



## Haller Lake Community Club



12579 Dennsmore Ave N    March 2016  
Seattle, WA 98133

### Note from the President

“Connect, inform and engage the Haller Lake community through social and civic programs and activities.” That’s our updated Mission Statement, which was developed recently by a group of members and approved by the Board. It expresses who we are and what we do. I hope you will agree that it’s clear, memorable and concise: great as an answer when people ask what the club is about.

Thanks to members Ethan Bradford and Barry Lalonde for stepping forward to work with our web design consultant to develop and manage our new website and enhanced social media presence. This will be central to fulfilling our mission to “connect, inform and engage” our community. We will maintain the current website (<http://hallerlake.info>) until the new site is operational.

At our February 4 general meeting, Elliott Helmbrecht and Anna McIntosh of the Seattle Department of Transportation spoke about implementation of the recently-passed Move Seattle Levy, and Licton-Haller Greenways coordinator Lee Bruch brought us up-to-date on safe routes to school and other initiatives to enhance pedestrian safety in our area. These are important issues that affect the quality of life in our neighborhood.

Upcoming programs: Our March 3 meeting will feature speakers from Northwest Hospital, who will update us on the hospital’s recent accomplishments and its vision for future growth. On April 7<sup>th</sup>, we will hear Deborah Juarez, the new City Council representative for the 5<sup>th</sup> district. That will be a great opportunity to learn about her priorities and to express our ideas and concerns for our neighborhood

Suzi Zook, Sheryl Grater and other volunteers are working hard to make our 6th annual Haller Lake Egg Hunt a success. Children will be divided into age groups of 0-2, 3-4, 5-7 and 8+. Prizes, snacks, refreshments and more will be provided. The hunt will take place at Northacres Park on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

Finally, I have revived a monthly column on nearby restaurants based on one previously offered by Shawn MacPherson. I hope you like it. I encourage others to send in contributions about local eateries or other nearby attractions.

-- *Robert Laing*

## Creative Dance Center – Your Neighborhood Dance Studio!

### Located in the Haller Lake Community Club



Creative Dance Center's **10-week Spring** session of **Adult and Nurturing Baby** classes begins the week of **March 21**. Registration is ongoing for our 16-week Winter/Spring Early Childhood, Children, and Teens classes (Feb. 8-June 6).

If you have not tried a class with us, now is the perfect time to drop-in and test the waters. No experience is necessary for our adult classes. We welcome all ages and abilities. **Adult Spring Session** classes include *Exercise and Dance*, *Keeping on Dancing: Modern for 40plus* and **ZUMBA®**. Not sure which of these classes is the right one for you? Bring in this issue of Splashes and try out a class for **FREE!** This special offer for our Haller Lake neighbors is limited to one free class. But if you find your interest piqued after your free class, drop-in adult classes are only \$15 (Zumba drop-in fee is \$12!) or you can buy a class card OR jump in with both feet and register for the session!



We offer *Nurturing Baby* class on Wednesdays from 11-noon and Saturdays from 11:30-12:30. If you or someone you know wants an incredible activity to share with a 2 month old to pre-walker, this class is it! Special Splashes deal applies to one *free Nurturing Baby* class as well. Spread the word around Haller Lake and we'll have the whole neighborhood dancing... babies, kids, and adults!

**ZUMBA®** - Ditch the workout and join the party!! The ZUMBA® fitness workout combines high energy and motivating music with synchronized dance movements designed for any fitness level. The routines feature aerobic fitness interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body. Want to burn some calories and HAVE FUN? Then ZUMBA® is for you!!! **Monday afternoons with Jessica Gleason: 1:00-2:00** and **Tuesday evenings with Kechelle Jackson: 6:45-7:45**.

*Exercise and Dance* - Experience improved alignment, body integration, and range of motion as you work from the inner core. Exercises build strength that comes from within. Dance allows the body full and creative expression through space. Realize the joy of working with your body in a supportive environment as you improve functional and expressive movement. **Tuesday mornings with Gail Heilbron: 9:30-11am**.

