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## Note from the President

Our March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be particularly important. We will have two speakers: the principal of our neighborhood Northgate School, Katie Pearl, and Ms. Dedy Fauntleroy, who will start as the new principal on July 1, 2017. This will be an opportunity for parents with children and for others in our community to learn about the school and its plans for the future. The business meeting preceding the speakers will also be significant: the Club's board has completed an update of our by-laws, and copies will be distributed for current Club members to review. In accordance with requirements for amending the by-laws, the draft update will be distributed at this meeting and voted on by Club members at the April meeting. You can view the current by-laws and the updated version on our website. Go to the sidebar on the home page, click on "About the HLCC" and follow the link to "Governing documents." Please make sure your membership is up-to-date so you can vote!

Our February 2 general meeting was also significant and informative. The speakers were Debra Juarez, our District 5 City Councilmember, and Spencer Williams, an aide to District 4 Councilmember Rob Johnson and an authority on the important topic of land use. The session provided an opportunity to hear and interact with CM Juarez, to learn about the Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda (HALA), and to discuss planning for increased density in our area of Seattle. For notes on the meeting, go to the link on the home page of our website.

Following the success of our first Games Night in February, we will host monthly All Ages Games nights on the third Saturday of each month. The next one will be on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 4 pm. These events are great fun and an opportunity to meet neighbors. Thanks to Jesse Hawkins for coordinating these evenings.

The Haller Lake Community Club is an all-volunteer organization. We depend on you, our members, for program ideas and to make everything happen. Membership in the Club is only \$15 for individuals, \$20 for families or \$50 for businesses. Payment can be made through the Membership link on our website or by check with the attached membership form.

Please send program suggestions, notices of events of interest to the community and articles for Splashes to [hallerlakeecc@gmail.com](mailto:hallerlakeecc@gmail.com).

—Robert Laing

## Notable Nearby Noshes



### **HK Dimsum Chinese Restaurant**

This tasty and convenient Cantonese restaurant is a great find in our neighborhood. It's at the south end of the Asian Food Center complex at 13200 Aurora Ave N. HK Dimsum features many favorites from Hong Kong, Macau and Guangzhou, plus some northern Chinese and Sichuan offerings. They have tasty Cantonese dim sum all day long, which is unusual. Our favorite dish is the Sichuan style (Yuxiang) eggplant in a clay pot. Other dishes we have tried and recommend include Peking Duck (a variation from the original served in Beijing, but very good), honey garlic spare ribs, salt and pepper squid and garlic pea shoots. Also, try their excellent egg custard tart, a Portuguese dessert that migrated to Macau and then to Hong Kong.

The ambiance is that of a neighborhood Hong Kong restaurant, with fish tanks and colored lights on the ceiling. The noise level is moderate, the service is attentive and it is definitely family-friendly. They have a number of takeout options including duck and ribs, but we have only eaten on the premises.

The menu says that they have Sichuan and other styles of hot pot, which is an entirely separate type of Chinese cuisine. We hope to try that soon.

-Robert Laing

# Ripples from Around the Lake

Hopefully Spring is on the way despite the fact that the groundhog did not see his shadow. We were teased with a few sunny days where it actually felt warm. It is encouraging to see more daylight now. Water crews were busy on Densmore recently clearing out drainage pipes that were clogged and causing overflow on the street and in yards and threatening houses. We got a lot of rain in a short period. I got a chance to see Kara Dowidar out to talking to the crew. It is always great to talk to Kara. I saw Bassim at our last meeting too which was also a treat. We are gifted in this neighborhood to have so many 2nd, 3rd and 4th generations of families living here like the Dowidars.

With Spring coming, it is time once again to think about new officers for the club. We will need a president, vice president and third trustee. Rob Laing has been President for two years and has done a really great job bringing in new people which is always our ongoing goal. With the help of board members, the club mission statement, bylaws, and website were updated. Our outreach to the community via social media has been improved also. Thanks Rob for your service. With Rob's background in polling, I am guessing he might now choose to get the ball rolling on tackling a neighborhood survey of what people would like to see happen at the club. He continually encourages all to come with their ideas and willingness to make it happen. Jesse Hawkins is one of those who responded and is a great addition to our club spearheading game nights on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the club, from 4 to 9pm and beyond. I have said it before, but I will say it again, I love that Jesse recognizes the importance of all of us getting away from the often too prevalent technology in our lives. Since Jesse loves games, he chooses that as one way we can do that. It is an easy activity to host at the club, not requiring a lot of preparation. I have always wanted to see our club used for more than just our meetings and special events. We know many young families cannot make it on weeknights, so having a regular Saturday night event for all ages is a welcome addition. Besides board games, there is also a ping pong table available, which makes for some lively competition.

