

HALLER LAKE  
COMMUNITY CLUB



# Splashes

12579 Dennsmore Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133

SEPTEMBER 2016



## Fall/Winter Session at Creative Dance Center - Registration is Open Classes Begin September 12!

Bring the joy of movement into your life with a class at the Creative Dance Center. The Creative Dance Center provides an environment of supportive learning and fun for infants through adults. Our Fall/Winter Session runs September 12, 2016 through January 28, 2017.

**Due to bell time changes made by the Seattle School District for the coming school year, we have made some adjustments and are offering a larger variety of CDC class start times - and some new classes!**

**We hope these changes and additions create more options for busy families!**

**Our Early Childhood Program** includes Parent-Child and Preschool-K classes: Nurturing Baby, Parent/Toddler, Parent/Tot/Child, Parent/Child, Creative Ballet, Pre-Ballet, Creative Dance, and Dance & Art.

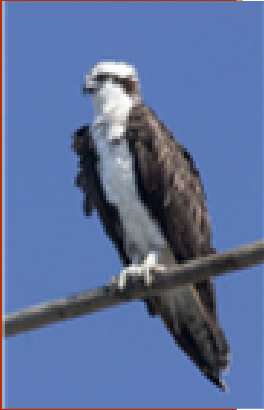
**Our Children and Teens Program** includes Pre-Ballet, Ballet I, II and III, Creative Dance, Hip Hop, Creative Modern, Modern I, II, III, and IV.

**Our Adult Program** includes Exercise & Dance and Keeping on Dancing: Modern for 40+. We also offer Zumba® on Mondays from 12:30-1:30 opposite Dance & Art for 3 ½-5 years. Zumba® is a dance fitness class that is fun, energetic and will make you feel amazing! Great time management of your limited hours if you have a little one taking class at the same time! *An Adult Class Card offers flexibility for busy schedules.*

Visit [www.creativedance.org](http://www.creativedance.org) or call (206) 363-7281 for the full schedule, class descriptions, prices, and registration info!



## Ripples from Around the Lake



Osprey, a raptor recently sighted in the Haller Lake neighborhood.

*“Not too many are lucky enough to celebrate such major milestones.*

All the signs are now pointing to Fall with school children busy gathering their school supplies, leaves changing color and rain in the forecast once again. I can almost see the grass turning green after our recent heavy rains! I recently saw Bassim Dowidar riding his bike back from Northgate. Bassim said his family was very excited to tour the brand new Hazel Wolf K thru 8 School, which his children will attend this year with their cousins too. Jeremy and Sheryl Grater's young daughter will be attending Northgate Elementary as a kindergartner. They are excited about the principal, Ms. Pearl, who is doing wonderful things at that school. She came to our club and talked about the program there and all who heard her were impressed with what we heard. Great news.

A belated Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Warren and Jo Dawson! They kept the celebration a little simpler this time celebrating with just their family. Jo also celebrated her 71st high school reunion this summer! Not too many are lucky enough to celebrate such major milestones.

We wish them both continued good health! HLCC is gifted to have the Dawsons' with their great knowledge of what has gone before us. Jo worked on the initial writing of the club's bylaws and will be involved as our club president, Rob Laing, and others look to revise them this year. Jo was also involved with the survey of the neighborhood long ago to see what people were looking for our club to provide. There is talk of us doing that again and so it is invaluable to see what was done before. We are grateful to all the other long time members too who continue to serve on our board with such generosity, joy and wisdom like Doris Harkness, Cora Lea Doty, Rick Barrett and Barb Gross. Velva Maye, a former valued contributor to our community, has now moved in with her daughter in Renton, which she is enjoying. I had a chance to tour the Downeys' beautiful new home which they are having built.

Kris Lethin, who ran for our new city council position, got married in July up in Alaska. Kris is a newer member of our group and very committed to help in whatever way he can. He has served as our representative on the Northwest District Council, which is working hard to keep this district a great place to live and work. Don and Debbie Thornton's son got married this summer too! I saw them on a walk with their dog Bob Zat, a member of the Puget Sound Theatre Organ Society, reports that the upgrades to their Wurlitzer pipe organ, which is housed at the community club, have now been completed. Our Haller Lake Board is anxious to schedule a Silent Movie Night in the near future. These events are always popular ones where young and old can enjoy the evening together. If you are interested in helping with this, please let me know. Welcome back to Jeremy and Sheryl Grater and family who have returned to their residence in our neighborhood. They were living downtown for a while but always kept their place here, hoping to return someday, and that day has come. The Graters lost their dog, Crash, for a short time recently when a repair person from an alarm company, who you think would be more concerned about such things, failed to close their gate. Mysteriously, Crash reappeared in his fenced in yard when they got

## Ripples from Around the Lake (continued)

back from searching for him. Some unsung hero must have returned him! The word gets out pretty quickly around here both by social media and word of mouth. Thanks to Sheryl and Suzi Zook who are again going to chair the Halloween Party.

