

SPLASHES

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Note from the President

In the future, Splashes will be available any time you want it on our new website: www.hallerlakecommunityclub.org. We plan to convert Splashes to an entirely electronic format, which will enable us to provide better content in a timely manner. Our new website will be more attractive, informative and user-friendly than the old site. It's still a work in progress. In the coming months, you will see improvements in design and new content. Those who go to the old website address will be redirected to the new one.

Last month's general meeting featured a lively discussion of neighborhood issues with Sabrina Bolieu, Deputy Director for our District 5 City Councilmember Debra Juarez, and Mercedes Elizalde, who is the policy and engagement strategist. They now have a neighborhood office at North Seattle College with office hours every Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The contact number is 206-684-8805. See a report on the meeting by clicking on the "news" tab of our new website.

Next month's program on Thursday, May 5 will feature speakers from Seattle Tilth, which provides education and opportunities in sustainable urban agriculture and support for local farmers. Prior to our program, you might wish purchase some plants at the annual Tilth Edible Plant sale, which features an amazing selection of organically, sustainably and locally grown vegetable plant starts. The sale takes place on Sat. and Sun., April 30 and May 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m at Meridian Park (4850 Meridian Ave. N, Seattle). There is no admission charge. See www.seattletilth.org for more information.

Splashes is always in need of articles of interest to the community. Please send contributions to me (Robert@zipcon.com), and I will forward them to the Editor.

-- Robert Laing

KALEIDOSCOPE DANCE COMPANY IN CONCERT - MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND

Kaleidoscope Dance Company presents the **35th Anniversary *Kaleidoscope in Concert*** at the Broadway Performance Hall Mother's Day weekend, May 6, 7, and 8.

The **35th Anniversary Concert** celebrates and supports the wealth of creative talent in Seattle by presenting the diverse work of seven local choreographers; Mary Kay Bisignano-Vadino, Kayti Bouljon, Joshua Crouch, Anne Green Gilbert, Danielle Payton Axtell, Gary Reed, and Sonam Tshedzom Tingkhye. The concert also premieres works by East coast choreographers Danielle Pierce-Master (NYC) and Vincent Thomas (Towson University, MD), sharing their voices with Seattle audiences for the first time. Modern dance history is honored as three of the dances have connections to Rudolf Laban, Doris Humphrey, and Martha Graham. Audiences will also be treated to a playful romp performed and choreographed by the entire company set to Mozart, a fun and fast paced hip hop piece, a rollicking jazz dance performed to well known swing music, and mesmerizing contemporary choreography.

Kaleidoscope's unique blend of talent, enthusiasm, and soul delights and captivates audiences of all ages. ***Kaleidoscope in Concert*** celebrates the joy of dance with an exceptional balance of youth and professionalism. Kaleidoscope Dance Company is made up of young people ages 8-16.

Kaleidoscope In Concert

Broadway Performance Hall • 1625 Broadway, Seattle

Friday, May 6, 7:30pm

Saturday, May 7, 2:00pm and 7:30pm

Sunday, May 8, 3:30pm

Festival seating available through Brown Paper Tickets

Adults: \$18 • Youth (under 16) /Senior: \$8

Call 1.800.838.3006 or visit brownpapertickets.com

Patron tickets with reserved seating only available through Creative Dance Center

Adult Patron Tickets: \$35 • Youth/Senior Patron Tickets: \$20

Visit www.creativedance.org or call 206.363.7281

Summer Registration is Open at Your Neighborhood Dance School!

The Creative Dance Center's [5-week Summer Session of classes](#) runs July 5-August 6 inside the Haller Lake Community Club. We're bringing back Yoga Fun for families, Nurturing Baby, Parent/Toddler, Parent/Child, Creative Dance, Creative Ballet, Pre-Ballet, Ballet I, Creative Modern, and Intergenerational Modern... something for the whole family! Summer at CDC is full of laughter, dance, exploration, play, learning, and fun!

We've got a great line-up of multi-arts camps this summer including **Ballet Stories, Dance & Drama, Art in Motion, Dance & Yoga, Musical Theatre (The Jungle Book!), Hip Hop, and Dance & Art**. Our incredible faculty nurtures creativity and self-expression alongside skill development. Each camp ends in an informal presentation for family and friends that is not to be missed!

June 13-17, Ages 4-6

- **Ballet Stories** 10:00-12:30
- **Dance & Art** 1:00-3:30

June 20-24, Ages 4-6

- **Dance & Art** 10:00-12:30
- **Ballet Stories** 1:00-3:30

June 27-July 1, Ages 5-7

- **Ballet Stories** 10:00-12:30
- **Art in Motion** 1:00-3:30

July 25-29, Ages 5-7

- **Dance & Yoga** 1:00-3:00

August 1-5, Ages 5-7

- **Ballet Stories** 1:00-3:30

Aug 8-12, Ages 6-10

- **Musical Theatre** 9:30-12:30
- **Dance & Yoga** 1:00-3:00

Aug 15-19, Ages 6-9

- **Hip Hop** 10:00-12:30
- **Dance & Drama** 1:00-3:30

REGISTRATION and more info available at creativdance.org or call 206-363-7281.





