



NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

12579 DENSMORE AVE N, SEATTLE, WA

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Our October 1 general meeting featuring Northgate School Principal Katie Pearl was informative and inspiring. She answered many questions and she is doing a great job for students at our neighborhood school.

Our next event will be the Club's annual Children's Halloween Party on Saturday, October 24 from 5 to 7 pm. Thanks to Suzi Zook, Sheryl Grater and other volunteers who are working hard to make this a fun evening for everyone. We are always looking for volunteers to assist with parties like this, so please let us know if you can lend a hand. Seattle City Council member Mike O'Brien will lead a discussion on "HALA" (the Housing Availability and Livability Agenda) at our next general meeting on Thursday, November

5. HALA proposes zoning changes to help address the shortage of affordable housing in our city. This session will help us understand what HALA could mean to our community and to neighborhoods across Seattle.

We are always looking for new programming ideas. Last summer, HLCC member Jesse Hawkins organized several game nights at the Club. Based on their success, members will now be able to enjoy game nights on the 3rd Monday of each month. See the announcements in Splashes and nextdoor.com for details. Anita Weinberg is organizing a Holiday Craft Bazaar, which will take place on Sunday, December 13 from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Club. The Bazaar

will be fun for all and will benefit the Mary's Place shelter for homeless women, children, and families. For details, see the announcement in Splashes and on nextdoor.com. Work is continuing on updating our website and social media presence. This project will take time, so please be patient as we explore ways to manage our web page. In the meantime, you can find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. If you have experience in online media and are interested in helping with this important initiative, please let us know.

Once again, I would like to remind everyone that 2015-16 membership payments are due. Payment can be made through PayPal or by check using the attached membership form.

-- Robert Laing

THE HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR AT HLCC NEEDS YOU!

In case you haven't heard, the North Seattle Holiday Craft Bazaar is being held Sunday, December 13, from 10am - 4pm at the Haller Lake Community Club. We've gotten quite a few vendors signed up to sell thus far, and we're adding more every day! We'll also have a refreshments booth, a special kids craft room, and holiday performances by the Ingraham High School Music Department!

The best part is that all proceeds from the event will benefit the nearby Mary's Place shelter for homeless women, children, and families! If you are interested in helping out with this event, here are some ideas:

Help set up and/or clean up – We need teams to help us decorate on Saturday the 12th, and clean up immediately after the event

Be a vendor – Are you crafty? Come sell your handcrafted gift or holiday items

Stock or staff the refreshment booth – We need neighbors who can donate baked goods to sell at the event, and people to (wo)man the booth!

Greeters – We need one or two friendly folks to greet attendees and sell admission tickets

To get your name on the list of "Santa's Helpers," email afweinberg@gmail.com. More info about the event is at <https://www.facebook.com/events/408087902728406/>. Please share this info with your friends and neighbors so we can make this a great event!

EDUCATOR/COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

BRAINDANCE: BIRTH TO 5-YEARS, FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING



Sunday, November 8 from 1:00-4:00pm at the Creative Dance Center

With CDC Director, Terry Goetz

\$70: register online at www.creativedance.org or call (206) 363-7281

Are you a mom? A dad? A grandparent? A dance teacher? An early childhood specialist? If you can answer yes to any of these questions, join us at the Creative Dance Center (located in the Haller Lake Community Club) for this fabulous and fun work-

shop.

Learn about the BrainDance and the important connections that movement, touch, and bonding have on the developing brains of infants and young children from birth to age five. The foundation for learning and school readiness is laid during these early years. Find out why floor-time is crucial in the first year of life and why providing a rich, multi-sensory world for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers to explore supports optimal brain development. It is an empowering and joyful experience for caregivers, teachers, and parents to be actively engaged in the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development that happens during the first five years of life.

The BrainDance is based on fundamental movement patterns infants move through

in the first year of life and continue refining through early childhood. Learn how to create an environment in which infants and young children can move with ease through these patterns, becoming integrated, grounded, self-reliant movers and explorers ready for a lifetime of learning. We will cover BrainDances using nursery rhymes and chants that can be done at home, in a childcare setting, in the classroom, and in dance studios. This workshop is a must for anyone interested in making sure that young children are given the opportunity to develop their full potential in the early years of life. *Day-care providers, early childhood specialists, parents, caregivers, OTs, PTs, and dance teachers are all welcome.*

KALEIDOSCOPE DANCE COMPANY'S GIFT OF DANCE CONCERT

Kaleidoscope Dance Company Gift of Dance Concert

Sunday, December 6,
2015 - 3:00pm
Shorewood High School,
Shoreline
\$10/Adults, \$6/Youth

