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Yesler Terrace community celebrates Juneteenth



PHOTO BY TYLER ROUSH

Spectators gather on the field south of the Yesler Community Center to hear a performance of the Black National Anthem during Yesler Terrace's Juneteenth Celebration on June 20.

By TYLER ROUSH
The Voice editor

A couple hundred residents of Yesler Terrace and the surrounding community gathered June 20 on the playing field near the Yesler Community Center, in celebration of Juneteenth.

Juneteenth commemorates the date, in 1865, on which slaves in Texas were finally emancipated, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued.

It is recognized as a state holiday by 29 states, including Washington.

Attendees enjoyed sunny weather on the last day before the official start of summer. The event kicked off with a series of

songs and hip-hop acts performed by local teens, followed by an impassioned speech about the history of Juneteenth by a local minister.

"Remember that the Juneteenth Day spirit lives throughout the world," he implored the audience.

Afterward, participants enjoyed a potluck barbecue, with hamburgers and hot dogs sharing plates with traditional African entrees.

"It's a great community event," said Michael Yasutake, who has volunteered at Yesler Terrace's Juneteenth event for the past four or five years. "I think it's something that people look forward to."

Lauri Holmes moved to Yesler Terrace more than 20 years ago, and said she's been attending the annual Juneteenth barbecue ever since.

"This event is wonderful," said Holmes, who brought her children, Eryn, 14, and Alex, 11, to the barbecue. "It's always fun, even when it rains."

The barbecue draws residents young and old, and brings old friends back to the community, according to Holmes.

"People who have moved on (from Yesler Terrace) come back for this," she said.



PHOTO BY TYLER ROUSH

Volunteer Michael Yasutake (front) works the grill during the Juneteenth Celebration at Yesler Terrace.

Washington D.C. update — summer is budget season

By MARTHA GALVEZ
Seattle Housing Authority

The congressional budget season is currently in full swing, which involves planning for 2009 appropriations as well as determining supplemental spending levels for the current fiscal year.

Negotiations are extremely contentious, particularly for the supplemental war spending bill, with both the president and congress hoping to reign in domestic spending. No funding for rental housing programs is included in the supplemental spending bills, and housing industry experts are pessimistic that any will be added during negotiations.

Most experts expect that many appropriations bills will be delayed until after the 2008 presidential election. This means that, similar to what happened last year, congress will likely pass "continuing resolutions" to maintain funding for federal programs until

new budgets can be agreed upon.

The president's war spending proposal is set at \$184 billion, and includes funding for domestic emergencies. The Senate passed a similar supplemental war spending bill by a wide margin, but the House has delayed action on the bill. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has stated that the bill will be passed by the end of July, but others are skeptical of this timeline.

The House and Senate are also negotiating a housing stimulus bill, in hopes of arriving at a compromise by early July. The House recently passed a bill that extends unemployment insurance coverage, but it appears unlikely that the Senate will consider the measure. Members of Senate have instead begun to discuss a larger economic stimulus bill that, if it progresses, would most likely be considered towards the end of the summer.

In addition to the budget bills, a number of other housing-related bills are making

their way through congress. In March, Senator Maria Cantwell introduced the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Modernization Bill, which would improve coordination with other housing programs, increase incentives for private investment in affordable housing, and simplify program administration. Representative Charlie Rangel introduced similar legislation in April, which passed the House Ways and Means Committee. Elements of the Modernization bill have also been folded into a larger House tax reform bill.

In May, Representative Ed Perlmutter introduced the Green Resources for Energy Efficiency in Neighborhoods (GREEN) Act, which was referred to the House Finance Committee. The bill contains a number of green building requirements and incentives, including for HOPE VI developments. It also creates the "Residential Energy Efficient Block Grant Program" to fund state and local efforts to improve energy

efficiency in both new and existing housing units.

The bill currently has 20 co-sponsors and a hearing is expected for late May or June, but housing experts are pessimistic that it will move forward this session because it lacks the support of senior congressional members.

No action has been taken lately on the Section Eight Voucher Reform Act (SEVRA), which the housing industry has been watching closely since the House passed its version of the bill in July of last year. The Senate Committee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development held a hearing on SEVRA in mid-April, but conflicts continue over several of the bill's provisions.

Advocates are skeptical that SEVRA will move forward this session, but are working to resolve conflicts in the hope that it will regain momentum next year.

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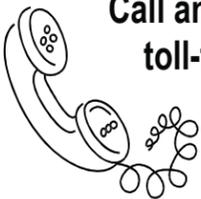
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SHA NEWS

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News and information about Seattle's neighborhoods

Wheels on the bus: Your guide to King County Metro

Editor's Note: This is the final installment in The Voice's guide to riding Seattle Metro.

By CLAIRE MCDANIEL
Seattle Housing Authority

Riding on the bus

Part of bus safety is to always hold onto railings and poles when walking on a bus because buses jerk frequently when braking. Remember that when the driver puts his foot on the brake to stop at a bus stop there will be a final jerk afterward — brace for it.

Also, if you have children make sure they are sitting down on the seat next to you holding on to a pole. If you hold them in your lap, keep a good grip on them. Kids standing up on seats facing the window can go flying if the driver brakes unexpectedly.

One last thing: There are lots of germs on the bus, so be sure to wash your hands afterward, especially if you've been holding onto a pole, railing or grip.

Some bus drivers call out the streets of at least some of their stops, but some don't. If you aren't sure where your stop is, you can

ask your driver when you get on the bus to call it out for you.

You should then sit up at the front fairly close to him or her, if you can. Some drivers use their microphone but many don't, so if you aren't close to them you can't hear what they call out.

I've also found that many drivers don't know the streets where their stops are so if you ask them if they stop at Ruffner, for example, they don't know, but usually another passenger will help you.

Right after the stop before yours, be sure to pull the cord to give the driver enough time to know when he or she needs to stop. If you have to reach in front of someone to pull the cord for your stop, be sure to say excuse me or ask them nicely if they will pull it for you.

Once in a while the cords don't work. In this case, you'll have to walk up to the driver and tell him or her you want off at the next stop and that there is a problem with the cord. Sometimes the cord works in some areas of the bus and not others.

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New initiative opens paths to economic security

By SHA STAFF

Residents of Seattle Housing Authority properties and Housing Choice Voucher holders can now take advantage of a new initiative to assist them in gaining economic security. The Seattle Asset Building Initiative is looking for participants who will receive assistance in reaching their economic goals.

As an incentive, participants will receive \$100 in cash when they meet a certain milestone toward their goal (determined by the participant and their case manager).

The Seattle Asset Building Initiative (also known as "SABI") is a pilot project

of the Seattle-King County Asset Building Collaborative. Nearly 40 Seattle public and private agencies are providing case management and asset building services for the project. The goal is to develop a comprehensive, coordinated system of services that assist low-income people in reaching their financial goals.

SABI is now recruiting participants. The pilot program is based on the simple idea that no matter who you are, if you work hard and play by the rules, you should be able to get ahead.

The foundation for economic security rests on two pillars.

The first pillar is a family's ability to build assets, such as education, home and/or business ownership, savings accounts and living-wage jobs. These assets can be used to invest for the future, send children to college and weather unexpected financial storms.