*Keeping on Dancing: Modern for 40plus* - Includes BrainDance, floor & center work, technique, movement combinations, folk dances, improvisation, and choreography. Fun and Fitness for your fourth decade & beyond! Adults under 40 are welcome! Live accompaniment. **Wednesday evenings with CDC Founder Anne Green Gilbert: 6:45-8:15**.

Questions? Contact Terry at [terry@creativedance.org](mailto:terry@creativedance.org) or call (206) 363-7281.

Visit [www.creativedance.org](http://www.creativedance.org) for schedules, FAQs, workshop information, and more!

## Ripples from Around the Lake

It was nice to have Debbie and Don Thornton come to our February General Meeting on Move Seattle as well as Dan Downey too. Dan always comments how neat it is for our community to be able to come together for such events at the clubhouse. When we get such knowledgeable presenters, who have made the effort to come out to talk to us, it is always great to have as many attendees as possible who can hear this valuable information and also give feedback about neighborhood concerns. Sarah Benki, our Vice President, in charge of programs, has done a wonderful job this year bringing in many very informative speakers. Thanks, Sarah! Sarah is always open to hearing what kind of programs all would like to have at the club. Her little daughter, Margo, is one of my favorite attendees. She likes to come to meetings at the club with her Mom. Often she will help me greeting people and signing them in. We will have the recently appointed Executive Director of Northwest Hospital, Adam Parcher, at our March 3rd meeting. He will give us updates of what has been happening at the hospital, what is planned for the future and talk a little about their connection with UW medicine. We are all lucky to have such a wonderful neighborhood hospital.

HLCC club President, Rob Laing has been working hard to get our website updated. Sharon Emerson helped him get the process going. It is wonderful to see newer people like Ethan Bradford come forward to help. If we all do what we are interested in or are skilled at doing, the work is spread out and no one has to do too much. Rob has also been spearheading a group updating our mission statement. Next the bylaws will be examined to reflect the changing times. We will be nominating new officers this spring.

Most jobs are for two years. We need a new treasurer this year.

Happy Birthday to Doris Harkness who recently celebrated her 90th birthday in Mexico. She is obviously very young at heart. She continues to always bring amazing treats to our meetings which she has been doing forever. Kellie Newton, a younger member, commented not that long ago, that studies show one of the secrets to happiness and a long life is community involvement. WE have many members who have proven that to be true. There is one more reason to join us at the club if you want a long and healthy life and also to be able to meet many of the wonderful old-timers. Speaking of Kellie, it was fun to see video of her amazing little daughter Zoe, who is blind, on the ski slopes with her parents. Zoe is a young neighbor who models such a great zest for life. She is very musically talented too. Barb Gross has been busy celebrating the birthdays of her two daughters.

I am hoping Cora Lea Doty is feeling better. Cora Lea is a our Sunshine person who sends cards to those who she hears could use some cheering up after an illness, surgery or family loss. Her friend and neighbor, Jo Dawson, brought a card to our last board meeting for us all to sign for Cora Lea! Jo Dawson is another long time member who is a great resource for us. We were talking about surveying the neighbors to see what kind

Ember Words  
By Jodene Smedvig  
The words like ember  
flowed  
Sparking up a rainbow  
Blazed a path for  
dreams  
To find that pot of gold.

## Ripples from Around the Lake (continued)

of activities they would be interested in attending at the club. Jo was part of a similar survey in the 1960's and she showed us the binder with the results!!! Our president, Rob Laing, received a doctorate in surveying and he has been enjoying reading the old time survey. There is lots of interesting information at the clubhouse spanning its 94 plus years! We wish Dave Nurney a speedy recovery.

