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## Note from the President

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One of the yearly programming highlights for members of the Haller Lake Community Club is the annual Candidates/Issues Forum. This year was no exception. This year's Forum featured ten candidates and speakers on ballot initiatives, followed by a lively and informative question and answer period. You can find a link to notes summarizing the Forum on the home page of our website [www.hallerlakecommunityclub.org](http://www.hallerlakecommunityclub.org)).

Upcoming programs will continue the Club's focus on family fun, and informing community members about issues important to our neighborhood. The next meeting, on Thursday, October 6, will be a forum for judicial candidates, which can be a confusing decision for many voters. We also look forward to the annual Halloween party, which will be on Saturday, October 22nd; and to the Christmas party on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. With completion of organ repairs by the Puget Sound Theater Organ Society, we will enjoy a return of organ concerts and silent movie nights for families. The dates of these programs are still to be determined. Details will be posted on our website when dates have been set.

Thanks to Angela Pogue for her work in developing a secure, state-of-the-art system for messages to Club members and the community. This system will roll out soon and will allow us to communicate more effectively, and will ensure that email list are up-to-date.

On neighborhood Northgate elementary school needs to replace outdated playground equipment to allow students to engage in physical education activities. This new equipment will be enjoyed by 250 elementary school students at the school, including many who are low-income and those with special needs. Donations can be made through [www.donorschoose.org](http://www.donorschoose.org). (Search on the website for "Northgate Elementary School, Seattle").

The HLCC is a membership-driven organization. At only \$15 for individuals, \$20 for families or \$50 for businesses, membership in our club is a bargain. Payment can be made through the Membership link on our website or by check with the attached membership form.

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

-- Robert Laing

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### Hello Neighbors and Friends!

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SAVE THE DATE for the Haller Lake Community Club Annual Halloween Party. It is happening Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 5-7pm at the Haller Lake Community Club. We have dancing, games, art and more! It is a week earlier this year so we can break in our costumes. Can hardly wait to see you there!

We are still looking for volunteers, so please email or reach out to Sheryl Grater ([writetosheryl@gmail.com](mailto:writetosheryl@gmail.com)) or Suzi Zook ([suzi@zook.us.com](mailto:suzi@zook.us.com)) for ways you can help!

HALLER LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB

# Splashes

## Haller Lake Crime Report Sept 2016

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October 22 is National Take-Back day, to take unused/expired pills and drugs to the North Precinct between 10 am - 2 pm. The precinct is located at 10049 College Way N.

**Property crime has increased YTD in the North Precinct area since August 2015 especially residential burglaries & car prowls. Home burglaries are up 13% and car prowls are up 24%**

Forced entry burglaries occurred on 9/19 at a home located at 137<sup>th</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> NE, on 9/17 at the 100 block of NE 130<sup>th</sup> and the 11500 block of Pinehurst Way NE.

Between Sept 16 & 18<sup>th</sup> at the 14000 block of Sunnyside Ave N, an unoccupied house was burglarized. A lock was broken to enter thru a gate and a basement window entry was attempted. A witness saw 4 people leaving the area, in a hurry, in a red pickup. The same home was broken into on Sept 13<sup>th</sup>. A ladder was found leaning next to an open window and the home appeared to be ransacked.

On Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, there was an attempted burglary at a home located at the 1200 block of N 143<sup>rd</sup>. The female resident heard her dog barking a lot around 6 AM. Her home & gates were locked but a ladder was found against a damaged window. The glove box of her car, parked in a locked garage, was ransacked. Finger prints & a palm print were obtained.

Also on Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, there was an attempted break in to a house located at the 2100 block of N 120<sup>th</sup>. A video showed that the same suspect had previously attempted another burglary at the same home on Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. During the Sept 8<sup>th</sup> episode, the suspect was observed on the property twice. The second time he was wearing latex gloves, carrying a small sledge hammer & crow bar. A scarf covered his face. Apparently the suspect left in a hurry & nothing was taken. Photos of the suspect were placed on Nextdoor.

On Sept 9<sup>th</sup> a witness saw a white male in his 20's, wearing a white sweatshirt, carrying an armful of property out of his neighbor's condo located at the 1500 block of NE 143<sup>rd</sup>. The witness shouted at him & the suspect dropped the items and ran. Drawers in the condo had been dumped on the floor. The thief had entered the condo after removing a screen on the window. He remains at large.

Also on Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, there was a forced entry burglary at a home in the 14300 block of Interlake Ave N. A suspicious person knocked on the front door, walked around the house & then knocked again. He was described as a white male in his 20's, heavy set, wearing a black hat, shirt & jeans. He had been seen in a greenspace area near the home. A glass insert in an exterior door was smashed and the rear door of the home was also open. The suspect was found behind the shed in the backyard and arrested.

On Sept 8<sup>th</sup> a home located at 117<sup>th</sup> & Meridian was found burglarized by a realtor. The home was in the process of being renovated. A basement window & door were found open. The door at the top of the basement stairs was pried open & a stair railing was broken. Tools were stolen from the living room.

Car prowls also remain a problem. Prowls took place on 9/13 at the 12500 block of 12<sup>th</sup> NE, at the 11300 block of 1<sup>st</sup> NE & the 12000 block of 8<sup>th</sup> NE on 9/12, at the 12200 block of 10<sup>th</sup> NE on Sept 7<sup>th</sup> and at 137<sup>th</sup> & Midvale on Sept 6<sup>th</sup>.