The second pillar is having a safety net or safeguards, such as insurance, social networks and access to benefits. These safeguards provide financial security in the event of a job loss, medical emergency, or other events that could otherwise send a family into an economic tailspin.

Participants in the Asset Building Initiative will follow a specific process. First, they will meet with an intake person to provide information about their family character-

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Whose view is this?



Win a \$15 gift card!

Last month's "Whose View" depicted the view from Queen Anne Heights.

This was a particularly challenging view — The Voice didn't receive a correct entry this month. But we do have another view for our contest this month.

Send your answer to the question, "Whose view is this?" to Tyler Roush at tyler@nhwa.org or mail it to 905 Spruce

St., Suite 200, Seattle, WA 98104.

All correct entries will be entered into a drawing each month for a \$15 gift card to Safeway, QFC or Bartell Drugs.

Deadline for submission of entries is the 15th of the month.

If you would like to contribute a photo of your view for our contest, please send it to Tyler Roush at the e-mail or postal address listed above.

Collins Woerman tapped to lead planning for Yesler Terrace Redevelopment

By VIRGINIA FELTON
Seattle Housing Authority

Seattle Housing Authority has chosen the Seattle design firm CollinsWoerman to lead the planning effort for the redevelopment of Yesler Terrace.

A team led by Tom Hudson, a principal of the 110-member firm, will begin work in June to engage the local community (residents and other stakeholders) and Seattle Housing Authority staff in creat-

ing a series of potential development alternatives with extensive input from the community. The design team is expected to incorporate the Guiding Principles developed in 2007.

Hudson and members of his team attended the June 10 meeting of the Citizens Review Committee and provided an overview of their approach.

According to Hudson, "A success-

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Changes coming to utility allowance

Informational meetings this month

By SHA STAFF

The costs of water, electricity and gas are major concerns for everyone in Seattle, as rates increase on a regular basis. We expect to see the cost of both water and natural gas to rise in Seattle in the next few months, so bills may be going up.

This impact is balanced somewhat by the energy-efficient building techniques

used in new housing built at Rainier Vista, NewHolly and High Point.

In the next several months, Seattle Housing Authority expects to be lowering the utility allowance for residents at High Point, Rainier Vista and NewHolly.

Meetings will be held at each of these communities to answer questions about this and explain it further. All Seattle Housing Authority residents are invited.

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Utility

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Here are the dates and locations for the meetings:

Rainier Vista: July 3, 5:30-7p.m., McBride Court (4521 29th Ave. S)

NewHolly: July 24, 5:30-7 p.m., NewHolly Gathering Hall

High Point: July 7, 5:30-7 p.m., High Point Community Center

Utility allowances are designed to make it possible for low-income households to keep enough money back from their payments to SHA to cover their utilities bills. The allowance is expected to apply to all resident-paid utilities — heat, lights, gas, water and sewer.

Utility allowances vary with the size of the unit and the type of utilities that are used by the household. Large units tend to

use more utilities, so their allowances are higher.

Utility allowances are being lowered to match the actual use of utilities (electricity, gas and water) in the newly constructed housing at the HOPE VI communities.

When utility allowances are lowered, the portion of the rent paid to SHA increases at the same time. When utility allowances increase, the other portion of the rent decreases.

The goal of utility allowances is to have the total amount that a household pays for rent and utilities remain constant at around 30 percent of monthly income.

Plan now to attend one of the community meetings to learn more. Before utility allowances are changed, every household will receive a letter from Seattle Housing Authority specifying the changes that apply to them.



PHOTO BY CLAIRE McDANIEL

King County Metro is such a popular mode of transportation that at times the buses are standing-room only.

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Bicycles may be loaded or unloaded at any bus zone at any time except in the Ride Free Area between the hours of 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily. During these hours, loading and unloading bikes is restricted to a route's first and last ride free stop. This is a safety policy to reduce the potential of too many cyclists being between buses in heavy downtown traffic.

If you pay with cash, the bus driver will ask you if you want a transfer, which you can use to get on another bus free within a certain time period (usually about 90 minutes). Each day the transfers are different colors and the drivers generally do check the times.

It usually costs \$1.50 to ride the bus but it varies depending on zone, day and time. You can also buy an all-day pass on the weekends for \$3.50, which is good for unlimited

riding through the day. (This works really well for tourists.)

If you don't have enough money for your fare or lost your bus pass or transfer, some drivers will let you ride, especially if you are a regular on their route. Just don't push your luck and try to get away with it more than once.

Service animals for persons with disabilities ride the bus without charge, as do small dogs that will fit in their owners' laps. Large dogs, leashed, pay the same fare as their owner and may not occupy a seat, but should ride on the floor of the coach next to their owner. Other animals that are not service animals must be carried in appropriate pet carriers.

Most importantly, remember to look at riding the bus as an adventure and something to feel good about. You're able to relax after a hard day and let someone else worry about traffic while not contributing to pollution or gridlock.

Fares increase for elderly and disabled Metro riders

Are you a regular King County Metro rider? If so, you need to be aware that, as of July 1, 2008, fares for elderly and disabled riders are \$0.50 at all times, and youth fares (for riders through age 17) are \$0.75. Reduced-fare passes will also be going up — monthly passes will be \$9, while annual passes will be \$99. If you use ACCESS (the paratransit service), please note that while cash fares will remain at \$0.75 per trip, the cost of monthly passes will be \$18, up from the current \$13.50 per month.

As most people may already know, the

reason fares are going up is because the costs for providing transit service is going up (this is especially true when it comes to fuel). In addition, more people are using transit, which is straining Metro's ability to provide the service in a timely fashion. By increasing fares, additional revenue will be available to maintain and improve the reliability of the services they provide.

While Metro has been taking steps over the past few years to offset rising costs and hold fares steady, this has limited Metro's ability to keep up with increasing demands for transit service and is also affecting the on-time performance of the existing service.

Public housing executives convene in Seattle

By VIRGINIA FELTON
Seattle Housing Authority

The Council of Large Public Housing Authorities held its summer meeting in Seattle June 18–20. The meeting brought executive directors and senior staff members from across the country here to strategize on issues relating to low-income housing across the country.

Located in Washington, D.C., CLPHA is a national nonprofit organization that works to preserve and improve public and affordable housing through advocacy, research, policy analysis and public education. Its 60 members represent virtually every major metropolitan area in the country.

Together they manage almost half of the nation's public housing and 30 percent of the Housing Choice Voucher program (Section 8), serving more than one million households.

The three-day meeting included tours of both High Point and Greenbridge, as well as a panel discussion moderated by Tom Tierney entitled "HOPE VI: Life after the ribbon cutting."

The panel included the executive directors from King County, Tacoma and Portland housing authorities discussing how to support residents of HOPE VI redevelopments in creating livable and effective new neighborhoods.

On Thursday, CLPHA's Executive Director, Sunia Zatterman, provided a Washington, D.C. update. She discussed the planning efforts underway for a public housing summit that will be held on Sept. 25 to create a vision for public housing for the next ten years.

She stressed that one of the most important concepts for public housing is what she called "permanent affordability" — the guarantee that low-income people will have access to housing that they can afford, and to housing that is held in the public trust indefinitely.