Fun to see the many signs of spring popping up everywhere. Neighbor Susan Derge, who loves living here and is very observant of the changing seasons, wrote me that she sees the geese are pairing up, she saw a crow fly by her with a stick in its beak, noted the tree frogs are croaking in earnest and she found an 8 inch salamander in the bottom of a small pond in her yard. Another clear sign of spring I saw was neighbor Barb Richardson back at her wood furniture refinishing work in her garage. She does an amazing job.

I saw a pink camellia at the clubhouse in full bloom. I like to watch for it each year since Jo Dawson told me it was planted as a remembrance of my husband's mother, Helen.

Neighbor, Melinda Jacobson, who owns and operates, Private Eye Tours, was recently featured on the national Discovery Investigative Show commenting on a murder investigation in Seattle's Past. Melinda's latest tour is called Booze, Broads and Jazz Tour. She describes it as traveling back in time when Seattle was young and wild. Glad Kris Lethin is liking his new job. He said it is fun to get paid to do a workout! Too bad a car ran into the Granite Curling Club off of 130th in the middle of the night. The driver fled while leaving an injured passenger inside the car. Check out the new owners at La Antiqua on 113th and Aurora. The food is wonderful. Thanks. Marita  
marita.niemann@comcast.net

### Northgate Elementary School Garden

Hi Neighbors!

The second graders at Northgate Elementary would love to have a garden this spring. They are looking to the community for organic soil, seeds, and gardening supplies or donations to get them started. Can you help?

Tending your own garden and watching your seeds grow is a wonderful experience. Since Northgate is a Title 1 school, they are especially grateful for the neighbors and community sponsors that make special projects possible.

Feel free to contact me or email [northgate.eagles.pta@gmail.com](mailto:northgate.eagles.pta@gmail.com)

Sara McFarland



## Notable Nearby Noshes

Local eateries are not the first things that come to mind when I think about the many benefits of living in our neighborhood. Local restaurant writers, too, tend to overlook our area. Yet, we are surrounded by an impressive array of culinary choices from around the world.

With this issue of Splashes, I am restarting a series that Shawn MacPherson wrote in the past about nearby restaurants. I encourage other Club members to send in reviews of favorite restaurants that are in or near our neighborhood. Send your contributions to [peterwolfram@msn.com](mailto:peterwolfram@msn.com).

My first review is of **Pop-Pop Thai Street Food**, located at 13242 Aurora Ave N, facing LA Fitness. Hours: 11 am – 9 pm (12-8 on Sundays). This is a small, clean restaurant with some of the best and most authentic Thai food in town. The menu is extensive, and what we have tried on our two visits only scratched the surface. We particularly enjoyed the Khao mun gai (chicken poached in a garlic and ginger broth served with rice), Spicy Holy Basil (minced chicken or pork with basil garlic sauce), papaya salad with tiny salted crabs, and Panang Curry. Pad Thai, the Thai restaurant standard, was excellent. All dishes are offered on a spice scale of 1 - 5. We have lived around the world and love spicy food, and we usually go for top-of-the scale hotness. At Pop Pop, however, we went for level 3, which definitely got our attention. Those who prefer milder fare might want to start with level 2 or lower. Beverages include an assortment of Thai drinks and Asian beers. Prices are reasonable: everything on the menu is \$9.95 or less. They offer sit-down and takeout. In sum, Pop Pop Thai is a local gem, a bargain, and definitely worth repeated visits.

--Robert Laing

## Accident at Granite Curling Club

At about 2:30 President's day morning, a car apparently going westbound on N 130<sup>th</sup> careened out of control into the NW corner of the Granite Curling Club. The impact on the passenger side of the car broke the corner column, removed the door in that corner and about 15 feet of fence between the parking lot and the sidewalk. The car ended up in the parking lot facing north towards where the fence used to be. The driver took off leaving an injured person in the passenger seat.

The impact also knocked a fire pull box off the wall, thus triggering the fire alarm. This brought the fire and police departments, some television news crews, and me. There are some pictures I took here: <http://curlingseattle.org/news/club-damaged-out-control-car>. The fire crew removed the injured person and sent him to Harborview. Reports are that injuries are minor.