Thirty-five years ago twelve young dancers from the newly formed Creative Dance Center Children's Company presented dances they created for a Choreography Concert. Kaleidoscope Dance Company was born. Today Kaleidoscope Dance Company is 36 members strong

and has performed all over the Puget Sound region, across the United States, and on five continents! Join us and celebrate the creativity, talent, and artistry of Kaleidoscope Dance Company as they present their choreography at the **Gift of Dance Concert**. Dances have been created drawing upon

themes of importance to children and teens; social justice, bullying, environmental issues, and the desire for peace. Enliven your holiday season with this inspiring, uplifting, and family-friendly concert as Kaleidoscope Dance Company shares the **Gift of Dance** with you!

BOARD GAME NIGHT

3rd 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 some to share

All ages welcome and encouraged

Questions? - Jesse@TheHawkins.us

HALLER LAKE STORYTELLING (THIRD FRIDAYS)

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

Haller Lake Community Club

12579 Dennsmore 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 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.

RIPPLES FROM AROUND THE LAKE

I hope many of you attended the Nightmare on 128th Street Halloween Party at the clubhouse on October 24th. Thanks again to Suzi Zook and Sheryl Grater and helpers for all their great work making this happen! Suzi did it in spite of being very sick just days before the party and Sheryl is beyond busy with a new baby! We really appreciate everyone's involvement so much. It really is a great community building event. Thanks also to the Creative Dance Center, the Seattle Storytellers' Guild and Curb Jumper Street Eats for help in making the evening so special.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the November 5th club meeting where Seattle City Councilman, Mike O'Brien, will present the Housing Affordability (HALA) Committee's recommendations. This is an important issue for all of us to be informed about what decisions are being made that affect our neighborhood. We had a great October general meeting listening to the principal at Northgate Elementary, Katie Pearl, talk about her school. They have a very diverse population, with twenty-two languages spoken there. Katie and all her staff love their jobs and are committed to making sure each child thrives at their school. They measure and watch each child's progress closely. As neighbors, she says the best thing we can do for her and the school, is to spread the word that Northgate is a great choice for students. Sara McFarland, a mom of a first grader who attends Northgate, told us all how happy she is that her daughter is there. Sara is working with other parents to get the school PTA up and running. They welcome any of us from the community to help them do this. Members of the PTA do not have to have children at the school but just care about it and be willing to help. Thanks to Randy Harkness, our club liaison to the school, who also volunteers there. He keeps us informed about what is happening at the school and how we can help. More volunteers are always welcome.

We all know this is a great neighborhood to call home. It has been unsettling these last few years with the growth of the neighborhood website, Nextdoor, to read about the many criminal activities taking place here. Having this overall knowledge has been used effectively to prevent crimes and solve problems. Luckily good news gets posted too and many a lost pet has been found. Marcia Kline and Demetra Dennis, while walking recently on 122nd street, spotted a man run down a driveway. They had previously talked to a policeman about why all the police cars were on that street. They were told there had just been a robbery and the police were looking for the suspect. They flagged down a police car and told them what they had seen. The police went down that driveway and apprehended the suspect. Good job Marcia and Demetra! We all need to be on the alert and watching out for each other.

In mid October, Debbie Douglas and Thomas Davis's small dog, Suzie, was viciously attacked in her own yard by two roaming dogs. Suzi died despite immediate medical intervention. Many heartfelt condolences were sent to the owners as each could only imagine their great pain to lose their beloved dog in such a horrific accident. What made this story uplifting, is the people who owned the two dogs, only one of which did the attacking, accepted full responsibility for what happened and took steps to make sure it does not happen again. There is no way to make this right, but the compassion both sides extended to each other in a very difficult situation was inspiring. It is a reminder to all of us with dogs to make sure they are securely contained in our yards and to remember that most people are trying to do right.

It is wonderful news that HLCC member, Anita Weinberg, is in the process of organizing a crafts bazaar to be held at the Haller Lake Community Center, on Sunday, December 13th, from 10am until 4pm. This is exciting for several reasons. First of all, Anita is designating the profits to Mary's Place, which is a homeless shelter for families right here at Haller Lake. It is exciting also because local crafters will get a chance to sell their handiwork close to home. Thirdly, neighbors will be able to make some unique purchases just in time for Christmas while at the same time enjoying live Holiday music and eating tasty treats in an inviting, community atmosphere. Thanks Anita for working hard to make this happen.