Zatterman reported that the three topics to be addressed at the summit include investment (securing more resources for public housing in federal appropriations and through supportive taxation policies), partnerships (looking at ways to make low-income housing greener and more appropriate to seniors) and institutional change (allowing housing authorities to be permanent developers of affordable housing in their communities).

Other topics covered during the three-day meeting included consideration of the role of housing authorities in addressing homelessness and a discussion of the findings of a recent MacArthur Foundation study on the economic impacts of public housing redevelopments.

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istics and their needs. Then they will be assigned to a case manager. Case managers will be staff members of participating organizations such as Seattle Housing Authority, Family Services, Center for Career Alternatives, El Centro de la Raza, Urban League and Seattle Goodwill.

With the case manager, participants will develop a plan for services they need, based on their economic goals. Then they will work with their case manager to get plugged into the services they have identified. Services could include any of the following:

- Credit counseling and debt repair
- Employment services and job training
- Homeownership counseling
- Banking services
- Individual development accounts
- Higher education
- Access to public benefits

- Financial education
- Legal services
- English as a Second Language
- Tax preparation and tax credit help

Finally, participants will participate in evaluating the program and the services they have received. This will enable the project to be modified to best meet the needs of low-income residents.

According to Cathy Moray, Seattle Housing Authority's staff member for this project, "This pilot is a very exciting program. We hope that it will provide information that will help us put together the best service delivery system — one that really works for residents who are trying to become more economically secure."

In order to participate in the project, you need to have some income to begin with. The minimum income levels range from \$22,140 for an individual to \$51,872 for a family of eight. If you are interested in participating in this pilot project, please call Jennifer Martin at 206-615-3547 or e-mail SABI@seattlehousing.org.

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POINT OF VIEW

NEWS ABOUT THE SEATTLE SENIOR HOUSING PROGRAM AND SEATTLE'S HIGH-RISE COMMUNITIES

Talking safety at Ballard House

BY CLAIRE MCDANIEL
Seattle Housing Authority

"Stay connected to your loved ones when it matters most" was written on the Emergency Contacts cards that were handed out to residents at the Emergency Preparedness Workshop conducted at Ballard House in June.

The cards included information such as home phone, out-of-state contact phone and the all-important family meeting place. This workshop was the second in a series of four in which the Red Cross and SHA property managers invited residents from Ballard House and three other SSHP communities — Nelson Manor, Schwabacher House and Sunrise Manor — to participate.

A year ago, SHA residents were trained to be a resource for other residents on emergency preparedness procedures by spending 12 hours working on their presentation skills. In the first workshop, on June 5, participants learned about disaster-kit items.

In this second workshop at Ballard House participants learned about communication plans and medical plans as well as how to take care of their pets in a disaster.

SHA Community Builder Marcia Johnson distributed a list of questions for participants to test how well prepared they were. One question was, "Do you have a flashlight at home?"

The group with the highest total number of people responding "yes" to the questions on the list won the contest.

In a presentation on pets and service animals, Luigi the black pug mix was a co-presenter. It was recommended that anyone in the group with pets or service animals get a sturdy animal carrier in which to carry their pet in case of disaster, to get a chip with contact information implanted in their cat or dog and register with a pet tracking company (costs \$20 to \$40) in case the animal runs away out of fright or confusion, to

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PHOTO BY CLAIRE MCDANIEL

Seniors from Ballard House, Nelson Manor, Schwabacher House and Sunrise Manor gathered at Ballard House in June to review emergency preparedness plans with the assistance of the American Red Cross.

Residents prepare for the digital television transition

BY SVEN KOEHLER
Seattle Housing Authority

Just like at the turn of the millennium, we are beginning to count down the days until the transition to digital television on Feb. 20, 2009.

And again the question is, have you taken steps to prepare? Well, just as with Y2K, you may be already be better prepared than you think.

Or you may face some choices to make about how you watch TV next year, and what you can view. Although the government has heavily promoted buying a converter box using one of the government-provided \$40 coupons, it is not always clear that not everybody will need to buy the converter box.

If you are a subscriber to cable television, or another paid TV provider like satellite television, the good news is that you are already fully prepared. As long as you continue to subscribe, you will be able to view TV as you did before the transition. You don't need a new television and you don't need a converter box.

If you own a new television that has a digital tuner, you are also already prepared. You don't need a converter box because a television that was purchased new in the last year or two is likely to have a digital tuner built in.

To find out if you already have a digital tuner built in, you can read your owner's manual, or even easier, just check whether or not you are currently receiving digital channels over the air on your TV. If a TV with a digital tuner is plugged into the building antenna in most SHA buildings, you should get at least some digital channels right now.

If you have an analog tuner in your TV, like most sets that were built more than 2 years ago, you definitely have some choices to make before the Feb. 19, 2009 deadline in order to get prepared.

If you want to ensure you get the most channels, including ones you are familiar with now using just the building antenna, the fact is you will probably have to pay to become a subscriber to cable or satellite TV. That will let you watch channels that currently broadcast over the air in VHF and UHF, plus other cable-only channels.

If you don't need that many channels, the other option is to use a converter box, which is actually a digital tuner that converts the digital signal to a form your old TV can read. This will be required after the transition to get any reception at all, but many people are buying them now and enjoying digital channels right now.

The FCC, the federal agency in charge of the transition, is encouraging people to buy converter boxes early to see what channels they receive.

SHA and individual residents have been testing converter boxes on antennas in different buildings to see what happens. The results have been surprising and unpredictable — surprising because channels that you might never know existed may appear very clearly, but unpredictable because this may change after the transition.

For example, using a digital TV or converter box, the local public broadcasting station KTCS Channel 9 may appear, including such subchannels as the Spanish language V-ME programming.

Even though many local channels will switch to the UHF spectrum for their digital signals, thus making them hard to receive next year, at the very least you should get programming from VHF digital channels if your antenna receives them.

What makes it complicated to predict what will happen, says KCTS broadcast engineer Tim Schall, is that stations are broadcasting in both UHF and VHF channels now, but will switch to only one spectrum after the transition.

They may have to increase or even decrease their wattage after the transition, which makes testing now not completely reliable.

"We'll actually be using about one-third less wattage once we go digital VHF. However, some people will get reception that don't get it now because the broadcast signal is more efficient," said Schall during a recent visit to test signal strength and antenna performance at Lake City House.

So, are you prepared? The countdown at the beginning of July is under 200 days ... enough time to make choices about how you will watch TV next year.

UFAS takes homeWorks to new dimensions

BY SVEN KOEHLER
Seattle Housing Authority

What important part of homeWorks has the following dimensions: 17 inches high, 8 feet wide and 200 feet long? Hint: this is not actually an object.

Instead, these measurements are part of the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) which give specifications to make sure that projects like public housing can be used easily by people with physical disabilities. homeWorks is incorporating many accessibility features that follow UFAS. UFAS is similar to the regulations that many people know as "ADA" (American Disabilities Act) because the ADA led to design guidelines for accessibility features that began to be put into law in the 1970's.