Patricia Wolfram took me to tea last Saturday morning at the Bridge after an errand. We ran into Susan Derge there and had a nice visit. The Bridge is a great asset to our neighborhood and a very inviting place to gather as is North Acres Park, the lake, 125<sup>th</sup> Street End Park and the Haller Lake P-Patch to name a few.

The Zooks are busy putting in planting boxes for vegetables which will be great. Vicki Anderson and Roberta Downey are two other residents, I know there are many, and who love growing vegetables. Hope many of you made it to the Haller Lake P-Patch for their Open Garden at the end of August. Many neighbors, without a space for gardens, are able to get some there. You might have to wait a while on a waiting list, since the demand is high. Don't forget to pay your dues so you can help us put on fun community building events like the Halloween Party. Bring us ideas of events you would like to see happen at the clubhouse.

See you on September 8th for our annual Candidates' Night. Sarah Benki, our HLCC VP, is busy lining up candidates. It is your chance to meet them up close and personal! Come with your questions. Send me any news to share. Thanks. Marita [marita.niemann@comcast.net](mailto:marita.niemann@comcast.net)

### Haller Lake - Personal Stories on the theme 'A Fork In The Road'

**September 16 (Fri) 7:30-9:30 pm**

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Fall is a time of change and sometimes a new direction. Winter's coming, things are changing. Poets write about these times in your life when faced with a couple of decisions, you make a choice and sometimes things turn out beautifully, sometimes not. This event will celebrate those fork-in-the-road decisions where you had followed a new path. Did it turn out great? Did you change your mind? Did it change someone else's mind? How did that fork in the road make a difference?

Prepare a 10-minute story, put your name in the hat, and cross your fingers to be one of 7-8 tellers chosen.

Time for snacks and reconnecting after the summer break.

Refreshments provided. Free, donations welcome.

Contact Judith Alexander, [judith\\_tells@earthlink.net](mailto:judith_tells@earthlink.net) or Terralea Dennis, [terralea.denn@gmail.com](mailto:terralea.denn@gmail.com)



## Organization

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**Connect, inform and engage the Haller Lake community through social and civic programs and activities.**



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 Densmore 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.

## Note from the President:

Our 95 year Club is still going strong and members can look forward to another great year. Our last meeting was the Ice Cream Social and installation of officers on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. In addition to ice cream and great conversation, members were treated to a performance by Hitomi Sliva's Seattle Rhythmic Gymnastics students. It was a wonderful way to start the summer.

Our annual HLCC members' picnic in July was again generously hosted by the Dowidar families. It featured their famous pizza baked in a backyard brick oven, with additional dishes contributed by community members. The weather cooperated and all who attended had a wonderful afternoon by the lake. Thanks to the Dowidars and to everyone who contributed.

Now, as the warm summer days fade into fall, we can look forward to a new season of programs at the Club. Our first meeting will be the annual Candidates and Issues Night on Thursday, September 8 at 7 pm. We will hear candidates and speakers on ballot issues for the November General Election. Both candidates for Congress have accepted, as well as state legislators and speakers on ballot initiatives including Sound Transit expansion and Initiative 732, a proposed carbon tax.

Additional programs of community interest are being planned for the coming months, including the annual Halloween and Christmas parties. You can keep up with our programs on our website ([www.hallerlakecommunityclub.org](http://www.hallerlakecommunityclub.org)), on Facebook, and you can follow us on Twitter. I would also like to highlight the new "Haller Lake History" link on our website, where you will find a fascinating series of articles by HLCC Historian Greg Dziekonski and others. Beware: those who enter are at risk of getting immersed in local lore!

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 [hallerlakecc@gmail.com](mailto:hallerlakecc@gmail.com).

-- Robert Laing