	\$737.71	(\$1,810.51)	\$1,374.52
Cherry Street Corridor			\$635.76
Flo Ware Park			\$686.53
Friends of Powell Barnett			\$1,068.06
Friends of Street Ends	\$4,444.53	(\$300.00)	\$8,254.87
Frink Park			\$1,979.43
King Street			\$1,270.00
Leschi Gateway Project			\$51.03
Leschi Natural Area			\$6,345.39
Officer Brenton Fund			\$3,111.85
Steve Shulman Memorial			\$65.00
String of Pearls			\$2,130.38
SW Frink Park			\$1,233.08
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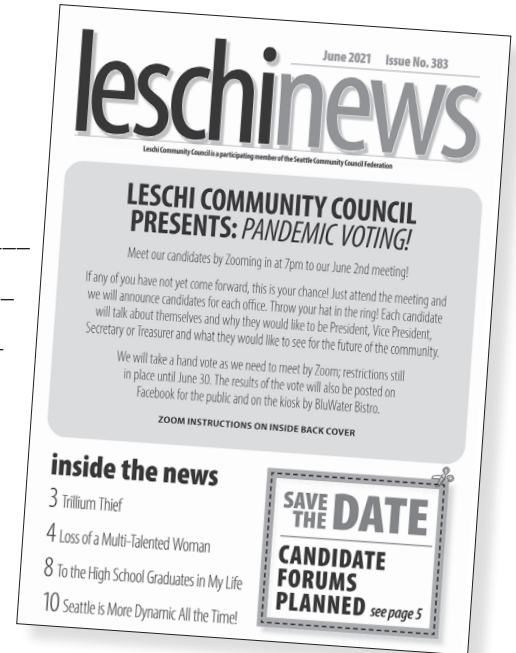
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- » **October 28, 1:30pm**
CASC Halloween Party, dining room. 500 30th Ave S.
- » **October 29, 10-1pm**
Let's Talk Food: features Health Screenings & information, Food Demonstrations & Waste, Recycling & Composting Demonstrations. Angel Deli provides box lunches.
- » **October 31, 2:30-4:30pm**
Central Area Senior Center annual meeting.
- » **October 31, 4-6pm**
Halloween Spooktacular by Leschi Market.
- » **November 2, 7pm**
Leschi CC meeting via Zoom. See inside back cover. Bylaws, Health initiative and East Precinct visitor.
- » **November 5**
Change clocks, Daylight Savings ends at midnight.
- » **November 3, 7pm**
Shulman Memorial meeting at Senior Center. East Precinct Captain Eric Sano attends.
- » **November 8**
VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!
- » **November 8, 6pm**
LCC Board meeting at BluWater.
- » **November 12, 10-12pm**
Massachusetts work party. See inside article for details.
- » **November 21**
Deadline for December newsletter.

COMING IN DECEMBER

- » **December 7:** Leschi CC Holiday Party; details in December issue.
- » **December 10:** CASC Holiday Gala, see article inside.

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