Sarah Benki, our Vice President in charge of our monthly programs, has scheduled many timely ones, including this Thursday's presentation with two Northgate principals, the current one and next year's, too. Sarah commutes to Kenya for her job at the UW and we so appreciate her making time for community service in the midst of her very busy life. Her young daughter is often at HLCC meetings with her and Sarah loves that her daughter sees her being involved. Sarah is a true believer in the importance of our club since she led the winning charge with us against Sound Transit's proposal to put huge commercial power poles in her neighborhood. It is so helpful to have the club as a place for support.

Jason Broad lives close to the club and, as first trustee, is in charge of the maintenance/ improvement, inside and out, and use of the clubhouse. He has two trustees whose work he oversees. Naeem Dowidar is in charge of the inside of the clubhouse and Sharon Emerson is in charge of the outside of the club and grounds. Jason Broad will be done with his job and Naeem will now move to first trustee and Sharon to second. We will need a new third trustee.

If you are interested in any of these clubhouse jobs, please let Jason and Naeem know. They

# Ripples from Around the Lake (continued)

are in charge of the nominating committee who will announce their choices at the March meeting. Other nominations will be accepted at that time and elections will be in May with installation of new officers in June. Time is moving too quickly once again!

Member, Kellie Newton, has started the Heart Perception Project, as a way for "helping close friends with opposite political views to understand each other." She recently traveled to Georgia to lead a workshop on the topic with a long time friend who holds different views than hers. They are planning to hold another workshop here in Seattle. She and her friend were heard on KOMO 1000 talking about their so important venture.

It is with much sadness Northgate School families learned that their beloved, hardworking principal, Ms. Pearl, is going to take a break after this school year and take a less demanding job so she can have more time for her own two toddlers and two older teenagers. Randy Harkness, our school liaison, told us that her friend, Desy Fauntleroy will take over for her next year. She will spend some time this spring meeting with Ms. Pearl and finding out what she does with her staff to provide individual attention for all the children at the school. Both women will be at our March 2nd meeting at the clubhouse, so please come and listen to the transition plan. Sarah McFarland is one Mom of two children at the school, who is sad to see Ms. Pearl go but excited to learn more about her replacement.

Congrats to Sarah and family on the birth of their third child, Emma. Congrats also to Jeremy and Lauren Laing on the birth of their second daughter, Chloe. Congrats also to Chloe's proud grandparents, Rob Laing and Marcia Kline. Happy Birthday to Maya Grater on her upcoming 6th birthday. She is in Kindergarten at Northgate. She loves the school but her parents see firsthand how much teachers have to give of their own money to buy basics. The Graters encourage, all who can, to contribute to the school's wish lists at [donorschoose.org](http://donorschoose.org). The librarian at Northgate has partnered with another librarian at North Beach Elementary to get 1000 books donated for Mary's Place so the children there can have books to access at nights and on weekends. Creative Dance Center hosted two groups of students, one younger and one older, from Mary's Place during Spring Break. The children loved it. Thanks to Creative Dance for being such a wonderful presence in our neighborhood. Check out their programs for all ages. Thanks again to Sheryl Grater and Suzi Zook, who have once again agreed to head up our Easter Hunt at Northacres the Saturday before Easter, April 15th. Thanks as always to Peter Wolfram, who puts together such a great paper and is so kind waiting for us all to get our submissions to him. Send me any news to share. Thank you. Marita  
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## Haller Lake Crime Report February 2017

Two robberies took place this month in the Haller Lake area. On Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, at Meridian & Northlake Way, a victim was robbed of his black "Beats" headphone while walking from a bus stop. A white male wearing a blue jacket and a red backpack, grabbed the headphone off the victim's head and rode away on his black colored bike. The victim chased the suspect and caught up with him at a smoke shop. The suspect was wearing the headphones and then pushed the victim to the ground. A security camera recorded the action. On Feb 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am at the 12300 block of 15<sup>th</sup> NE, a male was outside while his car was running nearby in the driveway. The suspect, described as a black male with short black curly hair, mid 20's, 5'7, with a medium built, and wearing a black jacket, black pants & black shoes ran to the car and got inside. The victim opened the driver's side door and the suspect started driving off. The victim was dragged a short distance. The suspect had a black gun tucked in his waistband. The suspect continued driving & drove into a neighbor's fence and yard. The victim's house & car keys were in the car. The car was valued at \$7500.