Bob Zat, of the Puget Sound Theater Organ Society, told me of all the work that is being done on the Wurlitzer Pipe Organ that resides at our clubhouse and is owned by PSTOS. They are making progress on the re-installation and upgrades but there is still a ways to go before the work will be completed. They expect it to be fully operational sometime after the first of the year. This renovation has taken over a year. We hope to schedule a Silent Movie Night at the clubhouse after it is ready. Such events end up being fun for all ages! Thanks, Marita marita.niemann@comcast.net



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HALLER LAKE CRIME REPORT

The North Precinct reported that it is experiencing a higher number of crimes against persons than crimes against property. For the month of September, crimes against persons are up 24%. In 45% of these crimes the victims are associated in some way with their assailants. Property crimes are down 13%, including car prowls down 17% and car thefts down 42%. These figures are for the entire North Precinct. The North Precinct is expected to get 1-2 new officers per month through the end of this year.

SPD is starting a Real Time Crime Center, a high tech hub that will evaluate criminal activity as it occurs and try to use historical data and statistics to help ID criminals and solve crimes rapidly.

A strong arm robbery occurred on Oct 20th at the 12300 block of Roosevelt Way NE. No further details were available at this time.

Oct 19th: Around noon a burglar broke into a basement of a home, located at the 1900 block of N 122nd, and was chased off by the resident. The suspect was a white male with a goatee, approximately late 20's and wearing a black leather coat & black jeans. The police responded quickly and brought a canine. They combed the neighborhood. Two neighbors informed the police that they saw the suspect enter a backyard about two blocks west. The suspect was captured & booked for a felony. He had tossed his jacket & backpack prior to his arrest. The suspect had been seen in the neighborhood the previous day along with a woman. They appeared to be casing homes. The woman remains at large. She is described as being in her 30's with dark hair and wearing black pants, brown boots, a black coat & wearing a backpack.

Auto thefts occurred on Oct 20th at the 14000 block of Courtland Pl N, Oct 19th at the 2200 block N 106th and 140th & Aurora, Oct 11th at N 105th & Midvale and Oct 9th at N 105th & Meridian.

Car prowls took place on Oct 19th at the 110th block of 3rd NE, Oct 18th at the 2300 block N 140th and Sept 28th at the 11300 block of 5th NE.

License plate thefts occurred on Oct 18th at N 107th & Meridian and on Oct 15th at NE 127th & 8th NE. Bike thefts took place on Oct 18th at the 11000 block of 12th NE & on Oct 10th at N 115th & Meridian.

Please contact me if you have any public safety concerns. I represent the Haller Lake community at the North precinct each month.

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FALL COLORS WARMING UP

BY JODENE SMEDVIG

The colors of fall burst out
 Leaves are turning colors
 Known when to turn by sunlight angles releasing their energy
 To dive back down to earth
 Rather than shade the ground below
 they fall and gently provide
 A blanket to put asleep trees
 Which rise up naked and free.



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MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Membership year is Sept 1 to August 31.

I'm a — New Member or Renewing Member

Membership level —

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

I want to receive Splashes by mail Email

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

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Email

BOB ZAT'S UPDATE ON PSTOS OWNED HALLER LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB THEATRE PIPE ORGAN



Bob Zat, from the Puget Sound Theatre Organ Society (PSTOS), recently reported on the status of the organ, which resides at the clubhouse, but is owned by them. It is currently undergoing renovation. They are making progress on the re-installation and upgrades, but there is still a ways to go before the organ will be playing again. The work involved all of the wiring necessary to reconnect every component. It is a logical process but sometimes they run into issues where it is necessary to run new wires. Bob works with Russ Evans on Sundays since there are times when two people need to be in two different locations "ringing or buzzing" out the

cables and connections. This usually gives Russ soldering duties that just requires a single person which he can accomplish during the week and not interfere in any way with Creative Dance classes.

The organ will not be playable for the PSTOS Holiday party, December 6th, so they have made arrangements to bring in an electronic substitute that looks like a Theatre Pipe Organ but has digitally sampled voices instead. It is a reasonable alternative and just happens to be owned by artist and member, Jamie Snell, who will be providing music for the party. They have a few more ranks of pipes to "ring out", and then it is a matter of getting both AC and DC current to the console, re-configuring the box that houses the console, reconnecting the wind line that supplies air to the console, wiring in all of the

tuned and untuned percussions, expression shades, tremulants, and other devices that need to be reconnected.

Once they are certain that all of the wiring is correct and good to go, they will turn on the blower to supply wind to the organ, fire up the rectifier that supplies DC voltage to the entire instrument, then proceed to check one function at a time to make sure that everything responds and is in the correct position. They will then tune the entire instrument. Since the instrument has not played in over a year we might find some problems that need to be corrected but these should be minimal.

All of this will most likely occur after the first of the new year.