As reported in The Voice in February, SHA recently entered into a Voluntary Compliance Agreement (VCA) with the federal government. The VCA formalizes SHA's commitment to providing reasonable accommodations. Important for homeWorks construction in particular is that the VCA defines UFAS as the source for dimensions to use for construction.

SHA has always been active in making modifications to accommodate the accessibility needs of individual residents, and has always complied with local and Washington State building codes, as well as the requirements of the ADA. However, while UFAS and ADA standards are very similar overall, they are sometimes slightly different in nuanced ways.

How are UFAS and ADA different? Take handrails, for example. A person might need to hold onto a handrail to keep their balance or help negotiate an obstacle like stairs, so the height of the handrail is important to make it easy to grasp. It has to be high enough to give firm and comfortable support, but not so high or low that it can't be reached.

SHA has been meeting ADA standards by providing handrails that are between 34 and 38 inches high. However, UFAS standards are somewhat different — the

minimum is 30 inches and the maximum is 34 inches high. Although both ADA guidelines and UFAS are meant to help ensure that a safe handrail is there for you when you need it most, unless the handrail is exactly 34 inches high, it is impossible to meet both standards. "This kind of thing makes for an interesting challenge on the construction site," explains Tracey Locke, the manager for homeWorks. "But we are doing everything we can."

Currently, as part of an agency-wide effort, the homeWorks team is conducting a review of areas in the LIPH buildings that may need to be changed to meet the UFAS standards. For example, it has been a goal of homeWorks to ensure that at least one public bathroom in every building is upgraded to be accessible. Some of the changes required are minor, like increasing the height of a toilet seat.

But SHA is also making substantial changes where it is feasible, even if walls need to be moved. For example, residents at Lake City House, Olympic West and Cedarvale House might recall the sound of jackhammers enlarging the door openings in the concrete walls of the public bathrooms.

Other changes are more subtle than jackhammering. For instance, the community room kitchens are being renewed as part of homeWorks in July so that the cabinet dimensions are in line with UFAS.

The VCA also includes recordkeeping requirements and targets for improving the number and distribution of accessible units across SHA's housing portfolios. The goal is to have at least five percent of units accessible. This has led homeWorks to incorporate complete remodels of bathrooms and kitchens in some apartments to meet the UFAS dimensions for accessibility in four buildings scattered around the city. Work on these special units is just beginning at Ross Manor. This effort will conclude at Barton Place in 2009.

HIGH POINT HERALD

NEWS ABOUT THE HIGH POINT COMMUNITY

High Point Family Center offers family fun

BY NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE STAFF

With the grand opening of the High Point Family Center complete, Neighborhood House has numerous family activities happening on a regular schedule.

Family activities are an important part of Neighborhood House High Point Family Center.

Play-in-Action is a fun, engaging opportunity for families to share, play and learn with a variety of toys and games.

In partnership with the High Point Community Center (HPCC), Play-in-Action is during preschool drop-in times on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Join us for this fun family time and experience how play becomes learning.

Drop-in reading is also an important family activity in partnership with HPCC. This program, held from 11:15-11:45 a.m. Wednesdays, provides families with a multicultural book library resource to share reading opportunities. On June 25, we kicked

off our Summer Reading program with folk tales from around the world.

The High Point Family Center toy library provides another unique opportunity to check out toys to take home for two or three weeks, and explore play with new toys and activities.

The toy library includes games, infant pillows and play mats, toddler toys and play activities, blocks, cars and much more.

Providing fun play opportunities for families with kids of all ages is an important objective of the toy library. Be sure to look over the selection of toys and activities when you stop by the High Point Family Center.

Be sure to check out the High Point Family Center monthly calendar to stay up to date with our regularly scheduled events and family activities, as well as learn about our new activities as they are scheduled. Look for our monthly calendar of activities and events on the High Point Neighborhood Association Web site at www.highpoint-neighborhood.org.

Summer pleasures a stroll away at the High Point Library

A great ally for all of us in combating summer boredom, in ourselves and among our kids, is the local public library.

The High Point branch of the Seattle Public Library hosts events throughout the year, all of them free and all of them open to the public.

Here's a list of events announced for July. To learn more about events at this and other branches, visit the Seattle Public Library's website, www.spl.org.

The library will be closed Friday, July 4, Independence Day.

"Toddler Story Time"

Thursdays: July 3, 10, 17, 24, from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Bring your toddlers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and fun with the High Point children's librarian.

"Way Past Cool"

Thursday, July 3, from 2-6 p.m.

Especially for teenagers: Step out of the hot and into the cool for a taste test of smoothies, shakes, and other cool summer drinks. This is a Teen Summer Reading program.

"Evening Book Group"

Tuesday, July 15, from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Join your friends and neighbors in reading and sharing your ideas about a book. This month's title is "Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time," by Dava Sobel.

"This fascinating book tells the story of how 18th-century scientist and clockmaker William Harrison solved one of the most perplexing problems of history — determining east-west location at sea.

"This book adds lots of pictures to the story, giving readers a ... satisfying sense of

High Point Branch

Seattle Public Library
3411 S.W. Raymond St.
206-684-7454

Hours: Monday, 1-8 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-8 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Closed holidays.

Bridging the gap

"[Our] summer reading program serves a few purposes: One is to show that the library is a place to go to where people can have fun, a place for people to come together when school is out. For another, it's been demonstrated time and again that kids who continue reading over the summer have a higher success rate when they come back to school in the fall than kids do who've disengaged from reading over the summer. We help students bridge the gap between the end of one school term and the beginning of the next one."

— Theresa Mayer, High Point branch librarian

the times, the players, and the puzzle. This was no obscure, curious difficulty — without longitude, ships often found themselves so far off course that sailors would starve or die of scurvy before they could reach port." (Source: Booknotes, www.booknotes.org).

Happy Hobby Days

Thursday, July 31, from 2-6 p.m.

Teens: Come show off your hobbies, crafts, or collectibles at the High Point library and see what other teens are in to. To request a table or space, please call 206-684-7454 before July 28.

Safety

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keep a picture of the animal, a first aid kit, some food and water, medicines and vet information. They were also informed that the Red Cross teaches cat and dog CPR.

A workshop speaker, Dorene Cornwell, spoke about the importance of a communication plan, including what to do before, during and after a disaster. Her advice was to listen to the radio and television regularly for weather forecasts and warnings.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has a special alert system online (www.weather.gov/) and on the radio.

A special storm radio can be purchased (\$29 to \$34) that comes on automatically when there is a severe storm warning. It is also possible to sign up for Regional Public Information Network (RPIN) e-mails at the www.rpin.org website.

Another important part of emergency communication preparation is to know where to meet outside your building when the fire alarm goes off (or any other emergency happens). For Ballard House, it's a half block west or east on 24th Avenue.

When in doubt, Cornwell said, "Follow the crowd." People in wheelchairs need special planning. "Either make plans for someone to help you get out of the building or put the HELP sign on your door or window for first responders and a rag under the door as a barrier between you and a fire. Standard HELP signs are available in the SHA management office," she added.

In a disaster, local phone lines might not work and cell phone networks can be uncertain. That's why an out-of-area contact is so important.

Calls across town or to another city like

Tacoma might be more successful than calling in Seattle, or you can call friends or relatives in another state. This is when the Emergency Contact cards kept in purses or wallets can come in handy.