Karen came down to join me where we spent the rest of the night looking after the now open to the outside and unalarmed club. Volunteer work crews arrived later in the day to clean the site of debris, and construct a temporary wall on the inside of the building to isolate the repair site. Later in the evening, a contractor put temporary plywood and tarping over the outside.

The club was closed to curling for the day. The ice crew spent the day cleaning the ice and further conditioning it for play. League play resumed with reduced capacity on Tuesday. Repairs are expected to take about a month to complete. There is talk of mounting the front license plate and grill, found in the debris, on the wall near the crash site.

It later turned out that not only was the car not insured, it also wasn't registered – and the owner, the passenger, was not licensed. The owner claims to not know who the driver was.

Those interested in trying curling can reserve a spot at the regularly scheduled Open house on Saturday, March 26, 1-5 pm. by registering at [www.curlingseattle.org](http://www.curlingseattle.org).

Doug Potter

## HALLER LAKE CRIME REPORT – FEB 2016

Car thefts and prowls continue to be a problem in the Haller Lake area. Car thefts occurred on 2/18 at the 500 block of NE 112<sup>th</sup>, 2/16 at 11500 block of 15<sup>th</sup> NE, 2/15 at both the 11000 block of 8<sup>th</sup> NE & N 112<sup>th</sup> & Meridian, and 2/11 at N 107<sup>th</sup> & Burke. Car thefts also took place on 2/9 at the 11300 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> NE, 2/7 at the 500 block of NE 112<sup>th</sup>, 1/27 at N 127<sup>th</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> NE and on 1/26 at N 112<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> NE. Car prowls occurred on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at the 1200 NE 135<sup>th</sup> and the 300 block of NE Northgate Wy, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> two thefts at the 1500 block of N 115<sup>th</sup> and the 2100 block of N 117<sup>th</sup>.

A carjacking was reported on Feb 8<sup>th</sup> at a parking lot located at N 110<sup>th</sup> & Roosevelt. The victim has just parked her car when the suspect approached the driver's side car window and asked her repeatedly to get out. He became very aggressive so she exited & the suspect sped off in her vehicle. Her house keys and purse were in the car. There was a witness to the crime.

Burglaries continue. There were home burglaries on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at the 800 block of N 123<sup>rd</sup>, a forced burglary at N 140<sup>th</sup> & Roosevelt and on Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at N 112<sup>th</sup> & Meridian. Forced home burglaries also took place on Feb 12<sup>th</sup> at the 2100 block of N Northgate Way, N 120<sup>th</sup> & Pinehurst Way and at the 12300 block of 11<sup>th</sup> NE.

Feb 8<sup>th</sup>: A homeowner at 120<sup>th</sup> & Pinehurst Way arrived home from a vacation to find that someone had attempted to break into his home. A screen had been removed from a kitchen window & pry marks were noted on the back sliding door and another back door was partially opened but entry was not successful. The area was dusted for fingerprints.

Feb 5<sup>th</sup>: 2100 block N 122<sup>nd</sup>. While the homeowners were at work, the front window of their home was smashed. Jewelry valued at \$1000 and a checkbook were stolen. The area was dusted for prints but none were found. Also a home on 140<sup>th</sup> & Courtland Pl N was broken into after a living room window was smashed. A shelf was knocked over and belongings were scattered. A bedroom was ransacked and jewelry valued at \$1000, a laptop, printer and a chainsaw were missing. Photos were taken and the area was dusted for fingerprints.

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>: 1100 block 2<sup>nd</sup> NE A gate at a garage area in an apartment building was forced open on Jan 29<sup>th</sup>. On Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> a resident saw two white males with bolt cutters at the same gate. The resident confronted the suspects & one of the suspects displayed a gun. The suspects left in a white Chev Suburban. The gate's chain and padlock were found on the ground.