Vehicle thefts took place at the 10800 block of Roosevelt Way on 9/23, on 9/19 at the 1500 block of N 115<sup>th</sup>, and 9/11 at the 11500 block of Pinehurst Way NE. A motorcycle was stolen on Sept 14<sup>th</sup> from the 1300 block of 1<sup>st</sup> NE.

Please contact me if you have any public safety concerns. I attend the North Precinct Advisory Council meeting every month.

Melinda Jacobson

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## Ripples from Around the Lake

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Fall is here but there are still swimmers and boaters in the lake since our weather has been so nice. Barb Gross loves to swim in the lake on warm days but she was a part of a group that went into Haller Lake on January 1st a long time ago. Let me know if you are interested in participating in a Haller Lake Polar Bear Swim this year. Roxanne and Ron Patterson often kayak with their two little dogs. Roxanne said she loves being on the water always, even on blustery, cold wintry days too. Monique Reed was seen enjoying reading in the sunshine trying to soak in those last warm rays as the day came to an end. I think we are all grateful for our beautiful Fall. It makes it more fun to enjoy football, soccer and baseball games! Go Hawks, Huskies, Cougars and Mariners and all of our local athletes participating on teams!

School is in full swing now. Randy Harkness, our club liaison to Northgate Elementary, will soon be gathering names of families that could use some extra help this Holiday season. Several club members have been sponsoring families for Holiday gifts for several years now. Please consider doing that this year if you are able. One teacher told me once what a big difference it makes in children's lives. The HLCC Children's Halloween Party will again be chaired this year by Suzi Zook and Sheryl Grater. It will be held on October 22nd from 5 to 7. Please volunteer to help and spread the word that the club hosts a great event for kids.

Doris Harkness brought a very fun article from a 1963 Northgate Journal to our last board meeting. It showed a picture of a concrete wall with cutout shapes that neighborhood dads created for children at Northacres park. This wall did not have to pass all the strict safety guidelines of today. A few kids got their heads stuck temporarily. Greg Dziekonski, our club historian said he saw the wall and thinks it was taken down when the wading pool was built.

Plan to attend our upcoming Holiday Crafts Fairs to benefit Mary's Place. Plans are in the works to make it happen again this year on Sunday, December 11th. Thanks again to Anita Weinberg for her amazing job organizing it last year and to all the neighbor crafters, attendees, those of you who donated food items and/or your time. Mary's Place was so grateful for everyone's help and so appreciative of the check we were able to give them. Kendra Kelly, one of the vendors from last year, has agreed to coordinate it this year. Thanks Kendra! I heard that Terry Goetz, the wonderful director of Creative Dance, has been offering a weekly dance class to the children from Mary's Place who have been coming once a week since May and it has been a great experience for all. We live in a caring community.

Melinda Jacobson, our Public Safety Representative on the board, hopes a compromise can soon be reached to get the new North Seattle Police Precinct Building built on 130th/Aurora. We plan to have a Silent Movie Night again in January with the very talented Sharon Stearnes playing for us. Thanks. Send news to share. Marita  
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*Connect, inform and engage the Haller Lake community through social and civic programs and activities.*

**Visit us on the web at  
[www.hallerlakecommunityclub.org](http://www.hallerlakecommunityclub.org)**

*In 1921 the Haller Lake Community Club was established and then incorporated in 1922. We are a non-profit 501(c)(4) and an all volunteer and membership based organization. We are located at 12579 Dennsmore Avenue North in Seattle, Washington. The purpose of the Haller Lake Community Club is to encourage and promote communication between individuals and good fellowship; to disseminate educational information; to formulate and support plans regarding various public improvements affecting the community; to be social in nature and to operate for the benefit and improvement of the community.*

*The Haller Lake Community Club functions as our neighborhood community council and as such represents the entire area from Northgate Way to North 145th and from 15th NE to Aurora Avenue North. We are a member of the Seattle Community Council Federation as well as the Northwest District Council, and as such are represented on the City Neighborhood Council.*

## **Notable Nearby Noshes**

Ethiopian food is one of our family favorites. It is spicy, but not overwhelmingly so. It generally includes vegetables and spicy meat dishes in the form of a thick stew. All the dishes are served in mounds atop injera, a large sourdough flatbread made out of fermented teff flour (which is gluten-free). It is usually eaten with fingers; utensils are optional.

Gojo Ethiopian Restaurant is an inexpensive neighborhood gem, and one that we rate as of the best Ethiopian eateries in Seattle. It is located at 13510 Aurora Ave N, tucked in to the same strip mall as Super Vitamins and the Social Security Office.

The restaurant is small and the décor simple. We rarely remember the names of the dishes, which is no problem: the menu descriptions are good, and the staff are very helpful. We usually order an array of meat and vegetable dishes; they also have meat and vegetable combinations that make ordering easy. Their lamb dish is excellent; we often add that to a combo. The waitress will advise on how much to order to suit the number of people.

Beer goes well with this food. The printed menu shows a wide selection, but the actual offerings on a given day are narrower. They always have a few Ethiopian beers, which are very drinkable and obviously go well with the food. The dark Ethiopian stout is quite good (when they have it). Surprisingly for an Ethiopian restaurant, they don't have Jamaican Red Stripe on the menu. (Most do, which could be the subject of another article.)

Bottom line: if you want to try something different in our neighborhood, or are already a fan of Ethiopian food, try Gojo. I predict that you will leave 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](mailto:peterwolfram@msn.com).

--Robert Laing