"Do your work before a disaster happens. Know who your neighbors are so you'll know who is expected to show up at the meeting place," Cornwell said. "Emergency situations can make people stressed or scared. Know your neighbors' disabilities and look out for each other."

Another speaker, Cinda Lium, presented medical plan information and recommended that people fill out page 18 in the Red Cross / SHA Disaster Preparedness Work Book, which lists prescription medicines or make up their own list and post it on their refrigerators.

Have other information within reach or in your "to-go kit," including hospital, blood type, insurance and physical limitations.

Other recommendations:

- Have an extra three days supply of medications on hand, if possible, by refilling ahead of time or getting samples.

- Think about necessary medical equipment, too. Back-up power for machines such as sleep apnea machines, oxygen, electric wheelchairs or scooters may be needed.

- Have your walker, cane or other mobility aid available. Sometimes service animals get confused and run off so be prepared in case that happens.

For more information on the emergency preparedness workshops, please contact JenRenee Paulson at 206-720-5289 or Marcia Johnson, SHA community builder, at 206-239-1530 or mmjohnson@seattlehousing.org.

The third workshop will take place on July 10, and the fourth and final one will be on July 24.

Neighborhood Association volunteers enliven Web site

BY SHA STAFF

Two volunteers from the High Point community have come forward to assume responsibility for www.highpointneighborhood.org.

The Web site was originally created by SHA communications staff to provide the residents of the new High Point neighborhood with a Web site where they could learn about the neighborhood and post relevant information. There are similar sites at NewHolly, Rainier Vista and Yesler Terrace.

Early in 2008, residents Anna Sweet and Jesse Cliffe contacted Tom Phillips about taking over the site. He talked it over with Communications Director Virginia Felton and she gave the go-ahead to transfer ownership and administration of the site to the High Point Neighborhood Association.

"We created these sites to make the neighborhoods stronger and more independent. When these volunteers approached us, it seemed totally logical and desirable to pass the site over to them," Felton said.

According to Anna Sweet, who is now serving along with Jesse Cliffe as the site's webmaster, "We went to one of the Neighborhood Association meetings and the president was looking for

volunteers to help with the site. We both work in the software industry, so we thought it would be a good way for us to use our knowledge to help out and become a part of our new community." The Neighborhood Association hopes that the site will become a regular place where residents go to get news about the neighborhood and to have discussions with their neighbors.

According to Sweet, "Instead of just posting news from the Neighborhood Association and SHA, we hope to also see more residents and local businesses contributing to the website. We currently have between 75 to 100 readers per day, and we think the best way to grow this number is to have more types of content and more involvement from our readers."

In the near future, Cliffe and Sweet hope to put together a section about the history of High Point, including photos and memories from longtime residents.

"Other than that we'd really like to get feedback from the community on what they would like to see on the website," Sweet said. "We are open to putting together whatever the neighborhood thinks would be useful and interesting."

Check out the site at www.highpoint-neighborhood.org. You can find e-mail addresses for both Sweet and Cliffe at the bottom of the home page.

What's happening in your neighborhood?

Write about it in The Voice! Call Tyler Roush at 461-8430, ext. 227 or e-mail tylerr@nhwa.org, and ask about the freelance reporting opportunities offered by The Voice.

RAINIER VISTA NEWS

NEWS ABOUT THE RAINIER VISTA COMMUNITY

Rainier Vista's new Boys & Girls Club more than halfway completed

BY JEFF ARNIM
Seattle Housing Authority

Construction is in full swing this summer at the new Rainier Vista Boys & Girls Club and Teen Center.

Work on the exterior is well underway. Behind the scenes, all of the utilities for the building are being brought to the site, and critical connections to the facility itself will soon be made.

"This is an exciting time," said project architect Tom Wolken. "The mechanical units are being set and sheetrock is going on the walls. In the next few weeks, the windows will all be installed and exterior siding will be on. It is a busy site with a dozen trades installing work."

Construction of the club's many interest-

ing features will also be starting soon.

"As we go into the summer, the parking lot and ball field will be graded, and an artificial turf play surface will be installed," Wolken said.

Inside the building, the floor in the double gymnasium will be installed and the commercial-sized kitchen will also be completed.

At 40,000 square feet, the Rainier Vista building will be the largest of the 13 King County Boys & Girls Clubs. Half the space will be dedicated to programs and services for teenagers, and will include a café, recording studio, study lounge, and technology lab in addition to a full size gym.

Project managers estimate the building to be more than 60 percent finished, and expect the grand opening to take place some time this fall.



PHOTO BY JEFF ARNIM

The new Rainier Vista Boys & Girls Club and Teen Center will open this fall.

Trouble in the Air

Editor's Note: The following is a short story written by students at Asa Mercer Middle School, and integrated with the new tree sculpture at Rainier Vista.

BY MARY COSS
AND THE MERCER MIDDLE SCHOOL

There once was a girl who lived in a small house in Rainier Valley with her little brother and parents, and grandparents living nearby. One night, a terrible storm came about the valley, on the very night the parents went out for dinner to celebrate their anniversary, leaving the girl in charge of her brother. Now this brother was the world's most annoying person.

"You're my maid," he told his sister, as soon as his parents left. "So do as I say. Cook my dinner."

"If you're going to be a brat, I'm not doing anything!" the girl shouted, and darted into her bedroom and slammed the door shut. For thirty minutes she chatted with her "girly" friends online while the wind howled about the house. Suddenly, the computer powered down and the lights went out. "Oh no!" the girl cried. "Blackout!" Luckily, she had a candle in her room. This gave just enough light to do her math homework by. She was happy. She loved math.

Gradually she became aware that she was hearing no footsteps or sounds from her little brother. She yelled his name, but no reply. She called again, still no reply. When the screen door started to bang, she flinched. "Brother?" she called. "Is that you?" The door kept on banging. With fear rising in her, she scouted every nook and cranny of the house with the candle in her hand. Her brother wasn't anywhere. She put down the candle and rushed out into the storm. Frantic, she ran to her grandparent's house, and pounded on their door. They weren't home. It was Tuesday night, bingo night. Cold wind and storm sounded through her ears. Thunder roared and lightning flared.

Meanwhile, inside the house, the

candle had fallen over...

And little brother, hiding high in the branches of the evergreen tree on the front lawn, was bored, cold, and very hungry. Tired of playing tricks, he wanted to go back inside and eat. He started to climb down when he saw smoke billowing out of his house...

By this time, the parents were hurrying home. They had telephoned the kids after the power had gone off in the middle of dinner, and when no one answered they were hit by a sudden attack of anxiety. Fire trucks screaming past them along Rainier Avenue didn't help. They came to the street they lived on. It was filled with police and fire trucks. Where their house had been was nothing but ashes.

The mother began to sob and the father to wail. Where were their children? Thankfully, the firefighters had their daughter, wrapped up in a blanket and safe. They'd found her in the front yard, down on her knees, sobbing, calling out for her brother.

"I still don't know where he is!" the girl cried.

No one did.