UW/NW Hospital at 1 AM on Feb 10<sup>th</sup>: A male was observed in a secured area of a groundskeeper's storage area and later seen riding a bike on N 115<sup>th</sup>. Two males were seen on a video tape of the area. They were described as males of unknown race. The first male was wearing a blue jacket with a hood, jeans & had a yellow backpack. The second male was wearing a hat & all black clothes. The suspects appeared to have a bolt cutter & were possibly carrying a chainsaw. The police located one suspect at the 11700

## **CRIME REPORT (CONTINUED)**

block of Aurora. He had a wallet in his pocket & was carrying a back pack with heavy objects. The wallet contained a debit card that wasn't his & counterfeit money. He told the officer that he had just got out of prison. He was riding an expensive Kuna bike which was reported stolen two days prior. A second bike, also reported as stolen, was found on the hospital grounds.

This same location was burglarized a week prior to this by someone who resembled one of the suspects caught on video. The suspect was arrested & the items were taken in for evidence. The other suspect remains at large.

Feb 12<sup>th</sup>: A person was arrested on a warrant at a restaurant located at N 122<sup>nd</sup> & Aurora. He was booked for assault, possession of heroin & pills and harassment with a knife.

Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at N 108<sup>th</sup> & Roosevelt: A gas station was robbed at gun point.

Please contact me if you have any public safety concerns. I represent the Haller Lake community at the North Precinct at a monthly meeting.

## **A SHORT TRIP FEELING FAR AWAY**

One of our favorite places to go is Whidbey Island and the Inn at Langley. This is a small property built by Seattle former Mayor, Paul Schell. His wife still lives close by and is spotted from time to time.

The rooms are facing the water with balconies for easy viewing of the wildlife on the beach when the tide is out. In May and September you can hear whales under your balcony in the night as they come into the channel to feed. In the morning you will see scores of bald eagles sitting on the sand feeding on the left over shrimp. Magical!!

The big bedroom has a cozy TV and fireplace you can see while relaxing in bed. The bathroom has a jetted tub in the window area where you can watch the water and see the fireplace and TV through an opening in the wall.

Be sure to make reservations for one night amazing 5 course dinner in the country kitchen. All local ingredients with usually a choice of fresh fish and local meat. In the morning the kitchen is a buffet breakfast you can load up and take to your room.

There are many wonderful shops and eateries in Langley. Just a brief drive from Seattle but feels far away.

Sharon Emerson



## MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill out this form & mail it to us at HLCC Membership, 12579 Densmore Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133, or join online at [www.hallerlake.info/membership](http://www.hallerlake.info/membership).

Membership year is Sept 1 to August 31.

I'm a —  New Member or  Renewing Member

Membership level —

\$15 Individual  \$20 Household  \$50 Business

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### Haller Lake Game Night

Third Monday of every month, except holidays

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Bring your own food and drinks

Tons of games provided, but you can always bring your own to share

All ages welcome and encouraged

Questions? [Jesse@TheHawkins.us](mailto:Jesse@TheHawkins.us) or 206-915-3773

### Haller Lake Storytelling (Third Fridays)

Mar 18 (Fri) 7:30-9:30 pm

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Third Fridays are perfect for story lovers—both tellers and listeners-everywhere! Featured tellers some months, story swaps some months, always an open mic, and a chance to mingle. Free, snacks provided, donations welcome.

Coordinated by Cynthia Westby, Norm Brecke, Patty Zeitlin, Afifi Durr, and Judith Alexander.

For more information, contact Cynthia Westby at [Cynthia@cynthiawestby.com](mailto:Cynthia@cynthiawestby.com)

### Easter Egg Stuffing at Haller Lake Community Club Board Room

Saturday, March 12th 10am-12pm

Thursday, March 17 10-11:30am

Saturday, March 19th, 1-3pm

Eggs and stuffing items are provided. Donation plastic eggs and items to stuff are always welcome.

Questions, please call

Suzi Zook 206-915-0237

Sheryl Grater 206-898-4085