Ripples from Around the Lake

Summer came early this year, at least for a week. High temp records were broken every which way. Both Shawn and I were gone for that week and missed it. I assume Shawn got to enjoy those same warm temps in Hawaii and we definitely did in Cabo. Little did we know we could have stayed home and had them too! Hawaii and Cabo are both obviously beautiful but so is Haller Lake, especially at this time of year with so much green and the many flowering bushes and trees! It is nice to go but nice to come home too. I wonder how many of you went swimming in the lake. Suzi Zook said Penelope has been in a few times already.

I cannot believe that May is fast approaching. It is that time of year to again elect new officers. Our nominating committee did a great job of filling the empty spots. Our positions have a limit of two years. Rob Laing has agreed to continue on as President for his second year. He puts a lot of thought, wisdom and time into his leadership position. He is always so welcoming of everyone's ideas and appreciative of all who help. Sarah Benki will also complete her second year as vice president. She has done a great job scheduling lots of very informative monthly meetings. We are seeing more and more neighbors at the club who welcome the chance to meet, listen and engage people who are working to make our city better. Monika Duncan has completed her two years as treasurer. We are grateful for all her good work and expertise as an accountant. Shawn MacPherson will take over as treasurer. She was the secretary and did a great job of writing up the minutes for all our meetings in a timely fashion. Ethan Bradford will take over as secretary. It will be a good position for him since he is also helping to update our website. He will help make sure the minutes and other current information is on the website. The upkeep of the building is watched over by our three trustees who will all continue in their jobs for the second year. Jason Broad is the first trustee and in charge of the overall building, renting it out, and making sure the second trustees do their job, helping them whenever needed. Naeem Dowidar is the second trustee, in charge of the inside of the building and Sharon Emerson, as third trustee, is in charge of the exterior building. Sharon has made a lot of improvements outside including taking on the challenge of stopping the flickers from eating our building. It is an ongoing battle.

Thanks again to all who have agreed to serve as an officer and thanks also to all who chair committees and attend or help at our events. We are so lucky to have people willing to give their time to keep this 90 plus year organization going in a world where many choose to interact mainly through technology. We need both. There is nothing like person to person contact to enrich our neighborhood and make it the special one it is. Sheryl and Jeremy Grater told me, when I first met them, that one of the reasons they moved to Haller Lake, is because of the club and the chance to come together there and build community in the neighborhood.

We will confirm the nominations at the May meeting and install them at the June meeting which will be an old fashioned Ice Cream Social. Ice cream always brings out the crowds. We are lucky that some of Hitomi Sliva's Seattle Rhythmic Gymnastics group will be performing at that June meeting. We had them one other time and it was a very fun program to watch! Be sure and come and bring your children too. Hitomi says, "In Rhythmic Gymnastics, an Olympic Sport, one dances with their favorite music apparatus like ribbon, hoop, rope, club or ball. This elegant sport helps one express their emotions, and it is a great way to develop young kid's creativity." Don't forget the North Helpline Empty Bowl Event on May 1st which will be held from noon to 3pm at St. Matthew's Church off of 125th. I hope many of you made it to the Fundraiser dinner on April 24th at the United Methodist church. Thanks to Carol Jaeger for coming to our April meeting and for informing us of this event to help rebuild homes 90 home destroyed by wildfires in Eastern Washington last summer.

Baseball season is in full swing with both professionals and beginners like Ben, the son of Jesse Hamilton/Michelle Landwehr, who is playing t-ball for the first time. I saw a very joy filled video of him at bat! All of us should get out and do what we love in the great outdoors. Thanks. Marita - marita.niemann@comcast.net



HALLER LAKE CRIME REPORT

Home burglaries continue in the Haller Lake area. On 4/20, at the 1500 block of N 121st, a locked shed was broken into and a pressure washer and two tool boxes were stolen. A dirty black Mercedes was seen across the street at that time and the items were loaded into a white pickup, filled with other items. The two suspects were described as a white male, mid 20's with an athletic build and a black male, also mid 20's with an athletic build. Fingerprints were lifted from the scene. Both vehicles headed north on Ashworth. The home is listed for sale.

On 4/16 a rear door was shattered at a home located at the 2100 block of N 128th. Apparently, the burglary was interrupted around noon. A resident, living in the house, saw a suspect walking across the yard. He was described as a white male 5'10", 170 lbs., late 20's with short brown hair & a beard. He was wearing a gray T-shirt & sweat pants and was carrying a brown pillowcase. He drove off in a late model Toyota north on Meridian. Several pieces of jewelry were missing.