But little brother was still hanging on to the branch in the old evergreen tree — which was the only thing left standing — too terrified to move, or even cry out. Until he saw his parents, and let out a tiny yelp. A second yelp made everyone look up, just in time to see little brother come tumbling out of the tree. Luckily, a nifty firefighter caught him and broke his fall.

Well, you can imagine the mixture of joy and sadness. The girl hugged her brother, and gave him three juicy kisses. It was juicy kisses all around, and tears too. When the grandparents got home and found out what had happened, Grandma said she'd never leave to play bingo again. Of course she did, but there were lots of changes. It was very crowded staying with the grandparents while the house was rebuilt. And annoying the way Grandpa called for fire drills in the middle of the night. But mostly the girl was happy that her family was together and safe.

Activities abound this month at Rainier Vista

Traffic Safety and Crime Prevention Committee

Are you concerned about traffic and crime at Rainier Vista? Join the Traffic Safety and Crime Prevention Committee.

Assess community concerns, create solutions and represent neighborhood priorities with Seattle Department of Transportation and Seattle Police Department.

The committee meets at the Neighborhood House Rainier Vista Center from 7-8 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. The next meeting is July 7.

For more information contact Gary Ireland at gireland549@comcast.net.

Multicultural Diversity Committee

Are you interested in bridging the gaps, sharing your culture and promoting cross-cultural dialogue and education for the diverse neighborhood? Are you interested in planning fun events like block parties? Join the Cultural Diversity Committee to work with other neighbors to organize fun and educational events like the quarterly community potluck, monthly clean-up, residential directory, diversity workshop and language classes.

The committee meets at the Neighborhood House Rainier Vista Center from 6-7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is July 16.

For more information contact Tom Phillips at tomphillips6@msn.com.

Vietnamese Coffee Talk Committee

Are you interested in meeting your Vietnamese neighbors? Are you interested in learning about the Vietnamese community at Rainier Vista? The Coffee Talk provides the opportunity for members of the Vietnamese community to come together to socialize and discuss community concerns and needs. All Rainier Vista community members are welcome to join.

The committee meets at the McBride Court Community Room from 10 a.m.-noon on the first Tuesday of each month. The next regular meeting is August 5.

For more information contact Tien Duong-Le at 331-2465 or tiend@apialliance.org.

Welcome Wagon Committee

Are you interested in welcoming new neighbors to the community? Any ideas on how neighbors can best share information and resources? Join the Welcome Wagon Committee to have a chance to meet your neighbors and offer your expertise on neighborhood communication.

For more information, contact Kathy Smith at katsmith50@gmail.com. The regular meeting dates and locations are yet to be determined.

Somali Cultural Group

The Somali Cultural Group is a parenting program that provides opportunities for members of the Somali community to come together to share culture, language and experiences.

The group meets at the Neighborhood House Rainier Vista Center from 4-6 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday.

For more information contact Deeqa Sh. Nur at 206-723-3133

Rainier Vista Resident Google Group

Are you interested in joining the online forum for neighborhood communication? Join the Resident Google Group to get to know your neighbors, learn about upcoming events and share useful information like recommendations for a good babysitter or a nice restaurant, or carpooling opportunities.

To participate, send your email address and home address to Christina@dolcidedel-ria.com.

All ages are welcome.



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NEWHOLLY NOTES

NEWS ABOUT THE NEWHOLLY COMMUNITY

New homes take shape in quiet corner of NewHolly

By **JEFF ARNIM**
Seattle Housing Authority

Tucked in a corner on the very north edge of NewHolly, the neighborhood's newest homes are easy to overlook. Sitting on a narrow strip of land along 37th Avenue South near South Holly Street, the houses are located beyond the basketball courts, open fields, and playground of John C. Little Sr. Park, past the Esperanza Apartments and down the street farther still past Park Place.

When you arrive at the site you'll find a number of open building lots. Only ten homes are currently being built — along the northernmost half of the site — including four scheduled for completion this month, and another six that are expected to be finished by the end of the summer.

When construction is complete, however, 40 families will call this part of NewHolly home. Fitting so many homes onto such a relatively small piece of land is a challenge, but builder Bennett-Sherman — who has previously built homes in other parts of NewHolly — has shown creativity in maximizing land use while also ensuring the area remains livable and encourages social interaction.

"The building lots are small, but with the garages set in the back of the homes that sit along 37th Avenue, and the pocket park in the middle of the block, it doesn't feel as dense as you would expect," said Brian



PHOTO BY JEFF ARNIM

Forty homes will eventually be constructed along the northern edge of the NewHolly neighborhood.

Sullivan, a development program manager with Seattle Housing Authority.

Bennett-Sherman has also worked to balance out the site's higher density by using a greater range of building styles than have typically been seen at NewHolly.

"There are a lot of houses on the site," Sullivan said. "But there's also quite a lot of diversity and variation, a wide range of colors, and a real richness to the design."

All of the homes will be constructed to BuiltGreen standards and will be Northwest Energy Star-certified. In achieving these

standards they incorporate a number of features designed to minimize environmental impact.

Highly efficient fixtures, toilets, and dishwashers help conserve water, while programmable thermostats and windows that are specially coated to retain heat will improve energy efficiency.

The houses offer direct-vent gas fireplaces that deliver heat efficiently, along with whole-house fans that cool the interiors quickly while being much less expensive to operate than traditional air conditioning systems. In addition, the systems help improve indoor air quality.

Outside, the siding of the homes is made from recycled materials, and is designed to last for 50 years or more.

The first 10 houses range in size from 2,060 to 2,320 square feet, have either three or four bedrooms, and offer two-car garages. They are currently for sale at advertised prices ranging between \$450,000 and \$530,000.

NewHolly youth programs increasing

By **JOHN FORSYTH**
Seattle Housing Authority

New youth programs are being launched this summer at NewHolly in response to needs identified by community members. East African Community Services will begin tutoring and youth leadership programs at NewHolly in July.

East African Community Services has offices at the NewHolly Campus of Learners Education Building, on the first floor across from the library.

The tutoring and youth leadership programs are meant to serve the growing numbers of youth of East African heritage at NewHolly, particularly the teenagers.

Abdinasir Moahemd will be leading the youth programs and can be reached at 206-388-2711. Please stop by or give him a call to take advantage of these opportunities.

The Parks and Recreation Department is also increasing its summer programs. There will be structured activities on Wednesday evenings from 5-8 p.m. in John C. Little Park. Activities may include movies in the park, volleyball, community cook-outs, soccer, ice cream socials and dance contests.

The Parks Department wants to hear from youth, particularly older youth and teens, about what activities they would like.

There will also be late Friday Night Drop-in Gym at Van Asselt Center, from 8 p.m.-11 p.m. during the summer.

For teenagers interested in soccer, there will be a soccer program on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1-3 p.m., at the Van Asselt playfield. For teens with an interest in music, the Parks Department will be seeking community participation to organize a concert at either John C. Little or Othello Parks.

For more information regarding the Parks and Recreation sponsored programs, please contact the Van Asselt Community Center Coordinator Randy Smith at 206-386-1921.

NewHolly Neighborhood Clubs invite you to participate in your community. Get involved! join a Club!