Forced residential burglaries occurred on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 1200 block of NE 143<sup>rd</sup>, Feb 5<sup>th</sup> at 11700 block of 8<sup>th</sup> NE and at the 11700 block at 5<sup>th</sup> NE on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. On Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, at an apartment complex located at the 11500 block of Pinehurst Wy, 3 pieces of landscaping equipment, valued at \$1000, were stolen from a locked shed. On Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at an apartment at the 1000 block of NE 112<sup>th</sup>, various tools & equipment, valued at \$4000, were stolen from a locked storage room. Entry was gained from a secured building.

An arrest was made for Meth possession at 143<sup>rd</sup> & Wallingford on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> and Heroin & Meth were found at the 11100 block of Roosevelt Way on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>.

Auto thefts continue to be a problem: Thefts occurred at Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at the 14000 block of 12<sup>th</sup> NE, Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at the 14000 block of 15<sup>th</sup> NE, Feb 18<sup>th</sup> at 132<sup>nd</sup> & Stone, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at 1500 block of NE 140<sup>th</sup>, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at the 14000 block of 15<sup>th</sup> NE, Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at 11500 block of 5<sup>th</sup> NE, and Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 14000 block of 1<sup>st</sup> NE and the 1200 block of 15<sup>th</sup> NE.

Car prowls also continue: Feb 16<sup>th</sup> at the 1500 block of NE 145<sup>th</sup>, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> at 134<sup>th</sup> & Meridian, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at 13300 block of Stone, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at 12500 block of Densmore, Feb 9 at 140<sup>th</sup> & Burke, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 11500 block of 12<sup>th</sup> NE and Feb 1<sup>st</sup> at the 1000 block of NE 112<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact me with any public safety concerns. I attend the monthly North Precinct Advisory meeting.

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## Control of Water Lilies in Haller Lake

Many living creatures, from near and far, visit Haller Lake at all times of year. During the warmer season, the fragrant water lily sends up leaves and flowers in most of the shallow parts of the lake. Ben Peterson, from the King Co. noxious weed program, came to the November 2016 Haller Lake meeting to discuss this, and other plants that grow in and around the lake.

Mr. Peterson spoke about various ways to deal with the water lily, including leaving them as they are, pulling them up at the root, cutting the stems underwater as they grow, and the application of herbicide.

When reading about the herbicides that the county uses the most; Glyphosate (Round up) and Imazamox (Clearcast), the following was found;

Monsanto, who makes glyphosate, says it is safe if used as directed. Friends of the Earth in Europe, said that north American trials found mortality rates in tadpoles was as high as 96% when glyphosate was applied at the manufacturers recommended rate. The herbicide also damaged the DNA of exposed fish. An organization called Toxic Free Future states that recent studies have shown a strong correlation between exposure to glyphosate and increased incidence of cancer and birth defects in living organisms. It is not yet known what the long term effects of exposure are on the environment.

The EPA says that Imazamox is "relatively non-toxic by oral and inhalation routes, slightly toxic by dermal route, slightly irritating to the skin." The Wisconsin dept of natural resources says that "Imazamox is a relatively new herbicide that has not been extensively field tested, so there is uncertainty regarding the sensitivity of non-target species."

Herbicides are recommended to be applied two times a year for three years.

Mr Peterson's suggestion of cutting the growing stems from just below the surface to two feet deep, to starve the root, seems like a safe solution, although it would have to be done repeatedly before the root gives up. His dept. offers an underwater hedge trimmer for loan in the warm months.

Personally, I like the water lilies! We often see fish nests and turtles (protected) under them. Ducks eat the insects on them, honeybees visit the flowers, dragonflies deposit eggs on the leaves. If they are removed, however, a (free) permit is required.

Susan Derge

**Welcome to the Seattle Storytellers Guild!** Storytelling celebrates the wisdom, humor, and diversity of the human experience and can capture and heal the human heart. The Seattle Storytellers Guild promotes storytelling and helps story enthusiasts. It is part of a regional and national network of organizations that work to support this most ancient art.

**Friday, March 17, 7:30 pm**, at Haller Lake. [Michelle Martin](#) will share a mix of traditional tales, family stories, and original children's music with embedded tales.

# MEMBERSHIP FORM

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