On 4/5, a house sitter returned to a home at the 1000 block of NE 120th to find lights on. She observed a male in the backyard near the fence. He had apparently entered the home thru a window without a dowel.

On 3/31, at the 14300 block of Lenora Pl N., a male returned home from work to find his 50 inch flat screen TV missing. He had only lived at that location for less than a week.

On 3/29, a homeowner returned to her home on N 128th & Meridian to find a broken window in her back door. Jewelry & a passport were stolen. Because the door was dead bolted, the thief had to exit thru broken glass & was cut in the process. Blood was found at the scene which was processed by a tech.

Burglaries also took place on 4/19 at N 105th & Midvale. An attempted burglary took place at a building located at the 2100 block of N 122nd on 4/20 and on 4/6 at a school at 123rd & Roosevelt. The school's locked office was broken into and \$5000 to \$6000 was removed from a cash box. No prints were found.

Several robberies occurred. On 4/19, at a store on 116th & Aurora, a suspect took off with several boxes & was followed by a loss prevention employee. The suspect pepper sprayed the employee & then pulled out a knife and threatened to kill the employee. He got into a Honda Prelude driven by a white female. On 4/8 at 130th & Meridian, two teenage boys exited a Metro bus at 10pm. The first boy was approached by two males: a white male, late teen to mid-20's, wearing a red & green plaid sweat-shirt with a hood and wearing Ray Ban glasses. The second male was black, about 5'10". The first suspect knocked victim one to the ground & he was struck in the face & chest by the second suspect. His cell phone & \$100 was stolen. The second victim was robbed by another white male wearing an orange checked dress shirt & jeans. He opened the victim's shirt & placed an open knife against the victim's chest and told him to step out of his Nike shoes. Another suspect drew a large black hand gun and the victim's phone & backpack were also taken. There were eight suspects in all. The suspects remain at large.

Auto thefts occurred at 107th & Burke and 2100 block N 112th on 4/17. Car prowls continue at 2100 block N 112th, 1700 block N 128th, 1200 block NE 117th, N 112th & Roosevelt, 2100 block N Northgate WY, 14000 block of Midvale and N 122nd & Stone.

Mail thefts continue: 900 block NE 117th, 100 block NE 115th, N 105th & Stone and 11300 block 12th NE.

Please contact me if you have any public safety concerns. I attend the monthly meeting at the North Precinct.

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NOTABLE NEARBY NOSHES

This month, I will review a neighborhood restaurant that many Haller Lake residents have surely tried: **The Saffron Grill** (2132 Northgate Way, adjacent to the Nexus Hotel: <http://www.saffrongrillseattle.com>).

This was one of our first discoveries after we returned to Seattle after decades living overseas, which included a tour in South Asia. Saffron came to mind now because I am in a jet lag-induced daze after returning from two weeks in South India.

From the outside, Saffron looks like a bland chain restaurant. On the inside, however, the atmosphere is welcoming and the menu is impressive. Saffron offers Indian cuisine from all over the subcontinent. They also have Mediterranean dishes for those who prefer to avoid spice or would like a change of pace. We particularly like the Kashmiri specialty dishes, Chicken Tikka Masala and the fiery Lamb Vindaloo, but everything is worth a try. You can specify the level of spiciness. The Tandoori dishes are tasty, and a good choice for those who prefer to avoid spicy curries. The wide range of naan breads are another highlight, and the Indian desserts are a treat. Often, we follow up a meal with baklava, which is middle-eastern but somehow works well with Indian food.

In addition to the food, Saffron features a surprisingly good bar, with many local craft beers. The happy hour is good value and worth a try. I should add that, unlike many world cuisines, Indian fare works well as takeout. It seems to taste even better the next day re-heated (though the naans understandably suffer a bit from nuking in the microwave).

Saffron also does catering: they provided food for one of the dinners at our son and daughter-in-law's wedding several years ago. Indian food may seem like an unusual choice for such an event, but they combined spicy dishes with milder fare, and our guests were happy. 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.

--Robert Laing

HALLER LAKE STORYTELLING (THIRD FRIDAYS)

May 20 (Fri) 7:30-9:30 pm

**Haller Lake Community Club
12579 Densmore Ave N
Seattle, WA**

Third Friday Evenings at Haller Lake 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 are provided. Donations are welcome.

Coordinated by Board of the Seattle Storytellers Guild.

For more information, contact Samantha Desmond at tomoeartemis@gmail.com.

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May 6 - 7th, 2016

**Lynnwood Convention Center
Lynnwood, WA**

Friday May 6th - Noon to 8pm

Saturday May 7th - 10am to 6pm

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to a day of garden delights.**

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speakers.**

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made, nature inspired artists and local specialty
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