Multicultural Communication

Crime Prevention

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Youth Activities

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Special Events & Block Parties

For more information please contact:
Joy Bryngelson
NewHolly Community Builder
7054 32nd Ave S. #205
Seattle, WA 98118
206-723-1725

NEWHOLLY NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT & DISASTER PREPARATION TRAINING

Thursday - July 10, 2008
6-8:30 p.m.
Campus Gathering Hall
7054 32nd Ave South

Hear about activities from your NewHolly Committees:
Traffic, Parks & Safety
Parents
Welcome
Multicultural Communication

*** Learn about how you and your family can be prepared for natural disaster or emergency. Participate in the training! "3-Days, 3-Ways, NewHolly Style"**

*** Make a project proposal. How do you want to use YOUR NewHolly Community Activity Fund! \$5000 per year!**

Light refreshments will be served.

All neighbors are encouraged to attend!

Volunteers are very appreciated for this event. Interested? Thanks! Please call Joy 723-1725

Neighborhood Night a good way to get caught up

On Thursday, July 10, from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., the NewHolly community Neighborhood Night will give residents a chance to get caught up on what's going on at NewHolly, to learn how to prepare for natural disasters, and to propose projects to be funded by the NewHolly Community Activity fund.

The evening will begin with reports to the community from residents on four NewHolly

committees: Traffic, Parks & Safety, Parents, Welcome, and Multicultural Communication.

Next, everybody is invited to participate in a special training (called "3-Days, 3-Ways, NewHolly Style") on how we can prepare ourselves and our families for natural disasters and other emergencies.

The evening will conclude with an opportunity for everyone present to propose projects worth funding out of the NewHolly Community Activity Fund of \$5,000 per year. If you have suggestions for projects that would benefit the community or our children or seniors, please bring them so we can hear your ideas and discuss them.

Neighborhood Night will be held in the Campus Gathering Hall, located at 7054 32nd Ave. S. Interpreters will be on hand to interpret into Amharic, Chinese, Khmer, Somali, Tigrigna and Vietnamese.

For more information, contact Joy Bryngelson, NewHolly community builder, at 723-1725.

Volunteers Needed!

This is your community!

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This community event is co-sponsored by volunteers and community agencies involved in the NewHolly Campus, NewHolly Neighborhood Clubs, Parks & Recreation Department, and Seattle Housing Authority. Donations are welcome!

YESLER HAPPENINGS

NEWS ABOUT THE YESLER TERRACE COMMUNITY

Youth will participate through Yesler Terrace redevelopment jobs

By CLAIRE MCDANIEL
Seattle Housing Authority

Yesler Terrace 2014 is a summer jobs program at Yesler Terrace that will employ ten youth who will learn about architecture, urban planning, and community development while participating in the creation of a documentary of Yesler Terrace history.

Seattle Housing Authority and the City of Seattle are teaming up to provide job opportunities for young people ages 14 to 18. This unique program is being coordinated by Edward B. Hill, a University of Washington graduate student and Yesler Terrace redevelopment intern.

The program, says Hill, is “a way to expose the youth of Yesler Terrace and surrounding neighborhoods to the urban planning and design fields, and a way to integrate different elements — employment, civic engagement, sense of place, knowledge of the redevelopment process, and career development — to provide a sense of community stability that can carry through the upcoming redevelopment.”

Participants in the program will be called “Youth Planning and Research Specialist Trainees.” They will work six hours a day, four days a week, and will spend their time in a combination of training activities and planning work that puts what they learn in

the classroom to good use.

Trainees will conduct community surveys, develop their own proposals, and learn what is involved in being an architect or urban planner. Their “classroom” will include Yesler Terrace itself, and they will also visit local architectural firms, design firms and city planning agencies. Most importantly, the goal for participants is to have fun while earning some money and getting some useful experience.

Hill has a 15-year history of working with middle school and high school students in Seattle. This experience was one of the reasons he was hired by Seattle Housing Authority as an intern with the Yesler Terrace redevelopment project.

Judith Kilgore, Yesler Terrace program manager, presented Hill with an opportunity to develop a program that promotes civic engagement similar to what Hill is studying at UW.

Hill hopes that the program he is designing and coordinating will inspire some of its participants to pursue careers in planning, design or architecture.

“Very few minorities participate in this career path,” said Hill, “even though they are being sought after by employers.”

Hill is excited about empowering the youth of Yesler Terrace with knowledge about how communities are built and how people can

influence the changes that are coming to their neighborhood.

The SHA Yesler 2014 is serving several purposes. For Hill, it is complementary to his work as a UW graduate student. He also sees it as a way to bring opportunities for learning to youth in the community, and provides them with jobs that are close to home. For SHA it is in keeping with the agency’s mission and provides another avenue for civic engagement during the redevelopment process.

“I am also hoping that these young people will better understand what’s happening with the Yesler Terrace redevelopment,” Hill said. “Then they will be able to answer questions for their neighbors and help others to get meaningfully involved.”

The program begins July 1 and will last for eight weeks. During the program, participants will develop a portfolio of designs and writings that can be carried with them to a job interview or shared with a college career advisor. They will be presenting their portfolios to their families and friends from August 18–21 in community presentations and at a “graduation” ceremony at Seattle Department of Transportation in the Municipal Building.

“We’ll also be doing a documentary about the history of Yesler Terrace,” Hill said. “Elders who have been there a long time are welcome to tell their story. People who have

moved out of Yesler Terrace and become prominent figures in the community will be interviewed.”

The idea behind the documentary is to gain an understanding of the community’s history and to preserve the history of Yesler Terrace.

The Yesler 2014 project will submit the documentary to City of Seattle’s Department of Neighborhoods and the Northwest African-American Museum for their archives.

“It’s important that we understand what resources and assets we have in our communities,” Hill said. “It is those resources that create a sense of connection, value and importance for the residents and community members.”

Residents or former residents of Yesler Terrace can contribute to the documentary if they have lived in Yesler Terrace for at least 20 years or were born and raised there but have moved away. If you fit these criteria and would like to help with documentary research by being interviewed, you can contact Edward B. Hill at 206-615-3485 or ehill@seattlehousing.org.

The project also brings in the support of the Seattle University Educational Leadership Department, University of Washington Urban Design & Planning Department, and the Central District Planning and Design Collective, all of which will provide workshops, support materials, and professional services.

Yesler

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ful future for Yesler Terrace depends upon balancing community, economic, and affordability priorities. Our team at CollinsWoerman is devoted to helping Seattle Housing Authority and the City achieve the right balance.”

“We are confident that CollinsWoerman can provide the creativity and expertise we need to breathe life into these guiding principles and help us create a truly great place for current and future residents,” said SHA’s Executive Director Tom Tierney. “They understand that we are committed to keeping our promises to residents, and I know they will involve all stakeholders in a meaningful way.”

The team that will take on this planning effort includes consultants familiar with Seattle Housing developments. Consulting firms that have joined the team include SvR landscape architects, Environmental Works architects, and other experts on sustainable design and community health.

The design alternatives developed by CollinsWoerman will be evaluated by the Citizen Review Committee for consistency with the Guiding Principles. This committee of residents and other key stakeholders drafted the original guiding principles. The committee began its second phase of work on June 10. (See related article at right.)

The firm will begin by conducting a series of community workshops where they will seek to expand community knowledge of redevelopment opportunities. Alternatives that the community favors will then be addressed in greater detail. The firm’s outreach approach will stress ongoing dialogue with stakeholders so that their guidance is brought to

the table.

Guiding the planning process will be an emphasis on health in four dimensions — personal, community, environmental and economic. For example, personal health refers to providing for affordable housing, local jobs and education, incorporating safety in the design features and honoring personal heritage. Economic health includes providing livable-wage jobs and small business opportunities.

As design alternatives are developed, CollinsWoerman will evaluate the alternatives to make sure that the new community is healthy, livable, affordable, sustainable and economically viable.

Design and permitting for the redevelopment project is expected to be completed in 2010, with construction planned for mid-2011 at the earliest.

CollinsWoerman, which was chosen through a competitive “Request for Qualifications” process, was one of 12 firms that submitted proposals. The proposals were evaluated by a team of four that included a current Yesler Terrace resident. The four finalists the evaluators selected were asked to provide an example of creative thinking for a portion of the site and to make a presentation to residents on April 15.

“As part of our selection process each finalist made a short presentation before the Community Council,” said Judith Kilgore, Seattle Housing Authority’s Yesler Terrace project manager. “Based on residents’ feedback, CollinsWoerman was the most effective in engaging with the community.”

Final selection of the consultant was made by Executive Director Tom Tierney.

Explore the CollinsWoerman website at www.collinswoerman.com for more information.

Citizens Review Committee resumes meetings

By SHA STAFF

The Citizen Review Committee charged with advising Seattle Housing on the redevelopment of Yesler Terrace reconvened on June 10.

The CRC took up the second phase of its work at a meeting attended by about 50 Yesler Terrace residents.

Germaine Covington, who recently retired as director of Seattle’s Office of Civil Rights, is serving as chair. She replaces former mayor Norman Rice in this position.

Many of the original members have remained on the committee, and have been joined by six Yesler Terrace residents and additional community representatives.

The purpose of the CRC is to make recommendations to the SHA Board of Commissioners regarding Yesler Terrace redevelopment efforts.

In Phase II, the committee’s work will focus on reviewing several conceptual site alternatives for consistency with the adopted definitions and guiding principles.

Before beginning its review, residents and other stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide input on these alternatives through a series of community meetings and workshops conducted by SHA staff and the planning/design consultants.

The CRC will forward its review to the Board of Commissioners.

The committee’s goal is to ensure accountability to the residents of Yesler Terrace and to the larger community. The CRC will continue to be involved throughout the redevelopment process.

The CRC is made up of diverse participants representing both the immediate neighborhood and stakeholders throughout the city. Many of the committee members who served in Phase I are continuing their service into

Phase II.

Members of the committee include the following:

- Germaine Covington, Chair
- Ruqiyo Abdi, Yesler Terrace Resident
- Elise Chayet, Harborview Medical Center
- Brendan Connolly, City of Seattle Design Commission
- Jim Erickson, First Hill Improvement Association
- John Fox, Seattle Displacement Coalition
- Patricia Garcia, Yesler Terrace Resident
- Shurkri Guleith, Yesler Terrace Resident
- Fen Hsiao, Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation & Development Association
- Faduma Isaq, Yesler Terrace Resident
- Kent Koth, Seattle University
- Yin Lau, Yesler Terrace Resident
- M. Michelle Mattox, City of Seattle Planning Commission
- Mary McCumber, Futurewise
- Quang Nguyen, Vietnamese American Economic Development Association
- Kristin O’Donnell, Yesler Terrace Resident
- Mark Okazaki, Neighborhood House
- Adrienne Quinn, City of Seattle Office of Housing
- Michael Ramos, Church Council of Greater Seattle
- Sue Sherbrooke, Young Women’s Christian Association
- George Stagers, Central Area Development Association
- Linda Taylor, Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle
- Julie West, Seattle & King County Public Health
- Donya Williamson, Squire Park Community Council

The next meeting of the CRC will be in September.

TRANSLATIONS

TRANSLATED ARTICLES FROM THE VOICE

Meeting scheduled to discuss utility allowance changes
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July 3, 5:30 — 7:PM; McBride Court (4521 29th Ave S.)

ሃይ ፖይንት
July 7, 5:30 — 7PM; High Point Community Center

ኒውሆሊ
July 24, 5:30 — 7:PM; NewHolly Gathering Hall

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LỊCH TRÌNH CÁC BUỔI HỌP VỀ VIỆC THAY ĐỔI NHỮNG KHẤU TRỪ TIỀN TIỆN ÍCH- Utility allowance

Sắp tới đây, cơ quan cấp phát gia cư Seattle Housing Authority sẽ giảm xuống mức tiền khấu trừ cho chi phí tiền tiện ích-utility allowance – cho các cư dân ở HighPoint, Rainier Vista, và New Holly. Sẽ có các buổi họp ở mỗi cộng đồng nhằm giải đáp các câu hỏi về việc này và giải thích thêm nữa. Mọi cư dân thuộc Seattle Housing Authority đều được mời tham dự. Đây là những ngày giờ của các buổi họp:

Rainier Vista
Ngày 31 tháng 7 từ 5 giờ 30 đến 7 giờ tối, tại McBride Court (4521 29th Ave S.)

HighPoint
Ngày 7 tháng 7, từ 5:30 đến 7 giờ tối, tại HighPoint Community Center

NewHolly
Ngày 24 tháng 7, từ 5:30 đến 7 giờ tối, tại New Holly Gathering Hall

Meeting Scheduled to discuss utility allowane Change

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High Point
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NewHolly
ក្នុងខែ លីស្តា ចាប់ផ្តើមពីម៉ោង ៥:៣០ ដល់ម៉ោង៧យប់ នៅក្នុងអាគារសហគមន៍ NewHolly

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Si dhaqsi ah Seattle Housing Authoritywaxay dhimooyiin wax yaanaha ;a osticmaalo oo deegaanka ahi sida High Point, Rainier Vista iyo NewHolly.Waxaa dhici doonaa kulan meel kasta Jaaliyadaha ku qoran si looga jawaabo su'aalaha iyo micnaynta .
Dhammaan Seattle Housing Authority

dadka deggen waxaa lagu martiqaaday . Waa kan taariikhdaha la martiqaaday shirarka :
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Meetings scheduled to discuss utility allowance changes
Запланированы собрания для обсуждения изменений скидок на коммунальные услуги
Жилищное управление Сиэтла в ближайшее время понизит скидки на коммунальные услуги для жителей Хай Пойнт, Рейниер Виста и Нью Холи. В каждом из этих жилых массивов будут проведены собрания для того, чтобы ответить на связанные с этим вопросы и подробно всё объяснить. Приглашаются все жители Жилуправления Сиэтла. Ниже указаны места и время собраний:

Рейниер Виста (Rainier Vista)
31 июля, 5.30-7 вечера, McBride Court (4521 29th Ave.S)

Хай Пойнт (High Point)
7 июля, 5.30-7 вечера, High Point Community Center

Нью Холи (NewHolly)
24 июля, 5.30-7 вечера, NewHolly Gathering Hall

